



NEWS FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER Alex Bores



DEAR NEIGHBOR,

This year, I am wrapping up my final session as your Assemblymember. Thank you for the chance to serve this community – it has been the honor of my career.

Over the past four sessions, you have been my partner in this work. You brought me ideas at morning subway stops, at town halls, at street fairs, and through calls and emails to our office. **Those ideas turned into 30 bills (and counting) that we passed through the State Assembly**, focused on making your family safer, your life simpler, and your government more effective.

Because of our success, in November, **the Center for Effective Lawmaking named me the most effective new legislator in New York City**. That recognition belongs to all of us. It is remarkable what elected officials can accomplish when we spend more time listening.

As I write this, the budget is still being negotiated though it will hopefully be finished by the time you receive this. **Our district is slated to receive millions in direct State funding, as it has every year since I took office**. I will share specifics once the budget is finalized. In the meantime, please reach out to our office if you know of a nonprofit or government entity (such as a school) that could use support.

Personally, my wife and I welcomed our son Charlie this past August, so I've also been busy celebrating all of his firsts. Charlie, who is now sleeping through the night but still months from celebrating his first birthday, just observed his first Passover, Easter, March Madness, and human voyage to the moon. Every new day with him is a gift.

Sincerely,

Alex Bores



RESULTS FROM MY OFFICE

(by the numbers)

29,871+

contacts with neighbors

667+

constituent cases resolved

412

bills cosponsored

32

bills passed through the Assembly

857+

community events attended

1,269+

legislative meetings held

PUBLIC SAFETY

Now that we have NYPD data for all of 2025, we can confirm what I identified in my last newsletter: crime has continued to drop in our neighborhood and is now down 14% since I took office in 2023. This trend is even more heartening when we look at major crimes, like murders and burglaries, which hurt families the most: there were 22% fewer major crimes in our community last year than there were in the year I took office (down 13% from 2023 to 2024 and down another 9% from 2024 to 2025).

Lower crime numbers are good news, but they don't mean the work is done. If you've had your package stolen, or been harassed on the subway, or had a close call with a reckless moped, the statistics are cold comfort. **My commitment is to keep pushing – for faster courts, safer streets, and a neighborhood where the trend line and your daily experience match up.**

Fighting Hate Crimes

According to the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services, New York ranks 48th out of 50 states in reporting hate crimes to the federal government. Only 41% of police departments statewide submit their data, despite having nearly 30 years to transition to a more effective system. That means our communities miss out on federal grants designed to help fight hate. **I introduced legislation (A5386) requiring all police departments to report hate crimes to the federal government, so New York can receive the funding it deserves.**

Bioterrorism Prevention Act

There is currently no law preventing a lab from synthesizing dangerous biological material and selling it to the highest bidder. Many labs voluntarily screen orders for red flags, but voluntary compliance is not enough when the stakes are this high. **I passed a bill (A3283) requiring labs to follow specific safety practices when manufacturing and selling strands of DNA.**

Subway Safety

I pushed the MTA to install platform barriers at our busiest stations. At first, they said it would take years. **We got them installed at 50 stations in months, and the Governor announced 85 more for 2026.** We also fought for SCOUT teams, mental health professionals who treat the root causes of crises on the subway rather than just the symptoms, and the Governor is proposing a 50% expansion for this year.

Gun Safety

Thousands of guns are trafficked in New York every year¹, but if those guns could only be fired by their authorized owner, they would be worthless once stolen. Personalized handguns, or "smart guns," work the same way your phone does: only a pre-specified user can operate them. **They could also prevent accidental shootings in the home, which kill hundreds of children every year in the United States, and could even lower the risk to law enforcement from being shot with their own weapon.** My bill (A1191) to investigate the viability of this technology passed the Assembly with bipartisan support.

Street Safety Updates

Two years ago, we passed a law requiring moped registration at the point of sale (A8450 of 2023). But when we looked at the data, moped registrations were still declining – the problem was not initial registration but renewals. **So I introduced the Moped Registration Verification Act (A5858), which will require delivery apps to verify that their moped drivers have valid and active registrations.** I also drafted the Consider Safety Act (A6544), requiring delivery apps to change their algorithms to incentivize safe driving instead of speedy deliveries.

