

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Although there is no regular legislative session until January, State Senator Jose Peralta introduced a handfull of bills that he hopes will become law in 2018. Additionally, one of the Senator's priorities will be to pass his bill to expand the speed camera program in school zones.



Speed Cameras: New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio stood with State Senator Jose Peralta to push his proposal to increase the number of speed cameras installed near schools throughout the City. Evidence has shown that where cameras are located, drivers have a tendency to slow down. In fact, there has been a 63% decline in speeding violations issued in school zone locations where a camera is in operation.



Familia Bill: State Senator Jose Perata took part in celebrating National Night Out Against Crime. The goal of the program is to improve upon the relationship between the Police Department and the communities they protect. Recently, Senator Peralta introduced legislation in order to provide financial assistance to the spouse and/or dependents of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel, who have been killed in the line of duty. The Senator came up with the idea after the brutal killing of police officer Miosotis Familia.

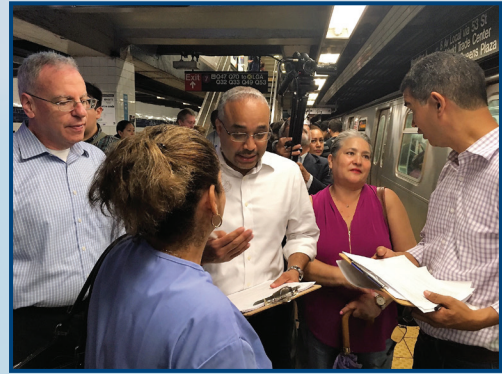
The "Familia" bill (S.6838) will establish the Police Officer, Firefighter, and Emergency Medical Services Family Housing Fund, which will provide up to \$1,000 per month to help offset rent or mortgage payments for eligible families. New York State will appropriate \$10 million to the fund to award monthly payments --up to a maximum of 10 years--for survivors of fallen first responders for their housing expenses.



Fighting Identity Theft: In an effort to alert New Yorkers about the dangers of illegal skimmers at ATMs, State Senator Jose Peralta introduced a bill that will require banks and ATM providers to post signs warning about these devices. The signs will include information that will allow customers to take some steps to protect themselves. The notices will also include the contact information for the New York State Attorney General to report the possible presence of skimmer devices in ATMs.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

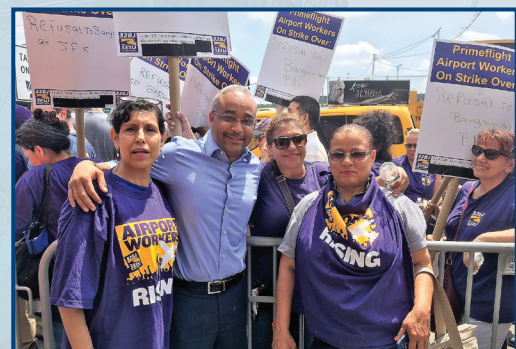
Community relations and quality of life issues are at the core of State Senator Jose Peralta's work. Improving the lives of his constituents and their communities is vital.



Subway Tour: Senator Jose Peralta joined Assemblymember Jeffrey Dinowitz and Councilmember Ydanis Rodriguez, as they toured the subway system to hear from commuters about their complaints and concerns. Senator Peralta spoke with several riders and collected information regarding their daily commute experiences.



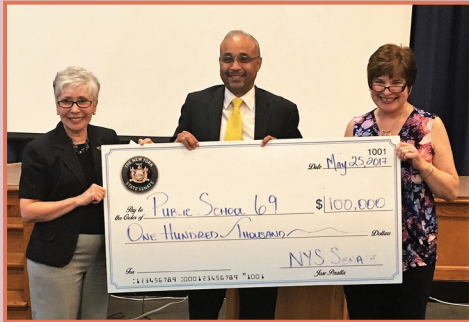
Senior Centers: During visits to senior centers, many members shared with the Senator their concerns. Senator Peralta pointed out that as a society, we must ensure that we keep providing the necessary resources to our seniors.



Airport Workers: As it has been the case for the past several years, Senator Jose Peralta stood alongside hundreds of airport workers during a rally at LaGuardia Airport, which is located in the district. The workers are demanding a living wage from their employer, PrimeFlight, which is a subcontractor for several airlines. The Senator insisted that it is time baggage handlers, skycaps, cabin cleaners and all airport workers get a fair contract. He stated, "Simply put, this is uncalled for, especially since PrimeFlight is such a successful company. Let's provide workers with a living wage, which they deserve since they're the ones that insure that travelers are safe and things run smoothly way before they are up 33,000 feet in the air."

