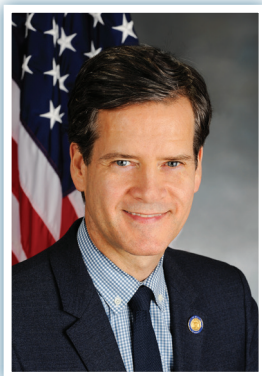


Senator Brad Hoylman

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Dear Neighbor:

I'm honored to begin my third term as your New York State Senator. It's a privilege to represent you, and I was proud to have received a record number of votes for the State Senate, thanks to your civic engagement.

While the current political climate in both Albany and Washington is difficult, I'm eager to start the legislative session in January. I'll continue fighting for our shared priorities in Albany: comprehensive ethics reform, protection for senior citizens, tenants and immigrants, better funded public schools, LGBT and women's rights, improved mass transit and a cleaner environment. The work we accomplish at the state level will be more important than ever given the incoming federal administration!

Please contact me at **212-633-8052** or **hoylman@nysenate.gov** if you have any questions or concerns about legislation or want to share ideas. For regular updates, visit my website at <http://hoylman.nysenate.gov>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Hoylman".

Brad Hoylman
State Senator
27th District

2017 Legislative Outlook:

The upcoming 2017 legislative session is shaping up to be a crucially important one for the future of New York State. At the time this is being written, two State Senate races are still too close to call, but it appears likely that the Senate Republicans will retain their control of the chamber – effectively blocking a great deal of progressive legislation.

Regardless of which party controls the State Senate, I pledge to continue to be a strong progressive voice on your behalf in Albany. With the concerns and questions that have been raised over the direction of our nation as a result of Donald Trump's election as president, it is more important than ever that New York counterbalance any attempts by the federal government to jeopardize our rights, environmental protections, or access to health care.

One of the first bills I'll be introducing upon my return to Albany in January is the **Tax Returns Uniformly Made Public (T.R.U.M.P.) Act** which will require candidates for president and vice president to publicly share their federal income tax returns in order to be eligible to appear on New York's election ballots. Voluntary disclosure of tax returns has been a tradition for presidential candidates for more than four decades and plays an important role in shining a light on potential conflicts-of-interest. In the wake of President-elect Trump's failure to release his tax returns, I feel it is important to make tax record disclosure a legal obligation for anyone seeking New Yorkers' votes for our nation's highest offices.

I will reintroduce a package of legislation that will help protect New York from the potentially disastrous policy goals of the Trump Administration. This includes bills

that will **fight global climate change by transitioning New York State to 100% clean energy by 2030; ban mental health professionals from engaging in so-called "conversion therapy;" strengthen New York's hate crimes law; crack down on white collar criminals; impose a "pied-a-terre tax" on multi-million dollar second residences; and fund gun violence research.** I'll continue to co-sponsor and strongly support measures to create a single-payer health care system for New York; codify *Roe v. Wade* in New York State law; and expand the right to vote.

I'll also be working on new bills I've written since the end of this year's legislative session. These include a bill inspired by the water contamination crisis in Hoosick Falls and Newburgh, NY which would strengthen New York's regulation of chemical contaminants in drinking water. I've also announced bills to conduct a statewide survey of harmful lead pipes in local water systems, and to ban the practice of "rolling coal" – where truck drivers purposefully equip their vehicles to belch out clouds of noxious diesel emissions.

In September, I partnered with New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer to announce my legislation along with Assembly Member Rodneyse Bichotte to **add safeguards in state law against discrimination** on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, age, disability, and other protected classes in government contracting and procurement. No one should be denied a seat at the table because of who they are when it comes to doing business with New York State's government.



