

Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz

Reports to the People of Wakefield
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Dear Neighbor:

Despite the suffering caused by President Trump’s recently ended federal government shutdown, our work continued on the local level serving the people of our district. The next state budget isn’t due until April 1 and the new legislative session doesn’t start until January 7, but we need to prepare for the worst. We must address the health care crisis so many are facing, skyrocketing housing costs, the potential for the military (including masked ICE agents) being sent to our great city, the significant loss of federal aid, and so much more. I will continue to be outspoken in opposition to the increasing authoritarianism that is taking hold in our country.

I am very proud of the work my staff and I have done from our community office on Kingsbridge Avenue and throughout our district. We have resolved hundreds and hundreds of constituent matters on issues ranging from tenant-landlord matters, medical issues, unemployment, and traffic, just to name a few.

While I advocate for sensible development of more affordable housing, I speak out loudly against reckless overdevelopment. We have great neighborhoods in our district, and I look forward to continuing to fight for all the people I represent in 2026. Please reach out to me with your concerns by visiting, calling, or emailing my office. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Dinowitz
Member of Assembly

Elevators installed at Mosholu Parkway/ Jerome Avenue Subway Station

Hard work pays off. Several years ago, I joined a coalition demanding that the Mosholu Parkway/ Jerome Avenue station on the 4 line be made handicapped accessible. This coalition was led by Eric Dinowitz and Jean Hill, president of the Tracey Towers Tenants Association. They organized a petition drive, collected signatures of thousands of neighborhood residents, testified at MTA hearings, and brought in several neighborhood groups to support this effort. I was proud to work with them, along with some



Pictured: MTA Staff, NYS Senator Nathalia Fernandez, Assembly Member John Zaccaro Jr, President of MTA Construction & Development Jamie Torres-Springer, MTA Chief Accessibility Officer Quemuel Arroyo, MTA CEO and Chair Janno Lieber, President of the Tracey Towers Tenants Association Jean Hill, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, and Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson.

of my other colleagues in government. Nothing ever happens quickly, but this was important. It’s my hope that one day every subway station in the city will have an elevator. These accessibility improvements are not just for people with physical disabilities. People with baby carriages, for example, often find navigating the subway stairs challenging, and this huge improvement will positively impact many people. This station not only serves people in the Norwood and Bedford Park communities, but it is also very close to two hospitals. This was a top priority in terms of choosing which station should be next.

It was a great day for our community when the Chairman of the MTA and others joined us in dedicating this newly renovated station with elevators. I am so pleased that the MTA worked closely with our community in bringing this major benefit to the neighborhood. We now have several stations in my Assembly District with elevators, and elevators are currently being installed at the West 242nd Street Broadway station on the 1 line. I will continue to advocate for accessibility for every one of our subway stations. Every New Yorker should have the ability to use our subways whenever and wherever they want.

Elizabeth Holtzman: A Great American

I was thrilled to attend a reception at City Hall honoring Former U.S. Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman. Council Member Eric Dinowitz and I attended this event honoring her decades of public service. Elizabeth Holtzman was elected back in 1972 as the youngest woman ever to serve in Congress. During her four terms in congress, she served on the judiciary committee, where she played a key role in the impeachment proceedings against President Richard M. Nixon. She ran for the US Senate in 1980, and was elected District Attorney of Brooklyn, the largest county in the state, and was the first woman DA in NYC. In 1989, she was elected NYC comptroller, the city’s chief fiscal officer. Throughout her incredible career she broke barriers, championed accountability, and fought tirelessly for justice, women’s rights and government transparency. I am pleased to call her a friend and am grateful for her many years as a leader and a trailblazer.



Public Safety Hazard at 3242 Riverdale Avenue

Advocating for public safety is an important part of my job. Recently, a piece of land on Riverdale Avenue between West 231st Street and Greystone Avenue was cleared of trees and other vegetation as part of a plan to build an apartment building. After the site, which is on a very steep hill, was cleared, it was left open. Anyone could go onto the site or possibly trip and fall, in what could be a very, very dangerous situation. In fact, the land was so steep that I wouldn't even consider walking on it. We immediately reached out to city agencies to enforce any statute and we researched to determine who the owner of this site is. We reached out to that person, and I am happy to say that after they saw me on News 12 talking about this location, they reacted quickly and boarded up this site. An apartment building will eventually be constructed at this location, and I am hoping some of it will be affordable. But in either case, this safety hazard was eliminated. That's just one small example of the work my office completes daily. If you have any concerns along these lines, please reach out to my office.



