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Summer in the District

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??Dear Friend,

I hope you're doing well and enjoying the summer -- [here](#) are some tips on staying cool in the heat.

I also wanted to share some of the issues I've been working on:

- You may have heard that the MTA has planned extensive repairs on the L train starting in 2019. I organized over 30 elected officials [to urge creation of an interagency working group](#) to find ways to mitigate the closure's impact on riders and businesses. I've also continued

to fight **proposed cuts to local F service**, along with colleagues. And, I joined Riders Alliance and the Bus Turnaround Campaign to support **bold new bus planning**.

- Our nation's Constitution guarantees the right to a speedy trial. Unfortunately, many New Yorkers are effectively denied this right by unacceptable court delays. I'm continuing to **push for Kalief's Law**, to fix the state's broken speedy trial law, and **I spoke out** against policies that leave New Yorkers in jail while waiting for arraignment.
- I was **proud to support** "The Hills" on Governors Island -- now open. Come visit Slide Hill -- the longest slide in the city!

And there are important issues in neighborhoods across the district as well:

- I'm continuing to urge that Bushwick Inlet Park move forward immediately, **whatever it takes**.
- **I called on the Battery Park City Authority Board** to allow members of the public to provide direct public comment at the Authority's board meetings, which the Board has denied.
- When Squibb Bridge in Brooklyn Bridge Park was closed for repairs over two years ago, I stood with residents to urge a quick reopening, **ensuring safety and transparency**. Finally, plans for a 2017 reopening are underway. I'm also working with Love Our Pool to push to keep the current Brooklyn Bridge Park pool as we push for a permanent one. Join the effort, **here**.
- I worked with DOT and the Hester Street Collaborative to **bring public art** to South Street, and **saved seasonal use and activities at Pier 42**, working with EDC, Parks, CB3, and Paths to Pier 42.
- I continue to oppose the development proposals in the Two Bridges neighborhood and am calling for **real public engagement**.

Please let my office know if we can be of assistance at 212-298-5565, 718-875-1517 or squadron@nysenate.gov.

Best,

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