¹ <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/gun-theft-united-states-state-state-analysis/>

MAKING NEW YORK AFFORDABLE

Childcare Investment



To make it easier to raise children in New York, this year's Assembly budget proposal commits an additional \$1.7 billion to universal childcare. **We are working to expand the 2-Care program in New York City to provide free childcare for two-year-olds with a pilot of 2,000 children this fall.**

SCRIE/DRIE Expansion

This session, we are working to expand SCRIE and DRIE, programs that freeze rent for seniors and people with disabilities, so more New Yorkers can age in place in the communities they love. The cost of living has gone up, but SCRIE eligibility thresholds have not, which is why **the Assembly's budget this year proposes extending the programs and lifting the maximum qualifying income from \$50,000 to \$75,000.**

MAKING GOVERNMENT EFFICIENT

Repealing Outdated Laws

Hundreds of New York laws have sat on the books for decades without review. Some are merely silly: state law still requires certain financial transactions to be conducted by steamboat, and many elevators still need to have chairs. Others are offensive, like a provision requiring Black New Yorkers to get tested for sickle cell anemia before being issued a marriage license. **I used AI to review the entire New York legal code for obsolete provisions, then my team and I went through the results by hand.** I introduced a bill (A9423) to repeal these laws and provided a pathway for continuously finding and removing outdated laws going forward.

Speeding Up Grand Jury Proceedings

Trials in New York are long and expensive, partly because we require in-person verification of business records during grand jury proceedings. To verify a rideshare receipt, for example, a company representative must be flown in at taxpayer expense just to confirm it is, indeed, a receipt. **Of the states that indict by grand jury, only New York requires this.** I proposed a bill (A7896) to allow verification by affidavit, and passed it unanimously.

Exit Interviews for State Employees

If we want government to work better, we need to understand why talented people leave public service. Unlike nearly every well-run organization, New York State does not routinely conduct exit interviews. **I passed a bill (A5912) requiring the state to ask departing employees why they are leaving, so we can learn what is driving them out and how to fix it.**

KEEPING UP WITH EMERGING TECHNOLOGY

Safeguards on AI

Last year, I asked you to help urge the Governor to sign the Responsible AI Safety and Education Act. **She did, and the RAISE Act (A6453) is now the strongest AI safety law in the country.** It establishes a \$9 million division in New York State to regulate the most powerful AI systems, requires large companies to disclose when their models act dangerously, and sets massive fines for non-compliance. Big tech spent tens of millions of dollars trying to stop this bill. President Trump drafted an executive order attempting to preempt it. But we passed it, the Governor signed it, and we showed that these interests can be beaten.

Restoring Online Trust

AI is making it harder to trust what we see online, but there is a solution. Every image and video can carry "metadata," information about its origin that shows where it came from and whether AI was used. My bill (A6540) would require companies to attach, preserve, and display this information, which would allow you to figure out if what you see online was taken by a camera or generated with AI. The Governor recently adopted the bill into her budget proposal. Negotiations are ongoing, but some version will be included in the final budget.

Problem Gambling Legislation

Sports gambling addiction rates are rising as gambling companies report record profits. As part of a larger legislative package, I passed a bill (A10538) analyzing the effects of risky proposition bets. These apps also send push notifications engineered to trigger addictive behavior, so I introduced the Push Notification Ban (A4279) and the Betting Limits Act (A4280), which would make betting limits opt-out instead of opt-in – research shows opt-out limits lead to a 3,500% increase in people sticking to their limits.

Digital Choice Act

Right now, social media companies make it nearly impossible to take your data with you when you leave a platform. **I introduced the Digital Choice Act (A8963), which would give New Yorkers the right to download, delete, and transfer their social media data between platforms – so companies have to compete for users instead of holding them captive.**



To read my entire op-ed, please visit my government website!

PROTECTING OUR IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS

I recently introduced a number of bills to defend our immigrant community from federal attacks. Earlier this year, I introduced two bills, one to limit the kinds of arrests ICE can make (A10151) and another to stop state benefits from going to ICE agents who served the Trump Administration (A10144). I also sponsor legislation (A9423) to repeal a little-known state law that allows the Governor to establish a registry of "foreigners" with draconian penalties, a provision that our current Governor is unlikely to invoke but that subsequent administrations could.

