Representing the 37th Assembly District: Sunnyside, Ridgewood, Maspeth, Long Island City and Woodside

#### Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am Juan Ardila, your State Assemblymember for the 37th Assembly District, and I hope you've had a terrific summer. I am thrilled to have had the opportunity to represent and advocate for you in Albany during the past legislative session, and now I look forward to sharing the great work that our team has done for you in the district over the past few months.

We have participated in multiple mobile office hour pop-ups, neighborhood cleanups, small business tours and more. Our team has also been tackling constituent services, and has been partnering with local faith-based groups to serve our growing migrant population in the district.

In the newsletter, you will find how to connect with our office, as well as the numerous ways we're working to create a more equitable and fair New York for all. It's a privilege for us to represent the 37th Assembly District, and we're steadfast in our dedication to supporting and serving you. We urge you to stay connected and are always looking for more opportunities to serve you! If any of the information you find here is useful, kindly share it with a family member or a neighbor.

In solidarity,





### FIGHTING FOR LABOR!

Whether it's been helping to pass the jobs-friendly, Clean Slate Act, voting 'yes' on the state budget to pass the jobs-producing and climate-friendly Build Public Renewables Act, or joining our allies in the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) of Queens to fight for the incredible contract they won for educators, I am proud to have supported the labor movement in Albany and in the district!

### **MOBILE OFFICE HOURS ACROSS THE DISTRICT!**

We know how large the district is, which is why we decided to bring our office hours directly to our constituents, tabling in different parts of the district that include:

- **Sunnyside -** 46th St. and Queens Blvd. South
- Sunnyside Thomas P. Noonan Jr. Playground / Rainbow Park
- Ridgewood Grover Cleveland Playground
- **Ridgewood -** Fresh Pond Rd. and Putnam Ave.
- **Maspeth** Grand Ave. and 66th St.
- Maspeth Eliot Ave.
- Long Island City Gantry Plaza State Park
- Long Island City Queens Public Library at Hunters Point
- **Woodside** Lawrence Virgilio Playground / Windmuller Park
- Woodside Steinmann Triangle



Assemblymember Juan Ardila speaking with constituents and serving iced tea during a mobile office pop-up on Woodward Avenue in Ridgewood.

## HEARING FROM OUR SENIORS!

We wouldn't be where we are today without our seniors, which is why I'm proud to have taken the time to listen to them - where they are - and hear their concerns.

- Having lunch with seniors at the Ridgewood Older Adults Center
- Doing a walking tour in Ridgewood to speak with seniors at their doorsteps
- Tabling in Maspeth to hand out free, homemade iced tea
- Outdoor meet and greets with seniors in Sunnyside, north and south of Queens Blvd.



Assemblymember Juan Ardila having lunch with seniors at Ridgewood Older Adults Center (ROAC). ROAC serves nearly 100 seniors every day, offering free lunches, fun activities, employment and volunteer opportunities for the entire community.



Assemblymember Juan Ardila meets and speaks with a senior constituent outside her home in Ridgewood.



Assemblymember Juan Ardila joins NYC Parks in planting a new tree in the district.



Assemblymember Juan Ardila takes part in a cleanup at Grover Cleveland Playground in Ridgewood.

### **CLEANING UP OUR DISTRICT!**

Our office knows how important it is to keep the district clean and sparkling. That is why we have spearheaded cleanups in multiple neighborhoods, including:

- Sunnyside In response to a constituent's concern about a growing amount of street litter on their block, our team mobilized a clean up on the south portion of Sunnyside.
- Ridgewood With school being out for the summer, our team partnered with NYC Parks and Partnership for Parks to clean up Grover Cleveland Playground in Ridgewood.
- Maspeth An often overlooked part of the district, Assemblymember Juan Ardila toured the industrial and residential borders of Maspeth to see what areas are in need of rejuvenation.



Assemblymember Juan Ardila participates in a street clean up in Sunnyside, south of Queens Blvd.

### **SPOTTING AND RESOLVING BROKEN INFRASTRUCTURE!**



**Before and After:**Office of Assemblymember Juan Ardila reports malfunctioning pedestrian crossing signal in Sunnyside.







**Before and After:** Assemblymember Juan Ardila reports uprooted Q67 bus signage in Maspeth.

### ADDRESSING HOME FLOODING AND CLIMATE CHANGE!





# Assemblymember Juan Ardila meets with Maspeth residents and Department of Environmental Protection to address home floodings.

After receiving numerous complaints about homes in Maspeth experiencing extensive flooding during regular rainfall occurrences, our office invited the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to meet with nearly a dozen impacted residents in their neighborhood.



### **HELPING NEW MIGRANTS IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

# Assemblymember Juan Ardila distributes hundreds of donated clothing items to new migrants and asylum seekers in the district.

This summer, we held our second and third clothing distribution event for new migrants and asylum seekers in the district. We distributed hundreds of donated clothes outside of Iglesia Alianza Cristina y Misionera in western Queens, outside the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council in partnership with Fenix Community Fridge, and in front of our District Office in Sunnyside.







#### ADDRESSING PUBLIC SAFETY!



Assemblymember Juan Ardila meets Captain Tony Wong, the new Commanding Officer of the 108th Precinct, and Detective Torres.



Assemblymember Juan Ardila joins community leaders at the 108th Precinct's Night Out Against Crime in Long Island City.

Public safety is a rising concern in our district, and addressing it requires building community trust and addressing the root causes of crime. If you have any public safety concerns that you would like our office to bring up, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Assemblymember Juan Ardila holding mobile office hours and handing out free iced tea in his hometown of Maspeth.

# WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

Since our start in office, we have been able to assist dozens of constituents with a wide range of issues, including tenant assistance, ERAP, unemployment, government benefits, legal referrals, small business support, transportation-related problems, and other quality-of-life concerns.

As we continue to represent you and our district, we highly value your input. If you have any issues we can help you resolve, or if you have any legislative initiatives that you would like us to champion, please do not hesitate to contact us at ardilaj@contactme.nyassembly.gov or (718) 784-3194.

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Our team is available to assist you

Monday through Thursday from

10:00 am to 6:00 pm and on Fridays from

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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