



October 13, 2023

Greetings --

Town Hall & Answer Fair

Next week I will be holding a two-part Town Hall and Government Answer Fair at the Central Library at Grand Army Plaza. The first half of the event will give you an opportunity to ask questions to representatives from a variety of government agencies. I will speak and answer questions in the final hour. Contact my office to RSVP to this event. I hope to see you there.

ROBERT CARROLL
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Town Hall & Government Answer Fair

Wednesday, October 18
Central Library
10 Grand Army Plaza
Civic Commons Room
6 PM to 8 PM

Assemblymember Carroll will speak 7 to 8 PM

Bring your questions, feedback and concerns to representatives from:

NEW YORK CITY DOT, NYC Department of Finance, NYC Environmental Protection, MTA, NYPD, NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY, Homes and Community Renewal, NYC Health ... and more!

Plus hear updates on legislation, the State budget, and important initiatives that affect your community.
RSVP: CarrollR@nyassembly.gov or call 718-788-7221

BQE Closure

The NYC DOT has alerted my office to the details of the upcoming BQE closure this upcoming weekend. The closure will be from 2 AM Saturday, October 14th to 4 AM Monday, October 16th. Windsor Terrace and Kensington will be affected, with all eastbound traffic being directed through Prospect Expressway. Trucks will be directed to the 10th Avenue exit, and then rerouted onto McDonald Ave through to Caton, so be prepared for heavy additional traffic along that route.



NOTICE: All Manhattan & Queens-bound traffic on the BQE/Gowanus will be diverted to the Prospect Expressway and to the 10th/11th Avenue Exit.

This will severely disrupt traffic throughout Windsor Terrace and Kensington.

From the 10th Ave Detour, traffic will be directed onto 10th Avenue, Left on McDonald Ave, then Left on Caton Ave.

FROM: 2 AM Saturday, October 14 to 4 AM Monday, October 15

My office has been in contact with the 72nd Precinct to ensure that traffic safety will be properly enforced throughout this time. The Hamilton Avenue Eastbound entrance to the BQE will also be closed, meaning that westbound traffic will need to exit at Ft. Hamilton Parkway.

SUPPORT THE "DYSLEXIA TASK FORCE ACT"

October is National Dyslexia Awareness Month. My bill the "Dyslexia Task Force Act" ([A.133/S.2599](#)) which passed both houses of the legislature earlier this year is at a critical juncture. I urge those of you who support this bill and support getting all children the reading intervention and education they need to reach out to Governor Hochul and ask that she sign this bill into law. You can write to her office [here](#), and I have included sample language below for you to use. Please fill out the form and copy and paste the below text into the "Message" section, editing it to include your own information. You can also show your support by signing the petition on my website, [which can be found here](#).

As many of you know, this legislation will require the New York State Education Department Commissioner to establish a task force to hold public hearings and examine appropriate and effective evidence-based screening methods, reading interventions and other educational supports for dyslexia and related disorders.

Suggested language:

Dear Governor Hochul,

I live in [xxx NY] and am [a parent of a child with dyslexia / xxx grade teacher / person with dyslexia]. I am writing to ask you to sign the Dyslexia Task Force Act A.133/ A.2599. It is time New York take action to make sure all our students are fluent readers and by signing this legislation you will be sending a clear signal about your Administration's commitment on this issue.

Sincerely,

[Name]

I will also be one of the speakers for the Windward Institute's free "Dyslexia in Focus" webinar next Wednesday from 1-2 PM. In order to attend, [please register for the event here](#). I hope to see you online then.

Free Seasonal Flu Vaccinations

With flu season around the corner, my office is partnering with City Councilmember Rita Joseph and NewYork-Presbyterian to offer free flu vaccinations in October for anyone age 19 or older. While we anticipate having sufficient supply, it is on a first-come, first-served basis. If you know of anyone without health insurance who is going to need a flu vaccine, please pass this information on to them, and contact my office with any questions.

Free Seasonal Flu Vaccinations | 2023 Ages 19+ | No Appointment Needed

Tuesday, October 24, 2023; 10AM – 1PM
Jalsa, 786 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn

- Priority will be given to those without health insurance, regardless of immigration status
- Vaccines are first come, first-served
- Must be 19 years old or older
- Pregnant women not eligible
- Please bring a photo ID for proof of age



For Your Safety

Please stay home if you have a fever greater than 100 or have been diagnosed with Covid in the last 5 days.



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Information from U.S. State Department

If you know of any United States citizens in Israel or Palestine who are having trouble getting back to the United States, here are the current instructions from the State Department:

- Complete the Department of State Crisis Intake form at <https://cacms.state.gov/s/crisis-intake>. The Department of State is exploring contract options to facilitate U.S. citizen travel to nearby countries. They will be contacting people regarding this using the email provided in this form. To get these emails you must sign up using this form.
- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Once people have signed up they will receive the latest updates and travel advisories. You can sign up at <https://step.state.gov/step/>

This is a rapidly evolving situation. We will update you with new information as it is made available to us. Contact my office for any questions or issues.

-Bobby

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