



The Young Voter Act

My bill to lower the voting age to 17 for State and Municipal elections ([A.6839/A.6840](#)) picked up steam this week when [I hosted a press conference on Monday draw attention to the characteristically abysmal voter turnout in New York State.](#)



I was joined by over 30 civically minded and engaged 16 and 17 year olds from 7 different high schools around New York City. New York State has some of the worst voting laws in the nation and we are consistently between 41st and 49th in the country in voter turnout. The election on Tuesday brought out only 24% of eligible voters in New York City. As a state, we must do more to make it easier to vote. If someone does not become an active voter by the time they are 25 then they're likely to never become an active voter. Lowering the voting age to 17 will encourage young people to get into the habit of voting while still living at home in a familiar environment, before they go off to College or elsewhere. The Young Voter Act, which I introduced in the Assembly last March also includes a requirement that New York high school students receive at least eight hours of civics instruction, and that on or before their 17th birthday, students be handed a voter registration form. My bill will streamline the registration process and along with the intensive civics education component, hopefully get young people into the habit of voting at 17.

I want to thank all of the terrific young activists who came out to join Assemblymember Simon and I at the press conference. They came from a wide variety of communities, and spoke with great poise and conviction, making a clear case as to why they should also have a voice in our democracy. I especially want to recognize Ilana Cohen, a 17 year old constituent and Senior at Beacon High School.



[Ilana reminded us at the press conference that the Young Voter Act is not simply about allowing 17](#)

[year olds the opportunity to participate in their democracy, it's also about fostering a civically engaged electorate – check out a portion of her remarks here.](#)

[Read more about the press conference and this growing youth movement here.](#)

Fire Safety Preparedness Partnership in Boro Park:

On Wednesday, I joined with the Boro Park JCC and the American Red Cross to announce a joint partnership to provide free smoke detectors to people all over Boro Park.



On October 16th, Boro Park experienced a fire that injured over a dozen people, so programs like these are absolutely vital in making sure we are keeping our neighbors as safe as possible.

If you would like a free smoke detector, please visit the Boro Park JCC offices at 4912 14th Avenue or give them a call at (718) 972-6600.

Upcoming Services Sponsored by my District Office:



**EARLY DETECTION OF BREAST
CANCER SAVES LIVES!**



Mobile Care Clinic Will Be in Your Neighborhood!

To Provide **No Cost** Digital **Mammograms** & Clinical Breast Exams

Eligibility:

- Woman aged 40 and older
- Currently living in New York City
- No Mammogram in the past 12 months

Our services are at no cost. No co-pays required and deductibles are waived.

Uninsured patients welcomed.

**Hosted by: Assemblymember Robert
Carroll and Park Slope Center for
Successful Aging**

463A 7th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215

Friday, November 17, 2017

2:00pm– 4:30pm

For an Appointment, Call:

718-788-7221 or 1-877-628-9090



Medical Services provided by Multi-Diagnostic Services



Funded by a grant New York State Department of Health
Cancer Services Program
Your partner for cancer screening, support and education Additional funding provided by the generous support of the New York City Council, the National Breast Cancer Foundation, NYS Assembly, NY GreaterGood.org, the RAR Foundation and individual patrons.

FREE Flu Vaccine Event



Sponsored by

Assemblymember
Robert Carroll

**Saturday, November 18
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Assemblymember Carroll's District Office

416 7th Ave., Brooklyn, NY
(between 13th and 14th Streets in Park Slope)

*We are working in partnership with SUNY Downstate Medical Center to
administer FREE flu vaccines to constituents.*



Quantities are limited so please call my
District Office for an appointment **(718) 788-7221**.



For more information on this event or any other local or state issue,
please contact Assemblymember Robert Carroll (718) 788-7221.

MetroCard VAN



Wednesday, November 29

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Assemblymember Robert Carroll's District Office

>>> 416 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York <<<<



Appointments: Walk-in

Services: Take care of all MetroCard business at the MetroCard Van. Apply for or refill a Reduced-Fare MetroCard, Regular MetroCard, or Unlimited MetroCard. Buy Pay-Per-Ride cards. Check the balance on expired MetroCards. And ask MetroCard-related questions. You will get prompt, attentive service, right in your own neighborhood.

Seniors: If you are 65 years of age or older, you can bring your application to the MetroCard Van with two valid IDs (*Driver's License, Medicare Card, or Birth Certificate, one of which must have a photograph of you*). Free photography services will be available.



For additional information on this event or any other local or state issue, please call Assemblymember Robert Carroll's District Office at **718-788-7221**.



Upcoming Community Meetings & Events 11/10/17-11/19/17:

Community Board 14 Monthly Meeting

Edward R Murrow High School, 1600 E 17th St 18 Marlborough, at the corner of Caton Avenue

Monday, November 13

7:30pm

Open to community members. The CB 14 board meeting is typically scheduled on the second Monday of the month at different locations during the year.

72nd Precinct Community Council

Marien-Heim Senior Center

4520 4th Avenue

Tuesday, November 14

7:30pm

Open to community members. The 72nd Precinct Community Council meetings typically take place on the second Tuesday of each month.

Community Board 7 Monthly Meeting

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1625 11th Avenue, between Windsor and Sherman

Wednesday, November 15

6:30pm

Open to community members. The CB7 monthly meeting is typically scheduled on the third Wednesday of the month at the CB 7 office but location moves around occasionally.

66th Precinct Community Council

CB 12 Board Office

5910 13th Avenue

Thursday, November 16th

7:30pm

Open to community members. The 72nd Precinct Community Council meetings typically take place on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at CB 12's office.

FREE Mammogram Clinic Hosted by Assemblymember Robert Carroll

44th Assembly District Office and Park Slope Center for Successful Aging

Friday, November 17

9am – 4:30pm

See attached flyer for additional information. Call 1-877-628-9090 for an appointment.

FREE Flu Vaccine Clinic Hosted by Assemblymember Robert Carroll

44th Assembly District Office 416 7th Avenue

Saturday, November 18

10am to 1pm

See attached flyer for additional information. Call 718-788-7221 for an appointment.

Park Slope Windsor Terrace Artists Open Studio Weekend

Artist Studios throughout Park Slope and Windsor Terrace (a map can be downloaded and printed out [here](#))

Saturday & Sunday, November 18 & 19

Noon to 5pm

Park Slope Windsor Terrace Artists, a collective of neighborhood visual artists, invite everyone to visit their studios during Open Studio Weekend 2017. The [website](#) lists exact locations and times that the studios will be open. Thirty-one artists will be showing work this weekend. Art lovers will have a unique opportunity to visit individual studios and talk directly with each artist.

See you around the neighborhood,
Bobby

P.S. Sofia from the Girl Scout Troop#95907 dropped off a load of relief supplies for victims of Hurricane Maria today!



If your school or community group would like to do the same, we are collecting baby wipes, flashlights, batteries, bottled water and feminine hygiene products. All items must be unopened and packaged. Please drop off items at my District Office (416 7th Avenue) between the hours of 9:30am and 4:30pm Monday – Friday next week.

Additionally, there is a special benefit event taking place in Windsor Terrace next week:

#RegrowPuertoRico Benefit Reception

Monday, November 13th

6:30pm-8:30pm

601 Greenwood Avenue Brooklyn NY

Live Music by Arturo O’Farrill & Guest Chef Santana Benitez

\$50 Suggested Donation

Proceeds Benefit Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems

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