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Dear Neighbor:

I started off the year ready for my 8th legislative session in Albany with an agenda to build on last year's progress and pass a state budget delivering resources for our community — but those plans quickly changed to respond to a public health emergency that has impacted our lives in ways we could have never imagined.

Since then, we have returned to Albany a couple of times to pass much-needed legislation to support working families through this pandemic. Two bills that I authored to assist homeowners with their mortgages and prevent price gouging of medical supplies passed as part of the State Legislature's relief package.

In our district over the past few months, I have been out in the neighborhood working with our partner organizations, including Commonpoint Queens and the South Asian Council for Social Services, to make meal deliveries for those in need. We have distributed over 10,000 face coverings and continue hosting free giveaways and making drop-offs for those who are homebound to ensure everyone can keep themselves and others safe.

Like so many of you, my team and I have been working remotely to continue doing our part to contain and reduce the spread of COVID-19 — but we are fully operational to assist you and your loved ones during these challenging times.

Whether you need unemployment benefits assistance, face coverings, or have a 311 request for us to follow-up on, you can still reach us by calling 718-820-0241 and leaving a detailed message, or emailing us at RozicN@nyassembly.gov.

This is an ever-evolving situation but our collective effort got us this far and is still needed to keep everyone safe and healthy. As we go through each reopening phase and ease back into our routines, I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!

Wishing you and yours all the best,

Nily Rozic

Around the District



Distributing Free Face Coverings

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, I have given out over 10,000 masks in our district to organizations on the frontlines, at giveaways, and deliveries made to homebound residents. Wearing a mask is critical to keep you and others around you safe by reducing the risk of transmission. As businesses continue to reopen and we spend time outdoors throughout the warmer months, please continue wearing masks — especially when it is difficult to maintain physical distancing. In the months ahead, my office will continue distributing free masks to ensure everyone has access.





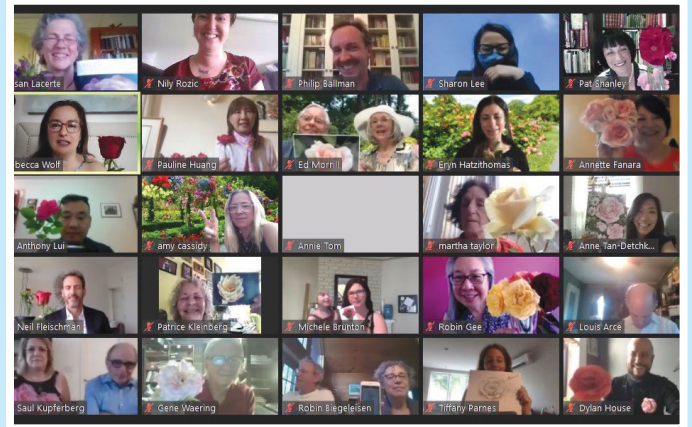
Delivering Meals to Homebound Residents

Together, with Commonpoint Queens, The Met Council on Jewish Poverty, and South Asian Council for Social Services, I have delivered thousands of meals to those in need. For seniors who are homebound or people who are high risk due to pre-existing medical conditions, these home-delivered meals have been a lifeline and reflect our commitment to looking out for one another.



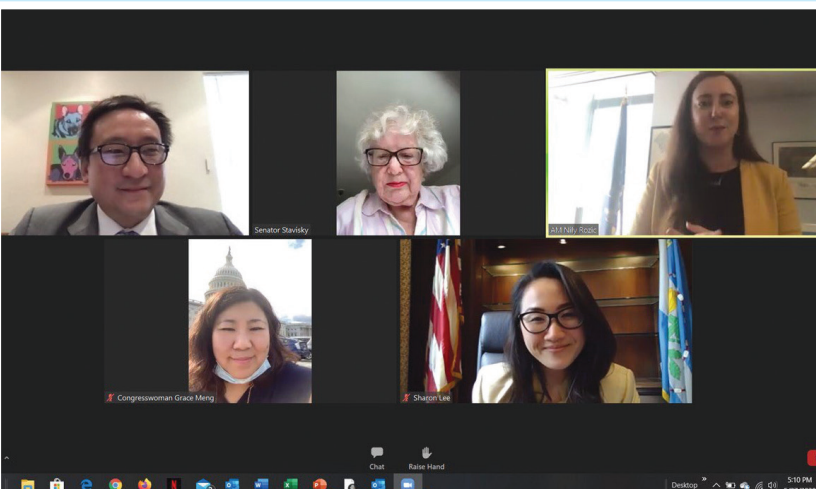
Checking in With Our Local Community Boards

Community meetings switched over to virtual discussions and phone conferences in the wake of COVID-19, but the commitment from board chairs, district managers, and members has not changed. I checked in with our community boards to address pandemic-related questions, provide updates from Albany, and discuss next steps for our neighborhoods.



