

Assemblyman
**CHARLES
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Reports to the People

60th Assembly District - East New York, Brownsville and Canarsie



In the month of June, Assembly Member Barron was able to support a Buy Black Campaign launched in his district by a local community organization, Operation P.O.W.E.R. The essence of the campaign is to promote businesses and organizations in our community that supports community programs and provide services to our community. Word Up Cafe was featured due to their service to the community not only with amazing food, but programs for the youth and elders alike. The Assembly Member implores his constituents to support local businesses that support you!

Message to The People,

It is an honor to serve and represent you in the State capital advocating on the budget and issues that are important to the lifeblood of our district. Our district office is open year round. My staff and I are eager to provide services to improve the social conditions and physical infrastructure of our community.

To keep our youth happy and healthy, we used capital money while in the City Council and in the State Assembly, to improve parks where young people play sports and exercise. We are also happy to announce that this fall we will have a brand new community center opening in our district. We fought hard and have successfully maintained gardens in our community for the purpose of growing healthy food for our people. Recently, we were able to take part in an opening ceremony for the renovation of the tennis courts, and new outdoor workout area for the community at Sonny Carson (Linden) Park partially funded through our efforts and Council Member Inez Barron's office. Between my time at the City Council, and State Assembly, and the current Council Member, Inez Barron, we have allocated and advocated for an astounding \$56 million dollars for parks. In addition, in our 60th Assembly District, we have beaten back gentrification (ethnic cleansing) by demanding that developers build affordable housing based on the income of the people in our district. These additions speak to our commitment to the improvement without displacement of the community. Straight ahead!

Excelsior Scholarship: A Band-Aid Solution for Out of Reach Education



Assembly Member Barron holds a press conference with his colleagues on his MLK Scholarship Fund for SUNY/CUNY Non-Tuition Costs.

The Excelsior Scholarship is smoke and mirrors! The State Budget agreement has in it a \$200 a year tuition hike for four years for SUNY/CUNY students. Incredibly and contradictorily, Governor Cuomo says out of one side of his mouth, “free tuition,” then out of the other side of his mouth “raise tuition.” What a hypocrite! The State Budget gives the Governor, \$124 million this fiscal year to provide families with an annual household income as high as \$125,000 (by 2019) with an Excelsior Scholarship to pay their tuition. This scholarship is geared for middle class students and for tuition only.

This money can be better used for poor struggling working class students, who although get tuition assistance from TAP and Pell grants, need assistance to pay for exorbitant non-tuition costs i.e. textbooks, room and board, transportation, food, and childcare. I proposed a Martin Luther King Scholarship that would do just that, and I will continue to push for equitable treatment by the state for our students in the state for the duration of my time in the State Assembly.

The Budget

The New York State Budget is over \$150 billion dollars. The budget priorities of our great district range from real affordable housing to quality healthcare and must be presented to move the quality of our great district forward. Our district, along with the struggling working people of the State of New York, has been short changed. Assembly Member Barron refuses to vote for a budget that does not put people over profit and human need over human greed. The Assembly Member is your voice in those exchanges in the chambers to put the people first. The outspoken advocacy of the Assembly Member did increase moneys for education, affordable housing, youth and seniors, but much more needs to be done.



Assembly Member denounces the State Budget and demands an equitable and fair alternative.

Vital Brooklyn (Really?)

Our district is one of 10 districts across Central Brooklyn being targeted by a community development and wellness initiative called Vital Brooklyn. This initiative allocates 1.4 billion dollars of State funds to 8 integrated areas of investment in these 10 communities. The 8 areas are open space and recreation, healthy food, comprehensive education and youth development, economic development and job creation, community-based violence prevention, community-based healthcare, affordable housing and resiliency. There is a great need in each of these 8 areas for our communities, and a long overdue investment by the State to contribute to our quality of life.

