

# **ASSEMBLYMAN**

# WILLIAM COLTON

**COLTON FIGHTING FOR OUR QUALITY OF LIFE** 



## **COLTON LEADS THE FIGHT AGAINST HOMELESS SHELTER**



#### **Victory In Sight!**

Since the city announced plans last summer to site a 150-single-man homeless shelter on 2501 86th Street, Assemblyman Colton has been leading the charge to make sure that the shelter never opens, for the sake of the people who would reside in it as well as for those who live and work nearby. Assemblyman Colton has been working closely with all stakeholders and is hopeful to bring good news back to the community soon about this location – which has been the site of an ongoing daily protest for over 15 months.

# **COLTON WINS BATTLE ON FREETRASH CANS**

#### FREE TRASH CANS FOR MANY NYC HOMEOWNERS

As one of the first elected officials to demand that New York City distribute free trash cans as it prepares to modernize its trash collection process, Assemblyman Colton applauds the city's recent decision to reimburse for new trash cans for many homeowners. Last summer, outraged that the city is requiring property owners to buy specific trash cans or be subject to fines, he started a petition as well as community movement. Assemblyman Colton is delighted that the pressure worked and a program that provides for reimbursement of the new trash bins to owners of one- and two-family homes, as long as they are enrolled in the STAR or Enhanced STAR property tax relief program, finally appears to be moving forward.



# **COLTON FIGHTING FOR MORE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS**



#### **FUNDING NEEDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED**

Assemblyman Colton is outraged that, despite an overall increase of more than \$15 million in state funding, long-established and successful afterschool programs offered at numerous local schools have not received essential money. In a letter to the chancellor of New York City public schools, Assemblyman Colton demanded the city agency to distribute afterschool funding quickly and equitably so that those families that already have been inconvenienced can quickly get some relief.

# **COLTON DELIVERS**



#### **COLTON GETS MEDICAL AID FOR SENIOR**

In our great country, no one should have to worry about getting medical help for family members. Our office worked with Met Council, a local nonprofit organization, to help get a \$500 gift card for this senior to get medical supplies for her husband's care which his medical insurer did not cover.

#### **COLTON HELPS NEIGHBORHOOD STORES**

Stressing the importance of helping local businesses, Assemblyman Colton brought Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce President Randy Peers and members of his team to visit our neighborhood merchants. They connected business owners with a panoply of free resources, from financing opportunities to marketing expertise to advice for working with government agencies.



#### **COLTON DISTRIBUTES** BACKPACKS TO STUDENTS

Assemblyman William Colton provided several hundred children backpacks filled with supplies at Seth Low Park (sponsored by CASS), at Shore Haven Apartments (sponsored by the Pakistani American Youth Organization) and at Marlboro Houses (sponsored by NYC Health & Hospitals South Brooklyn Health). Assemblyman Colton, who taught elementary school for 11 years early in his career, is adamant that we must repeatedly emphasize the importance of education.



#### **COLTON ORGANIZES FOOD GIVEAWAYS**

It is becoming so expensive to put food onto family dinner tables. Assemblyman Colton is proud to partner with non-profit food pantries like UA3 and Met Council to help needy families with food. Please follow our Facebook page (Bensonhurst Food Giveaway) to be informed about future food giveaway events.



## TO THE COMMUNITY



#### COLTON ORGANIZES FREE CHILDREN'S BOOK CAMPAIGN

Assemblyman William Colton and Councilmember Susan Zhuang teamed up to bring books to children in the community. As a former educator, Assemblyman Colton believes that books can reveal new worlds for our children and such a

book drive can cultivate a whole new level of learning in the youngest members of our community. Special shoutouts and thanks must go to our dedicated community partners such as FIAO (the Federation of Italian American Organizations), the JCH (Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst), and Sharing Hearts.

#### COLTON IS ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU

Questions about neighborhood issues? Concerns on quality of life? The Office of Assemblyman Colton is always here to help. In addition to the Kings Highway district office, Assemblyman Colton also added a mobile office on Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. at Il Centro, 8711 18th Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11214.



# COLTON INTRODUCES 62ND PCT CAPTAIN TO COMMUNITY

Assemblyman Colton joined a host of community leaders on an introductory tour along 86th Street and Bay Parkway with the goal of introducing the 62nd Precinct's new commanding officer, Captain Mohammad Islam, meeting businessowners and shoppers and learning about their concerns.

#### **COLTON VISITS SENIOR CENTERS**

Assemblyman Colton enjoys visiting neighborhood senior centers and bringing updates to our seniors.

Assemblyman Colton's office is proud to provide free services to thousands of senior constituents every year, helping them with issues like SNAP, senior housing, affordable housing, notarization, and reading and writing letters.



#### COLTON PROUDLY PARTICIPATES IN BROOKLYN COLUMBUS DAY PARADE



Assemblyman Colton joined hundreds of other marchers in the annual Columbus Day Parade along 18th Avenue in Bensonhurst. He views the parade as a celebration of the contribution of Italian-Americans to Brooklyn, New York City and the United States. Sincere thanks goes to the Federation of Italian American Organizations (FIAO), whose leadership and members worked so hard to make the 43rd Columbus Day Parade a huge success.

# **COLTON ORGANIZES NUMEROUS COMMUNITY CLEANUPS**

Assemblyman Colton has led neighborhood cleanups for over a decade.

Partnering with wonderful community-based organizations such as CASS, Sharing Hearts, Homecrest Community Services, Assemblyman Colton organized weekly cleanups during summer and fall targeting Seth Low Park, 86th Street, Kings Highway, Bay Parkway, 18th Ave., Bath Ave., and Benson Ave.

Special shoutouts to our amazing volunteers for your dedication and diligence for our community!



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