



Assemblyman  
**N. NICK PERRY**  
*Reports to the Community*

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Dear Constituent:

Greetings and best wishes to you. The summer is quickly coming to a close, and hopefully for you and your loved ones, it was safe and enjoyable.

As you get busy and start preparing for the cooler, less exciting months remaining in the year, I encourage you, and hope that you will take a little time to read this report. Please bear in mind as you read that this is just a summary of the numerous activities I'm involved in as your representative in the Assembly.

I also want to thank you for the great honor and privilege of serving you as your representative in the New York Assembly. I am truly grateful for your trust, which you have continuously placed in me, and assure you that I will continue to expend every effort to continue to earn, and maintain your confidence to keep me working for you.

This newsletter includes a survey regarding bus lanes and I am eager to read your responses. Newly installed bus lanes and cameras along the B46 bus route on Utica Avenue have disrupted normal lifestyle routines for residents in neighborhoods near the Utica Avenue shopping strip. While I'm all for making travel on the B46 as quick and smooth as possible, I feel as your representative I must also listen to the concerns of motorists and merchants. I was successful in having the DOT scale back their original plan in which bus lanes were in effect 24/7, because I found this to be unnecessary and would only lead to excessive fines and violations for residents of the 58th Assembly District. I've also recently won additional changes which means no bus lanes on Saturdays or Sundays.

As usual, I urge you again to communicate with me on this issue and any other, so that I will always be aware of your concerns.

Working for You!

Assemblyman N. Nick Perry

## BUS LANE SURVEY



Assemblyman Perry wants your opinion. Please fill out and return survey below via mail to Assemblyman Perry at 903 Utica Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11203.

- Are you in favor of the newly installed bus lanes on Utica Ave.?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> In favor
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- Would you support bus lanes on Flatlands Ave. along the B82 bus route?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> In favor
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- In regards to bus lanes, should bus lanes be in effect?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> 24 Hours / 7 Days
<input type="checkbox"/> 24 Hours / Monday – Friday
<input type="checkbox"/> 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. / 7 Days
<input type="checkbox"/> 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. / Monday – Friday
<input type="checkbox"/> Rush Hour Only Mon.-Fri. / 7 a.m. – 10 a.m. & 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/> Never
- Please describe any positive or negative experiences you have had with bus lanes

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## NYS BUDGET WHICH PUTS FAMILIES FIRST, GETS YES VOTE FROM PERRY

### *Budget Highlights*

Assemblyman Perry was joined by his colleagues in the Assembly Majority, in refusing to pass a state budget which was balanced on the backs of New York's working families. The 2016/17 budget is just not a spending plan, but rather a far-reaching, comprehensive plan to put families first and strongly invest in New York's future. Below you will find some highlights of this year's budget.

**Fight for \$15:** The budget provides New Yorkers with a minimum wage increase that will help lift countless families out of poverty. The minimum wage in New York City will gradually increase, reaching \$15.00 an hour by Dec. 31, 2018.

**Investing in our schools:** A quality education is essential to a child's future success that's why the Assembly's budget proposal once again makes funding for our schools a top priority. The budget includes a record \$24.8 billion in education aid.

**My Brother's Keeper:** The budget allocates \$20 million for implementation of President Obama's My Brother's Keeper initiative; a first-in-the-nation statewide effort to address the opportunity gaps faced by young men of color.

**Paid Family Leave:** The budget gradually provides up to 12 weeks of paid leave benefits for workers who have been employed for at least six-months, to care for an infant, a family member with a serious health condition or to ease the burden placed on families when earners are called into active military service.

For more information on this year's budget, please do not hesitate to contact Assemblyman Perry at (718) 385-3336.



Assemblyman Perry rallies in Albany with nurses to demand safe staffing ratios.

## *You May Not Know It, But!* **THIS IS THE LAW**

**You may not park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant:** Unless a licensed driver is in the front seat so the vehicle may be immediately moved in the event of an emergency.

**Don't follow that fire truck!** -Following within 200 feet of a fire truck or any emergency vehicle which is responding to an emergency is against the law!

**New York's "Move Over"** law requires motorists on multi-lane highways to slow down and "move over" giving safe clearance to approaching stopped emergency vehicles with flashing lights. Failure to slow down and change lanes is a moving violation with penalties of 3 points and up to a \$150 fine. On single lane roads, motorists must slow down and use caution.

**Don't Leave that Engine Running:** It is illegal to let your vehicle idle for more than three minutes on a NYC street, or just one minute adjacent to a school. Potential fines range from \$100 to \$2000.

**Stop for School Buses:** Passing a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing in New York could earn you a minimum \$250 fine and five points on your driver's license. This law applies on all roads, in parking lots and even when you are driving on the opposite side of a divided highway.

## *Perry Bill Provides Easy Access to Rent Freeze for Seniors*

Assembly bill (A.6702A/S.8063) sponsored by Assemblyman Perry will shortly be on the Governor's desk for his signature to become law. When enacted this bill will make it easier for Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) eligible seniors and disabled New Yorkers (DRIE) to renew and extend their benefits.

The bill allows for current recipients of SCRIE/DRIE to apply with a short form after five years in the program.

Please call and urge the Governor to sign the bill at (518) 474-8390. For more information on SCRIE or DRIE please contact Assemblyman Perry to find out if you or a family member are eligible.

