

Dear Friends,

As your representative in the New York State Legislature, from January to June I work diligently in Albany every week to protect the most vulnerable in our community. The month of March is very important because it is when we determine the money placed in the budget for an array of initiatives and programs. In this session, I worked alongside many of my colleagues and strongly advocated for families in our community by investing in education, tackling the opioid crisis and protecting our city’s affordable housing and public transportation.

I will continue to work diligently on behalf of my community. As always, my dedicated staff and I are here to serve the needs of the residents of Claremont, Concourse, Highbridge, Mount Eden and Morris Heights communities of The Bronx.

Please look out for the many events and resources hosted by my office for the enrichment and progress of our community!

Sincerely,

Hon. Latoya Joyner

Member of Assembly

77th Assembly District, Bronx County



Assemblywoman Joyner speaking on the floor of the New York State Assembly Chamber.

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Visit My Community Office

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Women's History Month Wellness Celebration

Assemblywoman Joyner Holds 4th Annual Women's History Month Wellness Celebration



BRONX, N.Y. - Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner held a celebration of Women's History month to give our community an action packed afternoon and honor local leaders who deserve to be recognized as women of distinction.

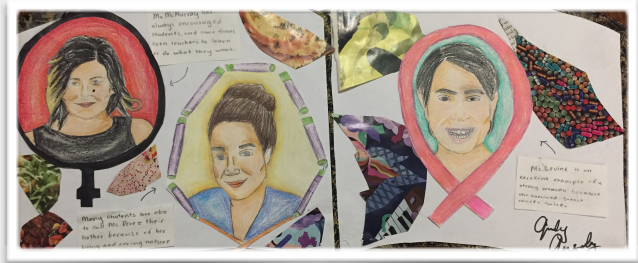
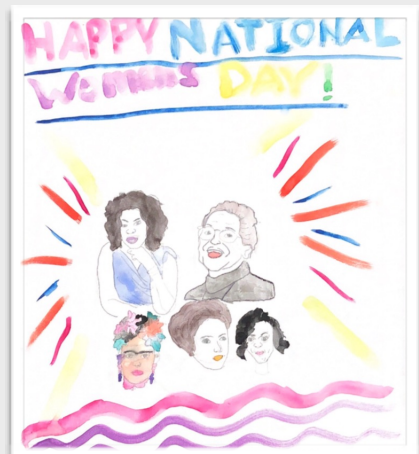
The Wellness Celebration included yoga, meditation, massage therapy, fun activities for the children and the SEBNC Dance Troupe which presented the Assemblywoman with a surprise award for her service.



Women's History Month Wellness Celebration

Women of Distinction Art Contest

The students who participated in Assemblywoman Joyner's Women of Distinction Art Contest were honored at the wellness event. Our children went above and beyond to honor the women who inspire them. Great art work we received included drawings, poems, collages and paintings. Submissions were received from P.S. 311 Lucero Elementary School, New Millennium Bronx Academy of the Arts, P.S. 325 Urban Science Academy, P.S. 443 The Family School, Highbridge Green School, New York French American Charter School, P.S. 73, CIS 303X, Claremont International High School, Community Garden of Learning and Discovery Pre-K Center, Family -2-Family Community Project and Highbridge House Tenant Association.



Our proud students received their certificates of merit and medals.

Honoring Our Women of Distinction

Ms. Josephine Ofili



Josephine Ofili is the Bronx Borough President Appointee to Community Education Council (CEC), District 9. She sits on the Executive Board of Directors of La Peninsula Head Start Community Organization as a Recording Secretary. Ms. Ofili is also a Parent Leader with New Settlement Apartments (NSA) Parent Action Committee (PAC), a multicultural group of concerned parents and community members dedicated to improving the quality of education in New York City public schools. She is part of the NSA Parent group that is working with the Superintendent of District 9 and the DOE to improve parent engagement for the large and growing diverse populations in our school communities, and was one of the contributors to NSA PAC's District 9 New Teachers' Curriculum Training Manual, titled: 'Building Family-School Alliances for Effective Parent Engagement: A Training Manual by Parents for Teachers'. She is also a member of the Parent Caucus of Lunch 4 Learning, an organization which fought for and won universal free lunch for all students in the public school system, regardless of income.

Ms. Ofili has been President of Parent/Teacher Associations at PS 88x, PS 35x, and Mott Hall Science and Technology Academy (MS 454x), a showcase International Baccalaureate school. She has served as Co-President of District 9 Presidents' Council and was named Community Education Council (CEC) District 9 'Parent of the Year' for the 2010-2011 School Year.

