

## WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

### Proposal for a Residential Parking Pilot Program

To combat the lack of on-street parking spaces throughout the City, Senator Jose Peralta introduced a bill calling for the establishment of a residential parking permit program covering a two-mile radius of LaGuardia Airport. Under the proposal, the one-year parking pilot includes making 20% of the spaces available to non-residents. Additionally, the parking plan will not affect commercial thoroughfares.



### Corona's P.S. 19 to Modernize its Auditorium

Senator Peralta secured a \$250,000 state allocation to modernize the auditorium at P.S. 19, The Marino Jeantet School in Corona. The project includes the replacement of broken seats and chairs, the installation of a new audio system and upgrading the electrical system to facilitate the installation of an air conditioning unit. Outside school functions, the auditorium is used to hold community events and activities.



### Fighting Massage Parlors that are Fronts for Prostitution

In an effort to tackle illicit activity and shut down establishments that are fronts for prostitution, Senator Jose Peralta introduced a bill that would require massage therapy businesses to register with the New York Department of State. The proposal calls for establishments to apply for a four-year license, a measure that will permit consumers and the State to know which businesses are legitimate.



### Another Successful Turkey Drive

For the seventh year in a row, Senator Peralta hosted his annual Turkey Drive, in which he distributed, alongside several co-sponsors, more than 700 turkeys to local and faith-based organizations, schools and senior centers to provide a holiday meal to families in need.



### New Roof for Lexington School for the Deaf

Senator Peralta was able to secure \$119,000 in state funding for the Lexington School for the Deaf to repair its 50-year-old roof. The project includes the replacement of a 4,500-square-foot portion of the roof. The Lexington School for the Deaf was founded in 1864 and is the largest school for the deaf in the entire state.



### Groundbreaking for Permanent Annex at P.S. 143

Years after his original proposal, Senator Peralta, alongside school officials, parents, and community members, broke ground for the construction of the new building at P.S. 143, one of the most overcrowded schools in the City. The new building will have a capacity of almost one thousand students with 22 new classrooms grades 1 through 5, and 11 Kindergarten classrooms, as well as six special education rooms, three reading and speech resource rooms, three art classrooms, two science resource rooms, one library, one exercise room, student cafeteria, kitchen complex, and one guidance suite.





# FIGHTING BACK AGAINST ANTI-IMMIGRANT FEDERAL POLICIES

We are in the middle of a storm that pretends to take us backward. With the White House and Republicans dominating Congress, the new political landscape is plagued by un-American and anti-immigrant policies. However, Senator Jose Peralta, alongside his strategically aligned colleagues, are on the frontline fighting and opposing these policies. Senator Peralta has made it clear that he will not let Washington threaten our way of life.



Senator Peralta has assured his constituents that no one is returning to the shadows! As part of his efforts to ensure immigrants in New York have the same opportunities his parents had when they immigrated to New York from the Dominican Republic, Senator Peralta has established a Human Rights and Civil Rights Task Force. Some of the goals of this task force include fighting against racism, sexism, hatred, and discrimination.



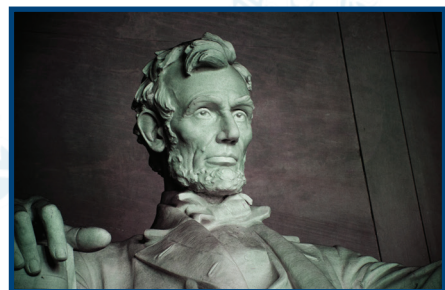
Additionally, to protect hard-working, immigrant families, Senator Peralta was able to secure \$10 million for a legal defense fund to push back against draconian immigrant policies. If you need assistance, call the Independent Democratic Conference's toll-free emergency hotline for legal services at (800) 213-6385.



The White House seems determined to hurt the hard-working, middle class of this country. The latest attacks coming in the form of a tax plan that will devastate the middle class and benefit the rich. Senator Peralta's mission is to fight these inhumane policies. The regressive GOP tax plan is a stab in the back to all Americans since it cuts local and state deductions, especially in place for the middle class.



We must continue to fight back and reverse anti-immigrant policies that are hurting New York. Senator Peralta strongly continues to push to pass his DREAM Act in the New York State Senate, as the City stands together to protect our DREAMers and immigrant communities. The DREAM Act will provide college financial aid to undocumented New Yorkers, making them eligible to participate in the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). Simply put, Senator Peralta is fighting for the dignity of all New Yorkers.



Part of Senator Peralta's priorities for the next Legislative Session will also include efforts to push the Liberty Act, which will provide additional safeguards for undocumented New Yorkers, giving them the possibility to obtain a driver's license.



