



New York State Senator Kevin Parker - 21st Senate District

Majority Whip

Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

Committees: Banks; Budget and Revenue; Finance; Internet and Technology; and Rules.

Albany Office:
504 State Capitol, Albany, NY 12247

District Office:
3021 Tilden Avenue, 1st Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11226



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 16, 2023

Media Contact:

Jaukia McConeyhead
(929) 933-8474

SENATOR PARKER APPOINTED BY SENATE LEADER TO MWBE TASK FORCE AND NEWLY CREATED CANNABIS SUBCOMMITTEE

Brooklyn, N.Y. – State Senator Kevin Parker, representing the 21st Senate District, has been appointed by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins to serve on the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) Task Force, as well as the newly created Cannabis Subcommittee. Senator Parker's latest appointments were made in recognition of Senator Parker's leadership, expertise, and strong record of advocating for social justice and economic opportunities for all.

The MWBE task force seeks to promote the growth and success of MWBEs throughout New York State. The task force's efforts will provide these businesses with access to resources, contracts, and other opportunities that will help them thrive in today's competitive economic environment. Senator Parker will use his experience as a legislator and community leader to shape the task force's priorities and recommendations.

The newly created Cannabis Subcommittee will focus on developing legislation and policies for legalizing adult-use marijuana. The Subcommittee will be responsible for examining the economic and social impacts of cannabis legalization in New York, as well as the regulatory framework that will be required. Senator Parker will bring his healthcare, economic development and community advocacy expertise to the Subcommittee's work.

"I am honored to have been appointed to both the MWBE Task Force and the Cannabis Subcommittee," said Senator Parker. "These appointments will allow me to build upon my efforts to promote social and economic justice in our state. I am committed to working with my colleagues to create a regulatory framework that benefits all New Yorkers and promotes public safety, equity, and prosperity."

Senator Parker is a longtime advocate for social and economic justice and has championed policies that promote fairness for all. He has been a strong proponent of MWBE initiatives since he was a freshman Senator and throughout his time in office

About New York State Senator Kevin Parker

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn district comprising sections of Flatbush, East Flatbush, Kensington, Ditmas Park, Midwood, Flatlands, Canarsie, Georgetown, Old Mill Basin, Mill Basin, Marine Park, and Bergen Beach. A lifelong Brooklyn resident, he is the Chairman of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee and sits on the Senate Finance; Rules; Banks; Internet and Technology; Rules; and Budget and Revenue.