Her role as a Volunteer and/or Parent Leader over the past several years has provided Ms. Ofili with tremendous insights and valuable experiences. Her goal is to ensure that parents have a voice in their children's education and that their voices are heard.

Honoring Our Women of Distinction

Rev. Cora W. Taitt, M.Div., MPS

(Third person, in purple)



Rev. Taitt currently serves as the Senior Pastor of the Highbridge Community Church in the Bronx, NY. She was born and raised in Selma Alabama where as a young teen she participated in the Civil Rights movement and the final march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965. In 1968 she moved to New York to pursue a nursing degree but it wasn't long before realizing that God had other plans.

With more than 20 years experience providing service to underserved communities, Rev. Taitt has held various leadership administrative positions, which include the NYC Housing Preservation and Development, the NYC Neighborhood Entrepreneur's Program and Legal Services.

Rev. Taitt obtained a Bachelor's of Arts in Elementary Education from Brooklyn College, a Master of Professional Services from Alliance Theological Seminary and a Master of Divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

As a community activist and advocate for social justice, Rev. Taitt is committed to creating programs and providing support that will assist in improving the quality of life for Bronx residents. She serves as Chairperson of the Highbridge Neighborhood Community Center, a not-for profit organization created by Highbridge Community Church to provide tutoring and additional educational programs for youth and adults in the Bronx. Rev. Taitt also serves as a member of the General Synod Council of the Reformed Church in America, Western Theological Seminary Board of Trustees, Children's Haven, Inc., serving the children of incarcerated parents.

State Budget Victories



Albany, N.Y. - During this State Budget session, Assemblywoman Joyner (D-Bronx 77th AD), worked alongside many of her colleagues to solidify a budget that would ensure the continued development of our families and community. Among the various Fiscal Year 2018-2019 state budget victories:

Seniors- The budget protects access to quality healthcare for our seniors by restoring \$13.9 million in hospital and nursing home cuts that were proposed by the Governor.

SCRIE- The state budget protects seniors from being hurt by the high cost of housing by maintaining the current SCRIE eligibility rules so that seniors making less than \$50,000 per year will continue to qualify for this vital program.

Veterans - Seniors who have served our country in the military will receive additional support under the FY 2018-19 state budget. The budget extends the Hire a Veteran Tax credit for two more years and provides \$1.96 million for community initiatives such as the Veterans Justice Project, and the Helmets to Hardhats and Warrior Salute programs.

Protecting NYCHA Tenants - Assemblywoman Joyner has been a strong advocate for the provision of much needed funds for the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). “Eighty percent of NYCHA residents were without heat at some point between October 1 and January 22. This is outrageous, no one should have to withstand freezing temperatures inside their apartments and endure this kind of living conditions. Safe and affordable housing is a right”, Assemblywoman Joyner said. The budget provides \$250 million for NYCHA to make capital repairs, including replacing and updating equipment. Heating systems must be fixed accordingly.

Enhancing Mass Transit - New York City runs on public transportation. Thousands of New Yorkers heavily rely on bus and subway services to get around the city. The 2018-2019 budget allocates \$836 million to make emergency repairs, enhance subway performance and reduce the overcrowding of buses. “Bus services are a vital mode of transportation for the residents of District 77th. This funding will help increase the number of buses running at a given time to reduce overcrowding and improve our resident’s bus riding experience”, Assemblywoman Joyner said.

Opioid Crisis - “It is our duty to allocate funds for the treatment and prevention of the opioid crisis destroying our youth”, Assemblywoman Joyner said. “Although the opioid crisis is not talked about much, our youth is in real danger. Reports show that more young lives have been lost to opioids misused than lives lost in the Vietnam War”. This 2018-2019 state budget, the Assembly allocated \$ 350 millions to address the heroin and opioid crisis.

State Budget Victories

Assemblywoman Joyner is a leading advocate on the issue of Maternal Mortality: “Black women make up 42% of maternal deaths,” Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner said. “This is outrageous and we must get to work and establish the necessary measures to stop the health crisis that threatens the lives of so many women of color.” Focusing on improving health outcomes, Assemblywoman Joyner secured \$250,000 for the Safe Motherhood Initiative as part of the current state budget. Assemblywoman Joyner has also introduced legislation, Assembly Bill A . 1 0 3 4 6 to create a Maternal Mortality Review Board.



