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DEAR NEIGHBOR,

I am proud to announce we passed another on-time budget this legislative year that supports hardworking New Yorkers, protects educational opportunities, and keeps families strong.

The 55th Assembly District and all New Yorkers win with the passage of progressive policies that protect workers and put families first. We were able to pass the \$15 minimum wage bill, which will raise thousands of hardworking New Yorkers out of poverty. And the new Paid Family Leave will allow workers to care for family members without worrying about losing their job.

The new minimum wage will increase incrementally over the next several years, giving small and medium sized businesses time to adjust. Low-wage workers earn more disposable income to spend in local businesses. New York's overall economy will become stronger as a result.

Paid Family Leave will help families care for a new infant or a sick family member. This new safety net will ensure that family caregivers will maintain a portion of their earnings while caring for loved ones.

CUNY/SUNY tuition is frozen for the upcoming academic year, allowing college students on tight budgets to continue their educational endeavors without additional financial stress.

The budget contains substantial funding for community schools that provide services to students and families, including mentoring, health care, summer programs and job training. Converting struggling schools into community schools transforms them into neighborhood centers that support at-risk children and their families, as well as helps prevent them from being taken over by the state.



Assemblywoman Walker votes for historic budget.

In addition, the budget includes a significant capital housing plan for safe, affordable housing, critical anti-poverty initiatives that will help prevent families from falling into homelessness and help those who have already lost their homes, a middle class tax cut, strong investments in economic development projects, and significant funding for hospitals statewide.

I look forward to continuing my representation of you in Albany and welcome your feedback, comments or concerns.

Latrice Monique Walker
Assemblywoman 55th AD

Equal Pay for Equal Work

African American women earn an average of 66 cents and Latina women just 55 cents for every dollar that their male counterparts earn. I support the New York State Fair Pay Act, legislation that would prohibit the payment of differential wages between employees on the basis of gender, race, or national origin. This bill would also protect workers against retaliation by employers for sharing wage information with colleagues.



Assemblywoman Walker supports equal pay for equal work for women.

The pay equity package also includes legislation that would ensure that equal pay for equal work protections are provided to members of New York's public workforce; clarify New York's policy of equal pay for equal work and promote parity in civil service job titles by directing that salaries be determined on the basis of the work performed; and direct the commissioner of civil service to produce a report identifying any wage disparities among job titles within the public workforce that are based on gender, race, or national origin.

55th Assembly District Community Advisory Board Monthly Meeting

We meet every third Saturday of the month.

Our next meeting is:

May 21, 2016
10 A.M. - 12 Noon

• *Topic* • **Public Safety**

• *Featured Speakers* •

NYPD representatives will discuss staying safe in an Active Shooter event.

Civilian Complaint Review Board Outreach Coordinator Sylvia Ancrum will make a presentation.

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Renewable Energy and Efficiency Along with Innovative Initiatives Equals a Better Clean World



Assemblywoman Walker supports clean, renewable energy for the district.

As Chair of the Renewable Energy Subcommittee we have an aggressive agenda ahead. The 55th Assembly District has a unique opportunity to promote energy innovation and conservation. Many of you have voiced concerns about nonworking elevators in high rise buildings as well as a decrease in street lighting. What we didn't realize is that often during summer months, electricity wattage flowing into East Brooklyn is turned down because of the demand on the energy load. I will continue to work with ConEd to enhance energy and issues surrounding the Brownsville Power Sub-Station.

The Brooklyn Queens Demand Management (BQDM) Program is a \$250 million commitment from ConEd to generate 52 megawatts of energy efficiency and avoid spending roughly \$1 billion on a much-needed new substation and transmission lines in the area. The program includes deployment of "distributed" energy resources, such as micro grids, roof-top solar and other on-site power supplies, and storage.

Participation in the BQDM program is open to not-for-profit organizations and homeowners, and I encourage my constituents, congregations and business owners to take part in these initiatives.

We Were Able to Secure an Additional \$3.5 Million Capital Improvement Funding in 2016 Budget for Security and Lighting in NYCHA!

NYCHA developments in the 55th Assembly District will receive enhanced security and capital improvements. Assemblywoman Walker requested and received \$3.5 million in the New York State 2016-17 budget to fund security lighting and playground improvements in Brevoort Houses (\$350,000); boiler replacement in Brownsville Houses (\$1,700,000); playground improvements in Fiorentino Plaza (\$300,000); exterior lighting and security cameras in Howard Houses (\$200,000); playground improvements for 575 Howard Avenue (\$125,000); emergency lighting and playground improvements for Hughes Apartments (\$350,000); exterior lighting and security cameras for Van Dyke Houses (\$125,000); and commercial kitchen upgrades in Tilden Houses (\$300,000).

This new funding is in addition to capital improvement funding for security and lighting that Assemblywoman Walker has previously secured in the 2015-16 New York State budget for Brevoort Houses (\$100,000), Howard Houses (\$200,000), Hughes Apartments (\$100,000), and Van Dyke (\$250,000) to enhance safety and security.

