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Message from Assemblyman Chang

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

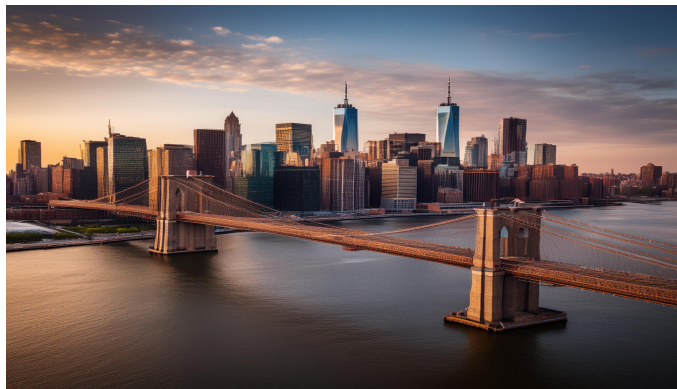
I hope you had a pleasant summer.

As I write this, I can't help but remark on how fast the summer went by!

While only my second year in office, I wish to express how proud I am of all the accomplishments my team and I have made in these last few months. From school bag giveaways, to cleaning up the local parks, to the NYPD community collaboration during the official Night Out event, my dedicated staff and volunteers helped out every step of the way.

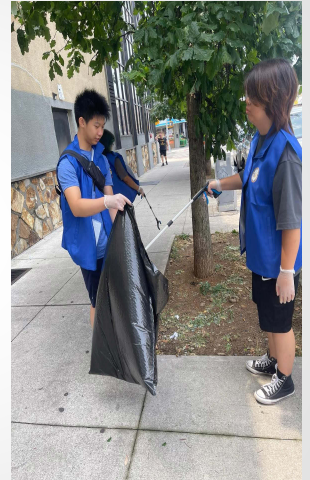
As always, my office is available to assist you. Please reach out by calling my district office at 718-236-1764 or emailing changl@nyassembly.gov. I thank you for the privilege of serving as your Assemblyman and I wish you and your family a happy and successful rest of the year.

Lester Chang
 Member of Assembly
 49th Assembly District



Cleaning Our Parks

Throughout the summer, our dedicated Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) staff took on various neighborhood improvement initiatives. One of the important projects my office spearheaded was the cleaning and beautifying of our neighborhoods parks. Trash was picked up and waste was recycled to make an enjoyable family outing clean and safe once again.



MTA OMNY Van

On July 29th, in a collaboration between my office staff and the MTA, an OMNY mobile van parked in front of my office to provide assistance to public transit users. Over one hundred people attended and took advantage of the free services offered such as getting help with reduced fair metro card applications, replacing damaged metro cards, receiving bus and subway service notices, and signing up for OMNY cards.



Camp HASC Visiting Day

On July 29th, Assemblyman Chang attended a very heartwarming event in the heart of New York. Located in the Catskills, Hebrew Academy of Special Children, Camp HASC, was designed for children, to provide for them a fun and enjoyable summer camp experience. The Assemblyman joined a ribbon cutting ceremony to kick off the new-on premises medical facility. This facility allows for the incredible Camp HASC staff to provide devoted care for the over 350 campers who attend each summer.



Pictured above from left to right- Assemblyman Lester Chang, Congressman Marc Molinaro, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Camp HASC Director Shmiel Kahn

School Backpack Giveaway!

During the busy summer season, our office dedicated time and resources to hosting multiple school bag giveaway events throughout the community. We believe that every student deserves to start the new school year with the necessary tools to succeed. Our office provided hundreds of students with brand new backpacks, filled with essential school supplies. This was an opportunity for school children to connect with friends, neighbors, and their local Assemblyman. By investing in our children's education, we are building a brighter future for our youth.



Citations & Farewell to our SYPEP Interns

August 7th was a special day for us at the office as we bid adieu to our summer youth interns (Summer Youth Employee Program). Assemblyman Chang held a ceremony that highlighted the importance of youth involvement in local government. The ceremony commenced with the distribution of an official New York State Assembly citation to each SYPEP intern. Interns were pleased to receive their personalized citation and take pictures with the Assemblyman. After the festivities, the Assemblyman surprised the SYPEP interns, office staff, and participating community representatives with a delicious lunch.



SUNY Maritime College - Ship Exploration

On August 6th, Assemblyman Chang traveled with several summer interns to embark on an exciting new multi purpose training ship, the Empire State 7! The ship, with state of the art facilities and advanced technological innovations, even hosts a barber shop. Empire State 7 has a nearly \$315 million price tag. The role of the ship is to assist approximately 400 cadets who chose to participate in the SUNY Maritime Cadet Program, obtain hands-on experience while conducting training, and learn in a safe and simulated environment. The Assemblyman and interns joined the ship as it weighed anchor and completed the last leg of its 2-month voyage. As the ship sailed underneath the Throgs Neck Bridge to return to port at SUNY Maritime College in the Bronx, the cadets' family members began to cheer in anticipation of the ships arrival. This hour-long excursion gave the Assemblyman (a proud graduate of SUNY Maritime College) enough time to give his staffers a tour of the 10 levels of the ship including the bridge, engine room, and the ship's cafeteria. For information on applying for the SUNY Maritime Cadet Application Program Scholarship click on the link provided - <https://www.sunymaritime.edu/scholarships-list>

NYPD - National Night Out Event



One of our favorite annual summer events, also took place on the evening of August 6th in the Assemblyman's District. The NYPD and Community Affairs Officers of the 62nd Precinct and the 68th Precinct took time to meet with residents in the community and distribute citations to lay-leaders and our youth.

This National Night Out event promotes police-community partnerships, and our participants were happy to partake in the fun activities amid interactions with the NYPD. The rainy weather did not dampen the spirits of the resilient 49th Assembly District residents! Making our neighborhoods safer is a goal we all share throughout America.



9/11 Memorial Service

On September 11th, Assemblyman Chang attended the 9/11 memorial service in Chatham Square, Chinatown. The Assemblyman paid tribute to the lives lost and honored the heroes who emerged. As a Navy veteran, Assemblyman Chang reflected on the sacrifices made by service members and first responders.



Masks For All

Stop into our office anytime between 9am to 5pm (Monday to Friday) to pick up a free face mask. Just ask one of our dedicated staff members to grab one for you.



Free Covid-19 Tests!

Every U.S household is eligible to order 4 free at-home tests. Call 800-232-0233 or go to covidtest.gov to place your order.

Reminder: Beginning November 12, 2024, all properties with 1-9 residential units will be required to use bins (55 gallons or less), with secure lids to set out trash.

You can use a compliant bin (55 gallons or less with a secure lid) that you already have, but starting June 2026, you MUST use an official NYC Bin. Order by October 1st to ensure delivery by November 12! Official NYC Bins are only available for purchase online at: www.bins.nyc or scan the Qr-code below.



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Reminder To register To Vote Before October 26th Deadline

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OUR OFFICE STAFF ARE HERE TO HELP