



Reports to the People • Spring 2019

Dear Neighbor:

As one season draws to a close and another begins, it's time to recap on what legislation has been passed, this year's budget and an update on what to look forward to in the 55th Assembly District. I am proud to announce we passed another on time budget this legislative year that supports hardworking New Yorkers, protects educational opportunities, and keeps families strong. This year's budget awards us with an incredible push in criminal justice reform. The New York State 2019-20 budget includes sweeping criminal justice reforms to ensure New York treats all defendants fairly and equally. The 55th Assembly District and all New Yorkers win with the passage of progressive policies that protect workers and put families first. I also fought for an additional one billion dollar reinvestment in public education, financial support in the fight to fix the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), tenant protections tenants, and ensuring safe, affordable housing. I am ecstatic about all the progress we have made and look forward to all the work that will be completed in order to secure the funding and support we deserve within the 55th Assembly District.

This newsletter is intended to be a helpful resource to keep you up to date on issues affecting the 55th Assembly District as well as other important information.

Sincerely,

Latrice Monique Walker
Assemblywoman, 55th A.D.



What's New in the District?



Assemblywoman Walker advocating to end cash bail for most misdemeanors and non-violent crimes.

ENDING CASH BAIL IN NEW YORK STATE

The Assembly Majority worked diligently to enact a 2019-20 state budget that addresses the systemic issue of cash bail. One provision eliminates cash bail for misdemeanors – excluding sex offense misdemeanors – and non-violent felonies, allowing individuals to be released on their own recognizance or under non-monetary conditions, including pretrial supervision. The budget also requires police officers to give desk appearance tickets in lieu of making a custodial arrest for many lower-level offenses with certain exemptions. The court will also retain the option to set cash bail for a person charged with a misdemeanor sex offense and for most violent felony charges.

\$750,000 TO RESTORE TENANT PILOT PROGRAM FOR NYCHA!

The Resident Watch Program is a program dedicated to tenants who are deeply concerned about everyone's safety. The Resident Watch program will be funded \$750,000 to help provide small financial incentives for residents who care about the safety and welfare of their neighbors and their community.

COMBATTING GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

New York City's Department of Health has deemed gun violence a public issue showing histories of violent behavior in communities. Due to the ongoing fight against gun violence in the 55th Assembly District there has been a dire need to curb gun violence while simultaneously strengthening our gun laws. Cure Violence programs within the 55th Assembly District will receive \$600,000 in funding to combat gun violence.

Assemblywoman Latrice Walker –



Assemblywoman Walker at IGNITE Women's Event at Brooklyn College



Assemblywoman Walker, State Senator Kevin Parker and advocating for clean and renewable energy in New York State.



Assemblywoman Walker gets a visit from students from the district in Albany. We love to see our kids advocating for their needs!



Three Kings Day is always the best time to celebrate with the kids in AD 55!

You Sent Me to Albany to Legislate Here Are Some Key Bills I've Sponsored:

PRIME SPONSORED LEGISLATION:

- A.3420** – Relates to preclearance of voting regulations and policies
- A.4884** – Relates to creating the modernized voter registration act of New York; Modernizes voter registration & promotes access to voting for individuals with a disabilities
- A.3285** – Provides for the re-enfranchisement of voters with felony convictions
- A.5177** – Relates to the use in evidence of the fact of possession or presence on the premises of condoms and other sexual and reproductive health devices; repealer
- A.6266** – Relates to providing enhanced enforcement of the warranty of habitability for housing accommodations
- A.6273** – Relates to establishing a right to counsel in civil matters involving the basic necessities of life
- A.5141** – Relates to establishing a crisis intervention team program
- A.6277** – Relates to affordable Housing Corporation grants
- A.3334** – Provides protection against illegal voter purging
- A.5198** – Relates to establishing a program for financial transitional living services for foster children
- A.5177** – Relates to the use in evidence of the fact of possession or presence on the premises of condoms and other sexual and reproductive health devices; repealer

Your Voices Were Heard Loud And Clear With My Committee Assignments In Albany

in Albany and Around the District



Clergy members from Brownsville came to visit me in Albany and helped in the fight to end cash bail.



Assemblywoman Walker with Nurses from Brookdale Hospital in the Assembly Chambers.



Assemblywoman Walker being honored by Green Earth Poets Café at Brownsville Heritage House.



Assemblywoman Walker with constituents from the district in Albany advocating for funding to support family caregivers.



Assemblywoman Walker leading the way for our Annual Palm Sunday Parade.

CHAIR

Taskforce on Women's Issues: responsible for giving women a greater voice in state government, works closely with women's groups, community organizations, state agencies and other legislators to propose new legislation, promote passage of pending legislation and advocate for funding of programs serving women.

Renewable Energy: jurisdiction over legislation that addresses increasing concerns over an overdependence on climate threatening fossil fuels.

COMMITTEES

Housing: responsible for legislation concerning housing development and preservation. Its purview includes rent regulation, as well as legislation that amends volumes of the New York consolidated laws such as; multiple dwelling law; multiple residence law; private housing finance law (which governs state programs like Mitchell-Lama); and public housing law.

Energy: jurisdiction over legislation relating to energy availability and sources, policy and planning, conservation, and electric, gas and steam rate-making in New York State.

Election law: jurisdiction over all legislation that affects elections such as ballot access, voter registration and enrollment, voter education and outreach, campaign financing and related administrative procedures.

Correction: jurisdiction over legislation affecting all aspects of the operations of both state and local correctional facilities, with 54 state correctional facilities and 62 local correctional systems, including all local jails and police lockups operated by municipalities across New York State. New York has approximately 53,000 inmates in state facilities and 27,370 inmates in local facilities.

Insurance: jurisdiction over legislation that would preserve essential health benefits and promote quality health care in New York State.



55th Community Connections Listing

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 55 MONTHLY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Third Saturday of the Month



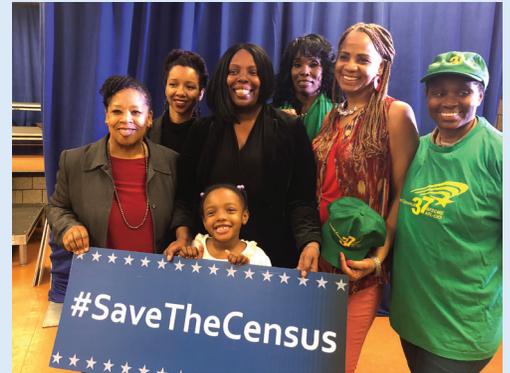
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

- CB 3** First Monday of the Month
- CB 4** Third Wednesday of the Month
- CB 5** Fourth Wednesday of the Month
- CB 8** Second Thursday of the Month
- CB 16** Fourth Tuesday of the Month
- CB 17** Third Wednesday of the Month

COMMUNITY PRECINCT MEETING

- 67th PCT** Third Thursday of the Month
- 73rd PCT** Third Thursday of the Month
- 75th PCT** First Wednesday of the Month
- 77th PCT** First Monday of the Month
- 81st PCT** Second Tuesday of the Month
- PSA 2** Third Tuesday of the Month
- PSA 3** First Wednesday of the Month

Assemblywoman Latrice Walker – Around the District



Advocating to save Census 2020. We have to do everything in our power to ensure everyone gets counted.



Assemblywoman Walker at the reveal of future legislation called NYC Under 3 program which provides parents in New York City quality, affordable healthcare.

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