



Assemblyman

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Reports to The People



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Dear Neighbor(s):

2017 has truly been an eventful year. This legislative session, my colleagues in Albany and I adopted a budget that I believe fully represents both our community and the people of New York. We expanded support for middle class families and higher education, ensured meaningful criminal justice reform, and strengthened environmental protections for our state.

One consistent theme for me this session has been exploring ways to help our small business owners. I have been the primary sponsor of several bills to assist struggling mom-and-pop stores, including legislation reforming the seafood industry that was recently signed into law.

Another has been the need to safeguard accessible and affordable healthcare for all, especially in light of recent developments at the federal level. Our budget secured raises for more than 100,000 direct care workers, kept prescription drug prices low and expanded affordable, community-based healthcare options.

The interests and concerns of my community will always remain my top priority. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Ron Kim
Member of Assembly



Assemblymember Ron Kim Introduces Legislation to Prevent Future Accidents After Deadly Crash

This September, a private charter bus ran a red light and crashed into an MTA bus near the intersection of Northern Boulevard and Main Street, leaving three dead and over a dozen injured. The driver was working illegally after being fired by the MTA in 2015, and the bus company already had a history of deadly crashes. In response, Assemblyman Kim sponsored new legislation to provide far more accountability and oversight for New York's private bus industry. It will mandate a yearly review of motor carrier records, create a new annual credential for qualified bus drivers, and require the display of such credentials for all potential riders. As always, Assemblyman Kim will work with his fellow Assemblymembers and State Senators to ensure the safety of passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers.



Budget

Cutting Middle Class Taxes

We fought hard to reform New York's tax rates, saving middle class New Yorkers more than \$6.6 billion in the next four years and more than \$4 billion annually within eight years. Our efforts also led to a reduction in the burden of property taxes on homeowners and doubled the existing Middle Class Child Care Tax Credit.

Protecting our Water

Clean water is essential to healthy living and a community's quality of life. We need to protect our waterways from pollution for both the New Yorkers of today and those of future generations. With a new investment of \$2.5 billion, the Clean Water Infrastructure Act will help local governments investigate and mitigate current contaminants, improve the quality and safety of our filtration systems, and expand wastewater treatment initiatives.

Taking Care of Health Care Workers

This year's budget will provide New York's 120,000 direct care professionals with a 6.5 percent raise over the next two years. State-funded non-profits specialize in the care of New York's most vulnerable, and we want to make sure they have the resources and support needed to hire excellent, reliable employees, people who can serve our residents well and keep our communities healthy.

Investing in New York's Future

I know how deeply important education is to the members of our community. That is why I am proud to say that our budget has increased education funding by \$1.1 billion, and secured more than \$25 billion in investments, including record increases for prekindergarten, community schools, and after-school programs.

Community Updates



Assemblymember Ron Kim, the 109th Precinct, and Healthfirst partnered together to host the 2017 Annual Backpack Giveaway, a back-to-school event for local children.



Assemblymember Kim's office partnered with local associations to give free turkeys to hungry families at his 2017 Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway.



Assemblyman Kim joined local civic leaders in an annual community-wide march calling for an end to domestic violence in our communities.



Assemblyman Ron Kim takes the time to connect with future educators. This fall he visited Columbia University to speak with students about his experiences as a public official and serving his constituents in District 40.

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As a father of two, Assemblyman Kim enjoys spending time in the park with his daughters. Too often, however, playgrounds meant to be safe spaces for children become a gathering place for suspicious individuals and inappropriate behavior. To combat this, he has focused on expanding ParentPatrol, a free phone app he released that allows parents and local residents to report to each other on suspicious activity in and around city parks.