Pictured: CB 8 Chair Julie Reyes, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark, Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, and NYS Commissioner of Veterans Services Viviana DeCohen.

Assemblyman Dinowitz participated in the Annual Veterans Day Commemoration at Memorial Grove in Van Cortlandt Park, along with elected officials, Community Board 8, and the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance. Our community thanks all our veterans and appreciates the immense sacrifices they and their families have made for our country. Assemblyman Dinowitz remains a strong advocate for veterans, ensuring they have the support, dignity, and protections they deserve.



Assemblyman Dinowitz is a proud supporter of LINC, and his office is on the list of Literacy Zones located in the district. These free Literacy Zones are located in local businesses and offices, providing free accessible books and resources to all families. Stop by Assemblyman Dinowitz's office, located at 3107 Kingsbridge Avenue, to take a free book home!

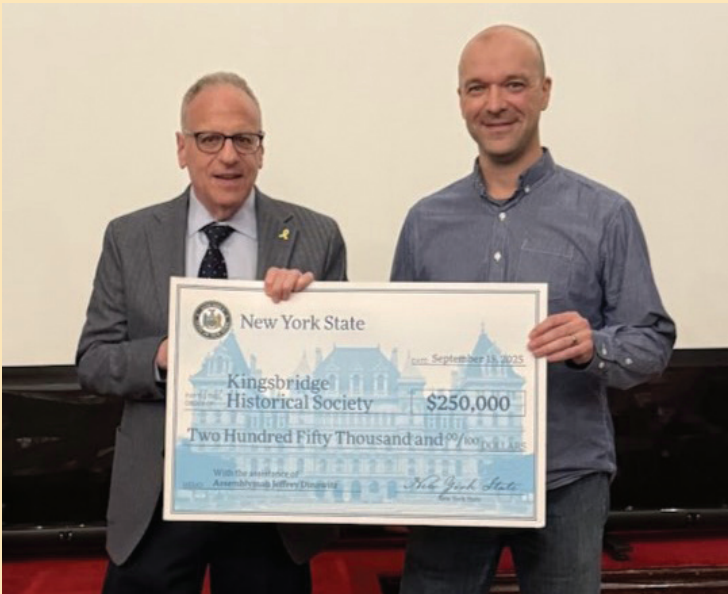
Assemblyman Dinowitz Procures Million Dollar Grant for Park Reservoir Houses

The Mitchell-Lama program is, in my opinion, the most successful housing program we have ever had in the state of New York. The first Mitchell-Lama built in New York, Park Reservoir Houses, is in Van Cortlandt Village, in my district. Like most Mitchell-Lamas, Park Reservoir is experiencing significant financial problems, largely due to rapidly escalating costs. This year I made it a priority to fight to help the development deal with its huge capital needs. As a result, I was able to help secure \$1 million in this year's state budget to support some of the capital work that needs to be done at Park Reservoir. (Last year I was successful in securing \$10 million in state funding for the Amalgamated Houses, a much larger development in Van Cortlandt Village.) Developing affordable housing is considered among the top priorities in our city and state. As I've told Governor Hochul on more than one occasion, while it's crucial that we build more truly affordable housing, it is even more important that we preserve the affordable housing that we already have, and Park Reservoir is an example of affordable housing. These are three buildings with beautiful apartments in a great neighborhood. I will always fight to help and protect our affordable housing stock, including the Park Reservoir.





KRVC commissioned local artists to complete three community murals in Riverdale and Kingsbridge with funding secured by Council Member Eric Dinowitz. The three murals, "Broadway Tropics," "Community in Bloom," and "The Rose of Kingsbridge," represent the different shopping centers, local businesses, schools, and vibrant community residents that contribute to the success of these neighborhoods. Assemblyman Dinowitz is pictured with KRVC Executive Director Laura Levine-Pinedo, Broadway Eye Care Owner Michael F., Council Member Eric Dinowitz, and Executive Director of the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance Stephanie Ehrlich.



