



Assemblyman

Spring 2013

Luis Sepúlveda

Reports to the People

Dear Residents of the 87th Assembly District,

It is with the utmost sincerity, gratitude and honor that I write to you as your new Assemblyman! It is truly a blessing to represent each and every one of you, my supporters, my constituents, and my friends here in the Bronx and in the State Assembly.

It is because of all of you that I am here today. It is because of your faith, your dedication and your diligent support that I now embody all of your efforts to assure that positive changes can and will be made for the Bronx. My goal is to put the "community first," and that is exactly what I intend on doing.

I will do everything in my power to make your voices heard, to be accessible as your public servant, and to make sure that your concerns are being met. I firmly believe that to be an effective leader, you must strive to put your community before all other aspects of being an elected official. I am your mouthpiece. I am your advocate. I am at your disposal.

I encourage you to be engaged in the policies that may affect you. I encourage you to come to my office. I encourage you to meet my staff, and present any concerns that you may have to them—they are ready and willing to help, look at them as extensions of me. Furthermore, I encourage you to help me fight for your interests in our state capitol in Albany.

This is just the first of many publications that I will be distributing to you, to keep you updated on all that is occurring in our district and in Albany. I want to keep you engaged, I want to be able to provide you with a clear understanding of what it is that I do to represent you all, and to do what needs to be done to make our district the best in this great state of New York!

God bless,

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Off to Great Beginnings...



On January 9, 2013, Assemblyman Sepúlveda was introduced for the first time as the Assemblyman of the 87th Assembly District inside the Assembly Chamber in Albany.



On January 12, 2013, Assemblyman Sepúlveda held his swearing-in celebration inside St. Raymond's Auditorium in the Bronx, alongside his relatives, friends and volunteers.



Assemblyman Sepúlveda participated in history during President Barack Obama's swearing-in ceremony in Washington D.C.



On April 13, 2013, Assemblyman Sepúlveda held the grand opening of his district office. He shared this very special occasion with his family, staff, volunteers and friends. It was a day to remember!

What's Happening in the 87th...



In February, along with Rev. Senator Ruben Diaz Sr., Assemblyman Sepúlveda co-sponsored the second annual celebration of the African American Abrazo.



Featured here is Assemblyman Sepúlveda along with Senator Rev. Ruben Diaz Sr. and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. at the Three Kings Day celebration at P.S. 138.

On Valentine's Day, Assemblyman Sepúlveda sponsored a dance for the seniors in the Castle Hill Senior Center. During the event, Assemblyman Sepúlveda awarded two of his constituents, Raquel Rivera, left, and Maria Carbajal, right, with awards for outstanding community service. Many of the seniors danced to the beat of salsa, Motown music, cha cha cha, and the electric slide; they enjoyed every minute of it!



What I Am Up To...

Fighting for a Higher Minimum Wage for New Yorkers

Assemblyman Sepúlveda successfully fought to raise the minimum wage in New York State. The 2013-14 state budget increases the minimum wage to \$9.00 per hour by 2016. The wage will gradually increase over the next three years from \$7.25 to \$8.00 per hour on Dec. 31, 2013; to \$8.75 on Dec. 31, 2014; and then to \$9.00 per hour on Dec. 31, 2015. Hardworking families deserve a higher standard of living and this will certainly help!

Drones Are Upon Us

Assemblyman Sepúlveda is presently working on a bill that will focus on limiting how drones can be used and for what purposes. Drones, as in unmanned aerial vehicles, can be as large as a plane, and as small as a butterfly, are becoming more prevalent, and not just in foreign lands, but in our backyards. If abused, this technology can be devastating to our privacy as residents of New York. Assemblyman Sepúlveda is fighting to ensure that proper safeguards be put in place to protect our liberties and our privacy.

Removing Strip Clubs From Our Neighborhoods

Recently, Assemblyman Sepúlveda has pursued certain establishments that lower the standard of living for our residential communities. Given the collective outcry from the areas that he represents, he felt it necessary to make sure that these types of businesses are aware that we don't want them associated with our neighborhoods, and influencing our children. Assemblyman Sepúlveda will continue to confront these types of establishments until they realize that doing business elsewhere is in their best interests.

A DREAM for Many

Assemblyman Sepúlveda firmly believes that the American Dream is still possible. He also believes that this dream should be accessible to the hardworking immigrants who come to this country look-

ing for a better life for themselves and their families. The DREAM Act will remove some of these barriers so that our students, through no fault of their own, who happen to be here illegally, can make that dream come true. Assemblyman Sepúlveda is proud to say that he is a sponsor of such legislation.

More Affordable Housing

Assemblyman Sepúlveda helped pass legislation recently that would be instrumental in establishing more affordable housing in New York City, as well as lowering the costs of owning a house. From property tax relief to building more rent-controlled apartment units, this bill is designed to relieve some of the financial pressures of living in one of the most expensive cities in the world. The middle and working classes are the lifeblood of our city, it is about time we helped them persevere.

Gas Stations, Beware

In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, when the gas shortages were at their worst, one of the first acts Assemblyman Sepúlveda pushed forward with was legislation to ensure price transparency at the pump. What many consumers are unaware of is that depending on how you purchase gas, a surcharge may be placed on the sale depending on whether it was paid via a debit or credit transaction. Assemblyman Sepúlveda is working hard in Albany to see that these charges are made clear to the drivers of New York State.

Gun Control on the Horizon

Assemblyman Sepúlveda was a part of a landmark law that will make it more difficult to purchase and acquire handguns. Communities in the Bronx know full well the impact of illicit gun use and have long been on the front lines of shootings. Assemblyman Sepúlveda was pleased to take part in an initiative to render it more difficult to purchase weapons—legally or illegally—so that they may be used to cause havoc and death. Safer streets make for more peaceful streets.

Capitol Chronicles...



Assemblyman Sepúlveda is featured in the DREAM Act press conference along with his peers.



Assemblyman Sepúlveda joined the Yiddish community in celebrating "Happy Tu Bishvat," the Jewish New Year for trees.



During the 2013 Black & Puerto Rican Caucus Awards, Assemblyman Sepúlveda awarded Ivine Galarza, District Manager of Community Board 6, with the Louis Nine award for outstanding service to her community.



A group of students from Union College paid Assemblyman Sepúlveda a visit up in Albany to discuss education and their future after graduation.



After a long day in session, Assemblyman Sepúlveda is featured here taking a break to bond with his youngest son, Luis Enrique, inside the Assembly Chamber.

Capitol Chronicles...



In March, Assemblyman Sepúlveda sponsored a resolution in the Assembly honoring Bangladesh Day. Featured here are Assemblyman Sepúlveda, Rev. Senator Ruben Diaz Sr., who sponsored a resolution in the Senate, and members of the Bangladesh community.



Assemblyman Sepúlveda at a press conference in favor of decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana and opposing stop and frisk.



Assemblyman Sepúlveda met with a group of advocates to discuss funding for healthcare services.

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