Celebrating the Queens Botanical Garden Community

Another annual event that turned into a virtual celebration this year was the Queens Botanical Garden's Rose Gala. I had the pleasure of joining the QBG community online to recognize its volunteers and supporters who invest time, effort, and resources into maintaining a green, open space that has become our urban oasis.



Honoring Frontline Workers During AAPI Heritage Month

This year, we turned my eighth annual Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month celebration into a virtual event where I was joined by my colleagues in government and newly-appointed Queens College President Frank H. Wu to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on Asian American communities in Queens.

I also honored frontline workers who have been serving our district tirelessly. This year's honorees were: Sgt. Nina Chao, NYPD 107th Precinct; Officer Ares Huang, NYPD 109th Precinct; Officer Angwang Badmadajie, NYPD 111th Precinct; Man Wai Law, FDNY EMS Captain; Yuk Yin Boa, Nurse at New York Presbyterian Queens; Tracey Loui, Nurse at New York Presbyterian Queens; and Wendy Lam Loi, Nurse at New York Presbyterian Queens.

Keeping Our Communities Safe



With the rise in hate crimes across New York over the past year, we must continue doing all that we can so that all communities feel safe and secure — especially in houses of worship and schools. Earlier this year, I hosted a briefing with Governor Cuomo's Office and the NYS Division of Homeland Security to discuss state grants for security funding.

With the cycle of hate crimes plaguing our communities, we must root out hateful rhetoric and discrimination. In this effort, I authored legislation that passed and was signed into law to provide hate crimes training for all law enforcement officers. This new law directs the Municipal Police Training Council to work alongside the New York State Division of Human Rights and Hate Crimes Task Force to ensure that local law enforcement is properly trained in recognizing and responding to hate crimes.

Advocating for Outer Borough Transit



While the MTA was in the planning stages for the Queens Bus Redesign, I hosted a series of workshops to give community members the chance to share their concerns and input directly with the MTA. I also spent the bulk of this year's transportation budget hearing questioning the MTA about the redesign, express bus service, and ongoing impacts on Queens' commuters. Let me be clear, any detrimental changes to express bus service in our transit desert will not be tolerated.

The current plan is on hold, but you can still share your concerns and ideas with my office so we can relay them on your behalf.

Representing You in Albany



This year's session was a mix of passing bills that I have long advocated for and new solutions to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. Below is a round up of bills I passed that have been signed into law!

Banning the Pink Tax

The "pink tax" is a form of discrimination that continuously hits women's wallets spending significantly more money over the course of their lifetime on similar products. This new law will ensure that the market works for every consumer and prevents discriminatory pricing solely based on gender.

Safe Homes Act

Domestic violence incidents are emotionally charged and highly volatile. Having a gun in the household amplifies the risk of a domestic violence incident turning deadly. This law will allow a

police officer to confiscate a weapon found during a search if they are responding to a domestic violence incident.

Legalizing E-bikes and E-scooters

After years of working with a diverse coalition of advocates — from delivery workers to environmental groups — electric bikes and scooters are legalized in New York! This new law ensures that delivery workers can continue doing their essential work during the current pandemic and beyond while providing a more environmentally friendly means of transportation.

Expanding Price Gouging Protections

This new law will ensure that New Yorkers have access to the products and care required without paying excessive and unreasonable prices. As we face new challenges to contain the pandemic, we must protect consumers when they are particularly vulnerable.

Mortgage Forbearance

Homeowners deserve the ability to make the soundest financial decisions. This new law will give homeowners options to catch up on their mortgage payments without additional financial strain, fear of foreclosure actions, or damage to their credit. This change will go a long way to help many New Yorkers stay in their homes in the face of an economic recession.

Polystyrene Ban

In a huge win for the environment, legislation I sponsored to ban harmful polystyrene food containers was passed. I've been advocating for and working on this bill since Earth Day 2010 and while it is long overdue, it is still an exciting accomplishment!

Representing You in Albany (Continued)



Helping Out Small Businesses

As Chair of the Office of State-Federal Relations, I held seven hearings about the impact of the pandemic on our small businesses. Following days of learning lessons from small business owners, I wrote multiple letters to Congressional leaders imploring them to fix the shortcomings of the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program as identified and urged additional relief for all New Yorkers in future stimulus packages.



Passing Voting Reforms

To ensure no one had to risk their health to make their voice heard, I helped pass legislation allowing easier access to voting by mail for this year's primaries, as well as allowing absentee ballots to be postmarked by Election Day, rather than the day before. I know many voters experienced delays in receiving their absentee ballots in time which is why the State Legislature will soon be holding a hearing to investigate and propose better practices for future elections. With November upon us, I'll be working with my colleagues to allow absentee voting in the general election and pass other election reform bills.

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