



Assemblymember  
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### New Election Law Legislation

My bill, [A5735A](#), which would require that voters be notified at the time of their registration that New York practices a closed primary system, **is coming to the floor of the election law committee on Tuesday, June 6th**. New York State has a closed Primary system; therefore, if a voter is not enrolled in a particular party then they are not able to participate in that Primary Election.

Roughly 25% of voters in New York State are either not registered with a party or are registered in the Independence Party, in many cases thinking they are registered as Independents. This bill would require that on every voter registration form in bold and prominent type that the state of New York practices a closed party primary system and that political party enrollment is optional, but that, in order to vote in a primary election of a political party, a voter must enroll in that political party. Notifying each voter at the time of their registration will help to better educate voters and potentially impact the **Primary enfranchisement of almost three million voters** in New York State.

Also this week I introduced [A8244](#), which is a bill that would remedy a situation where a voter is disenfranchised for inadvertently appearing to vote in the wrong polling place, but in the correct county. There are many instances when a voter can inadvertently go to the wrong polling place. For instance, when a polling place has recently changed, under construction, or when a voter is given incorrect information as to where they are supposed to vote. **While a voter that appears in the wrong election district would have his or her ballot cast and canvassed, a voter appearing in the wrong polling place would not.** While currently treated differently under the law, to cast and canvass ballots for each of these circumstances is the same in practice and substance, and only those portions of the ballot that correspond with the voter's election district would be counted. Disenfranchising voters is a harsh result and this bill would ensure that a voter's ballot is counted to the maximum extent possible under such circumstances.

### Save the Date: 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.

### Community Art Window

I am thrilled to announce a partnership with my office and the **Park Slope/Windsor Terrace Artists Group** to bring beautiful neighborhood artwork to the front window of my District Office! A special thank you to Joy Makon, Robin Roi and Eric Jacobson, who are not only wonderful constituents and artists, but spent hours volunteering their time to clean up the window area, curate the exhibit and hang the artwork. I hope that you have a few minutes to come to my office at 416 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Park Slope to take a look for yourself, but if you don't – check out the photos below. We look forward to refreshing the window with new artwork every couple of months and if you would like to take part, please email my Chief of Staff, Dan Campanelli at [campanellid@nyassembly.gov](mailto:campanellid@nyassembly.gov).



**Visiting PS 295 & MS 839:**

With Albany not in session this week I had an opportunity to attend a number of meetings that I haven't been able to over the last 5 months, including the 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council, West Midwood Annual Meeting, Flatbush Development Corporation Annual Fundraiser, PS 107 Spring Fling and more. I was especially honored to visit PS 295 where I spoke to a wonderful group of Kindergarten students and took on tough questions like "What's your favorite food?" (Pizza) and "What's your Birthday?" (October 26<sup>th</sup>)! As you can tell from the photo below, I had a lot of fun!



I am also pleased to have been able to speak to a middle school class at MS 839 in Windsor Terrace about the recent passage of Raise the Age in this year's budget and other criminal justice reform issues affecting our state. The students did a great job preparing for the event and I was impressed by their thoughtful questions.



**Final Reminder: Rain Barrel Giveaway – This Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>:**



## FREE RAIN BARREL

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### FOR YOUR LAWN AND GARDEN!



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**C**all or Email my office to reserve your free 60-gallon rain barrel. It's easy to install and connects directly to your downspout to capture and store the stormwater that falls on the rooftop.

The water collected in the rain barrel can then be used to water lawns and gardens, or for other outdoor chores.

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](mailto:carrollr@nyassembly.gov).

#### **Pick Up Details**

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**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 by responding to this email or calling us at (718) 788-7221.

See you around the neighborhood,

Bobby