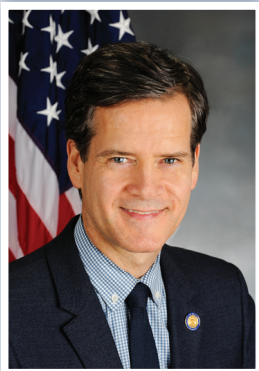


Senator Brad Hoylman 2016 SUMMER NEWSLETTER



Dear Neighbor:

It's an honor to serve in the New York State Senate. Summer is a good time to take stock on the past legislative session in Albany and update you on a number of important issues in our Senate district, including some free events coming up that I'm sponsoring.

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 **hoylman.nysenate.gov**. Also, keep in mind that I can assist you with matters such as housing, healthcare, and benefits/entitlements, and can help you resolve problems with government agencies. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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

Brad Hoylman
State Senator
27th District

2016 Legislative Session Report

The State Senate finished up the 2016 legislative session shortly before 4 a.m. on June 18. Senators were forced to vote in the middle of the night with scant time to read the hundreds of bills before us. Frankly, it's no way to run a legislative chamber in a state with the world's 11th largest economy -- larger than Mexico's.

Part of the problem stems from the fact that legislators are considered "part time" and as a result the legislative session is only half a year, forcing a considerable amount of work into a short amount of time. This arrangement permits legislators to supplement their state salaries by moonlighting, creating (as we've seen in recent federal corruption trials) the potential for conflicts of interest.

I've introduced legislation to **restrict legislators' outside income** to 15% of their base salary and ban the practice of law, similar to the U.S. Congress. I'm disappointed this bill wasn't brought to the floor for consideration. Nor were other reform measures considered, such as **eliminating the notorious loophole** that evokes the destructive court decision in *Citizens United* by treating limited liability companies (LLCs) as people to evade corporate campaign finance limits, **barring elected officials from using campaign funds for their criminal defense, and lowering New York's astronomically high contribution limits** (currently, contributors are allowed to donate more to candidates for New York State Senate than candidates for President of the United States!).

Instead of debating a comprehensive ethics package, the final days of session were dominated by legislation that had the seriousness of a carnival sideshow. The Senate voted to extend the time when alcohol can be served at Sunday brunch, legalize online gambling and permit "fantasy sports" gaming.

Hours were taken up with ceremonial resolutions, including one to affirm the state's support for the casino industry.

In this difficult political environment, I'm pleased to report that I passed legislation that:

- **Enabled President Obama to create a Stonewall National Monument** at Christopher Park (see inside for details);
- **Helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lower utility bills** by requiring the purchase of Energy Star-certified appliances by organizations receiving state funding; and
- **Makes it easier to prosecute white-collar criminals** for repeated tax evasion.

I also helped stop a destructive bill from being considered by the Senate that would have raided up to \$100 million from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), New York's carbon emission cap-and-trade program that helps fund alternative energy.

The Senate Republicans refused to take up important bills I sponsor, including:

- **The Child Victims Act** - my legislation that would reform New York's restrictive civil and criminal statutes of limitation for the survivors of child sexual abuse. While I'm saddened that justice has once again been delayed to survivors, working with advocates and colleagues, I helped raise the profile of the issue significantly. Using a procedural mechanism, I also forced the first-ever vote on the Child Victims Act in the Senate (the Republicans defeated it 30-29). I will continue to push this vital legislation next session.



- **The Child Safe Products Act** - a bill I sponsor that would ban a long list of toxic chemicals from children's toys. As Ranking Member of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, I will again make this legislation a top priority next session.
- **Any important LGBT rights legislation** - including my bill to ban the practice of so-called "gay conversion therapy" on minors by licensed mental health professionals; and the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA), which I co-sponsor.

Despite these disappointments, I'm proud of the victories I was able to achieve during this year's legislative session with the help of thoughtful colleagues and committed advocates from across the state. Their hard work inspires me that we can and will do better next year.



I joined NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer at Macy's on June 21 in support of the Ali Forney Center, which assists LGBTQ homeless youth



Senator Brad Hoylman Presents:
FREE SUMMER MOVIES
 No Tickets Required!



Date	Film	Location	Time (PM)
August 1	Harvey	Bryant Park	5-11
August 1	Purple Rain	Richard Rodgers Amphitheater in Marcus Garvey Park	6-10
August 2	Moonstruck	Tony Dapolito Recreation Center	8:10-10
August 3	The Royal Tenenbaums	Pier I	6:30-11
August 4	The Goonies	North Plaza in Union Square Park	8-10
August 8	High Plains Drifter	Bryant Park	5-11
August 9	Fly Away Home	Sherman Creek Peninsula	8:15-10
August 9	Top Gun	Tony Dapolito Recreation Center	8-10
August 10	Mary and Max v. Carol v. The Warriors	Pier I	6:30-11
August 11	Grease	North Plaza in Union Square Park	8-10
August 14	The Good Dinosaur	Randall's Island Connector	8-10
August 15	The Big Chill	Bryant Park	5-11
August 17	Auntie Mame	Pier I	6:30-11
August 22	Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan	Bryant Park	5-11
August 23	Gremlins	Tony Dapolito Recreation Center	7:45-10
August 28	Inside Out	Touchdown of the 103rd Street Footbridge	8-10
August 30	The Incredibles	103rd Street Community Garden	7:45-9:45
September 8	Girlhood	Low Memorial Library at Columbia University	7:30-9:30

Source: New York City Department of Parks & Recreation.