SENATE DISTRICT 13 SCHOOL FUNDING

State Senator Jose Peralta secured more than \$1.5 million in school funding which will be used for capital improvements, such as the installation of a new air conditioning system, or technological upgrades, such as purchasing smart boards and laptops. Additionally more than \$1.1 billion was secured in this year's Budget for education, which includes a \$700 million increase in Foundation Aid for Public Schools. If the city distributes those funds proportionately, Senate District 13 should receive \$18.3 million.



The funding will be distributed as follows:

- P.S. 13: \$10,000 for the purchase of laptops & smart boards.
- P.S. 16: \$15,000 for the purchase of laptops & smart boards.
- P.S. 19: \$15,000 for the purchase of laptops for classrooms.
- P.S. 69: \$100,000 to upgrade the Public Address System.



- P.S. 89: \$100,000 to upgrade the school's auditorium and \$140,000 for 44 new air conditioning units.
- P.S. 110: \$10,000 for the purchase of smart boards.
- P.S. 143: \$15,000 for the purchase of smart boards.
- P.S. 148: \$15,000 for the purchase of laptops, smart boards, and tables for cafeteria.
- P.S. 212: \$15,000 for the purchase of laptops & smart boards.
- P.S. 222: \$15,000 for the purchase of laptops & smart boards.
- P.S. 228: \$15,000 for the purchase of laptops & smart boards.
- P.S. 330: \$15,000 for the purchase of laptops & smart boards.
- P.S. & I.S. 127: \$250,000 for the installation of new air conditioning.
- I.S. 61: \$10,000 for the purchase of laptops & smart boards.
- I.S. 227: \$250,000 for upgrades in the electrical system in all classrooms.
- I.S. 230: \$15,000 for the purchase of laptops & smart boards.
- Civic Leadership Academy: \$10,000 for the purchase of laptops, smart boards, computer carts and wireless printers.
- Renaissance Charter School: \$25,000 Rensizzle Week/Teens for Racial and Ethnic Awakening.
- The Learning Tree STEM-Arts School: \$15,000 for the purchase of laptops and smart boards.
- Woodside Academy of the City Charter School: \$10,000 for the purchase of laptops and smart boards.
- Pan American International High School: \$10,000 for the purchase of various gym equipment, computer tables and laptops.
- 82 Street Academics: \$75,000 for an after-school for early college preparation.



- I.S. 145: \$300,000 for a new air conditioning system.

NYS ALLOCATIONS TO NONPROFITS

In this year's New York State Budget, State Senator Jose Peralta was able to secure more than \$1 million to fund nonprofits and local organizations that provide vital services to the community.



CIANA received \$50,000. The Center for the Integration and Advancement of New Americans (CIANA) received \$50,000 to provide legal representation and other services to immigrants. The Astoria-based nonprofit organization works to prevent the increasing marginalization of refugees and new immigrants.

CIANA is a decade-old community-based immigrant services organization, and has developed an integration model designed for marginalized immigrant families and youth coming from highly traditional societies.



Catholic Charities of New York received \$50,000. Catholic Charities will use the state funds to prepare New Yorkers for the job market. Additionally, the funding will support the organization's Young Adult Internship Program and English as a Second Language (ESL) courses.

Catholic Charities is a federation of more than 900 human service agencies that provide help and create hope for hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers in need throughout the metropolitan area.



Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) received \$75,000. Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) received \$75,000 to help hardworking families fight foreclosure proceedings. Additionally, NHS assists residents who are buying a home through down payment assistance programs.

NHS, founded in 1994, establishes strong and sustainable neighborhoods and families to maintain the vibrancy and diversity of Queens. Its Housing for All program provides financial literacy to the community through access to housing education and training.



Emerald Isle Immigration Center received \$50,000. Emerald Isle Immigration Center will utilize the allocation to support the increased demand for the organization's services, including information regarding New Yorkers' rights and their options.

The Woodside-based organization protects the privileges and interests of New Yorkers, helps immigrants with their U.S. citizenship, and provides essential information on the procedures for several immigration matters including re-entry permits, lost or replacement green cards and all visa types.



Apicha Community Health Center received \$50,000. The funding will help Apicha Community Health Center expand its services by staffing its new site in Jackson Heights, slated to open early next year. The funding will provide a Patient Associate, who will assist with the enrollment of community residents into Apicha's health services. This new center will help improve health outcomes for the LGBT community.

