



Assemblyman **William Colton**

**PROTECTING US
AND OUR COMMUNITY**

Fall 2014

COLTON FIGHTING SW BROOKLYN GARBAGE STATION



Since 2004, Assemblyman Colton has been alerting the neighborhood against the City's failed plan for a garbage transfer station off Shore Parkway.

Assemblyman Colton, known for his persistence in fighting for the community, has mobilized community groups, neighborhood leaders, local elected officials, and the whole neighborhood. The assemblyman exposed the City's plan as more of the same failed thinking of building more garbage stations and landfills to move garbage around rather than using new technologies to reduce, recycle, and reuse our garbage.

Assemblyman Colton has organized numerous rallies, collected thousands of petitions, and letters to expose the environmental threat of contaminating Gravesend Bay, increased risks to health and safety, intolerable traffic congestion, and reduced home values if this dangerous garbage station is built in the residential and recreational southern Brooklyn neighborhood.

Despite all this, the City clings to its outdated, environmentally failed ideas.

Now Assemblyman Colton has commenced a lawsuit and is voluntarily serving as the neighborhood's free attorney. The lawsuit continues and is now before the Appellate Division.

Assemblyman Colton does not stop fighting against the City's plan that he believes poses serious dangers to the families of southern Brooklyn.

COLTON REDUCING TAXES



Assemblyman Colton has a long record of fighting to lower taxes for working families and small businesses.

In the past, he successfully led fights to reduce the state income tax rates to the lowest levels in 61 years. Last year, he successfully led a fight to eliminate sales taxes on clothing items below \$110. He also helped exempt small businesses from the MTA payroll tax.

In this year's budget, Assemblyman Colton successfully fought to accelerate the elimination of the utility bill surcharge, effectively saving residents and businesses \$600 million over three years. He also successfully fought to include NYC homeowners, coops, condo owners, and tenants in the state's property tax cut by providing refundable tax credits scaled to the ratio of income to property taxes and rent paid.

Finally, this year's budget protected families inheriting from loved ones by raising the level of assets exempt from NYS estate taxes to \$5 million.

COLTON WORKING TO CLEAN NEIGHBORHOOD AND ACHIEVE STREET REPAVINGS

ORGANIZING YOUTH CLEAN-UPS

For the past four years, Assemblyman Colton has recruited neighborhood high school students to conduct a series of clean ups. These highly successful efforts have resulted not only in cleaning streets around the neighborhood, but with the leadership efforts of Priscilla Consolo and Albert Tong in organizing an army of youth to spread the word that everyone must help to improve the condition of our streets.

ACHIEVING NEIGHBORHOOD STREET REPAVINGS

This year, with Assemblyman Colton working closely with Councilman Treyger and the NYC Department of Transportation, much needed major street resurfacings are now underway.

At the strong urging of Colton and Treyger, the DOT currently is resurfacing Bay Parkway from 81st Street to 86th Street and most of 86th Street from 14th Avenue to Stillwell Avenue. Councilman Treyger and Assemblyman Colton are still working with the DOT to have Stillwell Avenue from 86th Street added to the repaving plan.

Also included in the Fall repaving schedule will be Kings Highway from 78th Street to McDonald Avenue; Bay 29th Street from 86th Street to Cropsey Avenue; 19th Avenue from 61st Street to 86th Street; 80th Street from Bay Parkway to Stillwell Avenue; and Cropsey Avenue from Bay Parkway to 26th Avenue. However, DOT cautions residents that minor changes could occur in terms of exact locations or timing.



FORMING PARTNERSHIPS FOR CLEANER STREETS

Assemblyman Colton and Councilmember Treyger, together with community leaders Nancy Tong and Charles Ragusa, are working to get increased attention to our neighborhood from the Department of Sanitation in placing more pails on the corners and scheduling special cleaning efforts.

COLTON IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR SENIORS

Assemblyman Colton has always supported nonprofit senior centers to obtain funding for their programs. Last year, he worked with Council Member David Greenfield to save the House of Jacob from closing.

Every year, he visits senior centers providing valuable information and support. This year he again fought to protect senior centers from any state budget cuts. Colton's Community Office helps thousands of seniors obtain benefits and assistance with a wide range of problems.

This year, Assemblyman Colton succeeded in raising the eligibility income limit for seniors to get their rents frozen from \$29,000 to \$50,000. This change will make more seniors eligible to freeze their rents to insure they can afford to remain in their apartments.



Assemblyman Colton with Community Leader Nancy Tong discussing senior issues.



Assemblyman Colton shown distributing turkeys at Senior Centers.

COLTON FIGHTING HEROIN ABUSE



Assemblyman Colton shown organizing meeting with 62 Pct. Commanding Officer Captain Taylor discussing keeping crime down.

Assemblyman Colton helped pass a series of bills to address the heroin abuse problem in New York.

These laws include:

- Strengthening penalties and law enforcement to crack down on illegal drugs
- Insurance reforms and programs to provide treatment options for addicted individuals
- Provisions for the safe and proper availability of overdose antidotes for first responders and emergency personnel.
- Adding 100 investigators to State Police Narcotics Enforcement Unit
- Creating Operation Impact to fund programs to reduce gun violence and shootings

Although crime remains low in our neighborhood, Assemblyman Colton believes we must be ever vigilant, working closely with and supporting our police and law enforcement efforts to prevent crime and ensure the safety of families.

COLTON FIGHTING FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

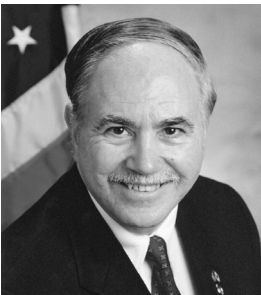


Assemblyman Colton, a former NYC teacher, knows the importance of education for our children.

As our Assemblyman, he has always rallied for more monies for neighborhood schools, smaller class size, better computers and technology, and higher excellence in education.

This year, he successfully fought to bring \$300 million per year, for two years to NYC for an historic Universal Pre-Kindergarten program. In addition, he helped obtain a \$1.4 billion statewide increase in school aid, with a \$435 million increase to NYC schools.

Working together with **Council Members Mark Treyger** and **David Greenfield**, he has formed a neighborhood team to ensure state monies get funneled to our neighborhood schools, including increasing reimbursements for mandated services to parochial schools and Yeshivas to ensure that the schools of our neighborhood will continue to provide excellence in education for all our children.



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