

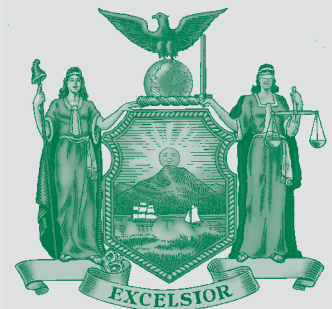


Thank You

This November, I was re-elected to serve the 66th District. I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity to once again serve your interests here at home and in Albany. It was wonderful to meet so many of you, and to hear first-hand about the issues that matter to you the most.

In the next legislative session, I will continue to focus on increasing our supply and access to affordable housing, increasing the number of public elementary and middle school seats in the District, ensuring governmental support for local businesses that make our neighborhoods unique, and securing the safety of our environment by passing a permanent moratorium on fracking.

I always love hearing from my constituents and invite you to write, e-mail, or call anytime to share your ideas.



Assemblymember Glick at a ROC United rally in support of eliminating the tipped minimum wage.

Fighting Injustices in New York City

The death of Eric Garner, and the failure of a Staten Island grand jury to indict the officer whose actions seemingly caused his death, is a stark reminder that our City is not immune to the injustices that have been seen across the country in recent months. As New Yorkers, we pride ourselves as living in a city whose diversity inoculates us from many of the incidents of prejudice that occur elsewhere. Of course this has never been true, and the Eric Garner case, followed so quickly by the death of Akai Gurley (who was shot by a police officer in Brooklyn while standing in a stairwell), show just how far we still have to go.

New York City is clearly safer than it's been in decades, and we owe the NYPD a great deal for the work they've done to reduce crime. At the same time, it's more important than ever to weigh the costs of that safety, and determine whether policies like stop-and-frisk or aspects of "Broken Windows" policing have not just damaged police-community relations, but actually deprived certain communities of their basic rights to participate in and be protected by a fair and just legal system. Simply put, there is a current of racism that runs through our policing practices, whether seen in individual actions or in policies that disproportionately affect people of color, and that racism cannot and should not be ignored.

In a welcome reversal of one such practice, the number of stops made under the City's stop-and-frisk policy have dropped by over 92% between this year and last, showing clearly that this administration is fulfilling its promise to eradicate the misuse of a practice that many argued was unconstitutional and violated the rights of the young men of color it targeted. At the same time, however, Commissioner Bratton has reinstated the practice of "Broken Windows" policing, which directs officers to focus on minor quality-of-life crimes as a way to reduce crime overall. There is

certainly some value to addressing low-level crimes that are directly related to issues of personal safety and property damage. We all like to live in neighborhoods that look, feel, and are safe, and focusing on these types of crimes helps achieve that. However, not all quality of life crimes deserve such overwhelming responses. It is hard to understand, for example, why there were four police officers on hand to respond to Mr. Garner, whose suspected crime was that of selling loose cigarettes. The response to Mr. Garner when he "resisted arrest," denying that he was selling cigarettes and asking to not to be bothered, was neither reasonable or warranted by the offense, and was exacerbated by the presence of a number of police officers focused on arresting Mr. Garner at any cost. While the focus of the media, and the grand jury, has been on the officer who used a choke hold and was therefore most directly implicated in Mr. Garner's death, the issue clearly goes beyond this single officer. Many, including Esau Garner, Eric Garner's widow, have questioned whether Officer Pantaleo is being scapegoated for the actions of all of the officers present when Mr. Garner was killed or for the directives of the NYPD, even as they've demanded accountability.

As the City and the nation respond to police brutality, it is essential that we look not just at the individual officers involved but at the systems that have fostered police officers who engage in that brutality. Clearly, most police officers are devoted to protecting the communities in which they serve, and frequently put themselves in danger in order to do so. This truth, however, should not stop us from seizing upon this moment and asking difficult questions about how police training and practices have contributed to unjust and unnecessary killings or other abuses. The cost of these practices and failures in training to our society, and especially to people of color, is simply too great.

Addressing Domestic Violence in the NFL

As many of you are aware, I am a longtime supporter of eradicating domestic violence and a longtime fan of the NFL. Sadly, both of these issues became intertwined this year as the now infamous case of Ray Rice lay bare the NFL's failure to appropriately address domestic violence within the league.

Ray Rice's videotaped abuse of his then fiancé was shocking in both its brutality and aftermath. It showed how quickly an argument can devolve into violence. Faced with a public outcry, the NFL was forced to completely revisit its domestic violence policy, which was incredibly lax bordering on non-existent. This fact is hard to comprehend considering it is well known that the Super Bowl, the NFL's biggest game, is closely associated with an increased rate of domestic violence. The NFL's total indifference to such a serious issue has now been completely exposed.

