

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR Martin J. Golden

## SENATOR GOLDEN: TWO HOUR METERS TO BE INSTALLED ON 3rd AND 5th AVENUES IN APRIL

MARTIN J. GOLDEN January 30, 2012

Dear Commissioner Sadik-Khan,

I am writing to you at this time in conjunction with your ongoing efforts to replace parking meters with muni-meters in the City of New York, more specifically here in Brooklyn.

It is my understanding that current policy dictates that you replace the meters with muni-meters governed by the exact same regulations, so one hour parking will continue to be in effect where it currently stands presently. Therefore, at this time, I am writing to request that as your plans move forward to replace the parking meters on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, you strongly consider installing two hour muni-meters wherever meters currently are from 67<sup>th</sup> Street through 100<sup>th</sup> Street.

I believe that permitting two hour parking will improve the business climate and quality of life of residents and visitors. Two hour meters will give customers more time to shop, and for those who frequent the many restaurants on this portion of Brooklyn's 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, more time to dine without having to feed a meter in the middle of breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Brooklyn – State Senator Martin J. Golden (R-C-I, Brooklyn) today is announcing that the New York City Department of Transportation has responded to his request and has approved two hour parking meters for 3rd and 5th Avenue.

The Department of Transportation has determined based on Senator Golden's request that the need for additional parking time along these two commercial avenues is warranted. The Bureau of Parking will complete the work to affect this change by April of this year. Senator Golden stated, "Two hour parking meters for Bay Ridge's 3rd and 5th Avenue is a tremendous victory for all residents and business owners, as well as those who shop and dine here. For years, those who have parked at meters and dined on 3rd and 5th Avenues, many times had to step out during their meal to feed their meters."

Golden continued, "These two hour meters will greatly help to improve the economic climate of our community and will hopefully reduce the number of parking summonses. As we continue to work towards rebuilding our local economy, this change will create new opportunities for our stores and restaurants to excel. This decision of the Department of Transportation is appreciated and will be met with much support."