

ASSEMBLYMAN WILLIAM COLTON

COLTON FIGHTING FOR OUR QUALITY OF LIFE



COLTON LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST HOMELESS SHELTER



PROTEST STILL GOING ON

Since the city announced plans last summer to site a 150-single-man homeless shelter on 2501 86th Street, Assemblyman Colton has been leading the charge to make sure that the shelter never opens, for the sake of the people who would reside in it as well as for those who live and work nearby. This proposed homeless shelter fails to help the homeless while hurting the neighborhood. Only its developer and operator will benefit by making huge amounts of money!

COLTON SALUTES THOSE WHO PROUDLY FLY THE FLAG

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRIOTISM

Flying an American flag represents national pride, unity, and the values it embodies. It serves as a visual representation of a nation's history, identity, and aspirations, fostering a sense of belonging and patriotism.

Assemblyman Colton drove around the neighborhood to greet the neighbors who flew the American flag.

He sent letters to those patriotic homeowners to thank and congratulate them.



COLTON OPENS WEEKLY POP-UP OFFICE

SEE YOU AT FIAO FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Have an issue that needs resolution? Assemblyman Colton has opened a pop-up office in the heart of Bensonhurst to assist constituents who have issues to bring to his attention but may have difficulty getting to his district office in Gravesend.

The pop-up office is open Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. at Il Centro, 8711 18th Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11214, with English, Chinese, and Russian-speaking staff members on hand, often with the Assembly Member also there.



WOMEN OF DISTINCTION



Assemblyman William Colton and Councilmember Susan Zhuang held their 2025 Women of Distinction awards to mark Women's History Month in March.

The Women of Distinction Awards provide an opportunity to honor these inspiring individuals and highlight their incredible work -- including mothers and women from all walks of life whose efforts often go unrecognized but are vital to our community. Congratulations to all the honorees!

Among the 90 women who were honored were Civil Court Judge Tehilah Berman, Community Board 11 District Manager Marnee Elias-Pavia, NYPD 62nd Precinct Community Assistant Weiyan Li, Onora Italian Ministry President Anna Maria Messina-Walsh, Club A-Elita President Leonora Bulychova, Regina Opera Director Fran Garber and Boxing Writers Association of America Board Chair Regina Andriolo. Longtime local activist Eileen LaRuffa was honored posthumously.

MEN OF DISTINCTION

Assemblyman Colton and Councilmember Zhuang held their inaugural Men of Distinction event honoring those unsung heroes whose selfless efforts help make the area a great place to live, work and raise a family.

The awardees represent both the diversity of the area and a wide range of achievements.

Among the honorees were Dr. Tim Law, the founder of the Chinese American Social Services Center; Tom Neve, the founder and director of Reaching Out Community Services; Ross Brady, the first vice chairperson of Community Board 11; Ansen Tang, UCA Executive Director; Joe Luo, President of America Association of Cantonese; photographer Arthur DeGaeta; Chaplain Carlos Rios of the Bay Ridge Tutoring Center; the Center for Justice Innovation's Jamel Evans; Christopher Love of UA3; and local activists Igor Galanter and Vincent LaPorta. Also honored were members of the Castellammare del Golfo club; Jack Spatola, Joseph Rizzi and Charlie Gu from FIAO; numerous luminaries from the local Muslim community; and the Marlboro Center's Nelson Gutierrez, Daniel Havis and Louis Raneri.



COLTON IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

COLTON HONORED BY MET COUNCIL

The Met Council, the largest Jewish non-profit organization in the United States whose goal is to fight poverty, has honored Assemblyman Colton with its Community Leadership Award.

COLTON GIVING OUT FOOD

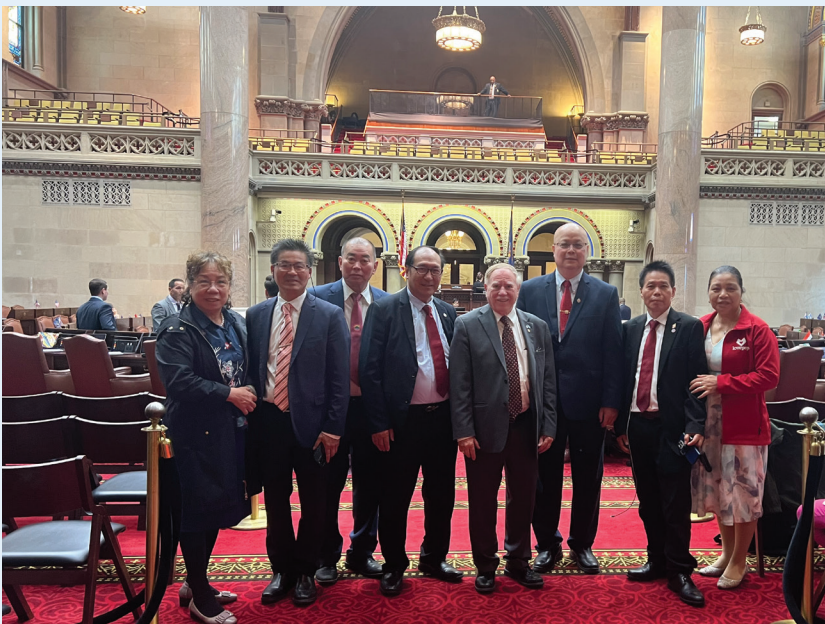
Assemblyman Colton is proud to work with non-profit food pantries like UA3, Met Council, and Food Bank of NY to help needy families put food onto dinner tables.



COLTON HONORING CHINESE AMERICAN RAILROAD WORKERS

A resolution introduced in the New York State Assembly by Assemblyman William Colton has made history as the first legislative recognition by a state of the important legacy of the Chinese American railroad workers who helped build the Transcontinental Railroad in the mid-19th century.

Assemblyman Colton wants to make sure that the workers, who faced difficult and sometimes deadly conditions as they strove to link the east and west coasts of the continent are always remembered for their contribution to American greatness. On May 14, Assemblyman Colton welcomed a group of the workers' descendants, many of whom still live in Brooklyn, to the Capitol, where the achievements of their forebears were celebrated on Chinese American Railroad Workers Day.



COLTON VISITING SENIOR CENTERS

Assemblyman Colton enjoys visiting neighborhood senior centers and bringing updates to our seniors.

Assemblyman Colton's office is proud to provide free services to thousands of senior constituents every year, helping them with issues like SNAP, senior housing, affordable housing, notarization, reading and writing letters.



COLTON OFFERING INTERNSHIPS FOR LOCAL STUDENTS



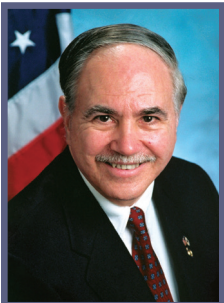
Assemblyman Colton’s office hosted more than a dozen exceptional college and high school interns this summer. They are selected from a large pool of applicants attending New York University, John Jay College, Baruch College as well as Brooklyn Tech, Stuyvesant, Coney Island Prep, FDR, John Dewey, James Madison and Midwood high schools. The interns worked on a wide range of important projects and issues such as legislative research, data analytics, events planning and preparation, community cleanups, housing and energy assistance, etc.

COLTON CONTINUES TO ORGANIZE COMMUNITY CLEANUPS

Assemblyman Colton has led neighborhood cleanups for over a decade. He will continue organizing weekly cleanups this summer targeting Seth Low Park, 86th Street, Kings Highway, Bay Parkway, 18th Ave, Bath Ave, and Benson Ave. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed!!!



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