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

When a local mother's 7-year-old son who had cerebral palsy lost access to his Medicaid services, it was not because he was ineligible. His case had fallen through the cracks during a bureaucratic hand-off between city and state agencies. For months, she hit wall after wall as the case was repeatedly misrouted between Human Resources Administration (HRA) offices and the State Office of Health. **Our office went directly to HRA leadership, cut through the red tape, and secured an emergency reinstatement of his benefits, restoring the care he never should have lost.**

Elle Hennes is a Brearley student who plays soccer and was concerned about concussions: children 17 and under make up 70% of all emergency department visits for sports-related brain injuries. Elle reached out to our office, and we worked together to write a bill (A5383) requiring soccer, lacrosse, ice hockey, and field hockey programs to provide concussion information packets – the same requirement that already exists for tackle football. **I am proud to announce that earlier this year, the bill passed unanimously.**

Women of Distinction



On March 13, in honor of Women's History Month, I was proud to celebrate ten local powerhouses at the 'Woman of Distinction' awards for District 73, held at the historic Astor House, the home of the New York Junior League, where Eleanor Roosevelt got her start in public service.

I awarded each honoree a New York State Assembly Proclamation naming them a Woman of Distinction for District 73 and I am honored to recognize our 2026 Women of Distinction here (from left to right): Monika Weiss, Loujay Rivera, Laura Gagliardone, Dolores Marsh, Siya Hegde, Christina Davis, Kerry Russo, Amanda Brooks, Elle Hennes, and Julia Peterson.

These women remind us that whether you are fighting for human rights globally or planting trees in Turtle Bay, it only takes one person to change the lives of many.

We continue to seek out community champions among us and hope there will be more opportunities to honor those neighbors who roll up their sleeves every day to care for our community. If this sounds like someone you know, please nominate them at bit.ly/borescc.



Thanks to Met Council for organizing the distribution of Kosher for Passover food to those in need!

PAS Day of Service



In November, I joined community members for Park Avenue Synagogue's Day of Service. Volunteers from all over the neighborhood gathered for a park and playground cleanup at Carl Schurz Park. There, we cleared walkways, removed leaves, and restored a space many families enjoy everyday (and where I learned to ride a bike as a kid).

State of the District

In January, I delivered my annual State of the District address at the CUNY Graduate Center, covering our work on housing, childcare, public safety, technology regulation, and protecting New York from Washington's attacks on the services we depend on.



The Sutton Area Community welcomed spring with an egg hunt, crafts, games, and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Contact Us!

My office is here year-round to serve you. Whether you would like to raise a community concern, need assistance navigating state agencies, or would like to share a policy suggestion: please do not hesitate to reach out!
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COMMUNITY

Town Hall



On November 16, I held my 3rd Annual Town Hall at Hunter College, where I answered questions from neighbors for two hours. With hundreds of East Side residents in attendance, the conversation covered vehicle safety, crime, congestion pricing, antisemitism, tech regulation, and more.

Shred Truck Events

We have kicked off a season of shred truck events, partnering with groups around the neighborhood to bring the shredding to you. In March, we partnered with Lenox Hill Neighborhood House. In April, the 92nd St. Y. We also have shred events on June 6 and June 18! Come join us!



Mobile Office Hours with the MTA

I bring mobile office hours to coffee shops around the district. In February, we partnered with the MTA to bring resources on the transition to OMNY. If there is an issue you would like us to bring relevant materials on, let us know.



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Across

1. "Yes, we ___!"
4. Your state Assemblymember's first name
6. Your state Assemblymember's last name
8. Fashion designer Mode of Pixar's 'The Incredibles'
9. Sound 4-Across makes every time Gov. Hochul signs one of his bills into law

Down

1. Yellow NYC icon
2. Soothing plant after too much time in the sun
3. Like a man talking about the glory days of his elementary school chess team, say
5. Queer icon Warrior Princess of '90s TV
7. Put into words



Free Legal Services

Each month, we partner with NYLAG to offer a day of free legal services. If you could use legal support, call our office to schedule an appointment and we will sign you up for the next available slot.