



Greetings---

Fighting for Better Bus Service & Emergency Meeting on the MTA

On Tuesday, I joined with Assemblymember Jeff Dinowitz, the Chair of the Assembly's Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions to call on the MTA to provide better bus service.



Along with many of my colleagues from the legislature I signed on to a letter which asks for the MTA to produce a comprehensive plan to improve bus service within six months. We will not be able to fix our current transit crisis without modernizing our NYC bus service. Simple changes like transit signal priority and all-door boarding technology, as well as new more efficient routes would make for faster and more reliable bus service for all New Yorkers. Too often, New Yorkers are forced to choose an inconvenient subway route for their commute over what should be a more convenient bus route, because of unreliable and slow bus service. Addressing these problems is critical to alleviating the congestion in the subway system and is vital to solving our overriding transit crisis.

After the press event, I attended a special conference with the Assembly Majority to discuss the MTA, its various troubles and possible solutions to fix those problems. After a presentation by the MTA on its subway action plan as well as presentation's by advocacy groups, it's clear that there is no magic bullet. Included among the ideas that should be seriously discussed to fix the MTA are congestion pricing, surcharges on Uber and Lyft etc., and a management restructuring so that the MTA is not the most expensive mass transit system worldwide by a factor of four.

Flatbush Stands Together - Hate Has No Place Here

I was so proud to join Ditmas Civic, many colleagues in government, and over one hundred neighbors for a silent vigil to stand against the acts of white supremacy and violence that took place in Charlottesville, Virginia earlier this month.



The rally was a beautiful demonstration that shows that those that preach togetherness, diversity, and inclusion are larger and stronger and are the real voice of Brooklyn and of America. A small minority of people suggesting that America is an exclusive place for only one type of person is not our country. I think we all need to stand up from diverse backgrounds and diverse parts of the country to say 'No' to the hate and divisiveness that we're unfortunately seeing a rise of recently.

Kensington Fitness

We started to hear from constituents about the sudden closure of Kensington Fitness, a fitness club located at 202 Caton Avenue on Monday. [The gym was seized by the City Marshal due to lack of rent payment. A number of constituents have said that they paid membership dues as much as a year in advance to the gym and would like to get their money back.](#) Our office has been in touch with the NY State Attorney General's Office to alert them about this situation.

If you are impacted by this sudden closure, please reach out to my office at [718 788 7221](tel:7187887221) or by responding to this email so that we can assist you in getting your complaint on the record with the New York State Attorney General's Office. [You may file your complaint online here,](#) but we ask that after you submit your complaint that you email carrollr@nyassembly.gov with your complaint number and contact information so we can keep track of how many constituents were impacted and follow up with the Attorney General's Office and other city and state agencies.

If you need assistance, have a community issue or legislative idea, please respond to this email or give my office a call at (718) 788-7221.

See you around the Neighborhood,
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