## **Perry's Budget Vote Kills CUNY/SUNY Tuition Increases**

Assemblyman Perry entered this year's budget negotiations with the mindset that New York State must do more to make college affordable. In a big victory, this year's budget put the needs of college students first.

"Every New York family has the right to an affordable college education," said Assemblyman Perry, as he voted to reject all tuition increases for the upcoming academic year. CUNY/SUNY also gets \$30 million more in operating aid for CUNY and SUNY schools to preserve the quality of education and protect vital programs. Assemblyman Perry is elated to report that the proposal to shift \$485 million of CUNY expenses to New York City, was canned, making sure New York City families don't have to unfairly foot the bill for state costs.



# NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

## EAST FLATBUSH

### Perry's Advocacy Gives Meyer Levin School for the Performing Arts a Chance to Grow.

Bad news came for Meyer Levin School for the Performing Arts when they learned in early spring that they would be forced to give up a considerable amount of space to an incoming charter school slated to co-locate at the campus. Parents, students, and school leadership called on Assemblyman Perry for help, and they were not disappointed. Speaking at a public hearing Assemblyman Perry joined the school leadership, parents and students and challenged the proposal and vowed to fight with them to stop the Department of Education (DOE) from going through with its plan which would kill any future opportunities for the school to grow.

Assemblyman Perry kept his promise and launched a strong campaign to convince the DOE that they were wrong, and the only right thing to do was to withdraw the proposal. Working with the school, Assemblyman Perry developed



Assemblyman Perry joined actress and school alum Lisa Arrindell Anderson (center) and Principal George Patterson (R) to fight against the co-location at Meyer Levin which would have stolen space from the school and depleted their performing arts program.

the information to back the challenge and convince the DOE that they were wrong and Meyer Levin was right, and DOE withdrew their plan.

Meyer Levin is now free to grow and admit students from the surrounding communities. A big win for Meyer Levin and Assemblyman Perry.

**Free Exercise Program at Paerdegat Park-** Assemblyman Perry's Community Health and Fitness Exercise Program operates May through October, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at the Paerdegat Park basketball court on Albany Avenue between Farragut Road and Foster Avenue. Assemblyman Perry has secured state funds for the program since 2003.

## CANARSIE

### PERRY TO MTA 'DON'T FORGET CANARSIE'

At a recent community meeting regarding the looming L line shutdown, the MTA came to Canarsie to talk to residents about its impact, which is the only subway line that directly serves the residents of Canarsie. Assemblyman Perry asked why it took so long for them to come to Canarsie to speak about plans that had been in the pipeline for quite some time, and while they had spoken to other communities to be affected, seemingly forgotten Canarsie was one of the last neighborhoods to hear directly from them.

**Technology Upgrades Coming at IS 211** -I.S. 211, once famous for having students produce their own TV programs, will once again be afforded that opportunity, thanks to state funding in excess of \$500,000 secured by Assemblyman Perry, which will fully rehabilitate the school's audio/video lab.



Assemblyman Perry in the Assembly Chamber with Canarsie resident, Chassidy David, who was named Madison Square Boys & Girls Club New York State Youth of the Year.

## BROWNSVILLE

### New School Bus for Brownsville Pre-K and After-school Program.

Inner Force Tots will receive a new school bus thanks to state funding secured by Assemblyman Perry. The bus will be used to pick up and transport students to and from the school's after-school and pre-K programs which educates students from Brownsville and other surrounding areas. "It is my hope that this bus will provide a great deal of relief and peace of mind for the parents of children who are educated at Inner Force Tots and can now rest assured that their kids will have access to safe and reliable transportation throughout the school year," said Assemblyman Perry.



Assemblyman Perry swears-in the student government of P.S. 398, the Walter Weaver School.

- **ASSEMBLYMAN PERRY SECURES STATE FUNDS FOR REHABILITATION OF THE ANTIQUATED COMPUTER LAB AT P.S. 165** During a recent tour of the school, Assemblyman Perry saw first-hand the very outdated equipment still being used at the school and sprang into action to secure state funding for upgrades. Assemblyman Perry is currently working with the New York City School Construction Authority to formulate a plan to upgrade computers and make other capital improvements at the Brownsville school.

# WORKING FOR YOU



**History Makers:** SUNY Chairman H. Carl McCall and Mayor David Dinkins return to Albany to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the NYS Black, Hispanic, Puerto Rican, and Asian Legislative Caucus.



Assemblyman Perry was joined by NYC First Lady Chirlane de Blasio, and Deputy Mayor Richard Buery (right) at a town hall meeting on mental health at New Dimension SDA Church. They discussed the city's ThriveNYC program which aims to increase access to treatment for mental illness across the five boroughs.



Assemblyman Perry meets in Albany with representatives from the United Federation of Teachers to discuss education issues.



**Foster Park Basketball Tournament:** Assemblyman Perry in a pre-game talk to participants at the tourney's opening ceremony.



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In a call for justice, Assemblyman Perry joined his colleagues in the caucus to visit the site of the killing of Delrawn Small at the hands of an off-duty police officer. Perry was joined by the victim's brother, Victor Dempsey, and mothers of individuals killed by the police.

For **FREE** assistance in resolving problems with citizenship and immigration applications, utility bills, city/state agencies and various community issues.

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