Since taking the seat, the Assembly Member has been vocal about anti-poverty programs and administering services that can improve the quality of life of our communities. This initiative is being monitored closely by a council of your peers and neighbors for the 60th Assembly district. We must be diligent in looking out for the pitfalls of government administered plans for communities that drive out the poor and most of the existing populations for profit. Our office, in connection with the other Assembly districts, will make sure there's transparency and will report to you in the coming months. We will leave no stone unturned. We must hold the Governor to his word and make sure these much-needed funds and services come to our districts.

THE PEOPLE



Success in Foreclosure: Over 100 Families Saved from Foreclosure

Homeownership is a tried and true path to building wealth as a family and as a community. This is why Assembly Member Barron's office has worked diligently to keep the people of our district in their homes. The Assembly Member's community liaison, Melvin Faulkner, has provided assistance every step of the way for over 100 families in the district and kept every home in the hands of the owners. In our time serving the district, we've observed the practices used by clandestine companies and individuals. We have been proactive in helping people keep their homes in the community. Beware of fraudulent deeds! <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/taxes/deed-fraud.page>

Melvin Faulkner hard at work saving the homes of people in the East New York community.

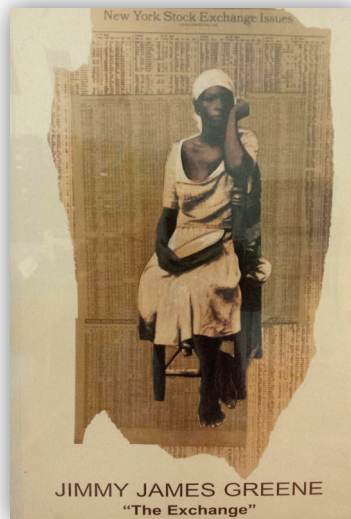
LEGISLATION

After the budget is passed in Albany the work doesn't slow down, it intensifies. This is where the values of the legislators are on full display on the floor of chambers. We engage each other in

passionate debates in order to persuade one another to pass bills that will improve the quality of life in our communities.

Reparations (A07274)

Last session the Assembly Member created the Political Prisoners and Reparations committee as a part of the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Caucus. As a result of that, Assembly Member Barron sponsored Bill A07274 calling for the state to create a commission to study slavery that took place in New York City and New York State as a whole and its impact on people of African ancestry today and call for restorative justice and compensation via reparations. The bill has over 35 sponsors and was passed out of the Governmental Operations Committee and is currently in the powerful Ways and Means Committee. We must build a movement to get it passed out of the Ways and Means Committee, on to the Assembly floor for a vote, then on to the Senate where Senator James Sanders is the sponsor.



*They Stole Us! They Sold Us!
They Owe Us!*

Senior Interagency Council (A06976)

Our seniors are a big reason why the Assembly Member continues to fight hard in Albany. We stand on their shoulders as we champion their causes. Our seniors are in need of quality and affordable healthcare, housing, affordable prescription drugs, transportation and protection from low life people who commit fraud against them. For these reasons Assembly Member Barron sponsored Bill A06976, to bring all of these services under one umbrella, a "one stop shop" for seniors. This bill passed the Assembly and the Senate, where Senator Kevin Parker is the sponsor. It is now on the Governor's desk to be signed into law. Call the Governor and tell him to sign this bill now!

New York Health Act (A04738)

As the Affordable Health Care Act and Trump Care are being debated in Congress on a national level, we have an opportunity as a state to pass a single payer health care act that will provide health insurance to all. In addition, the New York Health Act (A04738) will take control out of the hands of private profiteering insurance companies and put it in the hands of the State to provide affordable health care to the residents of New York State. While

it will be funded by a progressive payroll tax and a capital gains tax, Assembly Member Barron is going to continue to push for the millionaire's tax and the capital gains tax to be the sources of funding instead of the regressive payroll tax. However, this bill is a step in the right direction. Assembly Member Gottfried, Chair of the Health Committee, introduced the bill and Assembly Member Barron signed on as co-sponsor.

ON THE HORIZON



Assembly Member Barron and Council Member Inez Barron along with young people of the community celebrating the opening of new tennis courts at Sonny Carson (Linden) Park.

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