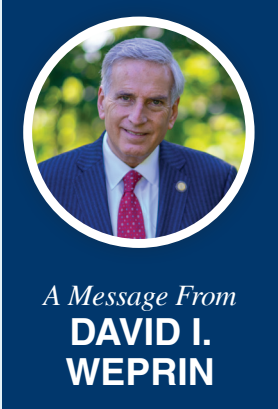




Reports to the Community

Fall 2025

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MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits as we settle into the cooler, crisp days of fall. This time of year brings not only beautiful changing leaves but also the small challenges that come with the season. As you tidy up your yards and sidewalks, please remember that both of our offices have leaf bags available to help make cleanup a little easier. More importantly, as we enter flu season, I want to remind everyone to take extra care of their health and loved ones. Many of you have reached out requesting COVID-19 test kits, and while our current supply has run out, we are actively working with local agencies and partners to restock as soon as possible. Your well-being remains our top priority, and we’re doing all we can to ensure that our community stays safe and supported.

I also wanted to share some of the exciting events and initiatives that took place in recent months. In recognition of Senior Appreciation Month, a Deed and Title Theft Prevention and Scam Prevention Event was held on Wednesday, October 29, at the Hillcrest Jewish Center. The event, hosted by the Showing Hearts Foundation in partnership with my office, was designed to help seniors safeguard their homes and personal information through education and access to trusted resources.

Looking ahead to November, I encourage everyone to participate in our **Annual Thanksgiving Turkey and Canned Food Drive**, which supports families in need during the holiday season. Your donations and volunteer efforts make a real difference each year, and community participation is always deeply appreciated. Additionally, throughout **November and December**, we will begin collecting **toys for our Annual Holiday Toy Drive**, spreading joy to children and families across the district. As before, donations can be dropped off at either of our district offices.

It is my sincere honor to continue representing my neighbors and uplifting the vibrant communities of the 24th Assembly District. As we look ahead to the remainder of the year, my staff and I remain committed to working with community groups, advocates, and residents to address challenges and advance solutions that move New York forward.

My District Offices are located at 185-06 Union Turnpike in Fresh Meadows and 111-12 Atlantic Avenue #5 in Richmond Hill and open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. You can reach us at 718-454-3027 or 718-805-2381, respectively, and by email at weprind@nyassembly.gov. Please don’t hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

David I. Weprin
Member of Assembly

FUSIA’s 17th Annual Graduation & Inauguration Celebration

I attended the 17th Annual Graduation and Inauguration Celebration for the Cross Cultural Internship Program (CCIP) run by FUSIA Communications, Inc. Every year, my office and I have been fortunate to welcome remarkable FUSIA J-1 interns who work diligently and consistently go above and beyond what is expected of them. This year’s celebration reflected the organization’s commitment to uplifting the next generation and ensuring that students have the tools they need to thrive both in school and in life. It was inspiring to see so many students recognized for their achievements, leadership, and personal growth. FUSIA has created a space where young people can grow as leaders and build the confidence to pursue their dreams. Congratulations to the graduates, and thank you to FUSIA for empowering youth, fostering leadership, and strengthening our communities.



Elizabeth “EK” Kay, Neil Trivedi, Assemblyman David Weprin, and Yen Chou pose with FUSIA graduates

Mayor Adams’ Guyanese Heritage Reception



Assemblyman David I. Weprin, Mayor Eric Adams, and NYC Chief Technology Officer Matthew Fraser

I’m proud to represent one of the largest Guyanese populations in New York City and it was a pleasure to join Mayor Eric Adams at Gracie Mansion to celebrate Guyanese Heritage. The evening’s reception was not only a recognition of the vibrant traditions, culture, and history of the Guyanese people, but also a reflection of the immense contributions the Guyanese community has made to our city and state. From the arts to education, from business to public service, Guyanese Americans continue to enrich every corner of our society. Their story is one of resilience, hard work, and deep dedication to both family and community. We gathered to celebrate the pride of a nation whose diversity of languages, religions, and cultures reflects the very spirit of New York, where unity grows through diversity and strength is found in shared values.

Americans with Disabilities Act Celebration at Queens College

I attended the Annual Americans with Disabilities Act Celebration, a gathering that not only honors the progress we have made but also underscores the work that remains ahead. The ADA has been a cornerstone in advancing civil rights, breaking down barriers, and opening doors of opportunity for millions of Americans with disabilities. It has transformed lives by ensuring access, dignity, and equal opportunity in schools, workplaces, public spaces, and beyond. This celebration was a reminder of the power of advocacy and the importance of community. Standing alongside dedicated advocates, families, and community members who continue to push for greater accessibility and inclusion was both humbling and inspiring. Their resilience and determination remind us that progress is never complete until every individual can live, work, and thrive without barriers.



