



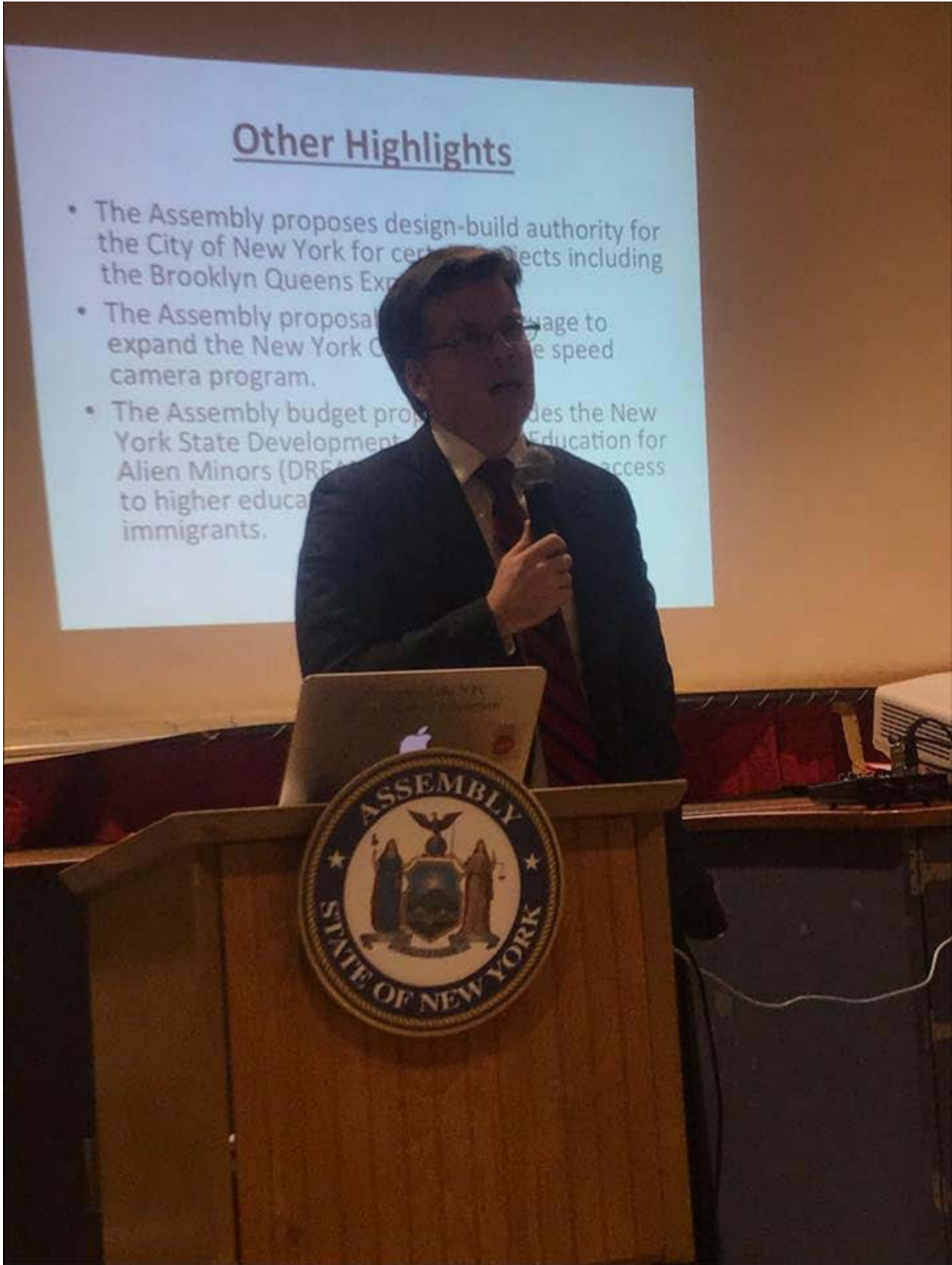
Assemblymember
Robert C. Carroll
Assembly District 44

March 23, 2018

Greetings –

The deadline for passing the nearly \$170 Billion State Budget is just one week away. There is so much work to do in Albany over the coming days to make sure we get a final budget that includes: fully funding foundation aid for our public schools, dedicated funding streams for the MTA to modernize our mass transit system, critical and overdue women’s agenda provisions, key criminal justice reform components like funding for ‘Raise the Age’, making sure that New York becomes the 38th State to have Early Voting and so much more.

I have held three budget town halls over the past month to discuss the budget, with the 3rd one last night at PS 321 in Park Slope. I thank Liz Phillips, the Principal at PS 321 and their PTA for hosting us and really appreciate those of you who were able to attend one of the events. Your thoughtful questions and comments help create a lively and informational dialogue that I think everyone learned from and appreciated.