Education- “Our children’s success can only be possible if we are committed to invest more in them. Schools would have a positive impact in students by creating safe spaces where children can deal with emotional issues”, Assemblywoman Joyner said.

The 2018-19 state budget builds on Assemblywoman Joyner's commitment to ensuring that every student receives quality education by increasing state funding by \$914 million over last year. That includes a \$618 million increase in Foundation Aid and a \$50 million increase in state funding for high-need schools - including struggling schools, and schools with a large number of homeless students and large numbers of English Language Learners (ELLs).

Bi-lingual Education - Receives a significant amount of additional support with a \$2.8 million increase in support for students facing language barriers, as well as \$2 million for bi-lingual education grants and \$770,000 for training programs to increase the number of teachers providing bi-lingual and multi-lingual education.

Supporting Higher Education - The 2018-19 state budget also invests heavily in SUNY and CUNY schools. It restores \$902,000 for CUNY, to Child Care Centers. \$2.5 million to the CUNY Accelerated Study in Associate Program (ASAP). \$118 million to support 27,000 students in the Excelsior Scholarship Program. It also restores \$2 million to Advanced Technology Training. Information Networking (ATTAIN) labs and increases \$5 million for Educational Opportunity Centers (EOCs).

Helping Our Neighbors in Puerto Rico and the Virgen Islands - This 2018-2019 state budget the State Assembly also allocated \$350,000 to help non-profit organizations at the forefront of the islands’ rebuilding reintegration efforts.

Vacant Community Education Council (CEC 9) Seats

GET INVOLVED!!!!!!!!!!

Assemblywoman Joyner treasures parent’s involvement in their children’s education.



Community Education Council (CEC 9) has several vacancies on the council and is seeking parent leaders to fill in these seats; one seat includes a parent of an English Language Learner (ELL) student. This is a great opportunity for parents to further educate themselves, raise awareness throughout the community and be equipped to advocate not only for their own children, but also for all children. ADD 2 PICs

Parents interested in applying can be emailed the application form by requesting one to the following email address:

cdiaz8@schools.nyc.gov

FREE Tax Preparation



La Asambleísta Latoya Joyner Presenta Preparación de Impuestos GRATIS 3rd Annual

Preparación de Impuestos Gratis para ingresos menores de \$66,000

Lugar:

Oficina de la Comunidad de la
Asambleísta Latoya Joyner
910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK,
Bronx, NY 10451

Horario:

Sábado, Marzo 31 10am-5pm
Sábado, Abril 7 10am-5pm
Sábado, Abril 14 10am-5pm

Favor de traer:

- **Identificación:** Tarjeta de Seguro Social / Tarjeta de identificación con foto con el Número Personal del Contribuyente (ITIN, por su siglas en inglés)
- **Formularios de Impuestos:** W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, Formularios F-1099 de Intereses / Dividendos, Empleo propio
- **Reembolso:** Número de cuenta y de ruta del banco, número del cónyuge si rinden juntos
- **Gastos:** Total dinero pagado por cuidado infantil, número de contribuyente del proveedor de cuidado infantil

Preparación de Impuestos por un Experto GRATIS

Llamar para hacer una cita

Para más información o para inscribirse, favor de llamar a la Oficina de la Comunidad de la Asambleísta Latoya Joyner al 718-538-2000

Proporcionado por:



New York State
Assemblywoman
Latoya Joyner



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner offers FREE Tax Preparation Services Third Annual

Free Tax Preparation with income up to \$66,000

WHERE:

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's
Community Office located at:
910 Grand Concourse, Suite
1JK, Bronx, NY, 10451

WHEN:

Saturday March 31 - 10am-5pm
Saturday April 7 - 10am-5pm
Saturday April 14 - 10am-5pm

Please Bring:

- **Identification:** Social Security Card/ ITIN PICTURE ID
- **Income Forms:** W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, Interest / Dividend Forms F-1099, Self-employment
- **Refund:** Bank Routing and Account Numbers, Spouse for Joint Return
- **Expenses:** Total Paid for Daycare Provider Provider's Tax Identification

FREE Expert Tax Preparation

Please Call for an Appointment

For more information or to register, please call Assemblywoman
Latoya Joyner's Community Office at: **718-538-2000**

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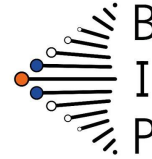
FREE Immigration Screening

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Giving Voice To Our Potential



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FREE IMMIGRATION SCREENINGS

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Community Office
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Bronx, N.Y. 10451
Tel: 718-538-2000
Fax: 718-538-3128

