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## State Budget FY 2020 Highlights

### Criminal Justice Reform

- Includes: Elimination of **Cash Bail** for certain offenses; Expedious and fair **Discovery Procedures**; Right to a **Speedy Trial**, Advocating for **Fairness and Equality for Vulnerable New Yorkers**

### Congestion Tolling Program

- New program first of its kind. Helps reduce congestion in Manhattan’s Central Business District, improves air quality and makes critical improvements to public transportation. New revenue expects to generate up to **\$15 billion**

### Public Education

- Increased funding for Public Schools by an additional **\$1 billion** over last year bringing the funding up to \$27.8 billion (3.7% increase)

### DREAM Act

- Includes **\$27 million** to implement the law and fund TAP awards for eligible Dreamers

### Plastic Bag Ban

- Statewide ban on single-use plastic bags given out by grocery stores and other retailers. Counties will be authorized to impose a **5-cent** fee on paper carryout bags

### Clean Water

- Includes an additional **\$500 million** in funding for the **Clean Water Infrastructure Act**

### Voting Improvements

- Earmarked **\$10 million** to offset costs of additional poll hours for financially strained localities. Provides **\$14.7 million** to fund e-poll book and on-demand ballot printers to support early voting

### Tenant Protections

- Historic legislation protects tenants from unfair practices including: vacancy bonus and deregulation; preferential rent; Major Capital Improvements (MCI); rent controlled increases; retaliatory evictions; security deposits and background checks

## Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE)



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte at MWBE event hosted by Assemblymember Carrie Woerner.*

### MBWE’s Article 15-A Extension and Expansion is Signed into Law

With the efforts of Assemblymember Bichotte, the NYS Legislature, and advocates of the MWBE community, the Governor has signed into law the extension of Article 15-A and expansion of the program. Highlights include:

- Article 15-A extended until December 31, 2024
- Personal Net Worth increased from \$3.5 million to **\$15 million**
- Discretionary threshold increased from \$200k to **\$500k**
- Certification period extended from 3 years to **5 years**
- NYC MWBE procurement of goods and services increased to **\$500k**, plus an added mentorship program
- Department of Design and Construction (DDC) MWBE mentorship program; School Construction Authority (SCA) contract opportunities and mentorship program; and Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) procurement and mentor programs



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and State Legislators rally for stronger and more equitable MWBE legislation*



## In Albany



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte displays her support of unions with 1199SEIU*



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Assemblymember Tremaine Wright, Assemblymember Alicia Hyndman, and Assemblymember Michael Blake stand in support of DREAMers and the DREAM Act*



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus to attend The Fifth Annual Juneteenth Celebration commemorating the day when all members of the newly formed Union were declared free*



*Assemblymember Bichotte meets with CUNY students advocating for increased funding and investment in the CUNY school system*



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and New York State Legislators, welcome guests to Haitian Unity Day to honor Haitian-American Jacques Jiha, the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Finance*



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and NYS Legislators join Governor Andrew Cuomo in passing the Child Victims Act, allowing for survivors of child sexual abuse to have an opportunity to seek justice against their abusers and the institutions who may have harbored them*

## State of the District



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte giving her State of the District Address to update constituents on the progress and current state of the community, as well as provide an agenda of her legislative priorities for the year*



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with Brooklyn College president Michelle Anderson at the State of the District Address*

## All Corners of the District



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Councilmember Kalman Yeger, and Josh Mehlman (Chairman of Flatbush Jewish Community Council), participate in Passover distributions at Floyd Bennett Field*



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with NYPD Officer Flank and Senator Roxanne Persaud show unity at the Guyana's 53rd Independence Anniversary*



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte and Assemblymember Michaëlle Solages, join community leaders at the Federal Courthouse in Brooklyn in support of a lawsuit against the Trump Administration's decision to end the Temporary Protected Status for Haitians*



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, supports Pakistani community in the co-naming of Coney Island Ave after Muhammad Ali Jinnah, father of Pakistan*

## Women of Distinction Honorees

*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Pastor Donna Baptiste, Professor Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome and honorees: accepting on behalf of Dr. Eda Hastick; Anne Guadet; Robin Redmond; Regine Roumain; Victoria Stennett; and accepting on behalf of Susannah Laskaris; at Bichotte's annual Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony, celebrating the achievements of women in the community*



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Mayor Bill de Blasio and First Lady Chirlane McCray celebrate the LGBTQ community*

## All Corners of the District (continued)

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Clergy Luncheon



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte hosts her annual Clergy Luncheon, providing the community clergy with important updates and resources*



*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte along with officers Mark Pierre & Garrio Coicou of the 67th Precinct, following the Crime Statistics debriefing*

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### *Art Showcase*

*Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte with student artists from the community at the district office Art Showcase*