



Assemblywoman

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Dear Neighbors,

It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as your Assemblymember. This year we accomplished a lot, passing a budget that moves our community forward. We raised the age on non-violent offenses for 16- and 17-year-olds, so they will receive the help they need without the damaging impact of incarceration.

When you elected me as your Assemblymember, I promised to fight every day to make sure that our neighborhoods got their fair share, and that our voices were heard on issues that matter most to our community. I fought against cuts to education and critical infrastructure that would have severely impacted residents of the 29th Assembly District.

I look forward to seeing many of you this summer at the different events that I will be hosting and around the district. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at 718-723-5412.

Yours in Service,

*Alicia Hyndman
Assemblywoman 29th District*

Economic Development

John F. Kennedy International Airport Re-Development

Earlier this year, Governor Cuomo announced the investment of \$10 billion for the redevelopment of John F. Kennedy International Airport. In order to ensure our community benefits from the future revitalization of this critical economic engine, my colleagues in government and I began a series of town halls to discuss our role in this once-in-a-lifetime project. As the community most affected by the airport's operation, it is important that we have a seat at the table.



Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses (M/WBE)

Many local businesses in our community have found it difficult to navigate the bureaucracies of government to apply for contracts with the City. In an effort to level the playing field for our M/WBEs, I introduced and passed A.8505 to raise the maximum threshold for M/WBEs from \$20,000 to \$150,000 so local businesses can apply for contracts that were previously out of reach. If you are a small business looking for guidance on M/WBE opportunities, please contact my office at (718) 723-5412.

Education

I fought for the future of our children by increasing education funding by nearly \$1 billion. We also restored the Foundation Aid formula, created to address the decades of underfunding to public schools, keeping our commitment to helping every child in the district achieve their full potential.



CUNY Queens College Partnership

Higher Education is a viable pathway for many families to enter the middle class. Unfortunately, minority enrollment at several institutions of higher learning has lagged behind. To address this issue, my office, along with Queens College President Felix Matos Rodriguez, has partnered to help qualified high school students from the 29th Assembly District attend Queens College through the CUNY Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge (SEEK) program. SEEK provides comprehensive academic support to assist capable students who otherwise might not be able to attend college due to their educational and financial circumstances.

Flooding

District 29 Water Task Force

In response to the constant flooding we face, I voted to include \$200 million for wastewater infrastructure improvements for New York City. In addition, I created the District 29 Water Task force to look into long-term solutions to provide relief for our community. Earlier this year, we secured a commitment of \$100,000 from the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a feasibility study for innovative methods of dealing with the groundwater crisis in the community.



Legislation



Here are other key pieces of legislation that I have introduced to help our community. If you have any ideas for legislation, please contact our office.

A.7714

Relates to adding members to the advisory council and the domestic violence fatality review team.

A.2449

Establishes a pilot program to provide job and vocational skills training to youth.

A.7971

Directs the Chancellor to study and make recommendations concerning the feasibility of expanding the number and types of career and technical education schools and programs.

A.3766

Relates to the impact of late filings on abatement benefits.

Around the Community

It's been busy in District 29 this year. I'm honored to stand side by side with you, working to make our community better. I'm looking forward to seeing you at my community events around the district. For more information, please contact my office to sign up for my newsletter.



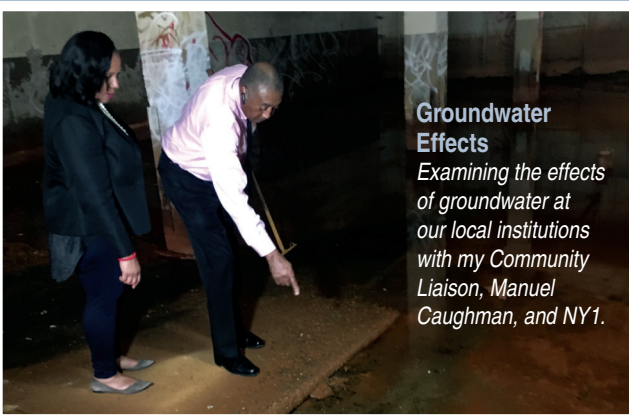
Bengali New Year's Celebration

Celebrated the diversity of the 29th Assembly District at the Jamaica Bangladesh Friend Society's Bengali New Year Celebration.



Senior Fun Day

My office hosted a Senior Fun Day at the S.N.A.P. Rosedale Senior Center, looking forward to visiting my local centers this summer.



Groundwater Effects

Examining the effects of groundwater at our local institutions with my Community Liaison, Manuel Caughman, and NY1.



113th Pct. Meet and Greet

Meeting with police officers at the 113th Pct. Community Meet and Greet. Thank you to the brave men and women of the New York City Police Department who fight to protect our community every day.



Rosedale Civic Association Meeting

Updating the Rosedale community on my legislative work during the monthly Rosedale Civic Association Meeting.



Meeting Constituents

It's always a pleasure seeing constituents come to Albany to help me fight for our community. Advocacy is one of the most important components to making our community better.

Transportation

Roads are essential for the delivery of goods and services to our community, which is why I voted to allocate \$300 million to build up our infrastructure. A portion of this funding will be used for long overdue renovations to the MTA bus depot along Merrick Blvd., providing new trains for increased capacity, and improving the quality of our local roads.

Public Safety

Security Cameras

The safety of my constituents is of my utmost concern. Last year, I was able to reallocate \$1.1 million for security cameras to be installed throughout the 29th Assembly District. These cameras will help enhance the overall security of our community and will be placed by the New York City Police Department based on need. Thanks to the support of our local civic groups, currently the project is in the NYPD procurement phase. If you have any locations you feel may warrant a camera, please contact my office so it may be relayed to the NYPD for consideration.

Mentoring Initiatives

Last session, I voted to allocate funding for President Obama's My Brother's Keeper initiative, designed to increase the outcome of young men of color. If you are involved in mentoring and/or after-school programs in Southeast Queens and are a Registered 501(C)(3), please contact my office to sign up for updates for future grant opportunities at (718) 723-5412.



Community Survey

1. What do you feel is the biggest issue in the 29th Assembly District?

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Opioid Addiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreclosure | <input type="checkbox"/> Police Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flooding | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long Commute Time | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

2. What is the most critical need for our schools?

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|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career and Technical Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STEM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility Upgrades |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

The full survey is available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TF8XJHF> or please send your survey to my district office located at:

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