



Assemblymember
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Greetings –

This week in Albany the Assembly and Senate passed two of my bills:

[A10150](#) extends an existing incentive program to encourage the installation of solar panels in New York City. Click below for my remarks on the floor about the importance of the bill.



Additionally, my bill, [A10365](#) which extends the chief administrator of the courts' authority to allow referees to determine certain applications to a family court for an order of protection passed the Assembly and Senate this week as well. The bill also makes permanent the judicial hearing officer pilot program in the family courts of the seventh and eighth judicial districts for ordering a reference to determine an application for an order of protection or temporary order of protection in certain cases.

Priority Bills Down the Stretch

I am pushing to pass three other bills on which I am the prime sponsor prior to the end of session on June 20th - [A10410](#), would add a tax incentive on electric energy storage equipment, and allow for the expenditures related to running more energy efficient systems to be more affordable. This is especially important now because as we try to reach New York State's goal of 50% renewable by 2030, and in the early phase of local energy storage market development, a temporary property tax abatement to defray upfront costs for adopters would help catalyze energy storage deployment in New York City. This bill was reported out of rules and last week and I hope to get a vote on it on Monday or Tuesday. Also reported out of the Rules Committee this week was my bill, [A11094](#), which would change the deadline for the MTA to submit its capital program plans to the Capital Program Review Board (CPRB) from October 2019 to January 2019. This means, starting with the upcoming 2020-2024 capital plan that the MTA will submit its capital plan during the legislative session, thereby allowing for a longer period for the public to voice concerns and will allow the legislature to have more constructive input into the MTA's five-year capital plans going forward. Finally, I hope that my bill [A11121](#), which would authorize the commissioner of the DMV to require examination of any person involved in an accident caused by a loss of consciousness or awareness, will be given a floor vote by Thursday. The bill also directs the DMV to undertake a review of their existing medical review program regarding reexamination of drivers who may suffer from a chronic, ongoing condition that may cause loss of consciousness, loss of awareness, or loss of body control. All of these bills have Senate sponsors and if passed in the Assembly should also pass in the Senate. I will keep you updated about their status as the Legislative session unfolds next week.

Other News in the Assembly This Week

The Assembly passed [A.11148](#), a bill by my colleague Jo Anne Simon, which would establish the ability of a court to issue a restraining order, known as an "extreme risk protection order," prohibiting a person who is a threat to themselves or others from purchasing or possessing a firearm for up to one year. The

petitioner, who could be a family member, law enforcement officer or a school official, would be required to file a sworn application describing the circumstances and justification for the request. Following a hearing, the court could grant the order if there is a finding, by clear and convincing evidence, that the individual in question is likely to engage in conduct that would result in serious harm to him or herself or others. In emergency circumstances, the court would also be authorized to issue a temporary order restricting access to firearms pending a final hearing.

Also this week, the Assembly passed the New York Health Act. The legislation would establish a universal single payer health plan that would provide comprehensive health coverage for all New Yorkers ([A.4738-A](#), Gottfried). Under the bill, every New York resident would be eligible to enroll, regardless of age, income, wealth or employment. There would be no network restrictions, deductibles or co-pays. Benefits would include comprehensive outpatient and inpatient medical care, primary and preventative care, prescription drugs, laboratory tests, rehabilitative, dental, vision, hearing and all benefits required by current state insurance law, by publicly funded medical programs or provided by the state public employee package.

EID Mubarak

After a long week of legislative session in Albany I rushed back to the district yesterday evening to celebrate the end of Ramadan with the Kensington Civic Association, Church McDonald Bangladeshi Business Association and the American Council of Minority Women.



They were terrific events and a wonderful way for neighbors to come together to celebrate Eid and the breaking of the fast.



Community Meetings in the Week Ahead:

FDNY's 4th annual citywide Open House

Local Firehouses

Saturday, June 16th and Sunday, June 17th

Hours vary- see below

On Saturday and Sunday, the FDNY will host its 4th annual citywide Open House program. More than 200 Firehouses and EMS Stations will open their doors to the public from 11:00am – 1:00pm and 1:00pm – 3:00pm. [Days and times by Firehouse](#)

CAMBA Community Advisory Board for the Park Slope Women's Shelter

Park Slope Armory

1402 8th Avenue

Tuesday, June 19

6:30PM to 8:00PM

Please RSVP to Talisha Easterling, Director at TalishaE@camba.org and Rasheedah Boyd at RasheedahB@camba.org if you plan to attend. Usually meets the third Tuesday of the month.

Community Board 7 Monthly Meeting

CB 7 Office

4201 4th Avenue, entrance on 43rd Street

Wednesday, June 20

6:30pm

Open to community members. The [CB 7](#) monthly meeting is typically scheduled on the third Wednesday of the month at the CB 7 office but location moves around occasionally.

Community Board 14 Reception

CB 14 Office

810 E 16th Street

Wednesday, June 20

6pm to 9pm

The community is invited to join Brooklyn Community Board 14 for our Annual Reception to welcome our new Community Board members and recognize the excellence of our public servants and community leaders. Refreshments will be served. RSVP: info@cb14brooklyn.com or 718-859-6357.

66th Precinct Community Council

CB 12 Office

5910 13th Avenue

Thursday, June 21

7:30pm

Open to community members. The 66th [Precinct Community Council](#) meetings typically take place on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at CB 12's office.

See you around the neighborhood,

Bobby

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