



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Montgomery convenes "Connecting the Dots: A Networking Event on Re-Entry"

SENATOR VELMANETTE MONTGOMERY May 11, 2017

| ISSUE: **CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM, RE-ENTRY, PAROLE REFORM**



On May 11<sup>th</sup>, Senator Montgomery convened "Connecting the Dots: A Networking Event on Re-Entry" featuring special guest Christina Hernandez, Director of Re-Entry Services for the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCs).

DOCCs operates the Brooklyn Community Supervision Office located in the 25<sup>th</sup> Senate District. In addition to Ms. Hernandez, Audrey Thompson, Parole Services Program

Specialist; Nigel Joseph, Brooklyn Regional Director; and Parole Officers from the Brooklyn Community Supervision office were in attendance to discuss DOCCs existing re-entry programs and services, and potential opportunities for collaboration with community based organizations.

Representatives from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services' Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives were also on hand to provide an overview of their agency and opportunities for collaboration.

Attendees included faith-based institutions, criminal justice organizations and community stakeholders such as the Bedford Stuyvesant Community Legal Services, Bethany Baptist Church of Brooklyn, Black Veterans for Social Justice, Bridge Street A.M.E. Church, Brooklyn Navy Yard, Children of Promise – NYC, Community Service Society [Next Door Project], Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, the Doe Fund, Families Fathers & Children, Good Shepherd Services, Groundswell, Katal Center for Health Equity & Justice, Life to Life, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, National Association of Social Workers – NYC, Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic (NTAC), New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc. (NYTC), Osborne / Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging, Osborne Association, Red Hook Community Justice Center, Refoundry, Releasing Aging Persons from Prison (RAPP), Serendipity I, Serendipity II, The Church of Gethsemane, The Fortune Society, The Hope Program, The Interchurch Center, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and YWCA of Brooklyn

The goal of the meeting was to create a network of support to serve formerly incarcerated individuals and to ensure that the community is prepared to receive them. Strengthening and maintaining these relationships is vital to the success of re-entry and the safety of our communities.



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## RELATED LEGISLATION

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### 2017-S3982

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- Introduced
- ◦ In Committee Assembly
- In Committee Senate
- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly

- On Floor Calendar Senate

- ◦ Passed Assembly

- Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Requires parole decisions to be published on a publicly accessible website within 60 days of such decision

January 31, 2017

Senate Floor Calendar

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## 2017-S4262

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- Introduced

- ◦ In Committee Assembly

- In Committee Senate

- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly

- On Floor Calendar Senate

- ◦ Passed Assembly

- Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Alters the composition of the state board of parole

February 07, 2017

In Senate Committee [Crime Victims, Crime and Correction](#)

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## 2017-S4518

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- Introduced

- ◦ In Committee Assembly

- In Committee Senate

- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly

- On Floor Calendar Senate

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- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to requiring the state board of parole to reflect the composition of the prison population in race, age and geographic area of residence

February 16, 2017

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