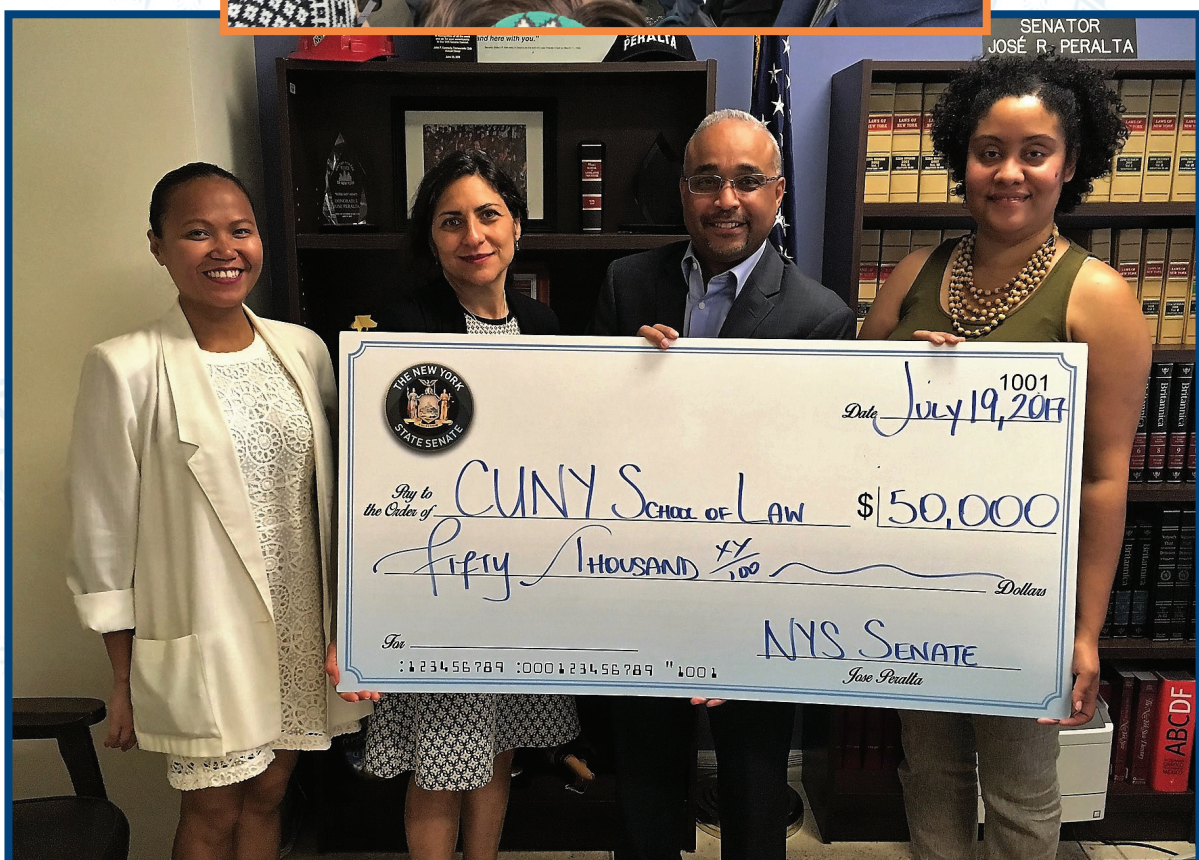


## FREE LEGAL COUNSEL FOCUSING ON IMMIGRATION & HOUSING

As of November, Senator Peralta's office, along with legal professionals from the CUNY School of Law's Community Legal Resource Network, offer a free legal counsel focusing on immigration and housing as these are the top two constituent issues in our office.

Legal services for immigration will include, but are not limited to, deportation proceedings and immigration actions taken by the federal government, among others. Legal consultations for housing includes cases in which tenants are facing housing discrimination, harassment, and illegal rent hikes, among others.

For free legal advice on these issues, please contact Senator Peralta's office at 718-205-3881 and make an appointment.





# Supporting the Working Class

Advocating for worker’s rights and economic and social justice has been at the core of Senator Peralta’s battles. Incredible milestones were reached, such as passing the historic minimum wage increase and the country’s first Paid Family Leave program. But the struggle continues, and there is a lot of work to be done. Senator Peralta will continue fighting in Albany for the passage of legislation that will promote better salaries and benefits for the working class.



## Safe Streets

Expanding the school zone speed camera program. Senator Peralta made it clear that passing his bill to expand the number of speed cameras through the School Zone Speed Camera Program is one of his priorities for the upcoming Legislative Session. He renewed his commitment to making streets safer for all New Yorkers in November during a City Hall Park rally on World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (above).



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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Dear Friends,

The holiday season is upon us, and I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with an update regarding the many accomplishments I, alongside my team and your support, have been able to bring to the community.

Please understand that I have and will continue to fight back against the uncompassionate policies coming straight from the White House, which are taking us backward. Attacks on immigrants, detaining DACA recipients, building a wall, a tax plan that destroys the middle and hard-working class; no one is free from these ruthless actions. For that reason, I decided to establish a Human and Civil Rights Task Force to fight back against discrimination and racism.

Through this year’s state allocation, I was able to secure funds to offer free legal counsel services focusing on immigration and housing in the district office. As part of this initiative, professionals from the Community Legal Resource Network of the CUNY School of Law can answer questions, review documents and give legal options to constituents. If you need assistance, please call my office at (718) 205-3881 and make an appointment to see an attorney.

As we strive to achieve more success, I am happy to report that in the last couple of months I have also provided funds to seven schools in the district to participate in Project Boost, an educational initiative that offers students cultural experiences. Moreover, I allocated \$250,000 in state funding to modernize Corona’s P.S. 19’s auditorium and \$119,000 to the Lexington School for the Deaf for the reparation of a leaky 50-year-old roof.

As I head back to Albany for another Legislative Session in January, I will be pushing for my bill that calls for the establishment of a residential parking permit program in a 2-mile radius of LaGuardia Airport. Another bill that I will fight for will tackle prostitution by requiring massage therapy businesses to register with the New York Department of State, a measure that will protect consumers against illegitimate establishments.

While we have made a lot of progress, more work remains to be done to keep improving our neighborhoods and our quality of life. It is truly an honor to represent you in the State Legislature. I wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday season and a prosperous Happy New Year.

Sincerely,