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is pleased to announce **FREE** immigration screenings for Bronx families. Legal professionals from **Bronx Legal Services** and **Sauti Yetu Center for African Women and Families** will be available in her **Community Office** at **910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK (btwn E. 162nd and E. 163rd Streets)** on a monthly basis

Sauti Yetu: 3pm-5pm on Wednesdays

Bronx Legal Services : 3pm-5pm on Fridays

**March 21 ; May 16 ;
July 18**

**April 20 ; June 13 ;
August 15**

Please call **718-538-2000** to set up your appointment if you require immigration assistance

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La asambleista Latoya Joyner se complace en anunciar consultas de inmigración **GRATUITAS** para las familias del Bronx. Profesionales de asuntos legales estarán disponibles cada mes en su **Oficina Comunitaria** localizada en el **910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK (entre las calles E. 162nd y E. 163rd).**

Sauti Yetu: 3pm-5pm Miercoles

Bronx Legal Services: 3pm-5pm Viernes

**Marzo 21 ; Mayo 16 ;
Julio 18**

**Abril 20 ; Junio 13 ;
Agosto 15**

Llámenos al **718-538-2000** para hacer su cita si requiere ayuda con servicios de inmigración

Housing Resources

Every month Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner hosts Free Housing Legal Services and Tenant Support Services in her Community Office.

In coordination with New York City's Tenant Support Unit, tenant support specialists are on hand every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 11 AM-3 PM. This effort will focus on helping tenants with concerns and issues related to harassment, purposeful denial of essential services, overcharges and possible eviction.

Also, legal services are provided by the Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs (NAICA) and are available every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 3 PM-6 PM to assist with your legal housing issues. Please call to set up an appointment.

For more information, please see flyers or call the Assemblywoman's Community Office at 718-538-2000

 <p>Free Housing Legal Services!</p>  <p>Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs</p> <p>Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is proud to announce a partnership with the Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs to offer FREE HOUSING LEGAL SERVICES!</p> <p>N.A.I.C.A. legal professionals will be on hand to assist your housing concerns</p> <p>When: Every second and fourth Thursday from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm</p> <p>Where: Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Community Office 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK Bronx, N.Y. 10451</p>   <p>For more information or to set up an appointment, please call Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Community Office at 718-538-2000</p>	 <p>Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is proud to announce a partnership with New York City's Tenant Support Unit</p> <p>Tenant Support Specialists every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM</p>  <p>Where: Assemblywoman Joyner's Community Office 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK Bronx, NY 10451</p> <p>Tenant Support Specialists will be holding joint office hours to provide support to tenants that may be experiencing housing related issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harassment • Purposeful denial of essential services • Overcharges • Possible eviction <p>For more information, please call Assemblywoman Joyner's Office at 718-538-2000</p>
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Housing Resources



Affordable Housing for Rent

COMPASS V LLC



152 NEWLY CONSTRUCTED UNITS AT 1903 WEST FARMS ROAD, WEST FARMS, BRONX

Amenities: Resident court yard, bike storage, laundry room (card operated), community room, fitness room, closed circuit television system, stainless steel appliances, granite countertop, ceramic tiles in hallways and bathrooms

Transit: Subway: 2/5/6 Buses: BX4, BX 4A, BX 5, BX 8, BX11, BX 15, BX 17, BX 19, BX 21, BX 22, BX 24, BX27, BX36, BX 39, BX40, BX42, BXM6, BXM8 BXM10, Q44-SBS

No application fee • No broker's fee • Smoke-free building

This building is being constructed through the Extremely Low and Low Income Affordability Program (ELLA) of the New York City Housing Development Corporation and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development

Who Should Apply?

Individuals or households who meet the income and household size requirements listed in the table below may apply. Qualified applicants will be required to meet additional selection criteria. Applicants who live in New York City receive a general preference for apartments.

A percentage of units is set aside for:

- Mobility-disabled applicants (5%)
- Vision- or hearing-disabled applicants (2%)

Preference for a percentage of units goes to:

- Residents of **Bronx CB 6** (50%)
- Municipal employees (5%)

AVAILABLE UNITS AND INCOME REQUIREMENTS

Unit Size	60% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available		House-hold Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ Minimum – Maximum ⁴
Studio		\$865	20	→	1 person	\$31,543 - \$40,080
1 bedroom		\$929	82	→	1 person	\$33,806 - \$40,080
					2 people	\$33,806 - \$45,480
2 bedroom		\$1,121	27	→	2 people	\$40,423 - \$45,840
					3 people	\$40,423 - \$51,540
					4 people	\$40,423 - \$57,240
3 bedroom		\$1,289	23	→	3 people	\$46,732 - \$51,540
					4 people	\$46,732 - \$57,240
					5 people	\$46,732 - \$61,680
					6 people	\$46,732 - \$66,240

¹ Tenant pays electricity

² Household size includes everyone who will live with you, including parents and children. Subject to occupancy criteria.

