



April 17, 2026

Greetings –

This week, the Assembly and State Senate passed another budget extender bill to April 20th. Progress in negotiations have been made in some important areas including tax policy and protecting immigrants from ICE.

Governor Hochul Proposes Tax on Second Homes in New York City Worth More than \$5 Million

On Tuesday, as part of state budget negotiations, Governor Hochul [proposed a “pied-a-terre tax”](#) – a surcharge on second homes in New York City valued over \$5 million. The Governor deserves credit for this sensible proposal as does Mayor Mamdani and the many advocates who tirelessly called for raising revenue needed by the state to fund vital programs and services through taxing wealthy individuals and corporations. For too long, global billionaires have avoided paying their fair share in NYC. Taxing luxury second homes owned by the ultra-rich is a logical place to start.

Win for Libraries in Budget Negotiations

In addition to the “pied-a-terre tax,” Governor Hochul proposed an expansion of her legislation intended to protect immigrants from ICE. As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Libraries and Education Technology, I was especially glad to see libraries now included among “sensitive locations” such as schools and houses of worship where ICE would be prohibited from entering without a judicial warrant. [This is something I called for back in February when the Executive Budget was first released](#). In addition to their core mission as centers of learning and enjoyment libraries perform a host of services for community members including immigrants and are among our most democratic civic institutions welcoming to all. We must do all we can on the state level to rein in ICE’s illegal and immoral behavior.

Grand Army Plaza Redesign Moves Forward

The Mamdani Administration is moving forward with the redesign of Grand Army Plaza intended to better connect the Prospect Park with the Soldiers and Sailor’s Memorial Arch and Bailey Fountain while overall improving street safety. Great public spaces are part of why New York is such a vital city and I am confident that this initiative will mean Grand Army Plaza joins the ranks of truly world class public spaces. [DOT will be holding a series of public workshops beginning next Thursday, April 23.](#)

Paper Shredding Outside the District Office on Thursday, April 30th

FREE PAPER SHREDDING!



Stay a step ahead of scammers and fraudsters at Assemblymember Robert Carroll's **FREE** paper shredding event. Watch your documents go into the NYC Department of Sanitation on-site Shred Truck



**THURSDAY
APRIL 30, 2026**

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

416 7th Avenue

(between 13th and 14th Streets)

For more information on this free event or any other community concern, please contact the office of **Assemblymember Robert Carroll** at **718-788-7221**.

No reservation is necessary, just come to the truck with your paper to shred. Remove all plastic and metal. No cardboard

My Annual Spring Clean and Green on 5/3

Sunday, May 3rd - 10 am to 2 pm at Park Circle in Prospect Park

E-waste collection, paper shredding, textile recycling, plus representatives from Brooklyn cultural institutions, community organizations and city agencies with giveaways and information.

[You can sign-up here.](#)



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Spring Clean & Green

Sunday, May 3
10 am – 2 pm
At Park Circle in Prospect Park

(Entrance to Prospect Park on Prospect Park Southwest & Parkside Avenue, Across from TD Bank)



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E-Cycling: computers, monitors, printers/scanners, keyboards, mice, cables, TVs, VCRs and DVD players, phones, audio/visual equipment, cell phones and PDAs <https://www.lesecologycenter.org/calendar/prospect-park/> (no air conditioners, appliances, batteries or media such as discs, DVDs, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, etc.)

Textile Recycling: clothing, shoes, towels, hats, bags, gloves, linens and bedding, curtains, clean fabric

FREE Paper Shredding: Stay ahead of ID thieves and shred your important documents (no magazines, cardboard, metal or plastic)

Representatives from the following Agencies, Cultural Institutions and Community Organizations will be tabling at the event to offer information, demonstrations, and giveaways:

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



If you have any concerns about any legislative or community issue, please email me at carrollr@nyassembly.gov or call (718) 788-7221.

-Bobby

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