



Assemblymember  
**Robert C. Carroll**  
 Assembly District 44

**March 15, 2019**

Greetings –

**[My Op-Ed on Dyslexia in the Albany Times Union:](#)**

The Albany Times Union published my op-ed today on early childhood literacy and dyslexia. In the op-ed that I wrote with John Russell, the Head of the Windward School, I make the argument that universal screening and early intervention with evidence-based multi-sensory sequential phonics should be funded and implemented in New York State so that all of our children can become fluid and fluent readers.

**[Click here to read the full op-ed:](#)**



**Assembly One House Budget Resolution:**

This week the **[Assembly released its \\$175.6 billion One House Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2019-20.](#)**

There are many policies in this resolution that I support - from increasing aid to Medicaid to fully funding Foundation Aid to our schools - from making sure that all our counties can fully fund and implement early voting to adding a Pied-e-Terre tax on non-primary residences that are worth \$5 million or more.

**I chose to vote “No” on the resolution however**, because it does not include an adequate funding source for the MTA to fully fund its capital plan and pay for the massive improvements that our mass transit system needs in order to bring the system into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Fully funding and restoring the MTA is the single most important infrastructure issue before the legislature and it is vital for anyone who cares about street safety and the environment that we deal with this issue in this budget this year.

**[View my remarks from the Assembly floor here:](#)**



**[Here are some other highlights from the Assembly Budget resolution that I think are positive include:](#)**

**Revenues**

The Assembly spending plan would expand tax rates for upper income earners, including three new tax brackets, consisting of a 9.32% rate for incomes between \$5 million and \$10 million; a 9.82% rate for incomes between \$10 million and \$100 million; and a 10.32% rate for incomes over \$100 million.

Many properties in New York City are owned by individuals who live outside of the state, or even outside of the county. The plan includes a new pied-À-terre tax, which authorizes New York City to establish a progressive property surcharge on secondary homes that are valued at over \$5 million. The tax would consist

of a sliding rate for such properties, ranging from 0.3% to 4%, based on the value of the home.

The plan includes language to establish a progressive transfer tax on the conveyance of properties over \$5 million, which would range from a 0.3% tax on transfers of \$5 million to a 1.5% tax on transfers over \$1 billion.

## **Health**

The Assembly spending plan would restore \$550 million in Medicaid cuts that were made in the executive's 30-day amendments, including \$222 million to restore the two percent rate increase for hospitals and 1.5% increase for nursing homes. The plan also includes \$190.2 million to restore an 0.8% across-the-board cut to Medicaid claims.

## **Housing**

The Assembly spending plan makes critical investments in affordable housing across the state, including programs serving urban and rural communities, assistance for homeowners facing foreclosure, and continued capital funding for public housing authorities. The budget provides \$400 million for public housing capital repairs and restoration including lead abatement, \$300 million of which will go to NYCHA and \$100 million of which will be made available to public housing authorities statewide. It also includes \$100 million in capital support for state- and city-supervised Mitchell-Lama housing, which provides affordable rental and cooperative housing to moderate- and middle-income families. The Assembly plan would also increase funding for Neighborhood Preservation Programs and Rural Preservation Programs to a total of \$18.2 million, and Access to Home to a total of \$4 million.

## **Education**

The Assembly's budget proposal allocates \$28.4 billion in school aid, which is an increase of \$1.6 billion or 6.3 percent, over the 2018-19 School Year (SY). The plan reflects an investment of an additional \$644 million over the executive proposal.

The Assembly proposes increasing Foundation Aid to \$18.9 billion for SY 2019-20, an increase of \$1.16 billion. The Assembly's budget proposal would also fully phase in Foundation Aid over the next three years.

## **Higher Education**

The Assembly's budget proposal promotes college affordability by restoring and increasing funding by \$23.8 million or 20 percent for opportunity programs, and providing \$12.8 million to the State University of New York (SUNY) and \$14.8 million to the City University of New York (CUNY) in increased operating support. The Assembly provides an additional \$6 million for Educational Opportunity Centers, and \$30 million in new capital investments. The proposal also earmarks more than \$900 million for capital investments at public colleges and universities around the state and \$27 million to implement the Jose Peralta DREAM Act.

