



# Assemblywoman **Nily Rozic**

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Dear Neighbor:

I want to extend my sincerest thanks and gratitude for the opportunity to serve a third term as your representative in the New York State Assembly. It is my greatest honor to be a voice and advocate for the residents of the 25th District, working tirelessly for each of you.

In New York, I am proud of the advancements made in passing the most progressive paid family leave policy in the country and raising the minimum wage. The budget increased education aid, representing the largest percent increase in education in our history and included major investments in our mass transit system and roads and bridges. We also increased funding to protect vulnerable seniors and senior programs, including Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities and the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption. In order to provide additional assistance to working and middle-income families, this year's budget cut personal income taxes by \$270 million in 2018.

In the coming pages, you can read more about my work, including updates on what has been happening in the community and information on pending legislation. Please share this information with a neighbor who might be interested!

Your thoughts and input on these and other important issues are valuable, and I welcome your feedback. You can always reach me at 718-820-0241 or rozicn@nyassembly.gov with any questions or concerns.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

All the best,

## Representing You In Albany

I have the privilege of serving as the Chair of the Assembly's Subcommittee on Emerging Workforce and as a member of five committees: Children and Families; Corporations, Authorities and Commissions; Correction; Environmental Conservation; and Labor. I am also a member of the Legislative Women's Caucus, the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force, and the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Legislative Caucus.

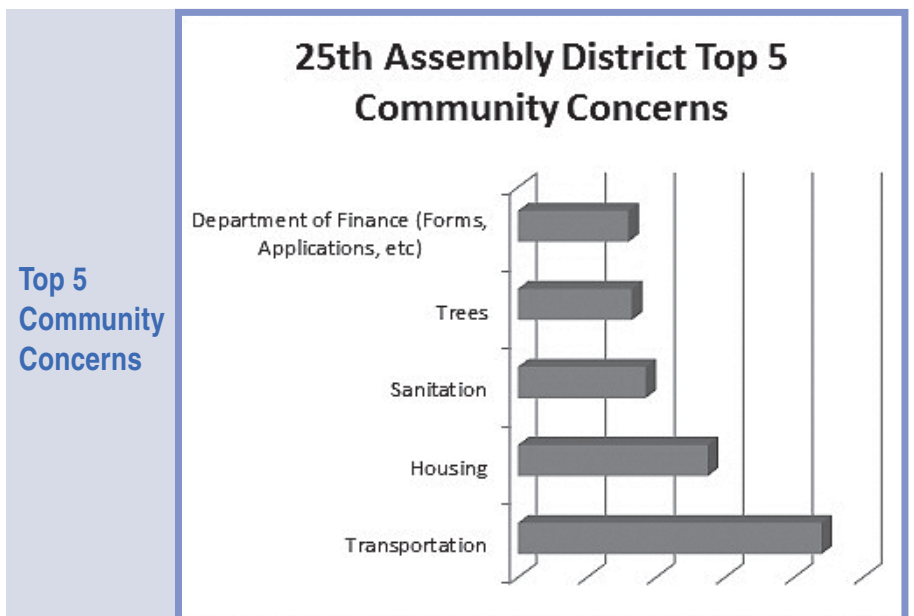


## Legislating in Albany

### 83 Bills Sponsored and 161 Co-Sponsored

During this year's legislative session I introduced 10 new bills in the State Assembly and passed legislation aimed at supporting women's rights, expanding access to education, improving public transportation, workforce development, and government transparency. ***This year, 5 of my bills passed the Assembly. With your continued advocacy, I will continue to build on these accomplishments in 2017.***

## Constituent Services



My staff is equipped to assist with any community concern you may have. In addition to the concerns listed above, we frequently work with constituents on public safety issues, education issues, animal rights issues, and much more.

## Want to intern or volunteer?

To apply, please contact us at 718-820-0241 or rozicn@nyassembly.gov



# Building A Thriving Community



## Promoting Bike Safety

Thanks to a partnership with the New York City Department of Transportation, Council Member Barry Grodenchik and I hosted a free bike helmet fitting and giveaway at P.S. 46 Alley Pond School in Oakland Gardens. Over 1,100 people of all ages left with new, properly fitted helmets and bike safety tips! As Queens continues to expand access to bike paths and ridership, we must ensure safety is not an obstacle.



## Encouraging Reusable Bag Use

Hundreds of free, reusable bags were given away to local seniors in Flushing thanks to a partnership with Citizens Committee for New York City! The distribution was held as part of ongoing efforts to encourage reusable bag use and raise awareness about a new city law set to take effect on February 15, 2017 that will place a 5 cent charge on single-use plastic and paper bags.

## Increasing Access to Cancer Screenings



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New York State is taking aggressive action to improve access to cancer screenings. During National Ovarian and Breast Cancer Awareness Months, I announced legislation that would help prevent insurance companies from discriminating against individuals with high predispositions to cancer by requiring coverage and screenings upon recommendation of a physician, addressing the gaps in coverage that currently exist. These screenings are critical to early detection and a path towards successful treatment if a risk is identified. Only 44 percent of women survive five years or more after being diagnosed with this insidious disease but early detection increases the survival rate to 92 percent.