Assemblyman David Weprin presents a congratulatory citation

Dominican Day Parade in Manhattan



Governor Kathy Hochul and Assemblyman David Weprin

This summer, I marched in the Dominican Day Parade in Manhattan with my colleagues and community leaders. Being alongside families, friends, and cultural organizations made it a truly unforgettable experience. The energy and pride on display reflected the incredible contributions of the Dominican community to our city and state. As I greeted constituents along the parade route, I was reminded of how much diversity strengthens us. The Dominican community continues to play a vital role in shaping the culture and civic life of New York, and it was a privilege to celebrate this rich heritage together.

National Day of Peace Celebration

I attended Elhaam Academy to commemorate and celebrate the International Day of Peace. It is a reminder that peace is not just a dream but a responsibility, a calling, and a choice we make every day. Around the world, we continue to witness heartbreaking violence: wars that displace families, destroy communities, and acts of hatred that tear at the fabric of our societies. These tragedies weigh heavily on us and reveal how fragile peace can be when taken for granted. By choosing peace in our daily lives, we push back against violence and create hope that can reach across nations. Let us teach our children to be peacemakers, empower our communities to reject hatred, and commit ourselves to building a world where every person can live with dignity and safety. The world needs healing, and peace is the path that will guide us there.



Assemblyman David Weprin, Saffiyah Hoosein - Head of School and Imam Muhammad Shahidullah alongside students of Elhaam Academy

American Bangladeshi Community Development Leaders Celebration

I attended the Bangladeshi American Community Development Leaders Celebration, where I was warmly welcomed by community members as they honored key figures whose work has been instrumental in uplifting Bangladeshi Americans. The event highlighted the strength, unity, and generosity of organizations such as the Bangladeshi American Community Development, which is committed to empowering immigrant families, advocating for social justice, and promoting cultural harmony while providing vital resources such as food, housing, employment opportunities, and education. Being part of this celebration was an inspiring reminder of the resilience and dedication of Bangladeshi Americans who are creating pathways for others while strengthening the cultural and social fabric of New York.



Imran Rahman, Abdur Rahmin Howlader, Khorshed Khandaker, Abdus Shahid, Assemblyman David Weprin, Hasan Zilani, Faruk Hossain Mozumder



Assemblyman David Weprin and Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar

Vigil in Honor of Detective Didarul Islam

I joined Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar and the community at Drew Street in Queens to honor the passing of Detective Didarul Islam. The powerful and emotional vigil brought together family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors to remember his life and service. Detective Islam dedicated himself to keeping our communities safe, and his loss is deeply felt by all who knew him. As I stood alongside so many who cared for him, I witnessed the lasting impact he made not only through his work in law enforcement but also through the kindness and integrity he showed every day. It was an honor to pay tribute to his memory and to stand in solidarity with his loved ones during this difficult time. Detective Islam's service and sacrifice will not be forgotten, and I remain committed to supporting his family and ensuring that his legacy lives on.

September 11th Memorial

I was honored to attend several memorial events marking the 24th anniversary of September 11, 2001. Each year, we come together to remember the nearly 3,000 lives lost on that tragic day, to stand with families who continue to mourn, and to pay tribute to the courage of our first responders and recovery workers who risked everything in service to others. The memory of 9/11 remains deeply personal to all New Yorkers. It was a day that forever changed our city, our state, and our nation. By gathering each year, we reaffirm our shared commitment to never forget, to support one another, and to ensure that future generations understand the importance of unity in the face of adversity. I will always continue to honor the victims, survivors, and heroes of 9/11. Their legacy reminds us of the resilience of our community and the strength of the human spirit.

Assemblyman David Weprin, New York State Senator John Liu, Assemblyman Edward Braunstein, City Council Member Linda Lee



Back to School Giveaways at Captain Tilly Park & P.S. 161

This back-to-school season, I joined families at both Captain Tilly Park and P.S. 161 for our annual Back-to-School Giveaways. These events are always a highlight for me, as they bring our community together and help ensure that every child has what they need to start the school year off right. At P.S. 161, I partnered with MetroPlus Health to distribute backpacks and school supplies, while also speaking with students and parents about their excitement for the year ahead. At Captain Tilly Park, I partnered with several organizations and fellow elected officials to distribute school supplies and backpacks to families in need. The energy and enthusiasm of the children reminded me of the importance of supporting our students not just in the classroom but in the community as well. I am deeply grateful to all of the community partners, volunteers, and families who made these events possible.

102nd Precinct Community Affairs Officers Nick Salamone and Assemblyman David Weprin



Tomchei Shabbos of Queens Food Distribution

I joined my fellow elected officials at the food drive hosted by Tomchei Shabbos of Queens, an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that has become a lifeline for countless families. Each week, Tomchei Shabbos distributes kosher food packages containing essentials like chicken, eggs, challah, and grape juice, helping households maintain a dignified Shabbat experience. In addition to its weekly efforts, the organization provides expanded food deliveries before major Jewish holidays such as Passover, Sukkot, and Rosh Hashanah, ensuring that everyone can celebrate without worry. Volunteers deliver directly to those facing financial hardship, crises, or mobility challenges, breaking down barriers and strengthening community bonds. Through the dedication of volunteers and the generosity of donors, Tomchei Shabbos of Queens continues to embody compassion, service, and solidarity while uplifting families and uniting our community.



