



Assemblywoman

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YEAR IN REVIEW

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Dear Neighbors,

As 2017 comes to a close I want to share all that we've been able to accomplish this year. I was able to pass several key pieces of legislation that help move our community and the state forward, as well as work on key initiatives to assist our local school district.

A budget is more than just numbers – it is a reflection of our values. In this year's budget, I was able to secure funding for our senior centers and schools. I also advocated for additional allocations towards the ongoing ground water crisis. With the support of Mayor de Blasio we were able to fully fund our environmental study, which aims to provide real solutions for our community.

I am truly grateful for the trust you've placed in me as your Assembly Member and honored to advocate for you and your family. We have accomplished a lot this year, and that could not have been possible without your support. Please feel free to reach out to my office with your concerns and ideas to make our community better. Happy holidays and see you next year!

Yours in Service,

*Alicia Hyndman
Assemblywoman 29th District*

Stopping Domestic Violence

This year I passed legislation, which the governor signed into law, to help address domestic violence across the state. This law modifies the Domestic Violence Task Force to better investigate cases of domestic violence and implement changes based on their findings.

My office also participated in outreach efforts to help victims of domestic violence get the help they need. No one should feel threatened or trapped in a toxic relationship. If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance please contact my office so that we can connect you with the help you need.



Year in Review

It's been busy in District 29 this year. I'm honored to stand side by side with you, working to make our community better. I'm looking forward to seeing you at my community events around the district. For weekly updates, please contact my office to sign up for my e-newsletter.



Jerk Fest at Roy Wilkins Park

Welcomed NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio to the 29th Assembly District during the annual Jerk Fest at Roy Wilkins Park.



Operation Clean Up and Habitat for Humanity

My office joined Operation Clean Up and Habitat for Humanity to paint a mural at the Laurelton Long Island Railroad Station.



Computer Science Education

We partnered with Google to bring computer science education to schools in the 29th Assembly District. I look forward to our ongoing efforts in preparing our children for the jobs of tomorrow.



Gotham Greens Greenhouse Facility

I toured the Gotham Greens Greenhouse Facility in Hollis over the summer. This site produces thousands of fresh vegetables in our community and now we're working to bring this produce to our local markets.



Bowl-a-thon

Sponsored a bowl-a-thon for my seniors from the local centers.



FreedomCare Grand Opening

Stopped by FreedomCare's new facility in Queens. They allow family members to be paid caretakers of their loved ones. If you're interested to learn more about this program, please contact my office.

Small Business

Small businesses are the backbone of a local community. Over the past year I've met with business owners in the community and listened to their frustrations in dealing with bureaucracy. That's why I sponsored a new law along with my colleague, State Senator Leroy Comrie, to help small businesses receive certain abatements lost due to delays caused by the city. This means, for those exemptions, the business will no longer be penalized for actions out of their control.



Zombie Homes

During my first session last year I voted for legislation to help address foreclosed homes that banks have not restored. The zombie homes have created a nuisance and public safety hazard for neighborhoods throughout Southeast Queens. We are now working with the Governor's office and the New York State Department of Financial Services, which oversees financial and banking institutions, to hold them accountable for these problematic properties. My office has received several locations from civic groups and community residents but we know more properties haven't yet been reported. Please call my office to ensure we have these properties in the database. Together we can hold the banks accountable for their actions.

Constituent Stories



Earlier this year, the guardian of an incapacitated senior reached out to my office regarding a fine of over \$37,000 given to the senior by the NYS Workers' Compensation Board. Unfortunately, through no fault of her own, she was taken advantage of by members of her family. My office stepped in and we were able to reduce the fine from \$37,701.50 to just \$1,125.00, allowing her to continue to receive the care she needed without the unnecessary and unfair penalty.



HEAP/Home Share

If you are need of heating assistance please contact my office to see if you qualify for number of state and local programs available during these frigid winter months.

Unclaimed Funds

My office, in partnership with New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, has held several "Get Your Money Back" events, in which constituents discovered if New York State owes them a check for unclaimed funds. If you're interested in finding out if the state owes you money stop by my office and speak with the staff or you can go to www.osc.state.ny.us/ouf/.

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

The governor signed my Career and Technical Education bill, which I co-sponsored with State Senator Simcha Felder. This bill directs chancellors to study and make recommendations concerning the feasibility of expanding the number and types of career and technical education schools and programs. This will help to ensure our students are given every path to a meaningful education and help address the disparities black communities face in growing industries such as the technology sector.

To expose our children to future careers in technology, I hosted an engineering day at my alma mater SUNY New Paltz with students from our local high schools. This program introduced high school juniors to the world of engineering and more importantly students met with admissions counselors to chart a path to a college education.



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