

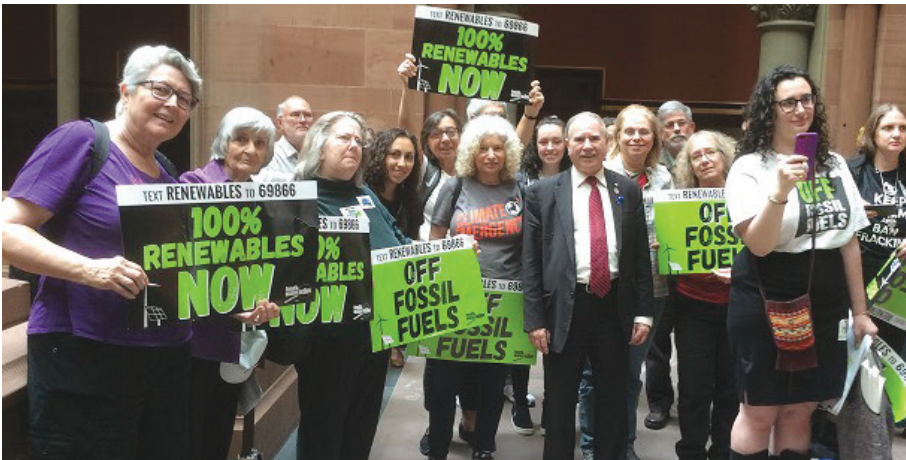


Assemblyman William Colton

Fighting For Us
and Our Community

Spring 2019

ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON FIGHTS FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT TO KEEP OUR AIR AND WATER CLEAN



Assemblyman Colton has fought for a prosperous future for all our neighborhood families and all New Yorkers. Our environment is one major concern.

Improving our environment by keeping our air and water clean is one reason Assemblyman Colton led the fight to close down the Southwest Brooklyn Incinerator in 1991. It is also why he is continuing to fight the Southwest Brooklyn Transfer Station which Mayor de Blasio is imposing on our neighborhood.

FIGHTING TO PREVENT IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Assemblyman Colton has been sounding the alarm to the terrible impacts of climate change such as extreme weather conditions, rising waters, and flooding. Assemblyman Colton has introduced legislation which aggressively addresses the Climate Change concerns of attaining 100% renewable energy by 2030 by setting a structure to retrain workers for the many new green jobs to be created. This legislation is written to transition New York into 100% clean energy in a smooth, efficient way that reduces negative effects upon jobs and costs by building infrastructures with tax credits, incentives, and planning so that strong actions are taken to protect the quality of life of all.

DEMANDING FAIR FUNDING FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Assemblyman Colton has always been a leading voice to get more funds for our schools. He spoke out against an unfair school formula which shortchanged high needs schools, such as NYC some \$38 billion. Finally, the Court of Appeals ruled NYC did not receive monies due to them.

There is still \$4 billion not paid in foundation aid and Assemblyman Colton spoke on the floor and voted against the state education budget this year because, while it increased the monies for education, it failed to adequately address foundation aid owed to our schools.

Assemblyman Colton is determined to keep demanding the Executive Budget restore these monies owed to our children.



Assemblyman Colton is shown with students from I.S. 303 who visited him in Albany. Assemblyman Colton was able to obtain a two hundred and fifty thousand dollar grant for the school.



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ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON FIGHTS TO KEEP SHSAT WHICH HAS PROVEN TO WORK FOR MANY YEARS

For many years, Assemblyman Colton, together with community leaders Charles Ragusa, Nancy Tong, and Nino Magali, has fought against the city plan to eliminate the Specialized High School Admission Test (SHSAT) as the criteria for admission to the specialized high schools. He introduced bill A.4818, which requires the New York City Department of Education to create more Gifted and Talented programs and classes in all school districts, with elementary Kindergarten through fifth grade and intermediate sixth through eighth grade. This is an objective standard to admit students through academic merit, not through subjective standards.

While New York City schools are filled with some of the brightest children in the country, unfortunately too often, the schools they attend do not have the proper programs to challenge them and develop their cognitive skills. We need to promote Gifted and Talented classes in every school district and increase the number of specialized schools so that more properly prepared gifted children who qualify will be admitted to our specialized high schools.

ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON'S OFFICE OFFERS REDUCED-FARE METROCARD SERVICES

MTA MetroCard Mobile Sales staff will assist those who are eligible every month at Assemblyman Colton's Community Office located at 155 Kings Highway (between West 12th and West 13th Streets).

SENIORS 65+

Senior citizens 65 years of age and older can apply for an MTA Reduced-Fare MetroCard and can receive a temporary card the same day. Proper proof of age, such as a driver's license, is required.

SENIORS WITH DISABILITIES

People with qualifying disabilities with a Medicare card and a valid photo ID, such as a driver's license, can apply for a Reduced-Fare MetroCard and receive a temporary card the same day.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

People with qualifying disabilities without a Medicare card can also apply. No temporary card will be issued and the applicant must first meet all qualifying criteria. Please note that the application processing may take up to 8 weeks.

