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Dear Neighbor,

Happy Spring! We are now in the final stretch of this year's legislative session and I am focused on a renewal of the rent laws that includes [stronger protections for tenants](#). I believe these important reforms we have fought for for years are no longer out of reach.

There are many opportunities for you to join in the struggle to change the laws that affect tenants in New York. Read more about how you can get involved below, check out the other events we have coming up, and learn about what happened in the Assembly this week.

See you around the district,

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## News from Albany

*Driver's Licenses for All*

This week in the Assembly, my colleagues and I advanced the conversation on driver's licenses for all. As a co-sponsor of, ([A3675 / S01747](#)) carried by Assemblymember Crespo, we will enable undocumented New Yorkers to apply for a driver's license. The bill has two important goals, one is to ensure that more qualified and accountable drivers are on the road. The second is to create equity for these New Yorkers, who have been senselessly forced into the shadows. Passing this measure is a matter of delivering race and class justice while also creating economic benefits to New York by facilitating the commutes of thousands of workers who will be able to drive legally to workable reduce the number of drivers fleeing accidents, millions of dollars for New York in fees. I look forward to its passage.

### *Safeguarding the Environment and Public Health*



As your Assemblymember, I am committed to tackling the specter of climate change. The challenge we face is too big for anyone to sit on the sidelines. I am happy to report that the Assembly Majority passed an Earth Day agenda that includes seven environmentally-focused legislative proposals that would enshrine New Yorker's rights to clean air and water in the Constitution, ban the use of the harmful pesticide chlorpyrifos, and reduce the amount of toxins in consumer products. I encourage you to read about the full package [here](#). You can also get involved at the local level by joining this weekend's park clean up (see below for details).

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## Upcoming Events

### *Hearings on Housing Issues*

The laws that affect New York's tenants are changing this year. Make your voices heard at an upcoming hearing where you can speak directly to legislators.

Hearings on Rental Housing & Tenant Protections:

1. **Rochester Friday, May 10th at 11:00am in the Legislative Chambers Monroe County Office Building, 39 West Main Street Rochester, New York (more info [here](#)).**
2. **Albany, Thursday, May 9, 2019, 9:30am, Hamilton Hearing Room B, Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248 (more info [here](#)).**

### *Saturday Park Clean Up - Tomorrow!*

Join me tomorrow! Cleanup of Manhattan's John V. Lindsay East River Park on **Saturday, May 4th from 3:00pm - 5:00pm** for the 8th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep, a day of service for the Hudson River and its tributaries.

Volunteers will meet outside the East River Park Track House at E 6th St and FDR Drive. The cleanup will stretch from Montgomery St. north to E. 12 St. along the FDR Drive. Street parking is available but extremely limited on E 6th Street, however taking public transportation is recommended.

We ask all Sweep volunteers to wear sturdy shoes or boots, clothing that they can get dirty, and bring a hat, sunscreen, and a filled reusable water bottle and snacks. Please bring work gloves if you have them.

### *StuyTown Flea Market and Mobile Office Hours*

The Flea Market will be **Saturday, May 4th (rain date will be Sunday, May 5th) from 10:00am to 4:00pm**. Stop by to check out the hundreds of vendors and be sure to visit our table, where staff will be on hand to provide constituent services.

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## **In the News**

[Landlords rally ahead of first rent-regulation hearing](#)

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