

ASSEMBLYMAN WILLIAM COLTON

COLTON FIGHTING FOR OUR QUALITY OF LIFE



COLTON MOBILE OFFICE AT IL CENTRO OPEN ON FRIDAYS FROM 12 NOON TO 4 PM

Assemblyman Colton has opened a Mobile Office on Friday afternoons from 12 Noon to 4 PM on the first floor of Il Centro at 8711 18th Avenue, Brooklyn NY.

Assemblyman Colton and his staff are there to assist with any issues or concerns for constituents who may find it difficult to travel to his regular Community Office at 155 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, NY 11223.

COLTON'S OFFICE OFFERS FREE CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Assemblyman Colton has expanded his services by offering FREE children's books at all reading levels to your children or grandchildren.

Various schools and community organizations have been donating children's books which are being made available free to our children and grandchildren! We hope that making such books available will encourage the love of reading and opening of new worlds of learning.



COLTON VISITING SENIOR CENTERS WITH THANKSGIVING TURKEYS

With the help of our community partners, Assemblyman Colton has been visiting numerous senior centers with turkeys for each center to distribute free to some of their members. The Assemblyman jokingly says that the lucky winners will be able to tell their sons and daughters that this year, they will bring the turkey to be cooked for Thanksgiving Dinner.

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COLTON LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST HOMELESS SHELTER



FAILED HOMELESS SHELTER POLICY

Assemblyman Colton, together with Council Member Susan Zhuang and other local elected officials have been fighting to stop the building of a homeless shelter which fails to help homeless people but enriches the developer and operator while hurting the neighborhood. This proposed shelter at 2501 86 Street has united the community.

WRONG LOCATION

This location would be terrible for a shelter for 150 single men with drug and mental health issues. Within a few blocks are PS 101, IS 281, St Peter's Academy, PS 97, and a number of Pre-K childcare centers. The developer is trying to push ahead without applying for the required stormwater permit and disregarding building requirements.

COMMUNITY UNITED

Rallies and marches of thousands of community residents, both at the site and at City Hall have occurred, to protect not only our community but also the residents who would be housed there, without getting the help they need, while diverting huge city monies from the programs which would actually help homeless people and solve homelessness.

COLTON FIGHTING AGAINST HATE AND VIOLENCE

SWASTIKA VANDALIZING MAGEN DAVID AND WASHINGTON CEMETERY

Assemblyman Colton has always promoted bringing diverse communities together and spoken out against hate.

Recently, swastikas were painted on the windows and door of Magen David School on McDonald Avenue and at Washington Cemetery.

While each of these locations were a block out of his Assembly District, Assemblyman Colton discussed these incidents with the police. He joined other elected officials speaking out against them.

The Assemblyman called for the use of a law he introduced and passed into law some ten years ago, making it an E Felony to vandalize property intentionally with a swastika or a burning cross, both hate symbols of violence and intimidation.

ALL HATE CRIMES MUST BE CONDEMNED

Assemblyman Colton has always spoken out against hate acts, no matter who such acts were committed against. Hate directed against any one group is against all people whether against Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Asian, White, Black, or Hispanic. It must always be condemned forcefully.



COMMUNITY AND DELIVERS

COLTON CALLS FOR FREE BUSES FOR ALL SENIORS WITH REDUCED FARE CARDS



With rising costs challenging the affordability of many families, Assemblyman Colton has introduced legislation which would make buses free for all seniors eligible for reduced fare MetroCard or OMNY Cards.

The seniors often use public buses for medical appointments, visiting friends and family and shopping. Instead of paying half fare, these seniors would be able to board city buses free. The Assembly Member is also proposing similar legislation to allow college students, enrolled in accredited bachelor's or associate degree programs, to ride city buses free.

CONTINUING DIGITAL THEFT FROM SNAP CARDS

Over the past few years, seniors have discovered monies on their SNAP benefit cards have been stolen, often in the middle of the night, at places far away which they never frequented. One major cause of this is that scam operators place undetectable card reading devices in stores where the cards are inserted, and the information is stolen and later used to make purchases in faraway locations.

COLTON'S OFFICE HELPING THEFT VICTIMS

Many seniors have come to my Assembly Community Office due to SNAP thefts. My staff has been helping them learn to lock their cards when not in use, but this is complicated for seniors. These fixed income seniors are seriously financially hurt when these thefts occur.

COLTON CALLS FOR ENHANCED SECURITY FOR SNAP CARDS

CHIP-ENABLED CARDS ENHANCE SECURITY

For over a year the state government agency has been promising to request federal authorization to convert the SNAP card issued to a chip-enabled card. But this has still not happened. A chip-enabled card does not need to be inserted into store machines and this greatly reduces the likelihood of such thefts. These thefts occur on the currently issued cards without any fault or knowledge of the card holder. The federal government was reimbursing such stolen monies when it occurred without any fault of the card holder, but is no longer doing so!



DEMAND CHIP-ENABLED CARDS BE ISSUED

Assemblyman Colton is demanding the state to issue more secure chip-enabled cards to prevent these thefts or be responsible to reimburse those who through no fault of their own have monies stolen from their card.

COLTON PROUDLY SPONSORS ANNUAL VETERANS' CEREMONIES THANKING OUR VETERANS



Assemblyman Colton holds a Veterans Day event every November recognizing neighborhood veterans and reminding all in the community to always remember and thank our veterans for their services.

Nominations of veterans are made by community groups and this year some 41 local veterans were awarded an Assembly Citation and a flag lapel pin, as well as the opportunity to say a few words before those gathered for the event.

COLTON ORGANIZES NUMEROUS COMMUNITY CLEANUPS

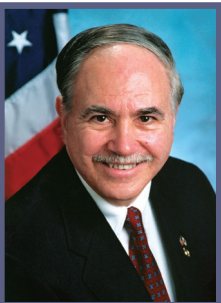


For years now, the Assembly Member has been sponsoring Community Cleanups in which he personally joins volunteers in cleaning up our community.

Partnering with wonderful community organizations, such as CASS, Sharing Hearts, FIAO, UCA, high school Key Clubs, and many high school and college students, Assemblyman Colton leads cleanups targeting Seth Low Park, Bensonhurst Park, Bath Beach Park, 86 Street, Bath Avenue, Benson Avenue, Bay Parkway, 65th Street, Kings Highway, 18th Avenue, Cropsey Avenue and others.

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