



January 26, 2024

Greetings –

It was a busy week in Albany. The Assembly passed several bills related to maternal and reproductive health, budget hearings began, I attended several rallies on important legislation, and met with advocates and constituents on a wide range of issues from education to climate change.

Supporting Maternal and Reproductive Health

The Assembly passed several bills this week to improve maternal and reproductive health. The package includes a bill ([A.2870-B](#)) to develop new standards for maternal depression screenings, diagnosis and treatment protocols.

Other bills that were passed regard setting guidelines for expanded access to doulas, measures to ensure the safety of cesarian sections, and a bill requiring the Department of Health to form a maternal care and birthing standards working group to further evaluate maternal health standards and make recommendations on future steps needed for better treatment ([A.8207-A](#)).

Advocating for Fairness in MTA Funding, Sammy’s Law, the Heat Act, Elder Parole and Fair and Timely Parole

I joined colleagues, advocates, and constituents who made the trip to Albany to rally in support of several especially important bills, which I co-sponsor. Sammy’s Law ([A.7266](#)) would save lives by giving NYC more authority to lower speed limits in the City. The HEAT ACT ([A.4592](#)) would better align state regulation and oversight of gas utilities with the goals of the state's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). Elder Parole ([A.2035](#)) and Fair and Timely Parole ([A.162](#)) will give people who have already served lengthy sentences the chance to be reunited with their families and reintegrated with their communities.



With regards to the MTA, last year I spoke out strongly against the increase in the Payroll Mobility Tax (a tax dedicated to the MTA on large businesses in New York City and the suburbs served by the MTA) being applied to New York City only. [At this week's joint Assembly and Senate Transportation Budget Hearing, in questioning MTA Chair Janno Lieber, I again raised the issue of parity between the City and the suburbs when it comes to the MTA's fund sources and budget allocations.](#) As the budget process proceeds, I will continue to advocate for and work with my colleagues to ensure New York City is treated fairly when it comes to transportation funding and other vital public services.

DOB In Your Neighborhood at my District Office

Next Tuesday, January 30th, I will host the NYC Department of Buildings in my district office to meet directly with constituents. If you have a DOB related question or concern, [please sign up here to make an appointment.](#) See details on the flyer below and call my office if you have any questions.



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**Meet with Department of Buildings
In Your Neighborhood
at Assemblymember Carroll's District Office**

**Tuesday, January 30th, 11am to 3pm
416 7th Avenue (13th & 14th St.), Brooklyn, 11215**



Speak with a NYC Department of Buildings Representative in person. Issues include:

- General zoning and DOB questions
- Resolving open DOB & OATH violations
- Resolving Stop Work orders
- Questions on Permits
- Questions on construction projects in the neighborhood



Tuesday, January 30 from 11am to 3pm by appointment, walk-ins subject to availability. For appointments scan the QR code or call our office at 718-788-7221 for an appointment or information.

Join Your Local Community Board

Decisions that affect transportation, new development, sanitation, street safety and more in your community are being made all the time and the best decisions happen when more local people contribute their ideas and perspectives. That's what joining your local community board is all about. As the most grassroots level of government, community boards help shape important decisions that have a direct impact on life in your neighborhood. Get involved in making your city work better for yourself, your family, and

your neighbors. The application process is now in full swing. [You can check your eligibility and apply by February 19th here.](#)

If you have any concerns about any legislative or community issue, please email me at carrollr@nyassembly.gov or call (718) 788-7221.

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