The legislature also passed measures to help more women gain access to the health care and services they need and deserve. Legislation will extend hours for screening at mammography facilities and eliminate insurance hurdles for mammograms and other screening and diagnostic imaging procedures to detect breast cancer.

## Beautifying Bayside

Bayside residents and I teamed up, urging local agencies to make repairs and improvements at Saul Weprin Playground and nearby street medians along Francis Lewis Boulevard. I am happy to report that the Parks Department will be complying with these requests in the new year. Is there a similar situation on your block? As always, please reach out to my office by calling 718-820-0241 or emailing [rozicn@nyassembly.gov](mailto:rozicn@nyassembly.gov).



## Bringing Rent Relief to Fresh Meadows

Together with the NYC Department of Finance, Council Member Barry Grodenchik and I led a Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) enrollment event. For assistance applying or renewing these benefits or any other renters or homeowner benefits, my office can help.

## Representing Tenants

A few weeks ago, I sat down with the Fresh Meadows Tenants Association to brainstorm ways we can strengthen tenants' voices. I look forward to working with them on improvements and neighborhood needs, and future discussions to provide a better quality of life. Standing up for tenants here and in Albany is a priority, so if you belong to a tenants, homeowners or civic association or would like to get involved, please let me know!



# Strengthening Our Diverse Community



## Raising Domestic Violence Awareness

Every year during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Korean American Family Service Center organizes the Silent March Against Domestic Violence. I had the honor of joining its 19th Annual March to raise awareness and promote efforts to put an end to domestic violence. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence and seeking assistance, my office can help connect you with the resources you need.



## Expanding Access

I am working on legislation to expand language options for the high school equivalency exam. Chinese and Korean students should be given the opportunity to show their proficiency without being penalized. In addition to my legislative push, I am urging that this policy be adopted administratively during the state contracting process, which will begin next year.

In addition, the Assembly passed a series of bills, which did not move in the Senate, making local and state elections more accessible, closing the LLC loophole (to evade legal contribution limits) and increasing voter turnout.

## Strengthening Hate Crime Laws

I recently announced legislation that would add graffiti to the list of specified offenses that could be coupled with hate crime penalties in response to an uptick in reported attacks on minorities and xenophobic and anti-Semitic graffiti. My new proposal would ensure

appropriate penalties to prevent these criminal acts from becoming widespread. New York must lead by example and make it clear that hateful rhetoric, intimidation, and discrimination will not be tolerated.



## Showing Solidarity

I was honored to be among legislators from across the nation who were recognized for our work in opposing the boycott, divestment, sanction (BDS) movement. This year, we made major progress, sponsoring legislation that was adopted by Governor Cuomo in his executive action to limit state involvement with companies that join this hateful movement. In addition, we authored resolutions to send a strong message that New York will lead and continue to stand with Israel. Our work will continue next year in every community, on campuses across the city and in the legislature.



## Hosting Mobile Office Hours

To make government services more accessible, I host mobile office hours all over my district, including the Rosenthal Senior Center in Flushing on a weekly basis and the H-Mart in Bayside on a bi-weekly basis. If you have a location in mind where you would like to see a mobile office or for more details on my mobile offices, please call us at 718-820-0241.

## Advancing Leadership

I am excited to announce that I have been selected to participate in the Governing Institute's Women in Government Leadership Program, a national network committed to the growth of state and local elected

leaders! This is a tremendous opportunity to team up with women leaders across the country and I look forward to the work ahead.



## Embracing Our Future



### The Next Generation of Leaders

Civic participation from all ages is the stepping stone for a better tomorrow. I am always thrilled to swear-in new student governments throughout my district, and encourage all young people to get involved in their communities as early as possible!

As part of my efforts to increase local engagement, I authored legislation that would require civic lessons to be incorporated into elementary school curriculums. Passing this bill would equip students across the state with the tools to make informed decisions and encourage them to use their voice in elections when they reach voting age.



### Going Back to School

Continuing my longstanding commitment to schools, teachers, and parents, I celebrated the first day of school with the P.S. 162 community in Bayside! One of my favorite parts of being an Assemblywoman is visiting schools and seeing students in action.

### Advocating for Our Students

In response to the alarming rates of student homelessness across the city, I have introduced legislation that would extend current protections under state law to pre-kindergarten students who are homeless or living in temporary housing. With New York State's ongoing investments to expand

full day pre-K, the law should clarify that protections for students who are homeless, such as the right to remain in their original schools for the rest of the school year if their parents choose, apply to pre-K students as well.



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### Team Nily!

Let us know how we can help! My office can assist you with any questions or concerns. We speak multiple languages including: Mandarin, Korean, and Spanish. We are also happy to locate translation services for any other language needs you may have.

My office is always looking for interns or volunteers to help out around the office and assist in special projects. Interning here can help students gain valuable experience working in public service. If you are interested in applying to be an intern or volunteer, please contact us!

*Pictured left to right: Marilla Li (Director of Constituent Services), Erin Rogers (Chief of Staff), Meagan Molina (Legislative and Communications Director), Assemblywoman Nily Rozic*