



**January 3, 2020**

Greetings –

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and had a Happy New Year. Unfortunately, over the last number of days we have seen a spike in anti-Semitic attacks both here in Brooklyn and in the greater New York Metropolitan area. It is imperative that all of us, no matter our background, speak out against anti-Semitism and stand up against hate in all its forms. Please join me on Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> at 11am at Foley Square in Lower Manhattan for a “No Hate. No Fear.” solidarity march across the Brooklyn Bridge.



**My Street Safety Bill Becomes Law**

In some great news, [I am proud to announce that just before the New Year, Governor Cuomo signed my bill, \(A.4751\)](#), to require the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to suspend the license of a driver when the DMV receives a police report indicating that loss of consciousness was a contributing factor to a crash or if a report from a physician or other qualified medical professional indicates evidence of loss of consciousness. DMV must offer to hold a hearing to review such action, upon the licensee’s written request, but the license will remain suspended

until such time that the licensee is medically cleared. Previously a report of this nature would only start a review, but the licensee could still drive in the meantime.

After the tragic crash that took place just a few blocks from my District Office, which took the lives of two young children it became clearer to me than ever that our State must do more to make the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and other motorists a top priority. I drafted this legislation shortly after that crash and have been working to make it law for almost two years. Thanks to the Governor's signature, if loss of consciousness was a contributing factor to a crash, or if a driver demonstrates evidence of loss of consciousnesses through a medical professional then that driver's license will be suspended or denied until they are medically cleared.

On March 5, 2018 in Park Slope Brooklyn, an individual who was operating a motor vehicle was reported to have suffered a seizure while stopped at a red light, losing consciousness and striking two adults and two children, killing both children. Furthermore, it was reported that previous to the March crash, the driver had a medical episode while driving which caused her to lose consciousness and control of her vehicle and strike a parked car.

Had this legislation been in place prior to this crash in Park Slope, the driver's license would have been suspended and she may not have been behind the wheel that day. This bill is a significant step toward addressing factors relating to drivers losing consciousness, awareness or control due to chronic, ongoing conditions and it will make pedestrians, bicyclists and other motorists safer. I commend the Governor for signing it.

### **MONDAY: Citizens Committee for New York City Grant Information Session**

The Citizens Committee for New York City is promoting a funding opportunity for grassroots organizations working to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Citizens Committee's Neighborhood Grants program offers up to \$3,000 for community-improvement projects led by volunteer groups such as block and tenant associations, PTAs, community gardens, groups working with youth or seniors, cultural organizations and more. Unlike most grant programs, groups do not have to be incorporated or have 501(c)(3) status to be eligible for a grant!

I am co-sponsoring a grant information session on **Monday, January 6, 2020** if you would like to learn more about this opportunity. See the flyer below for details. You can find out more about the grant and application at [citizensnyc.org/grants](http://citizensnyc.org/grants).

# WHAT COULD YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP DO WITH \$3,000?



Join Assemblymember Robert C. Carroll and  
Citizens Committee for New York City for a

## GRANT INFORMATION SESSION!

**Citizens Committee awards grants of up to \$3,000 for  
community and school improvement projects carried  
out by resident-led volunteer groups. Come to learn  
about the application!**

Monday, January 6th, 2020 | 6:00 PM  
Cortelyou Road Library, 1305 Cortelyou Rd, Brooklyn

To RSVP, contact: (718) 788-7221

Learn more about the grant: [www.citizensnyc.org](http://www.citizensnyc.org)

**CITIZENS  
COMMITTEE  
FOR NEW  
YORK CITY**

### Upcoming Community Meetings:

#### **Community Board 6 Monthly Meeting**

PS 58 Auditorium 330 Smith Street (1st Place & Carroll)  
Wednesday, January 8

6:30pm

Open to community members. The [CB 6](#) monthly meeting is typically scheduled on the second Wednesday of the month.

#### **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, January 9

7:00PM to 8:30PM

The [Park Slope Civic Council](#) 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.

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