



November 7, 2025

Greetings -

The impasse over the federal budget has now gone on for more than a month. Congressional Democrats have correctly insisted that the budget restore expiring subsidies for those who purchase health insurance on the Affordable Care Act exchanges to prevent steep increases in premiums. Rather than working to find a compromise, the Trump Administration has chosen to inflict pain on Americans by not paying for SNAP benefits and then when ordered to do so by a judge, seeking to only fund them at 65%. Safety net services and healthcare should not be used as political bargaining chips; nearly 42 million people nationwide including 3 million New Yorkers depend on SNAP. Governor Hochul allocated \$65 million in emergency funds for food assistance. If necessary to prevent people from going hungry, the Governor should call a special session of the legislature so state funds can be allocated to make up for any loss or delay in federal funding for SNAP. Last week I rallied with colleagues to fully fund SNAP benefits.



Upcoming Atlantic Yards Project Public Workshop 11/18

On Tuesday November 18, Empire State Development (ESD) **will host the first of four community workshops** on a new plan for the unbuilt areas of the Atlantic Yards project. The event will be held at BK Basketball Training Center (formerly Modell's), 140 Flatbush Avenue, from 6-8PM. [RSVP here.](#)

ESD is working with a new joint venture development team led by Cirrus Real Estate Partners and LCOR and is seeking public input into this next phase of the project. The undeveloped sites in the project include the rail yards between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Street; and between 6th Avenue and Vanderbilt Avenue. The plan is for new mixed-income residential buildings and public open space. Site 5, which is the PC Richards/former Modell's Site on Flatbush Avenue across from the Barclays Center, is being considered by the new development team for a potential mixed-use development. [This is an opportunity for the public to make its voice heard on the host of issues related to the project including affordable housing, open space, infrastructure needs, and community facilities.](#)

Celebrating Smiling Pizzeria

On Sunday, I had the pleasure and honor of celebrating Smiling Pizzeria's 50th year in business by inducting them into the [New York State Historic Business Preservation Registry](#). Three generations of the Zito family, who have been operating Smiling since 1975, were there to celebrate, along with neighbors and longtime customers. A cornerstone business like Smiling is such a great accomplishment, and Park Slope is fortunate to have the Zitos and their Pizzeria.



Announcing \$13.2 million in State Funding for Brooklyn Public Library

Last week I joined the Assembly Brooklyn Delegation and the Brooklyn Public Library to announce the State's historic infrastructure investments in Brooklyn Public Library branches across the Borough. As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Libraries and Education Technology, I am proud to have brought together the Brooklyn Delegation to secure \$13.2 Million in State funding for the Brooklyn Public Library. This will allow branch libraries throughout the BPL system to undertake essential capital work. It is great to have such a fantastic partnership with BPL President Linda Johnson and her team working together to ensure Brooklyn's libraries continue to flourish. Libraries are among our most vital and democratic civic institutions and demand our highest level of stewardship.



Constituent Service Day – One on One with DOB, Free Mammograms, Unclaimed Funds

*Meet one-on-one with representative from the NYC Department of Buildings about issues such as permits, zoning laws, and stop work orders. Appointments are available between 10:30AM and 2:30PM. Call my office to make at appointment at 718-788-7221.

*Schedule your FREE Mammogram with the American Italian Cancer Foundation's Mammogram Bus. Appointments are available between 9AM and 4:30PM. To schedule your FREE mammogram call 212-628-9090.

*A representative from The New York State Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds will be on site to determine if you're eligible to file a claim to get your money back. This is a walk-in service from 10:30AM – 12:30PM

*And FREE Leaf Bags from NYC Department of Sanitation, while supplies last!



SERVICE DAY

Wednesday | November 12th

MAMMOGRAM BUS

Appointments available from
9 AM - 4:30 PM

Schedule your **FREE mammogram and clinical breast exam**. Call my office or The American Italian Cancer Foundation at **877-628-9090** to make your appointment.

- Eligibility Requirements:
- Age 40-79
 - Currently living in NYC
 - No mammogram in the last 12 months

NYC DEPT OF BUILDINGS

Appointments available from
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

One-on-one appointments to address your **general DOB and zoning questions, permits and open violations, stop work orders** plus much, much more!

UNCLAIMED FUNDS WITH THE NYS COMPTROLLER

A representative will be in my office from
10 AM - 12:30 PM

Learn about the types of funds that are held by the NYS Comptroller and **see if you're eligible to file a claim and get your money back!**

First come first served, no appointment required.

416 7th Avenue (between 13th and 14th Streets)

(718) 788-7221

I hope you'll make an appointment today and take advantage of these service providers being at my office to assist you.

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

-Bobby

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