

Member of Assembly Carl E. Heastie

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Dear Neighbor(s):

First, I write to wish you and your family a wonderful summer full of exercise and enjoyment.

I wanted to update you about funding I have secured during this year's legislative session and some of the important legislation we were able to pass into law.

For many years, the legislative priorities of the Assembly Majority would pass our house but stall in the Senate. However, this year the Senate joined the Assembly in creating strong laws that help our most vulnerable citizens.

Additionally, I was able to secure local funding for programs in the Northeast Bronx. The Legislature was able to provide significant resources for capital and infrastructure investments throughout the state. These resources help our community grow by investing in our neighborhoods.

There is still much work to be done, and I look forward to continuing to fight to keep the Northeast Bronx a wonderful place to live. As always, if there is any way that I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With Love and Hope,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl E. Heastie".

Carl E. Heastie
Speaker of Assembly



Team Heastie attends a community outreach program held by Eastchester Road Church of God.



Speaker Carl Heastie joins the YMCA to host a Northeast Bronx Job Fair.

Mind-Builders receives \$225,000 allocated by Speaker Heastie

The \$225,000 secured in the state budget will allow Mind-Builders Creative Arts Center to provide children with education in the arts. The program offers children enrichment and instruction in music, dance, theatre and other arts programs. The programs are conducted year-round outside of school hours to help keep young adults off the street and engaged. These funds will also be used to purchase materials and supplies for the Community Folk Culture Program. This program offers an opportunity for young adults to have hands-on experience with shared cultural arts and activities while documenting and archiving this heritage.



Assemblyman Carl Heastie hosted an Easter Celebration with a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Speaker Heastie announces \$100 million in funding for NYCHA

The Legislature approved \$100 million in additional funding for repairs and lead paint abatement throughout New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) buildings. Assemblyman Heastie negotiated this critical funding to help alleviate the capital funding crisis at NYCHA.

Speaker Heastie nominates R.A.I.N. Gun Hill Senior Center/ Senior Housing for \$180,000

Carl Heastie was able to provide \$180,000 in capital funding to help meet the needs of the R.A.I.N. Gun Hill Senior Center/Senior Housing, which is located at 3377 White Plains Road. These funds will help renovate and maintain the facility through the capital grants program.

\$120,000 for Wake Eden Summer STEM Camp

In the final days of the legislative session, Assemblyman Heastie secured state funding to help implement the Wake Eden Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program. The funding will help youth get excited to explore sciences through interactive learning programs. Children who participate in STEM programs have been shown to achieve greater success in their education and professional endeavors.

\$50,000 for NAACP Williamsbridge Branch

The Williamsbridge Branch of the NAACP will be able to conduct education and after-school programming for local families with funding secured by Assemblyman Heastie through the State Education Department. This program helps children achieve academically through education and mentoring from older students and adults.

\$50,000 in funding for NCNW

The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) of the Northeast Bronx has been nominated by Assemblyman Heastie for funding to conduct an after-school program to help prepare youth for academic success.

\$50,000 to fund the Bridgefield Civic League

Assemblyman Heastie secured funding to help the Bridgefield Civic League renovate its facility, as well as continue providing much-needed services to local youth and mentoring and career training to the local community.

Assemblyman Heastie provides Bronx Bethany Community Corporation with \$50,000 in state funding

Bronx Bethany Community Corporation will receive state funding as the result of Assemblyman Heastie's advocacy to allow local children to enjoy the benefits of a summer day camp.

Assemblyman Heastie secures \$150,000 for Mosholu Montefiore Community Center

Assemblyman Heastie has secured \$150,000 to implement a community health program through the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center. This funding will help local families access critical health and social services to ensure they are healthy and can find the road to self-sufficiency.

Assemblyman Heastie announces \$100,000 to continue The Doe Fund Clean Streets project on White Plains Road

Assemblyman Heastie has successfully secured funding for The Doe Fund's "Ready, Willing & Able" Program. Since 2003, The Doe Fund has had a work crew along White Plains Road from Gun Hill Road to 233rd Street that collects trash and keeps the sidewalks and streets clean. The Doe Fund is a not-for-profit homeless service organization that provides permanent solutions to homelessness through paid work and a host of other social services.

Assemblyman Heastie secures \$30,000 for Northeast Bronx Day Care

Assemblyman Heastie nominated the Northeast Bronx Day Care Center (formerly known as the Susan Wagner Day Care) for funding to renovate the outdoor play area so local youth can enjoy a safe, educational and clean play area.