[If you weren't able to attend one of the town halls, I hope you'll take a few moments to review the presentation posted here on my website.](#)

If you have any thoughts, questions or concerns about the budget, please drop me a line at carrollr@nyassembly.gov or give my office a call at (718) 788-7221.

Let NY Vote Rally for Early Voting

Last weekend I joined the Let NY Vote coalition for a rally in support of funding for early voting. New York is one of only 13 states that does not offer early voting and because of that and other antiquated laws we consistently have some of the lowest voter participation rates in the nation.

[View my Remarks at the Rally Here:](#)



I applaud the Governor for including early voting in his executive budget and am pleased that we included it in the Assembly's budget as well. The Senate did not. We must continue to push the Governor, Senate leadership, and Speaker Heastie to let them know that funding early voting in this budget is an essential step to modernizing our voting systems and ensure that more voters have an opportunity to make their voices heard at the polls.



**NY IS FINALIZING THE BUDGET NOW.
TELL THE "4-MEN IN A ROOM"
NY WANTS EARLY VOTING**



**Governor
Andrew Cuomo**
518-474-1041
@NYGovCuomo

**Senate Leader
John Flanagan**
518-455-2071
@LeaderFlanagan

**"Don't come home until
you've funded
a two-weekend
Early Voting package!"**

**IDC Chair
Jeff Klein**
518-455-3595
@JeffKleinNY

**Assembly Speaker
Carl Heastie**
518-455-3791
@CarlHeastie

New Bill to Support Solar Energy Investment:

I introduced a new piece of legislation this week – [A.10150](#), which would extend the expiration of the solar electric generating system (solar panels) tax abatement, which is set to expire at the end of 2018. My bill would extend the expiration date to the end of 2020. This legislation would extend and strengthen an existing incentive program to encourage the installation of solar electric generating systems in the City.

This program is aligned with the longstanding commitment of New York State and the City of New York to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide cleaner, more reliable power for every New Yorker. These goals will be achieved through efforts to improve our energy efficiency and by cleaning our energy supply. Solar power in New York City has historically cost more per kilowatt of installed capacity than in other parts of the State of New York, primarily because of more stringent requirements of the NYC Department of Buildings and increased complexity in the building sites. Data from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority indicates that solar energy projects in New York City cost approximately 25% more than the state average. Extending this property tax abatement is necessary to offset a portion of the extra costs associated with NYC solar energy installation, thus further stimulating clean energy investment and job creation throughout New York City. I will be working to pass this piece of legislation before the end of the legislative session.

Community Meetings in the Week Ahead:

March For Our Lives

Central Park (72nd Street Entrance) to Bryant Park

Saturday, March 24

Rally at 10am

March at 11am

[March For Our Lives](#) will take to the streets to demand legislation to prevent gun violence and mass shootings in our schools. The march will begin on the Upper West Side at Central Park's 72nd Street entrance. The organizers have asked participants to arrive at 10am in preparation for a short rally. The rally's speakers, a series of students each of whom has personally survived an instance of gun violence, will begin promptly at 11am. After departing from 72nd Street and Central Park West, the march will head downtown along the park before turning south once more at 6th avenue and ultimately dispersing at 6th Avenue and 43rd Street.

Brooklyn Bark Easter Eggstravaganza

The Old Stone House & Washington Park ([336 3rd Street](#), between 4th & 5th Avenues)

Saturday, March 24

11am to 3pm

Pups and people, big and small, are invited to celebrate spring at the FREE Eggstravaganza that [Brooklyn Bark](#) is presenting in cooperation with the [Park Slope Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District](#), [Park Slope Parents](#) and the [Old Stone House](#), starting at 11am with face painters, crafts, games, live music, raffles and general family fun will run the whole day, highlighted by a Best Bonnet Contest at 1pm and a Community Easter Parade at 2 pm.

78th Precinct Community Council

65 6th Avenue

Tuesday, March 27

7:30pm

Open to community members. The [78th Precinct Community Council](#) meetings typically take place on the last Tuesday of each month.

70th Precinct Community Council

Touro College

1609 Avenue J

Wednesday, March 28

7:30pm

Open to community members. The [70th Precinct Community Council](#) meetings typically take place on the last Wednesday of each month.

72nd Precinct NCO meeting, Windsor Terrace area

PS 10

511 7th Avenue

Thursday, March 29

6:30pm - 7:30pm

[Neighborhood Coordination Officers](#), or NCOs, are your local problem solvers. They spend all their working hours within the confines of their assigned sectors, actively engaging with local community members and residents. They get to know the neighborhood, its people, and its problems extremely well. Det. McGrath and PO Ghanney, the NCOs for the Windsor Terrace neighborhood, will provide a neighborhood update and respond to questions and concerns from residents.

See you around the neighborhood,

Bobby

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