



Assembly Member
**DAVID I.
WEPRIN**
**Reports to the
Community**

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ASSEMBLY MEMBERS DENOUNCE EXCESSIVE PROPOSED WATER RATES; PROPOSED RATES EXCEED COSTS BY NEARLY 20 PERCENT

Assembly Member James F. Brennan (D-Brooklyn) and I held a press conference on Sunday April 18, 2010 in City Hall Park, opposing the water rate hikes proposed by the New York City Water Board.

Since 2007, the New York City Water Board has consistently raised water rates by double digit percentages and has proposed to raise their rates again by an additional 12.9% on July 1, 2010. This increase will raise the water bill for an average single family home to \$816 annually and to \$513 annually for an average apartment. This increase could not come at a worse time, as many New Yorkers have been deeply affected by the recent economic downturn.

The proposed water rate increases exceed the costs of providing water and sewer service by \$560 million, nearly 20% of the proposed rates.

The Water Board's reservoir rental agreement with New York City is a key issue that needs to be addressed. The current rental agreement enables the City to charge rental fees that exceed the city's costs of operating the water and sewer system. It was initially designed to cover the debt service costs of residual general obligation bonds that the Water Finance Authority and Water Board assumed when the Water Board was created. These bonds are expiring and the rental agreement is creating a surplus for NYC.

Additionally, there needs to be greater accountability on the part of the Water Board, which is comprised strictly of Mayoral appointees. I am introducing legislation that improves the composition of the Water Board. My proposal includes board member appointments from various other New



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York City offices, including the New York City Council and the New York City Comptroller.

I am committed to standing up for our overtaxed and financially burdened citizens in their resistance to these excessive and unnecessary water rate hikes.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER DAVID I. WEPRIN THANKS THE 24TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT FOR THEIR SUPPORT

I am honored to serve as your representative in the 24th Assembly District of Queens. There is a lot of work to be done in Albany and I am determined to help get our great State of New York back on track to financial stability. While it is important to cut unnecessary expenditures, I am devoted to making sure the funds for our schools and senior centers are kept in tact. We are facing a dire economic crisis and while our State Legislature carefully navigates out of these tough times, I appreciate all of the correspondence I receive from my constituents on their concerns. I will continue to serve with all of these matters in mind, so it is important for you to know that you can always contact me.

You're Invited to the Community Inauguration of

ASSEMBLY MEMBER
DAVID I. WEPRIN
Sunday May 16th, 2010
3:30 pm (doors open at 3 pm)

High School for Teaching and Learning
74-20 Commonwealth Boulevard, Bellerose, NY
Please RSVP to my District Office at (718) 428-7900 or
weprind@assembly.state.ny.us.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER DAVID I. WEPRIN SPEAKS OUT AGAINST MTA BUDGET CUTS AND STATION AGENT LAY-OFFS; DENOUNCES ELIMINATION OF FREE STUDENT METRO CARDS

I recently held a press conference along with New York State Assembly Member Richard Brodsky, New York State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, Maurice Jenkins, Vice President of Stations for TWU Local 100 as well as members of TWU Local 100, on the steps of City Hall on Thursday, April 1st.

As a result of their budget shortfall, the MTA is in the process of laying-off up to 500 Station Agents, posing a safety risk for the riders of the New York City subway system.

Station Agents are responsible for calling in hundreds of incidents every day. In the elimination of these jobs, the MTA is opening the door to an increase in crime and potential terror attacks. Many of the stations are isolated without any source of contact in case of an emergency. People who ride our subways are entitled to have a Station Agent available to them. I am calling for an immediate reversal of this decision by the MTA.

Additionally, the elimination of free student Metro Cards will have a serious impact on the finances of students who ride our subways. The MTA should restore these free Metro Cards.

It is imperative that the public is aware of the serious consequences that will result when these radical cuts are enacted.



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ASSEMBLY MEMBER DAVID I. WEPRIN JOINS THE BOARD OF THE NEW YORK STATE TRI-LEVEL JOINT LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE; PROMOTES JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

The New York State Tri-Level Joint Legislative Task Force is a coordinated effort combining the resources of city, state and federal levels of government in efforts to address issues of import to our community. The Task Force was convened by State Senate President Pro Tempore Malcolm A. Smith in 2006 to tackle tough issues that affect our community and state as a whole.

A new challenge facing the Task Force is getting our citizens back to

work and our economy on the road to recovery as addressed by the Jobs for the 21st Century initiative. Hearings are being convened in all five boroughs of New York City to reach out to local businesses and to provide a voice to those affected by our current job crisis.

I am driven by a sense of great responsibility to get our citizens back into the workforce and put our city and state on a solid track to financial stability. I welcome the opportunity to

work with my Assembly colleagues as well as State Senator Malcolm A. Smith and United States Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand on this vital partnership to encourage economic growth.

I anticipate great results in the collaboration of these three levels of government and look forward to delivering good news to my constituents following this valuable strategic partnership.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER WEPRIN RECEIVES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS; WELCOMES NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

I recently received my committee assignments from the Speaker of the Assembly, Sheldon Silver. I am happy to announce that I am a member of the following committees: Banks, Cities, Election Law, Governmental Employees, Governmental Operations and Judiciary as well as the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force.

As a member of the Banks Committee, I will draw on my valuable experience as the former Chair of the City Council Finance Committee and as the former Deputy Banking Superintendent of New York State. Through my membership on the Cities Committee I will continue to be involved in issues of importance to New York City. As a member of the Governmental Operations Committee, I will have an opportunity to

focus on much needed reform in our State Legislature. My involvement in the Election Law Committee will allow me to look into ballot access for voters. On the Judiciary Committee, I can fight against issues of injustice in our state. While on the Governmental Employees Committee, I will look into issues of retirement and health benefits for state and local government employees. Through my involvement in the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force I will be able work on pertinent issues facing the Latino community, including immigration.

I welcome the opportunity to get further involved in the process of the Assembly and look forward to making some real impact in our state government.

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