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Dear Neighbor:

I hope you and your family are doing well during this holiday season. These past six years have been transformative and I am grateful to all that we have achieved together. I hope you'll stay engaged and involved in the new year.

In the meantime, I wanted to share a few issues I've been working on in the community. If you're looking for more updates and would like to contact my office, you can reach us at 718-820-0241 or rozicn@nyassembly.gov.

Sincerely,

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Around the District

Recognizing School Excellence

Many of the schools in my district are making major strides in advancing the wellbeing of our students. To support them, I secured \$35,500 to help John Bowne High School expand their hydroponics project and \$35,500 to help George J. Ryan Middle School 216 upgrade their facilities. A special congratulations goes to Principal Dr. Reginald Landeau Jr. and M.S. 216 for being recognized this year by the U.S. Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School!



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Enhancing Community Services for Seniors

It is my privilege to provide seniors with access to resources needed for a healthy, active quality of life. I dedicated \$250,000 in

state funding for stage and auditorium renovations at the Selfhelp Benjamin Rosenthal-Prince Street Senior Center, which will improve health and wellness classes and educational programming.

And to bolster the hard work of the Chinese-American Planning Council, which runs the Nan Shan Senior Center and Queens Community Center, I provided \$12,500 to fund their food assistance programs for families in need.



Expanding Opportunities at Queens College

Queens College is a cornerstone of our community that provides quality, affordable education for students of all backgrounds and academic pursuits. This year, I dedicated \$750,000 for renovations of the outdoor athletic track and Queens College's Capital Plan. This funding will play a vital role in upgrading campus facilities and expanding programs and community partnerships.

Around the District

Adding School Seats in Flushing



Earlier this year, we celebrated the new addition to P.S. 24 Andrew Jackson School, which will provide hundreds of additional seats and relieve overcrowding. Many congratulations go to School District 25, Superintendent Danielle DiMango, Principal Debra Cassidy, and the entire P.S. 24 community!

Sharing Resources for Aging New Yorkers



This year, my office created a Senior Resource Guide, a reference to better serve seniors, their families, and caregivers across Queens. I hope that by sharing all that our community has to offer, seniors can take advantage of local senior centers, health facilities, and social services organizations. Call my office to get yours!

Fighting for Transit Access



With the ongoing debate around transit funding, it is important to keep affordability and reliability for Queens commuters in the conversation. I joined City Comptroller Scott Stringer, State Senator Toby Stavisky, Council Member Peter Koo, and community leaders to call upon the MTA to improve connections between buses, subways, and Long Island Rail Road.

Continuing to Protect Domestic Violence Survivors



In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I joined community leaders in the Korean American Family Service Center's 21st Annual Silent March Against Domestic Violence. I have long supported advocacy and legislation that protects survivors such as the Domestic Violence Escalation Prevention Act, which keeps guns out of the hands of domestic abusers and was signed into law last year.

Inspiring the Next Generation of Civic Leaders



One of my favorite parts of this job is educating the next generation about civics and the election process so that someday soon young leaders will get involved too!

Many schools are emphasizing and creating new civics curriculum including, "Civic Spirit" at Central-Yeshiva University High School for Girls, that includes community-based projects, volunteerism, and voter registration drives.

If you know of any students who want to volunteer after-school, please email us!

Helping Residents Navigate Services

My office continues to serve local residents daily and one of my favorite ways to learn about the district's needs is meeting with you



directly! So far, we have helped with hundreds of cases on a variety of issues including transportation, property tax relief, city trees, and sanitation. If you have a problem that requires city or state government attention, please contact my office.

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Combating Hate Speech in All Forms

In response to a rise in anti-Semitic incidents nationally and in New York, I will continue to combat hate through legislation I have introduced to improve hate crimes training for local law enforcement agencies. Hate speech and crime have no place in Queens and should not be tolerated in any form.

Welcoming Families Back to School

This September I celebrated back-to-school season by greeting students at P.S. 376 Bayside Hills School of Excellence and the Muslim Center Junior High School. I am especially grateful to all the educators and families who work tirelessly every day to foster and grow these students and their passion for learning!



Advancing Legislation in Albany



Protecting the Environment

When it comes to addressing climate change and finding open spaces to enjoy, New Yorkers are innovators, thinking creatively about ways we can protect the environment, grow local food, and nourish communities. Our local parks are second to none, serving communities and providing a green space. That's why I'm committed to ensuring that every community has equal access to parks and gardens and that they are accessible to all.



Improving Workplaces for All

This year New York took action to combat sexual harassment and discrimination in the workplace with stronger and detailed prevention policies and training. Recognizing that much more work remains, I am committed to working with experts such as NY Attorney General Barbara Underwood and those who have bravely shared their workplace experiences in order to drive change.

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Advocating for Educational Equity

Our school system offers many pathways to specialized learning and instruction that provide students with access to a strong education. During this school season, I worked with State Senator Toby Stavisky encouraging families to enroll their children in the NYC Department of Education's Gifted and Talented Program, which is an excellent way to identify children's academic potential and get them on the best path before middle and high school. Together we carry legislation that would require school districts to automatically test all children for admission into the Gifted and Talented Program as a way to expand access.

This bill, like many designed to improve educational outcomes, requires further discussion to make education equity



for all happen. Unfortunately, other efforts including one to eliminate the Specialized High School Admissions Test have not yielded dialogues with our community. Measures to improve diversity are greatly needed but they cannot occur without input from the communities they directly impact. As we near the new legislative session, I look forward to working with families, community stakeholders, and my colleagues in government to determine best practices that consider the needs of all students.

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Team Nily at Work

Let us know how we can help! My office can assist you with any question or concern.

We speak multiple languages including: Mandarin, Cantonese, Hebrew, and Spanish. My office is always looking for interns or volunteers to help out around the office and assist in special projects. Interning here can help students gain valuable experience working in public service. If you are interested in applying to be an intern or volunteer, please contact us!

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From left to right: Meagan Molina, Brian Lam, Assemblywoman Nily Rozic, Isabel Pulgarin, Hudy Rosenberg, and Marilla Li.