We did it! Stonewall a National Monument



I'm extremely pleased to have passed legislation (S.6891/A.9454) with Assembly Member Deborah Glick, which was signed into law by Governor Andrew Cuomo on April 22, to enable President Obama to create the Stonewall National Monument at Christopher Park, directly across from the Stonewall Inn where the modern LGBT rights movement began.

Stonewall is the town square for New York's LGBT community and an important symbol for human rights across the world, as demonstrated when thousands of New Yorkers flocked to Stonewall to mourn the victims of the mass shooting in Orlando last month. I'm grateful to Congressman Jerrold

Nadler and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand for spearheading this effort at the federal level, along with Mayor Bill de Blasio, Council Member Corey Johnson and Community Board 2 for their local support.

In December, I secured a \$500,000 commitment from the Cuomo Administration to help complete the NYC AIDS Memorial to honor the more than 100,000 New Yorkers who have died from AIDS, located at W. 12th Street and Greenwich Avenue.

Protecting the Hell's Kitchen Community

On April 18, I organized a town hall for hundreds of Hell's Kitchen residents with Assembly Member Richard Gottfried, government colleagues and Community Board 4 on the new Port Authority Bus Terminal, which is currently planned to be located in the area. It is outrageous that a design competition for the new bus terminal is proceeding without adequate input from local stakeholders, examination of all available alternatives, and an assessment of air quality and other environmental concerns. I testified before the Port Authority on July 21 to demand they terminate the competition and start over in order to remedy this unacceptable situation.



I joined kids and advocates at the ribbon-cutting for the newly-renovated Ramon Aponte Park in Hell's Kitchen on June 29

Success! Lead Testing to Protect Tenants



I joined Cooper Square Committee and Council Member Rosie Mendez on May 9 for a rally against tenant harrasment in the East Village

This spring, I spearheaded an effort with my government colleagues to engage the support of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) on behalf of tenants living in apartments across our Senate district owned by Raphael Toledano of Brookhill Properties. Samples taken in these units yielded unsafe lead concentrations. I'm pleased to report that as a result of our advocacy, DOHMH will proactively test for lead dust at twenty Brookhill buildings, and the landlord has agreed to meet regularly with tenants.

In January, I introduced legislation with Assembly Member Linda B. Rosenthal to increase penalties against landlords who flout New York's rent-stabilization laws. It appears some landlords regard the current low penalties merely as the "cost of doing business." In response, our bill would increase the penalty for overcharging a rent-stabilized tenant to up to ten times the overcharge for repeated violations.

Senator Brad Hoylman Presents:

AFTER ORLANDO, HOW DO WE STOP THE NRA?



A free screening and expert panel discussion of
MAKING A KILLING: Guns, Greed, and the NRA

Thursday, August 4, 2016

6-9 pm

SVA Theatre

333 West 23rd Street (between 8th and 9th Avenues)

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Free and open to the public





I was honored to receive the Special Service Award from NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos on April 8

Demanding Environmental Accountability

Thousands of residents in and around the Village of Hoosick Falls, New York, were recently found to have elevated blood levels of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), a chemical linked to cancer and other illnesses. It is extremely troubling that these residents were exposed to PFOA through their town's water supply, which they had assumed was clean and safe.

As the Ranking Member of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, on June 29, I co-wrote a letter with Democratic Conference Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins to Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan demanding that the Senate hold legislative fact-finding hearings on the water contamination crisis in Hoosick Falls. The Senate announced on July 7 it will hold hearings.

Unanswered Questions on Mount Sinai Beth Israel

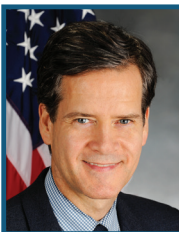
In the wake of Mount Sinai's decision to transition services from its Beth Israel campus to elsewhere in Manhattan, I joined colleagues in government in requesting detailed assurances that vital health care will remain in the community. I am particularly concerned about continuity of care for senior citizens in the neighborhood, as well as maintenance of existing emergency department capacities. I'm working with Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and the New York State Department of Health to ensure that decisions are informed by community needs before any plans are finalized. As always, if you have questions or concerns about Beth Israel's services, please don't hesitate to contact me at 212-633-8052.



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