## **Election Reform**

The Assembly budget would provide capital funds of \$27 million for local boards of elections to implement early voting by purchasing electronic poll books and on-demand ballot printers to update and improve voting for all New Yorkers. The Assembly would provide an additional \$7 million to offset other costs associated with early voting.

The plan also provides \$3.1 million to maintain current operations at the State Board of Elections, and would authorize counties to use electronic poll books that have been approved and certified by the State Board of Elections.

The Assembly proposal does not include the executive proposal to use taxpayer funds for the public financing of political campaigns, but indicates support for a low donor matching program which would limit the influence of money and ensure democracy in our elections. These discussions will continue during the budget negotiations.

## **Census**

To ensure fair and accurate counting in the 2020 Census, which will assist in determining the distribution of resources and political representation, the Assembly proposal includes \$40 million for community-based outreach efforts.

## **Environmental Protection**

The Assembly allocates \$500 million in new funding for water infrastructure programs including \$200 million for the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act and \$140 million for water projects administered by New York City. The proposal maintains \$300 million in funding for the Environmental Protection Fund.

As budget negotiations continue up to the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, please continue to share your views with me about the various spending proposals and priorities. I am hosting my 2<sup>nd</sup> town hall on the budget next Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at PS 10 in Park Slope. Please find full details below:

# THE ALBANY REPORT

A TOWN HALL SERIES

from Assemblymember

## Robert Carroll

**Thursday**  
**March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Doors open at 6:30 P.M.**

**PS 10**

511 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
(corner of 17<sup>th</sup> Street)

### Accomplishments So Far This Year

- Landmark Women's Health Laws
- Election Reforms to Celebrate
- Critical Gun Safety Legislation and more

### Priorities for 2019

- Follow the Money/Budget Snapshot
- Education Funding and Fairness
- Fixing Subways and Buses
- Environmental Protections, Criminal Justice Reform, The New York Health Act, Housing, Arts Funding, and more

Q&A

For more information about these events or any community issues, contact the District Office of Assemblymember Robert Carroll at 416 Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215 • 718-788-7221

### **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.



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lead, heat, water  
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**416 SEVENTH AVENUE**  
**BROOKLYN, NY 11215**  
**CALL FOR APPOINTMENT**  
**(718)788-7221**  
**WALK-INS WELCOME**

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**Next Week's Community Calendar:**

**CAMBA Community Advisory Board for the Park Slope Women's Shelter**

Park Slope Armory

1402 8th Avenue

Tuesday, March 19

6:30PM to 8:00PM

Please RSVP to Talisha Easterling, Director at [TalishaE@camba.org](mailto:TalishaE@camba.org) and Rasheedah Boyd at [RasheedahB@camba.org](mailto:RasheedahB@camba.org) if you plan to attend. Usually meets the third Tuesday of the month.

**Community Board 7 Monthly Meeting**

CB 7 Office

4201 4th Avenue, entrance on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street

Wednesday, March 20

6:30pm

Open to community members. The [CB 7](#) 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 Office

5910 13th Avenue

Thursday, March 21

7:30pm

Open to community members. The 66th [Precinct Community Council](#) meetings typically take place on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at CB 12's office.

**72<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Sector A NCO meeting, Windsor Terrace area**

Marian Center, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 2805 Ft Hamilton Ave (E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street)

Thursday, March 21

6:30PM - 7:30PM

[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. Det. McGrath and PO Ghanney, the NCOs for Sector A, will provide a neighborhood update and respond to questions and concerns from residents.

See you around the neighborhood,  
Bobby

P.S. I am very excited that this year's [Brooklyn St. Patrick's Day parade will include the Brooklyn Irish LGBTQ organization](#) - they will be the first LGBTQ group to march in the parade's history.

[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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