Assemblywoman Latrice Walker has funded other capital improvements in the district, including \$150,000 for the Brooklyn Public Library at the Brownsville Branch; \$500,000 for renovation of the dental clinic and purchase of equipment at the Brownsville Community Development Corporation; \$125,000 for furniture, equipment, and facility repairs for the CAMBA Brownsville Anti-Gun Violence Project; and \$250,000 for equipment and the construction of a lounge/cooking space inside NYC Administration for Children's Services Crossroads secure detention facility for youth.



Assemblywoman Walker presents funding to NYCHA developments.



Assemblywoman Walker stands with Greg Floyd, President of Teamsters Local 237.

I'm Fighting the Good Fight to Protect Voting Rights



Assemblywoman Walker attends rally for voting rights.

As a member of the Assembly's Election Law Committee, I am committed to making sure all barriers prohibiting access to voting as a result of discrimination are removed. That is why I introduced the Modernized Voter Registration Act of New York (A08626), which promotes access to voting; protects the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote via automatic voter registration; same day voter registration; and Section 5 Pre-Clearance procedures for New York State. The bill would promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, automate the voter registration process at government agencies required to offer voter registration services, and ensure that services – including online voter registration applications, online assistance, online submission, and online receipt – are made available to the public for voter registration on public websites of state and local government agencies. This bill would allow

early voting fifteen days prior to Election Day at selected polling places, and allow sixteen year olds to register and vote in certain elections.

Modernizing the voter registration system will increase the efficiency of voter registration for the state, save hundreds of thousands of dollars each year, increase the completeness and accuracy of the statewide voter registration list, prevent erroneous disenfranchisement of eligible citizens, promote greater participation of eligible voters in elections, and reduce the incidence of voter registration fraud and voting fraud.



Assemblywoman Walker attends anti-gun violence event.

Proud to Announce We Secured \$600,000 for Anti-Gun Violence Initiatives

Gun violence is a public health issue and I support an evidence-based public health approach to gun violence. In the Assembly we were able to secure \$600,000 in the FY2016-2017 budget for SNUG and Cure Violence initiatives. Because of the ongoing fight against gun violence across the country, there is a dire need to cure gang violence while strengthening our gun laws. Programs within the 55th Assembly District showed a decrease in shootings in areas with Cure Violence programs compared to areas without the initiative.

A public health approach identifies and engages individuals most likely to be involved in gun violence and retaliatory shootings, deploys interventions before violent behavior occurs, and employs “violence interrupters” who work to quell street disputes and link potential shooters to case management and support services. Community-based preventive services provide job training, employment opportunities, arts, mental health, and legal services to increase the likelihood of long-term violence reduction. Conflict mediation and anti-violence programs are located in established school-based settings.

I invite you to join the 55th Assembly District Community Advisory Board if you are interested in working with other concerned parents, community leaders, and social program providers to ensure program effectiveness and accountability and continued support of research. For additional information or to join the committee, please contact the District Office.

DC 9 Volunteers in the 55th for a Community Day of Action at Mt. Ararat Senior Center

My staff and I joined members of DC 9 to paint the Mt. Ararat Senior Center. District Council 9, an affiliate of the International Union Painters and Allied Trades, gave the senior center a fresh coat of paint, with off-white walls and sky blue trim.

The event commemorated DC 9’s official Community Day of Action in which the union provides volunteer services at no charge.

I am proud to support the values, work ethic, and community engagement of so many union members in my district.



DC 9 members and Assemblywoman Walker stand together after painting senior center.



Assemblywoman Walker assists DC 9 member painting Mt. Ararat Senior Center.



Senior welcomes Assemblywoman Walker and DC 9 member Chad Strachan to Mt. Ararat Senior Center.



Assemblywoman Walker greets member of Mt. Ararat Senior Center.



Assemblywoman Walker receives She is Me Award at Mott Hall Bridges Academy.



Assemblywoman Walker presents community service citation to Ms. Mattie Griffin.



Assemblywoman Walker presents citations to Pay It Forward award winners.

April 2016 Business of the Month: Copy King

Mark Arthur is proprietor of Copy King. Located at 341 Rockaway Avenue, Copy King has been in the heart of Brownsville since 1996. Mark has established a full-fledged printing operation with printing on a large range of products and apparel to best serve the needs of his customers. Mark further serves the community via the Medgar Evers internship program and his own mentorship program for local young people.



Mark Arthur, owner of Copy King

I will continue to support tenants' right to safe, affordable housing.

We stand with tenants and New York Communities for Change to fight and protect the rights of the most vulnerable in our communities. We want everyone's apartment to be brought up to code. We want everyone's apartment to have the necessary repairs. We call on landlords to make sure their tenants live in a safe, quality apartment.



Assemblywoman Walker stands with residents of 204 Sumpter Street to challenge unsafe housing violations.

April 2016 Constituent of the Month: Digna Xiomara Layne Kidd



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Digna Xiomara Layne Kidd is the Vice President of the 73rd Precinct Council. A 30 year resident of Brownsville Houses, Digna has raised her family in Brownsville. Digna is Community Development and Outreach Coordinator for Good Shepherd Services. Digna Layne Kidd has committed herself to live, work and serve in Brownsville.

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