



# Assemblyman Clyde Vanel

## Reports to the Community



Spring 2018

Dear Neighbor,

As we enter spring, I want to touch base with you about this year's budget and give you a recap of events in the community. Firstly, I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your New York State Assembly Member.

In recent weeks, we in the Assembly have worked for a budget to help all New Yorkers. Education is a vital discussion and investing in our children is very important. I am pleased to announce that New York students received a total of \$26.6 billion in education funding. That is an increase of \$914 million – or 3.6 percent – over the previous year and a 36 percent increase since 2012. We also increased higher education funding by allocating \$12.1 million to SUNY, and \$6.3 million to CUNY, to increase community college base aid by \$100 per full-time equivalent (FTE) student.

As the chair of the Subcommittee on Internet and New Technology, I am focused on jobs and business. It is critical that we provide New Yorkers with jobs to sustain our economy. In the budget, we invested \$1.36 billion to enable local businesses to grow and thrive and attract new businesses and jobs to the state.

Health care was also a major element in the budget where we protected important health programs, hospitals and facilities that provide care. A total of \$17.4 million was restored to existing programs, which ensure patients and their doctors have the final say in choosing medication in managed care and fee-for-service plans. We also added an increase of \$15 million for enhanced safety-net facilities that provide care to large Medicaid populations, for a total of \$25 million.

My priority is to ensure that the 33rd district benefits directly from the State budget. I encourage everyone to stay connected with me via social media and to engage in my electronic newsletter. Please send me your email address to participate.

Sincerely

Clyde Vanel  
Member of Assembly



I had the opportunity to stop by the Queens Central Library with the CUNY Citizenship Now event, where a team of lawyers and staffers were helping people in my community with TPS and DACA questions.

### FIGHTING FOR TPS AND DACA



While the status of many immigrants lies in the hands of the federal government, we will continue to fight for our fellow brothers and sisters. My colleagues Assembly Members Rodneyse Bichotte, Michaëlle Solages and Kimberly Jean-Pierre (not pictured here) and I met with minority-leader Senator Chuck Schumer in his midtown office to discuss a number of issues and matters, mainly DACA and TPS. It is important that we protect people that have contributed to New York and allow them the opportunity to grow and flourish in this country.

# TECH AND JOBS



Left to right: Facebook's Head of Public Policy & Community Engagement, Kia Floyd and Google's Product & Commercial Counsel, Kawana King.



For Women's History Month, six dynamic women came to share their insights and knowledge about working in the tech industry. We hosted top executives from Facebook and Google. All these women discussed their humble beginnings and how they ended up in this field. The guests were able to take pictures and interact with the panelists.



As the Chair of the Subcommittee on Internet and New Technologies, I have presented before many groups on technology matters. I was excited to present before Bitcoin CRE to discuss cryptocurrency and blockchain technology. New York State must lead in blockchain and cryptocurrency regulations.

