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IN THE COMMUNITY

Alex joined the Met Council and fellow elected officials to distribute food for Passover. Together, they packed Halal and Kosher food and delivered it to those living in affordable housing, ensuring the residents were properly prepared for the holidays.



The Bores Brief

Only have minutes to spare? Here's what you need to know:

- We passed the State budget on April 20th. This **balanced budget** made significant investments to better the lives of New Yorkers without raising income tax rates at all. More details are on the next page.
- Ensuring that tax dollars are put back into the community is a priority for me, which is why I am proud to be **delivering \$4 million dollars to organizations within the district.**
- In September, I wrote a letter advocating for the state to build **software enabling New Yorkers to file their taxes for free.** In March, the software launched, and I'm proud to announce that 14,144 New Yorkers used it; **95% said they were "satisfied" or "very satisfied,"** and 86% completed their taxes within 15 minutes!

The Assemblymember passed a resolution declaring April 6 as "Tartan Day" and joined Senator Krueger to present it to the Saint Andrew's Society of New York at a ceremony at the Brick Presbyterian Church.



Afterwards, he also marched in the 25th annual New York City Tartan Day parade.

Assemblymember Bores participated in an Earth Day celebration hosted by the Saint Vartan Park Conservancy.

The event featured a park cleanup, arts and crafts activities, planting projects, and a book reading session.



The Assemblymember welcomed to the 73rd District Sir Connor Burns, a Member of the UK Parliament, and the Prime Minister's Trade Envoy.



They discussed trade between New York and the United Kingdom, as well as promoting Artificial Intelligence (AI) safety research.

NAN ANNUAL CONVENTION

Alex attended a ribbon cutting to kick off the annual National Action Network (NAN) Convention and celebrate 33 years of advocacy for civil rights and racial equality.



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As always, it is my honor to represent you in Albany.

My office is here to serve you. If we can ever be of assistance, write to us at BoresA@contactme.nyassembly.gov.

Sincerely,

Alex Bores
Your Assemblymember

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Artificial Intelligence and Election Security: The budget includes legislation that the Assemblymember introduced to protect New Yorkers from the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in political ads. Now, campaigns that use AI will have to disclose that on their ads, and any candidate that is portrayed in a “deepfake” video, image, or recording can sue to have that fake image blocked. This measure gives New York the strongest safeguards in the country against the misuse of AI to spread disinformation, suppress voter turnout, and undermine the electoral process.

Public Safety: The budget allows retail businesses to claim a \$3,000 tax credit on security measures to prevent theft, makes a new crime for selling stolen goods online, and makes it easier to prosecute the retail theft rings gaming the system. The budget cracks down on illegal weed stores by allowing the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) or the Sheriff to padlock them.

We are investing \$30 million in mental health services for those in the criminal justice system, to get them treatment before crimes escalate. The budget spends \$347 million on further reducing gun violence. It also invests an additional \$35 million into the Securing Communities Against Hate Grant, which will protect houses of worship, religious schools, and other vulnerable locations.

The budget also outlaws the license plate covers that have been used for toll evasion, authorizes seizing those covers, and creates fines for offending drivers.

Affordability: The budget has a brand new Child Tax Credit for working families. New York will now cover insulin for all who need it. We are investing \$150 million in a Mitchell-Lama 2.0 program to build affordable housing. The budget also creates a tax credit to enable office buildings to convert into new affordable housing, which will be particularly beneficial in our district.

Finally, it also invests \$25 billion for education to improve our schools.

WORKFORCE TRAINING



Assemblymember Bores served as a panelist during Pursuit’s Demo Day. Pursuit teaches people from underrepresented backgrounds coding and professional skills, increasing their salaries by over 400%. Congratulations to the very impressive fellows!

FUTURE CAUCUS


The NY Future Caucus held its first policy meeting, analyzing bipartisan legislation. The nonprofit CivAI also demoed making live “deepfakes” of Alex’s voice and likeness, which were terrifying and will (hopefully) never see the light of day, but might be shared with constituents who ask for them.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Assemblymember Alex Bores Mobile Office Hours

Thursday, May 2, 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library, 455 5th Ave
 Meet with Alex from 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Pershing Square Sounds

Monday, May 6, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Pershing Square Plaza West



Family Shabbat & Concert



Friday, May 10, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Metropolitan Synagogue, 40 E 35th St
RSVP at inquiries@metropolitansynagogue.org

Esplanade Friends Spring 2024 Concerts

Saturday, May 11, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
60th St and the East River Esplanade
French Cookin’ Blues Band



Muslim Volunteers for New York Environmental Stewardship Day



Saturday, May 18, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Rupert Park, 1741 2nd Ave

Murray Hill Park Avenue Day

Saturday, May 18, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Park Avenue between 24th and 40th St



Paper Shredding with Assemblymembers Bores, Epstein, and Simone



Sunday, May 19, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
The SW corner of 17th street and Union Square East

RESULTS FROM MY OFFICE

(by the numbers)

9,089+

contacts with constituents

239+

constituent cases resolved

232+

bills co-sponsored

8

bills passed by the assembly

391+

community events attended

526+

legislative meetings held

CONGESTION PRICING DISABILITY EXEMPTION & LOW INCOME DISCOUNT LAUNCHED

The Individual Disability Exemption Plan (IDEP) exempts vehicles transporting persons with disabilities. The Low-Income Discount Plan (LIDP) gives a discount after the first 10 trips.

The MTA released the applications last week. You can learn more at:

e-zpassny.com/en/about/cbdplans.shtml