Advocating for greater diversity in city contracting with NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer

In the upcoming legislative session I will partner with other local state legislators including Assembly Members Deborah Glick, Richard Gottfried, Brian Kavanagh, Dan Quart and Linda Rosenthal to sponsor or co-sponsor a package of bills to protect tenants. The legislative proposals I'll be championing include: increasing the civil penalties on unscrupulous landlords who knowingly overcharge their rent-stabilized tenants or fail to register their units as rent-regulated; creating a right to legal counsel in housing court proceedings; making it an unlawful discriminatory practice for landlords to refuse to rent to tenants who have taken previous landlords to court; initiating a four-year moratorium on privatization voting by Mitchell-Lama building shareholders; and creating parity in the formulas used to determine rent increases for rent-controlled and rent-stabilized apartments.

As always, I will continue to be a fighter for LGBT rights, environmental protections, government reform, and the best interests of the 27th Senate District. Thank you for selecting me to once again be your representative in Albany, and please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if you have any suggestions for legislation you'd like to see me champion.



Senator Brad Hoylman Presents:

TOYS TO AVOID! 2016 HOLIDAY SEASON



For over four decades, the nonprofit group World Against Toys Causing Harm, Inc. (W.A.T.C.H.) has issued its annual “10 Worst Toys” list, a hands-on tool for consumers to help avoid potential hazards while toy shopping. Clip and save this list! For more information go to www.toysafety.org or call me at 212-633-8052.



Peppa Pig's Muddy Puddles Family

Manufacturer or Distributor: Jazwares, LLC
Hazard: Potential for choking injuries



The Good Dinosaur Galloping Butch

Manufacturer or Distributor: Tomy
Hazard: Potential for puncture wound injuries



Kids Time Baby Children's Elephant Pillow

Manufacturer or Distributor: Kids Time US; Appease Toys
Hazard: Potential for suffocation



Peppy Pups

Manufacturer or Distributor: TPF Toys, Ltd.
Hazard: Potential for strangulation injuries



Slimeball Slinger

Manufacturer or Distributor: Diggin Active, Inc
Hazard: Potential for eye injuries



Flying Heroes Superman Launcher

Manufacturer or Distributor: I-Star Entertainment, LLC
Hazard: Potential for eye and facial injuries



Banzai Bump N' Bounce Body Bumpers

Manufacturer or Distributor: ToyQuest
Hazard: Potential for impact injuries



Baby Magic Feed And Play Baby

Manufacturer or Distributor: New Adventures LLC LTD
Hazard: Potential for ingestion injuries



Nerf Rival Apollo Xv-700 Blaster

Manufacturer or Distributor: Hasbro
Hazard: Potential for eye injuries



Warcraft DoomHammer

Manufacturer or Distributor: Jakks Pacific, Inc.
Hazard: Potential for blunt impact injuries

You may also be interested to know that I have been the prime sponsor of the Child Safe Products Act (S.5995), a bill that would ban the sale of children's products containing harmful chemicals and require manufacturers to disclose potentially harmful chemicals their products contain to the government and consumers. Protecting New Yorkers from dangerous products will continue to be one of my top priorities for the 2017 legislative session.

Fighting for Clean Water in New York



"Where are the polluters?" I asked at the Senate water quality hearing in Hoosick Falls

As Ranking Member of the Senate's Environmental Conservation Committee, I am extremely concerned with reports of contaminated water in communities across the state, in particular dangerous levels of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), a known carcinogen, in local water supplies in Hoosick Falls, Petersburg and Newburgh. After months of growing public pressure, including my calls for legislative hearings, the Senate convened three hearings in September on this issue. Unfortunately, representatives from the companies responsible for pollution failed to attend and submit to questioning by the Legislature. I've demanded Senate Republicans use the legislative subpoena power to compel the appearance of these three companies to testify under oath. I will continue to pressure the Senate to take stronger action to manage this unprecedented water contamination crisis.

Helping Dedicate the NYC AIDS Memorial

On December 1, I was honored to help formally dedicate the new NYC AIDS Memorial Park at St. Vincent's Triangle on World AIDS Day to help honor the more than 100,000 New Yorkers who have died from HIV/AIDS. I was proud to support this project from its inception as the Chair of Community Board 2 where I served on the jury for the memorial's design. As State Senator, I secured \$500,000 of State and Municipal Facility Program funding to complete the memorial's construction and will continue to make funding for HIV/AIDS a priority in the 2017 NYS Budget and fight for legislation extending housing benefits to low income New Yorkers with HIV/AIDS.