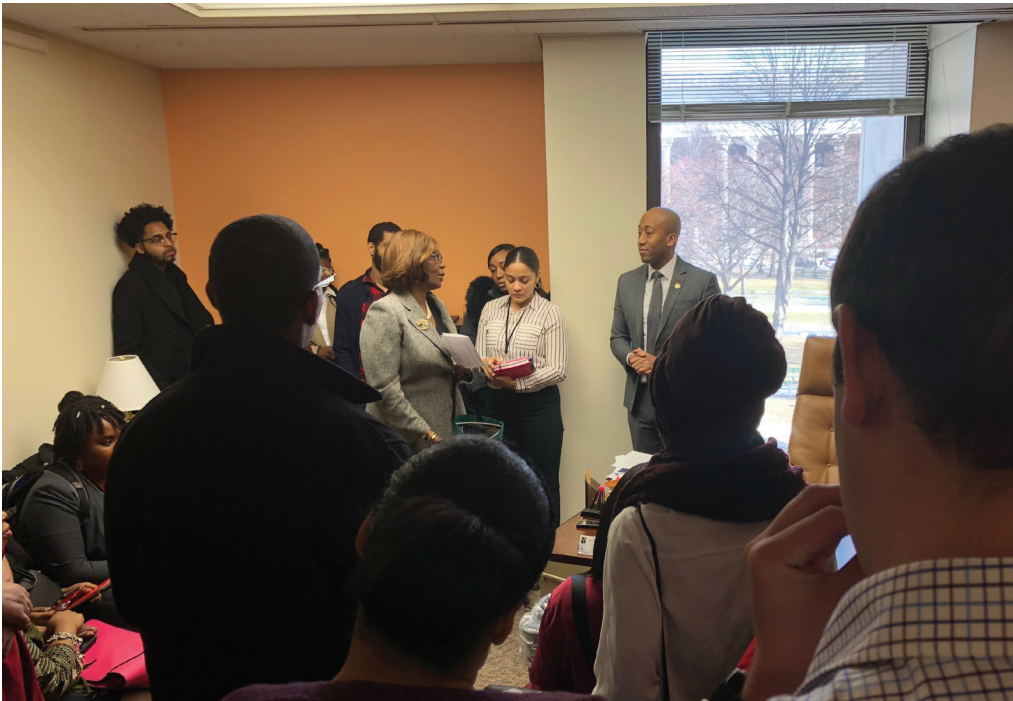


The community will have meaningful participation with the JFK redevelopment; the community will be getting jobs, they will be having our companies rebuild the airport. We will also participate in environmental and social matters. I will continue to connect the community with the upcoming projects.

## EDUCATION



I was proud to stand with local elected officials, students and the community to announce that Martin Van Buren High School is in good standing. This proves that when the city and state properly invests in our children and in our institutions, they will succeed. This is only the beginning and we will continue to ensure that the students have the materials, tools and proper learning instruments they need to soar.



Dr. Keiz, faculty, staff and students of the York College Department of Social Work, visited my Albany office. Students filled my office in the capitol to fight for vulnerable New Yorkers.

We discussed their concerns regarding help and welfare of individuals, families and groups living in New York State. Students shared their thoughts on the workforce and the future of social workers at large. We also discussed the use of technology with the deployment of social services. York College will be providing a Master's program in the near future.



The students, faculty and staff of IS109, the Jean Nuzzi Middle School of Queens Village, visited me and other lawmakers. The students are some of the brightest in the state and the country. They were in Albany to fight to get more funding for their school and their programs.

The students packed into my office where we discussed new technology, internet, and how we must work to get them prepared for the workforce and entrepreneurship in the future. Interestingly, the students knew more about many topics than many of the members in Albany.

# COMMUNITY

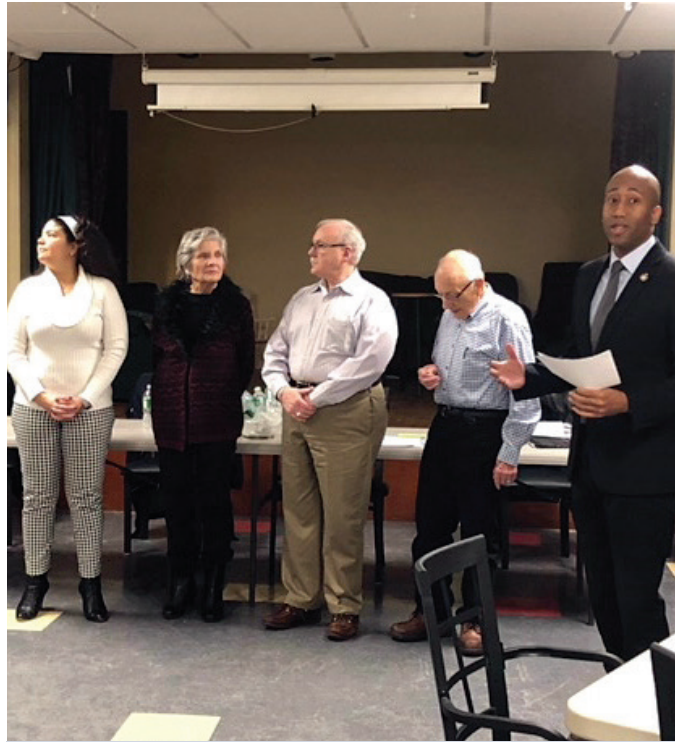


The Black Panther movie is reaching the billion dollar mark in box office sales. It is a cultural phenomenon that many people are talking about around the world. There are themes, lessons and concepts that should be discussed in depth.

My office organized a high-level panel discussion on some of the themes of the theatrical work. On the panel were Dr. Stacie NC Grant, Professor Bunmi Olosunde, Mr. Leventis Omotade, Mr. Joseph Phillip Illidge and Mr. Jacques Leandre, Esq.

We were blessed to have a number of dynamic performances: dancing from ESOTA; drumming from Asase Yaa; poetry from Citoblanko and music from Ashley Chambers.

The panelists discussed the relationship between America, Africa and the Caribbean. They discussed resources in Africa and the Caribbean. They discussed the role of the woman in society and the limitations and scope of loyalty.



It was an honor to swear-in the officers and directors of the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association for the current term. We have a strong and vibrant community. It only gets better when good people take responsibility and serve on civic organizations.

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Meet Mr. Assembly Man, our office pet. He is a male Siamese fighting fish. The males are territorial and will attack other male bettas. However, female betta fish can live together and male betta fish may be able to live with other species of fish. But I can assure you that Mr. Assembly Man is very friendly. I encourage you to come pay him a visit in our office and feed him.