Sadly, the Ray Rice videotape, while atrocious, is no different from other instances of domestic violence that happens across the United States on a daily basis. There are approximately 1.3 million incidents of domestic violence against women in our country every year. That equates to more than 35,000 cases of domestic violence every day. On average, 3 women are murdered by their partners or former partners every day.

When tragedy occurs on a scale so enormous, it becomes difficult to fully comprehend what these numbers actually mean. Domestic violence does not happen in a bubble, it affects many people. There are grave consequences for women, families and their children, and the men who commit this violence, not to mention the financial cost to society which is \$8.3 billion in expenses annually.

The Ray Rice case has exposed the seedy underbelly of the business of the sport, and has forced the NFL to actually develop a policy that is responsible and appropriate. Although, the NFL has been slow to recognize and penalize offenders, I hope that this case will lead to real results and a real change in how the league operates.

In an attempt to demonstrate how seriously the NFL is taking the matter, they've begun airing Public Safety Announcements during games. While this seems like sheer public relations, I am extremely heartened to see NFL players taking a leading role in this new round of conversations. For too long, domestic violence has been thought of as a "women's issue" and it has been mainly left up to women to advocate for other women who have been abused. Considering it is well documented that men are more likely to be responsible for abuse of women, it is time for men to step up and begin to equally (if not more equally) share the burden when it comes to eliminating this scourge. If men shunned other men who expressed misogynistic attitude towards women, and did a better job of supporting women in society, this would go a long way towards reshaping social norms. If men believe that it is okay to mock women, which we see all the time, then it is not a far leap to understand how women can be devalued, dehumanized, and then abused.

The NFL plays an outsized role in helping determine the national perception of manhood and masculinity. If the NFL addresses domestic violence seriously, it will have an important impact on the rest of society. Football players are idolized by millions of boys and men. If these individuals can become leaders in the fight to create a more equal society, it will model more appropriate behavior which might begin the change we must have.



LGBT Center Women's Night Honorees, Assemblymember Glick and Gloria Steinem, along with LGBT Center Executive Director Glendda Testone.

Protecting Choice for Women of New York

New York State has always been a leader in reproductive freedom. We repealed the anti-abortion laws in 1970, three years before the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision. While today, many may not have experienced a time when legal, safe abortion was unavailable, this was a horrible reality for women who had to seek out illegal, and often unsafe, abortions pre-Roe v. Wade. Unfortunately, there are those who want to return to this terrible past. For example, earlier this year, the Burwell v. Hobby Lobby decision restricted access to contraception by denying health coverage for it. We've also seen a nationwide epidemic of restrictive legislation being passed at the state level. Most recently, Ohio has proposed to ban abortion after six weeks. At six weeks, many women would not even be aware that they are pregnant. This is both shocking and outrageous. How far will the government go to ensure that women do not have the ability to make decisions regarding their own body?

As anti-abortion measures are passed throughout the country and Congress prepares to take on a number of bills which would severely curtail women's reproductive freedoms, it is more important than ever that New York State continue to lead the way by strengthening the protections in place for these rights. New York State still lacks important protections found in federal law, including provisions ensuring physicians cannot be criminally prosecuted for providing reproductive care. Several states have already passed such protections, such as California, Connecticut and Maine. It is essential that New York State remain a leader for women's rights, and pass the Women's Equality Act (WEA), which would codify these federal protections in state law in the upcoming State legislative session and help protect New Yorkers from whatever regressive policies the federal government might implement.

As many know, WEA is a ten-point legislative package that seeks to enhance the rights and protections of women in New York, including provisions that would enhance the safeguards for survivors of domestic violence and strengthen the laws requiring equal pay for equal work. While the Assembly has passed WEA twice, the State Senate has refused to vote on the provisions as a package and broken the bill up into separate pieces of legislation and passed provisions except for the one that would safeguard reproductive rights. As a leading state in women's rights, it may be a surprise to most of my constituents that there is such resistance to simply codifying federal law at the State level. However, the reproductive health provision in WEA is essential, especially because the Supreme Court has allowed the erosion of many of the basic reproductive health guarantees over the years after repeated challenges from states.

We cannot and should not compromise with people who do not believe women should have control over their own bodies. We must codify a women's right to access a safe abortion to

protect New Yorkers should Roe vs. Wade be overturned by the Supreme Court. Critics have said that this bill is a waste of time because New York is already a progressive state. But it's foolish and short-sighted to think New York will always be progressive regarding choice, especially considering that the State Senate proves otherwise. This legislation is essential precisely because the future is unknown, and protections must be written into the law. Women's rights, freedoms and especially their physical wellbeing should be at the forefront this legislative session, as the Assembly again fights to get this package passed. We cannot ignore the regressive and negative trends stifling women's rights nationwide, and should all be engaged in the essential fight to pass the complete Women's Equality Act.



