

March 1, 2019

Greetings --

I am proud to announce that the Brooklyn Irish LGBTQ Organization (BILO) will be the first Irish LGBTQ group to march in the Irish American Day/Brooklyn St. Patrick's Day parade on Sunday, March 17th in Park Slope and Windsor Terrace!

In January, BILO co-founders, Lisa Fane and Matthew McMorrow sent a letter to the Irish American Parade Committee to request acceptance for them to march and my office followed up with a letter in support of their request. Subsequent to sending the letter, Lisa, Matt and I met with parade committee leadership and were notified earlier this week that BILO will be accepted to march in the parade, making it the first openly LGBTQ organization to march in the parade's history.

As a lifelong resident of Windsor Terrace whose Grandfather founded this parade in 1976, whose father was the announcer for this parade for many years and who participated in this parade every year growing up, I applaud the Irish American parade committee decision to include BILO in the line of march for this year's parade. My Grandfather founded this parade to commemorate the American bicentennial and to celebrate the Irish and the contributions of Irish Americans to this country and I know that he would be proud to know that it is now welcoming to all.

I want to thank the leadership of BILO, particularly Lisa Fane and Matthew McMorrow for their hard work and dedication to make this a reality. I look forward to marching with the group on St. Patrick's Day and congratulate everyone who worked so hard to make this day possible! If you would like to join BILO and me on this historic occasion and march with us, please sign up on the eventbrite page here.



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# Mass Transit Funding Wins Mayor's Support

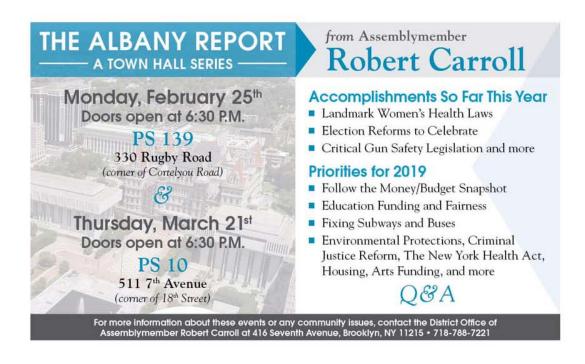
Mayor de Blasio joined Governor Cuomo this week and came out in support of congestion pricing. This is great news and a win for our public transportation system and for the 6 million daily riders who rely on it. In order to repair and modernize our crumbling mass transit system we need at least \$1.6 billion in annual dedicated revenue, and congestion pricing is the only viable plan to pay for the largest portion of that. In addition to congestion pricing I am glad to see the Mayor and Governor also support collecting sales tax on third party online sales to fund the MTA, an idea that I proposed in the Assembly. Click to hear more about that idea. There will be much more on this issue in the lead up to the budget deadline on April 1<sup>st</sup> so please stay tuned.

Thanks to all of you who attended my first budget/legislative town hall this past Monday at PS 139.



It was a great discussion and I appreciate many of you raising important issues within our state budget. If you were not able to make the first one and would like to participate in this important discussion, I am hosting another one on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at PS 10 in Park Slope.

Details below:



# Partnership with Flatbush Development Corporation:

If you have housing issues or questions, I am partnering with Flatbush Development Corporation for "Housing Help" every Thursday in March at my district office in Park Slope. See the flyer below for more details, but if you have any issues related to your rights as a tenant please call my office at 718 788 7221 and make an appointment to see a housing specialist from FDC.



# **Next Week's Community Calendar:**

#### School District 20 Community Education Council (CED) Town Hall with Chancellor Carranza

PS 204

8101 15th Avenue

Wednesday, March 6

6:30pm

The event is hosted by District 20 CEC members. This Town Hall will give families and community members in District 20 an opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue and participate in a Q&A with the Chancellor.

#### 66th Precinct Sector D NCO meeting, Kensington

PS 889, 21 Hinckley Place

Wednesday, March 6

7pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

Neighborhood Coordination Officers, or NCOs, are your local problem solvers. They spend all their working hours within the confines of their assigned sectors, actively engaging with local community members and residents. They get to know the neighborhood, its people, and its problems extremely well. PO Perrone and PO Smiarowski, the NCOs for Sector D, will provide a neighborhood update and respond to questions and concerns from residents.

# **Park Slope Civic Council monthly General Meeting**

Old Stone House at J.J. Byrne Playground / Washington Park, 5th Avenue between 3rd and 4th Streets

Thursday, March 7

7:00PM to 8:30PM

The <u>Park Slope Civic Council</u> promotes the health, vitality and character of the Park Slope neighborhood and advocates for the interests of residents, businesses and others with a stake in the community. The Trustees' meeting, which is open to the public, usually takes place on the first Thursday of the month.

# 78<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Sector D NCO meeting, Park Slope area and Prospect Park

78 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue

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See you around the neighborhood, Bobby

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