Daniel Rosenthal VP of Government Relations at the UJA Federation NY, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Assemblyman Sam Berger, Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, Senator Joseph P. Addabbo Jr., City Council Member Sandra Ung, City Council Member Linda Lee, City Council Member Joann Ariola, City Council Member Lynn Schulman, City Council Member Majority Whip Selvena Brooks-Powers, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, Barry Grodenchik President of the Queens Jewish Community Council, and Assemblyman David Weprin

October 7th Remembrance and Resilience

I joined Commonpoint Queens' Central Queens to honor the memory of those who were lost and to stand with the community as it reflected on the lasting impact of October 7th. The gathering was a powerful reminder of how deeply this tragedy continues to affect families and neighborhoods, near and far. In the face of immense pain, the community has shown remarkable strength, coming together to support one another, share stories, and ensure that the lives lost are never forgotten. Through acts of remembrance and solidarity, a sense of unity has grown stronger, demonstrating the resilience and compassion that define this community.



Sivan Ben-Aderet Commonpoint Senior Director of Cultural Arts & Jewish Heritage, Danielle Ellman Commonpoint Chief Executive Officer, Imam Muhammad Shahidullah, Assemblyman David Weprin, Nova Music Festival survivor Atir Vinnekov, and activist / influencer Elaine Chaya

Jewish Community Relations Council Rosh Hashanah Celebration

I was delighted to attend the Rosh Hashanah celebration hosted by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. It was a meaningful opportunity to come together with community leaders, neighbors, and friends to reflect on the past year and embrace the promise of the year ahead. The event was filled with warmth, inspiring remarks, and a true spirit of community, highlighting the Council’s dedication to fostering dialogue, understanding, and shared values across diverse communities. Moments like these remind us of the importance of connection, celebration, and mutual respect as we enter a new year with hope, gratitude, and renewed purpose.



Dr. Sara Fredman Aeder VP for Israel and Jewish Affairs at JCRC-NY and Assemblyman David Weprin



Assemblyman David Weprin and H.E. Dr. Jennifer Geerlings-Simons, President of Suriname

It was an honor to meet Her Excellency Dr. Jennifer Geerlings-Simons, President of Suriname, who made history as the first woman to hold this office. The evening was a remarkable opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue with a distinguished leader whose vision and dedication to her country are truly inspiring. During our conversation, I expressed my admiration for President Geerlings-Simons’ commitment to strengthening ties between Suriname and the diaspora communities here in New York. We spoke about the importance of cultural exchange, democratic values, and the shared aspirations of our communities. I was deeply moved by the warmth and hospitality that defined the event. It was a celebration not only of Suriname’s rich heritage but also of the enduring bonds that connect our people across borders. I look forward to continuing this dialogue and exploring ways we can work together to support mutual understanding and collaboration. Moments like these remind me of the power of diplomacy and community engagement. I am grateful to have been part of such a meaningful occasion for the people of Suriname and for the Surinamese community that I am honored to represent here in New York.

Meet & Greet with the President of the Republic of Suriname

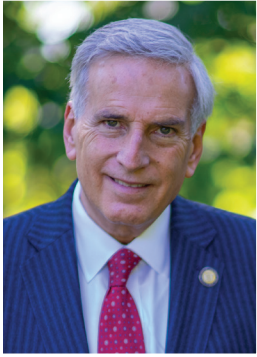
AHRC NYC Day Program Site Opening Event

I joined AHRC NYC for the opening of their new Adult Day Services Site in Jamaica, Queens. This center will serve as a vital resource for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, offering opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive while remaining connected to their local community. For decades, AHRC NYC has been a pillar of support for individuals and families across New York City. By opening this new site in Southeast Queens, they are not only expanding access to essential services but also strengthening the fabric of our community. I am deeply grateful to AHRC NYC for their unwavering commitment to ensuring that every individual has the chance to reach their full potential.



CEO of AHRC NYC Marco Damiani and Assemblyman David Weprin

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South Asian Advisory Panel

This year, I had the privilege of hosting our South Asian Advisory Panel at the Queens Lefferts Library in South Richmond Hill. These meetings are always meaningful to me because they provide an opportunity not only to share updates on the work my office has been doing, as well as our plans moving forward, but also to hear directly from the community. Listening to residents about the issues that matter most in their neighborhoods helps guide our efforts and ensures that our work remains responsive to the needs of the people we serve. The feedback and perspectives shared during these conversations are invaluable, and I look forward to continuing this dialogue to strengthen our partnership with the South Asian community.



From left to right Dr. Taj Rajkumar, Imam Muhammad Shahidullah, District Leader Gurdip Narula, Dr. Mariam Singh, Neil Trivedi, Anna Sargeant, Assemblyman David Weprin, Mazeda Uddin - SAFEST, Sibu Nair - Asian American Affairs Director to Governor Hochul, and Yen Chou