³ Household earnings includes salary, hourly wages, tips, Social Security, child support, and other income. Income guidelines subject to change.

⁴ Minimum income listed may not apply to applicants with Section 8 or other qualifying rental subsidies. Asset limits also apply.

How Do You Apply?

Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to nyc.gov/housingconnect. To request an application **by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to: Compass V LLC, P.O. Box 567, New York, NY 10030**. Only send one application per development. Do not submit duplicate applications. Do not apply online and also send in a paper application. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.

When is the Deadline?

Applications must be postmarked or submitted online no later than **May 7, 2018**. Late applications will not be considered.

What Happens After You Submit an Application?

After the deadline, applications are selected for review through a lottery process. If yours is selected and you appear to qualify, you will be invited to an interview to continue the process of determining your eligibility. Interviews are usually scheduled from 2 to 10 months after the application deadline. You will be asked to bring documents that verify your household size, identity of members of your household, and your household income.



Affordable Housing for Rent



NORWOOD GARDENS

117 Newly Constructed Units at 400 East 203rd Street, Norwood Bronx

Amenities: 24-hour Security Cameras, Recreation Room, Fitness Center, On-site Card Laundry, Hardwood floors

Transit: Trains B, D and 4. Buses BX3, BX18, BX32, BX36, BX40, BX42

No Application fee • No broker's fee • Smoke-free building • More information: www.stagggroup.com

This building is being constructed through the Mix and Match Program of the New York City Housing Development Corporation and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

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 - Municipal employees (5%)

AVAILABLE UNITS AND INCOME REQUIREMENTS

60% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Unit Size	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available	Household Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ <i>Minimum - Maximum⁴</i>	90% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available	Household Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ <i>Minimum - Maximum⁴</i>
	Studio	\$865	11	→	1 person		\$31,989 - \$40,080	\$1,049	3	→
1 bedroom	\$929	19	→	1 person	\$34,320 - \$40,080	\$1,320	11	→	1 person	\$47,726 - \$60,120
				2 people	\$34,320 - \$45,840				2 people	\$47,726 - \$68,760
2 bedroom	\$1,121	20	→	2 people	\$41,040 - \$45,840	\$1,591	15	→	2 people	\$57,155 - \$68,760
				3 people	\$41,040 - \$51,540				3 people	\$57,155 - \$77,310
				4 people	\$41,040 - \$57,240				4 people	\$57,155 - \$85,860
3 bedroom	\$1,289	9	→	3 people	\$47,452 - \$51,540	\$1,831	5	→	3 people	\$66,035 - \$77,310
				4 people	\$47,452 - \$57,240				4 people	\$66,035 - \$85,860
				5 people	\$47,452 - \$61,860				5 people	\$66,035 - \$92,790
				6 people	\$47,452 - \$66,420				6 people	\$66,035 - \$99,630
100% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Unit Size	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available	Household Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ <i>Minimum - Maximum⁴</i>	130% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available	Household Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ <i>Minimum - Maximum⁴</i>
Studio	\$1,185	1	→	1 person	\$42,960 - \$66,800		\$1,321	1	→	1 person
1 bedroom	\$1,490	2	→	1 person	\$53,555 - \$66,800	\$1,660	5	→	1 person	\$59,383 - \$86,840
				2 people	\$53,555 - \$76,400				2 people	\$59,383 - \$99,320
2 bedroom	\$1,795	3	→	2 people	\$64,149 - \$76,400	\$1,999	6	→	2 people	\$71,143 - \$99,320
				3 people	\$64,149 - \$85,900				3 people	\$71,143 - \$111,670
				4 people	\$64,149 - \$95,400				4 people	\$71,143 - \$124,020
3 bedroom	\$2,066	2	→	3 people	\$74,092 - \$85,900	\$2,302	4	→	3 people	\$82,183 - \$111,670
				4 people	\$74,092 - \$95,400				4 people	\$82,183 - \$124,020
				5 people	\$74,092 - \$103,100				5 people	\$82,183 - \$134,030
				6 people	\$74,092 - \$110,700				6 people	\$82,183 - \$143,910

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