

Greetings--

The Legislative Session is scheduled to end on June 21st and still the New York State Senate has not moved on the Reproductive Health Act, New York Health Act, Voting Reforms, GENDA and The Dream Act. Over the next month, we need to continue to pressure the State Senate to pass these bills and the Governor to sign them. If these bills are not codified into law by the end of June, it is possible that we will have to wage this battle again next year, leaving millions of New Yorkers without the protections or opportunities that these bills provide. Please call the Governor to voice your support for these bills and tell him to push the State Senate to have an up or down vote on all these bills.

With the release of Trump's spending plan earlier this week, our New York State budget will be greatly affected. As I have written before – if the federal budget cuts more than \$850 Million in Medicaid funding or \$850 Million in non-Medicaid funds, the Governor's budget director has the authority to submit a savings plan to the Legislature to offer reductions in spending to offset the loss. Any Trump spending plan that cuts billions of dollars in funding to our state should be met with the Legislature and the Governor proposing new revenue increasing initiatives for the wealthiest New Yorkers who will undoubtedly see massive tax savings in Donald Trump's budget and tax plan.

Legislative Disabilities Awareness Day

This week in Albany, the Assembly passed a series of bills to support and protect New Yorkers with disabilities. The legislative package strengthens anti-discrimination protections for New Yorkers with disabilities and ensures access to important resources.

Specific bills within the package include:

(A.4961-B) would make absentee ballots available in Braille or large-print for blind or visually impaired New Yorkers. While polling locations have already implemented these accommodations, mail-in ballots have not kept pace, preventing voters who cannot make it to the polls from exercising their right to vote independently.

(A.6287) requires owners of high-rise buildings to establish an emergency evacuation plan for occupants and visitors with disabilities update and maintain the plan as necessary and ensure the evacuation plan is available to emergency personnel.

(A.6865) requires counties with local emergency management plans to maintain a confidential, voluntary registry of residents with disabilities who may need assistance or shelter during a disaster.

(A.5931) establishes the New York State Interagency Coordinating Council for Service-Disabled Veterans to identify the needs of these veterans and help them gain access to the appropriate state and local resources.

I am proud to support this package of reforms and hope that the Senate will take them up and that the Governor will sign them into law.

[Honoring Frank Barbaro](#)

Frank Barbaro was a great progressive and reform minded Democrat who stood against corrosive machine politics and fought for working people in a career that spanned fifty years. I was lucky enough to know Frank as a child growing up in Brooklyn and was grateful that this year, as we remembered members of the Legislature who passed away, that I was able to say a few words in memory of him.

To view my remarks from the Assembly floor this week, please click on the photo below:



Mammogram Vans

A special thank you to the Brooklyn Public Library and the American Italian Cancer Foundation for partnering with my office this week to offer no cost digital mammograms & clinical exams. It was a successful event and we look forward to working together for years to come.



#GOBK's Civic Festival

Mark your calendars; this is going to be a wonderful event!

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 3-6 PM: #GOBK's Civic Festival, Prospect Park Bandshell, this festive civic gathering will be an opportunity to highlight the ongoing work of our members, bring new people into the movement and offer a glimpse of the deepening of resistance work into longer-term community-building. Hear from citywide and national leaders, testimonials from activists across generations, activities, entertainment, tabling & activism opportunities by #GOBK working groups, partners, and sponsors, and more. [RSVP here.](#)

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The Rain Barrels are provided by the NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

You must reserve your rain barrel in advance. To do so, call (718) 788-7221 or email carrollr@nyassembly.gov.

Pick Up Details

Date: Sunday June 4th

Time: 10 AM - 12 PM
(if you don't pick up your rain barrel by noon, it will be distributed on a first come, first served basis)

Location: 1203 Albemarle Road
(corner of Westminster Road)

If you have any legislative ideas or community concerns please reach out to my office at (718) 788-7221.

See you around the neighborhood,

Bobby