



ASSEMBLYWOMAN
Latrice Monique Walker

Reports to the People • Spring 2018

Dear Neighbor:

Happy Spring! As one season draws to a close and another begins, it’s time to recap on what legislation has been passed, this year’s budget, and an update on what to look forward to in the 55th Assembly District. Phase II of Vital Brooklyn has launched, accessing our district to high quality, yet affordable healthcare and housing. This year’s budget awards us with a reinvestment in public education, financial support in the fight against homelessness, and recapitalization in funding for MWBEs. I am ecstatic about all the progress we have made and look forward to all the work that will be completed in order to secure the funding and support we deserve within the 55th Assembly District.

This newsletter is intended to be a helpful resource to keep you up to date on issues affecting the 55th Assembly District, as well as other important information. I also invite you to “like” my Facebook page and follow me on Twitter and Instagram for daily updates from the District and Capitol.

Sincerely,

Latrice Monique Walker
Assemblywoman, 55th A.D.

What’s New in the District?

VITAL BROOKLYN: PHASE II

Vital Brooklyn gives us the opportunity to improve our quality of life from healthcare to housing. This comprehensive approach to help Central Brooklyn gain access to quality community resources is essential for growing the region and empowering the community. Phase II of Vital Brooklyn launches Affordable and Supportive Housing, Economic Development for all over Central Brooklyn with new accessibility to Mobile Green Markets, and Grants Gateway for MWBEs.



REINVESTING IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

Many of you have voiced concerns about the closure of Brooklyn Collegiate High School; it was my honor to fight to keep open the doors of one of the only public high schools in our district. Thank you for advocating to secure the education of its students and to keep the doors of Brooklyn Collegiate High School open. Together, we were able to make this possible.

2018- 2019 NEW YORK STATE BUDGET

As you know, every spring is budget season up in Albany. My colleagues and I were working around the clock from January until April to pass this year’s budget to provide the necessary funding that will suffice the needs of the district. This year’s budget provides funding for necessities such as the (MTA) Subway Action Plan — for a total of \$836 million — to make emergency repairs and enhance subway performance, allocating \$1.67 million for local economic development initiatives, and providing \$250 million for the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) to make capital repairs, including replacing and updating heating equipment, as well as weatherization and other critical maintenance projects.

Assemblywoman Latrice Walker –



Assemblywoman Walker and Speaker Heastie at a Women's Empowerment Brunch.



Assemblywoman Walker with constituents from the district in the Capitol for the New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators Caucus weekend.



Assemblywoman Walker meeting with Dream YouthBuild with New York State Senator Velmanette Montgomery!

You Sent Me to Albany to Legislate Here Are Some Key Bills I've Sponsored:

A.10137

I am so proud to sponsor this bill which relates to the issuance of securing orders and makes conforming changes related to bail reform.

A.5835

Authorizes a victim of domestic violence to apply to remove the violent felony offender from deed of co-owned real property.

A.5925

Relates to pre-clearance of voting-related regulations and policies.



Assemblywoman Walker at a Prison Reform press conference advocating for her bill A.10137 which calls for serious bail reform.

In Albany and Around the District



Assemblywoman Walker reading with the kindergartners, first, and second graders at the library!



Assemblywoman Walker, Councilwoman Ampry-Samuel, state officials, and constituents at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Camba Inc. new Affordable and Supportive Housing at 603 Mother Gaston Blvd.



Assemblywoman Walker, Councilwoman Ampry-Samuel, and staffer Michelle Wilkes at the Annual Intergenerational Thanksgiving Luncheon at Mount Ararat Senior center where seniors won raffle prizes like flat screen TV's and gift cards.



Assemblywoman Walker, Councilmembers Ampry-Samuel, and Levine at the Winter Village celebration at Seth Low Houses.

PRIME SPONSORED LEGISLATION:

A.8096 – Relates to establishing a program for financial transitional living services for foster children

A.10542 – Relates to establishing the commission on diversity in specialized schools

A.7366 – Relates to protecting the rights of Mitchell-Lama residents

A.10560 – Extends expiration of authority granted to the department of housing preservation and development of city of New York to restructure rents of dwelling units in buildings foreclosed upon by the federal government

A.5646 – Relates to increasing the tax credit provided for solar energy system equipment

A.3820 – Directs the department of corrections and community supervision to test a program of supplying inmates with tablets for educational and recreational means

A.5847 – Relates to establishing a crisis intervention team program

A.5839 – Relates to compliance with federal reporting standards for incidences of sexual assault on SUNY and CUNY campuses

A.5874 – Requires the establishment of community housing waiting lists within the office of mental health service system

A.5844 – Relates to mandatory training curriculum; and to model poll worker training programs

Your Voices Were Heard Loud and Clear with My Committee Assignments in Albany



CHAIR, SUBCOMMITTEE ON RENEWABLE ENERGY: Jurisdiction includes oversight and legislative responsibilities for global climate change, new technologies research and development, and solar energy system.

HOUSING: Responsible for legislation concerning housing development and preservation. Its preview includes rent regulation, as well as legislation that amends volumes of New York consolidated laws such as Multiple Dwelling Law, Multiple Resident Law, Private Housing Finance Law (which governs state programs like Mitchell-Lama), and Public Housing Law.

ENERGY: Jurisdiction over legislation relating to energy availability and sources, policy and planning, conservation, and electric, gas, and steam rate-making in New York State.

ELECTION LAW: Jurisdiction over all legislation that affects elections such as ballot access, voter registration and enrollment, voter education and outreach, campaign financing, and related administrative procedures.

CORRECTION: Jurisdiction over legislation affecting all aspects of the operations of both state and local correctional facilities, with 54 state correctional facilities and 62 local correctional facilities systems, including all local jails and police lockups operated by municipalities across New York State. New York has approximately 53,000 inmates in state facilities and 27,370 inmates in local facilities.

INSURANCE: Jurisdiction over legislation that would preserve essential health benefits and promote quality health care in New York State.

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Constituent Services: (Walk-Ins) Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Neighborhood Advisory Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday of the Month, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.