Upcoming Dates and Times

Friday, June 28, 2019
10 a.m. to Noon

Friday, July 26, 2019
10 a.m. to Noon

Friday, August 30, 2019
10 a.m. to Noon

Friday, September 27, 2019
10 a.m. to Noon

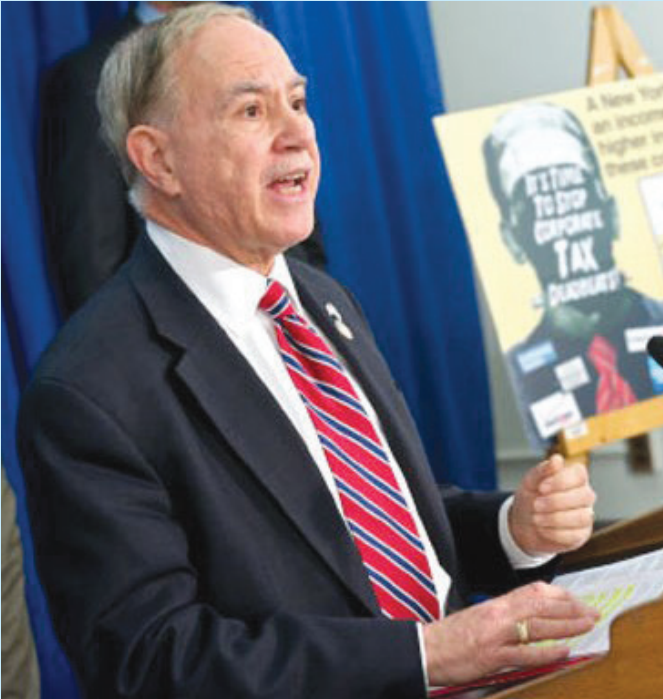
Friday, October 25, 2019
10 a.m. to Noon

Friday, November 22, 2019
10 a.m. to Noon

Friday, December 20, 2019
10 a.m. to Noon

COLTON FIGHTING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO CREATE FUNDS FOR PURCHASING BULLETPROOF VESTS FOR K-9 POLICE DOGS



Serving on the police force of New York State is risky, not only for people but also for K-9 police dogs. K-9 police dogs are often shot or stabbed by a fleeing suspect and many of them die in the line of duty. Providing soft body ballistic armor vests for K-9 police dogs is not only righteous but also financially feasible. Untrained (green) canine police dogs are valued between \$30,000 and \$35,000. When trained, the canine dogs are valued at up to \$70,000 or even more. When a K-9 police dog dies in the line of duty, New York State police officers lose a friend, a well-trained specialist, and money. The purpose of this bill is to protect the lives and well-being of police K-9 dogs and ensure that the budget the New York State Police Department spends on training of K-9 dogs is used efficiently and effectively.

ASSEMBLYMAN COLTON HONORS DISTINGUISHED NEIGHBORHOOD WOMEN



To celebrate Women's History Month, Assemblyman Colton hosted his 6th Annual Distinguished Women's Awards ceremony on March 24th. The celebration drew a tremendous turnout of over 150 community members, including 47 honorees, their friends and family, local media, as well as young dancers from the Pesvebi Georgian Cultural Center who surprised the guests with an amazing live performance.

Those receiving recognition have made impactful contributions to business, education, healthcare, government, volunteerism, humanitarian work, community, and civic affairs. This program recognized neighborhood women who perform valuable services in our community daily, but who are rarely recognized. Many of these women brought family to the ceremony to see them being recognized and received a flower as a small memento of appreciation.

DEMANDING ACTION ON TRAFFIC SAFETY

Assemblyman Colton has been raising concerns about traffic safety issues for years.

After two deaths along Avenue T, Assemblyman Colton and Council Member Mark Treyger brought the DOT Commissioner to personally observe Avenue T, resulting in a redesign of the street and safety speed calming measures. He has successfully fought for speed bumps requested by residents on many side streets

Now, he is pressuring the City to put a traffic light on Avenue S and West 7 Street, instead of an ineffective all-way stop sign.

After a terrible accident killing a three-year-old on Benson Avenue and Bay 25 Street, Assemblyman Colton has blasted the NYC DOT for ignoring warnings about this intersection going back to 2013 from both he and Council Member Mark Treyger. Assemblyman Colton is demanding a re-inspection of the entire Benson Avenue strip, and the installation of a traffic light and speed bumps on Benson Avenue and Bay 25 Street.

To its credit, NYC responded promptly, installing design changes to the corner. However, Assemblyman Colton still demands a traffic light is needed.



Assemblyman Colton with Police Officers at Elite Academy High School where Officers presented an informational program on dangers of drug use.

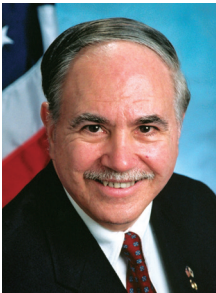


Assemblyman Colton at his annual Veterans Day Event where he recognized our heroes and presented them with a certificate and a flag lapel.



Assemblyman Colton with District Leaders Nancy Tong and Charles Ragusa who organized another one of their neighborhood cleanups.

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We will help you with: Small Business Concerns + Housing Issues + STAR/E-STAR + SCRIE/DRIE + HEAP + HeartShare + Food Stamps + Health Insurance + State/City Agencies Problems + Quality of Life Issues, getting traffic safety measures such as traffic lights, speed bumps, getting potholes and dangerous conditions fixed, and much more.