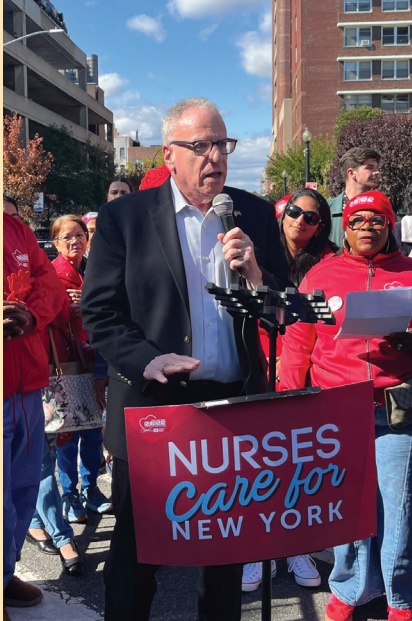
Assemblyman Dinowitz presented the Kingsbridge Historical Society's Executive Director Nick Dembowski with a \$250,000 check. This capital funding is set to go towards essential roof repairs on the historical landmark, the Edgehill Church of Spuyten Duyvil.



Assemblyman Dinowitz receives a flu vaccine and COVID19 booster shot at his free vaccine event held in St. Gabriels Church. In partnership with Walgreens, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, Congressman Ritchie Torres and Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson, constituents were able to receive free flu vaccines and COVID19 boosters ahead of flu season, to stay protected and healthy.



Assemblyman Dinowitz joined the community for a spooky day filled with fun activities at Boo on Mosholu, hosted by KRVC. Assemblyman Dinowitz is pictured with KRVC Executive Director Laura Levine-Pinedo, Community Leader Ben Jackson, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, and Detective from the 50th Precinct Rasha Jamsheer.



Assemblyman Dinowitz participated in a rally with the New York State Nurses Association advocating for safe staffing, increases in hospital beds and better working conditions for the nurses. The Bronx deserves the best health care.



As part of the New York City Department of Transportation's (DOT) expansion plan for Citi Bike in NYC, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, members of Community Board 8, DOT staff, and Assemblyman Dinowitz went on a neighborhood walk-through, visiting proposed Citi Bike locations. Community concerns were shared with the DOT and the DOT was urged to move some of the proposed locations in order to preserve parking before finalizing this expansion project. Assemblyman Dinowitz is pictured with Broadway Community Alliance member Laura Spalter, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, Community Board 8 District Manager Farrah Kule-Rubin, Former NYC DOT Bronx Commissioner Anthony Perez, Chair of Community Board 8 Traffic and Transportation Committee Debby Allen, and DOT Staff.

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Bronxites Demand NY1

Residents in the Bronx have not had access to Spectrum News NY1 for months. Due to disagreements between Charter Communications and Altice USA (the owner of Optimum), Bronxites and customers in other counties served by Optimum have not been able to view this channel, as well as Spectrum Noticias New York City, a 24-hour Spanish language cable news channel. Many Bronx residents feel this loss, as they rely on these channels for important information. I sent a letter, co-signed by 23 of my Bronx colleagues in government, demanding that service be restored. On top of the loss of this resource, customers have not seen a change in their monthly bills to reflect the decrease in their service. Charter Communications and Altice USA must hear our demands and restore NY1 service to Bronx residents. Information remains crucial to the future of our borough.



Residents of Woodlawn and Wakefield were able to utilize free paper shredding, courtesy of Assemblyman Dinowitz, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, the Emerald Isle Immigration Center, Senator Jamaal Bailey, Congressman Ritchie Torres, and Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson.



Assemblyman Dinowitz joined Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson and the 47th precinct for National Night Out, promoting unity and peace within the community. The community deeply appreciates the work the 47th precinct does, and Assemblyman Dinowitz will continue to work with the precinct to address community concerns and issues.



Part of Nereid Avenue in Wakefield was co-named Luciel Boles-Wilson Way, honoring the years of service Luciel gave to the community. She was a force for good, not only in the Wakefield community, but for the entire Bronx; she is sorely missed.



Assemblyman Dinowitz gave out free school supplies to families in Wakefield with Speaker of the Assembly Carl Heastie, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, NYS Senator Jamaal T. Bailey, and Congressman Ritchie Torres.

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Assemblyman Dinowitz held a press conference outside Con Edison's Headquarters to urge Governor Hochul to sign A.2468 into law, establishing the State Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate. AARP, NYPIRG and local Assembly Member Epstein joined the conference in support of New York creating the Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate, allowing everyday New Yorkers to be protected from exorbitant rate hikes by utility companies. New York would be following the footsteps of 40 other states that already have established a state office to do this job.



Assemblyman Dinowitz attended Marble Hill's NYCHA Family Day and is shown with Community Board 8 members.