Joining HIV/AIDS advocates at this year's GMHC AIDS Walk New York

#ChelseaStrong



Supporting local businesses on 23rd Street with Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and first responders

As you remember, Chelsea was hit with two bombs last September. Thanks to good fortune and the vigilance of a local resident, Jane Schreiber, only one bomb detonated on 23rd Street and no one was killed, although there were many injuries. I'm grateful for the bravery and expertise of our city's first responders, whose professionalism I witnessed firsthand in the aftermath of the bombing, and the numerous acts of generosity displayed by local businesses such as the Malibu Diner, which provided hot meals to the residents of Selis Manor, a home for the visually impaired. Governor Cuomo, Mayor de Blasio and all of my colleagues in government deserve credit for their swift response to this near tragedy, including the creation of a state fund to compensate businesses and individuals for any bombing-related expenses not covered by insurance and for directing the State Department of Financial Services to provide specialized assistance with related insurance claims. I hope you'll patronize the businesses on 23rd Street impacted by the bombing during this holiday season to show your support for #ChelseaStrong.

Senator Brad Hoylman Presents:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE ALT RIGHT & WHITE NATIONALISM

A free screening and expert panel discussion of
**HATE IN AMERICA: Stories from the Files of the
Southern Poverty Law Center**

Sunday, January 29, 5 - 7 pm
SVA Theater, 333 West 23rd Street
(between 8th and 9th Avenues)

**Space is limited. To reserve your seat call
212-633-8052 or email hoylman@nysenate.gov**

 **Free and open to the public**





Honoring a Villager for Her Bravery

On October 27, I presented Gina Zuckerman with an official New York State Senate Proclamation for her bravery in fighting off an assailant who attempted to steal her purse this fall on lower Fifth Avenue while she was on her way to volunteer at her local Greenwich House senior center. Ms. Zuckerman is affectionately known as the “numbers lady” who calls out numbers for meals at the Senior Center on the Square. The actions of Ms. Zuckerman, a 90-year old Holocaust survivor, are a testament to her courage and her love of her neighborhood. I’m pleased to report that thanks to the hard work of the NYPD a suspect was arrested in connection with Ms. Zuckerman’s attack.

Demanding Accountability and Transparency at the Port Authority

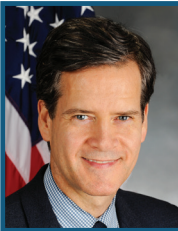
Since the beginning of the process to construct a new Port Authority Bus Terminal, I’ve insisted that community input, environmental concerns and strategic planning be at the center of the planning framework. Together with my colleagues in federal, state and city government, as well as Community Boards 4 and 5, we succeeded this summer in forcing the Port Authority to abandon an ill-conceived design competition that was premised on the use of eminent domain to demolish parts of Hell’s Kitchen to make way for a new terminal. Since then, I’ve joined Congressman Jerry Nadler and my colleagues in standing firm that New York, not New Jersey, should be leading the discussion on where to locate a new terminal. The poor planning by the Port Authority is endemic of an agency with little transparency or accountability. To that end, I’ll continue to sponsor legislation that would subject the Port Authority to greater scrutiny and oversight, including freedom of information and conflicts of interest laws.



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FRUSTRATED BY POLITICS? WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Get involved by applying for your local community board!



Manhattan’s 12 community boards are local organizations each composed of 50 volunteer members serving staggered two-year terms. Community boards are tasked with being the independent and representative voices of their communities—the most grassroots form of local government. The boards are pivotal in shaping their communities and enhancing and preserving the character of the city’s most unique neighborhoods.

Applications for 2017 are available now. Go to Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer’s website at <http://manhattanbp.nyc.gov> for an application. Applications must be submitted online, delivered to the Borough President’s office, or postmarked by Friday, February 3, 2017 at 5:00 pm. If you want to learn more about community boards or the application process, feel free to call Senator Hoylman, himself a former community board chair, at 212-633-8052.