Assemblymember Glick speaking at a rally to renew rent laws.

Tackling Climate Change at Home and Abroad

On September 21, The Peoples Climate March in New York City saw thousands of people advocating for change during talks at the week-long United Nations climate event. I, along with hundreds of thousands of others, marched and used our collective voice to draw attention to the negative impact climate change has on our planet. Climate change poses a grave threat to our environment, and the federal government must take action now.

This march was more than overdue. Arguably, the nation should have learned its lesson from our collective experience dealing with the devastating force of Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast in 2005. Although many called for corrective steps to mitigate the impact climate change poses to our environment, unfortunately little action was taken. Climate change deniers

have found strong allies in many politicians who represent the financial interest of companies that would be negatively impacted if we cut our consumption of fossil fuels. These are the same individuals who have a press conference on a snowy day to prove that global warming is fictitious.

The onslaught of rising sea levels, extreme weather conditions, and frequent floods is now the norm in many parts of the United States. We saw this phenomenon close to home with the devastation of Hurricane Sandy in 2012. The overflow of the Hudson forced our local government to start to recognize the need for a more resilient infrastructure. A recent deal brokered between China and the United States to cut greenhouse gas emissions is a momentous step to proactively address climate change. As part of the deal, the U.S. pledged to cut its 2005

levels of carbon emissions by 26-28 percent before 2025. China agreed to limit its carbon footprint, too. And as this newsletter was going to print, environmental leaders at the United Nations Climate Change Conference convened a meeting in Lima, Peru to hash out a deal to address climate change across the globe.

The conference in Lima ended with an agreement to hold a follow-up meeting on national pledges the United Nations Climate Change Conference created. The follow-up meeting will take place November 2015 in Paris to assess how far the involved countries are in their efforts to assist "vulnerable" nations with financial support, and in moving involved countries past "current undertakings" to address global climate change.

Both steps are admirable, but don't go far enough. Nationally, and globally, we have to work toward incorporating renew-

ables from solar panels and windmills to tidal turbines to harness energy. In addition, we should research other renewable energy supplies to replace fossil fuels, which are one of the driving forces damaging our climate. We must also protect our wetlands that serve as natural buffers that help capture storm water runoff, serve as resting places for migratory birds and wild life and control damaging flood levels.

It's time for all of us to take a stand. It's our job to ensure that the next generation has a greener and cleaner planet.



New Feature When Hailing Taxi Cabs

Recently, I was behind a yellow cab waiting at a red light, when I realized I had no idea if the cab was occupied. It was a newer cab and the call light on top of the cab, which New Yorkers have been accustomed to since time immemorial, was nowhere to be found. After writing to the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC), I was informed that in

newer model cabs, availability can be located on the left and right side of the rear windows, by a vertical light displaying a cab is vacant. Although this is not an intuitive placement for cab availability, it is what the TLC has determined is appropriate. Please keep this in mind in the future when you are trying to hail cabs from the rear.

Recycling Your Electronic Devices

Starting on January 1, 2015, it will be illegal for New Yorkers to discard electronics in the trash. At this point, all electronic devices must be recycled. Bringing your electronics to the curb will result in a fine for your building. However, there are many options that you can pursue.

- 1. E-Cycle NYC.** NYC apartment buildings are eligible to participate in an innovative new program that provides buildings with a free and convenient service to pick up and recycle unwanted electronics. If your building has more than 10 units it is eligible to participate.
- 2. Retail Drop Off programs.** Drop off electronics at any Goodwill, Salvation Army, Best Buy, or Staples.
- 3. Donate or Sell Working Electronics.** Visit the NYC Stuff Exchange website to buy, sell, or donate electronics.

Increasing Access to Government and its Data

Often times, I hear from constituents who want to call agencies in either the City or the State but can't find the right number. Fortunately, these numbers are all located in a reference guide called the Green Book which is now available online. I would like to commend the de Blasio Administration for making this happen. If you are interested in viewing the green book you can find it online at www.nyc.gov/greenbook.

I would also like to make you aware of NYC Open Data that makes public data generated by various New York City agencies and other City organizations available for public use. As part of an initiative to improve the accessibility, transparency, and accountability of City government, this catalog offers access to a repository of government-produced, machine-readable data sets. You can use this site to learn about everything from what kinds of 311 calls are being received, to a map of every pothole complaint made in 2013. You can also specify your query by topic of interest. For instance the NYC Women's Resource Network is a free, user-friendly database of over 1,000 nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies that work to advance and benefit women and families in New York City. A user can tailor their search by keyword, category, and/or borough to receive a customized listing of organizations that address their needs.

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