Assemblyman Heastie announces new legislation with his Assembly colleagues.

Groups funded through the Special Projects Program

R.A.I.N. Inc. (\$100,000): Financial assistance provides support for the following R.A.I.N. Inc. senior centers: Gun Hill Senior Center, Boston Secor Senior Center, Eastchester Senior Center and Boston East Senior Center.

New York Public Library (\$30,000): This funding will be used to purchase books and materials for local library branches in the Eastchester, Edenwald and Wakefield areas of the Bronx.

Education Through Music (\$20,000): Funds will be used to provide music instruction for children at PS 68 and PS 169.

AIM High Empowerment Program (\$20,000): Funds will be used to conduct a reading and math program hosted at PS 111.

East 233rd Street Senior Center (\$10,000): Financial assistance will provide materials for senior programs and activities.

Bronx Rise Against Gun Violence (\$10,000): Funding will be used to supplement gun violence prevention efforts in Bronx County.

Carl Heastie leads Assembly to extend the statutes of limitations for rape

Assemblyman Heastie was able to negotiate an extension to the statutes of limitations for rape cases to help victims find justice. The statute of limitations for rape and criminal sexual act in the second degree was extended to 20 years. The statute of limitations for rape in the third degree was also extended to 10 years. These changes will allow victims to seek help and justice at their own pace.

“Coming to terms with the aftermath of a sexual assault, let alone choosing to press charges, is a yearslong process. We took a critical step today to give victims more time to recover before making that courageous and daunting decision,” said Heastie.

Protecting our planet and defending disadvantaged communities

Assemblyman Carl Heastie helped pass the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (A.8429), a comprehensive bill that sets critical environmental standards, including requiring the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to:

- establish statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits by regulation, to reduce emissions 85% by 2050;

- implement regulations to achieve statewide greenhouse gas emissions reductions;
- establish a community air monitoring program and 35% of clean energy investment to benefit disadvantaged communities; and
- ensure all projects as a result of the legislation are subject to the prevailing wage rate that reflects current law.

“As the administration in Washington rolls back environmental protections, the Assembly Majority will continue to lead the way in developing green energy alternatives and sustainable policies and practices,” Heastie said.

Keeping ghost guns off our streets

Assemblyman Heastie helped pass a measure to keep up with advances in technology that make it easier than ever to create undetectable guns. The bill bans the manufacture, sale, transport and possession of undetectable firearms in New York State (A.763-A)

“As rates of gun violence increase across the country, New York continues to lead the way in prevention by passing commonsense gun safety legislation,” said Heastie.



Speaker Heastie announces the passage of a new law expanding access to driver's licenses.

Giving the #GreenLightNY

Assemblyman Carl Heastie championed the Driver's License Access and Privacy Act, also known as the Green Light bill, to create safer roads for all New Yorkers, boost the state's economy and protect hardworking New Yorkers and their families (Ch. 37 of 2019).

“This new law will make New York's roads safer for everyone and ensure that our industries have the labor they need to keep our economy moving,” said Heastie.

The law will:

- make sure every driver on the road is trained, tested and insured to keep our roads and families safer;

- generate an estimated \$57 million in combined government revenues that would recur annually;
- provide a \$26 million one-time boost in revenues as more people get licenses; and
- expand the types of proof of identity that could be submitted with an application for a non-commercial driver's license.

Standing up against workplace harassment

Assemblyman Carl Heastie helped increase protections against discriminatory harassment in the workplace (A.8421).

The legislation:

- does away with the “severe or pervasive” standard for workplace harassment, establishing that harassment needs only to rise above the threshold of petty slights or trivial inconveniences to be considered unlawful;
- eliminates the need to file a formal complaint or follow a particular reporting procedure to have a valid claim. This change will protect workers who are unable to make complaints

without facing the risk of retaliation; and

- extends the time to file a claim for sexual harassment from one to three years.

“As we have listened and learned from the brave victims who have come forward to tell their stories, it has become more and more clear that harassment is a persistent problem with detrimental impacts on workers in every industry,” said Heastie.



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“This legislative session was one of the greatest in history – driver’s licenses for all, safer workplaces and funding for youth and seniors. This session brought a lot of wins for the Northeast Bronx.”

— **Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie**



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