As a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Apicha Community Health Center is a vital primary care provider to the people it serves. Apicha's doors are open to all and they provide care regardless of ability to pay.



Woodside on the Move received \$50,000.

The funds allocated to Woodside on the Move New York will support various programs put in place by the nonprofit to improve the lives of residents in Woodside and Western Queens. The allocation will provide free services intended to increase the quality of life for residents in Queens.

Woodside on the Move and Senator Peralta have collaborated on numerous occasions to bring programs to help the community and constituents. Some of the initiatives they organize together include the annual Turkey Drive, Back to School Backpack Giveaway, and the Coat Drive.

The Association of Community Employment Programs for the Homeless (ACE) received \$75,000.

ACE received \$75,000 to provide job training and work experience program for the homeless. Program participants offer cleaning services along Roosevelt Avenue between 82nd and 90th Street. The program has begun as of July 1, 2017 and will continue until June 30, 2018.

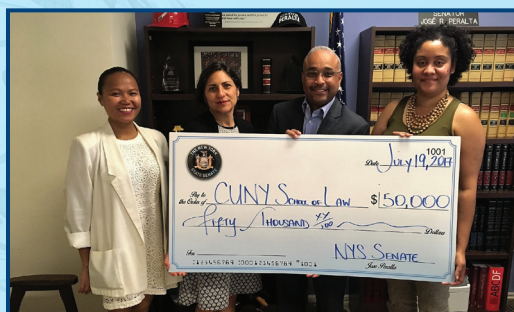


ACE works with recovering homeless men and women throughout New York City, providing job training, work experience and a lifetime support network to help program participants achieve their goals and establish economic independence.



The Jewish Association Serving the Aging (JASA) received \$50,000. JASA received \$50,000 to provide support services aimed at helping seniors who were victims of scams, deed theft or are going through foreclosure proceedings.

JASA was founded in 1968 and is one of the largest agencies serving older adults in New York City. Its mission is to sustain and enrich the lives of the aging in the New York metropolitan area so that they can remain in the community with autonomy.



CUNY School of Law received \$50,000. The City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law received \$50,000 to fund its Community Legal Resource Network. The center offers free legal counseling, with a specific focus on housing and immigration matters. The funding will provide a package of legal services, ranging from one-on-one legal counseling to targeted legal rights workshops. Immigration and housing are the top two constituent issues when seeking assistance from Senator Peralta's office.

CUNY School of Law is the premier public interest law school in the country. It trains lawyers to serve the underprivileged and disempowered, ultimately making their own imprint and positive change in their communities.



HER Justice received \$50,000. HER Justice received \$50,000 to offer legal services to women in need. The nonprofit assists hundreds of women who have been victims of crime to obtain U Visas.

HER Justice takes a "pro bono first" approach to the provision of legal services to low-income women in crisis in all five boroughs of New York City. The staff of 18 lawyers and legal assistants trains, recruits and supervises volunteer attorneys from over 80 law firms to ensure that more than 3,000 vulnerable women every year receive free legal assistance in family, divorce and immigration matters.

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Queens Library received \$60,000. With this allocation, Queens Library will be covering different programs and classes at the library branches located within Senator Peralta's district. These resources are free and open to the public.

The branches receiving funding are as follows:

- **Jackson Heights** - This branch has been around since 1954 and has 18,000 square feet. About 400,000 people visit the branch each year.
- **East Elmhurst** - This 7,500-square-foot building opened in 1972, and serves 84,000 people each year.
- **Elmhurst** - This is one of Queens Library's newest branches, it opened in 2016 and is on target to draw more than one million people each year.
- **Corona** - The corona community library opened its doors in 1968 and has 8,000 square feet. About 225,000 people use the library each year, and it is one of the busiest branches in the system, serving a largely Latino population.
- **Lefrak City** - This branch was inaugurated in 2003, sits on 18,000 square feet and serves approximately 100,000 people every year.
- **Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center** - This 23,000-square-foot building opened in 1999 and serves 145,000 people a year.



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Dear Constituents,

As your elected official, my unequivocal mission, above anything else, is to bring results to you. As summer is winding down, I am proud to present to you some of my accomplishments achieved in the last few months, including state allocations, legislative initiatives and community relations.

In this year's State Budget, I secured more than \$1.5 million in capital improvement projects for our schools. This includes a new centralized air conditioning system for I.S. 145 in Jackson Heights and an upgrade to P.S. 89's auditorium in Elmhurst. Additionally, schools throughout the district will receive funds to purchase laptops, smart boards for classrooms and other much-needed community resources.

Furthermore, I am honored to have helped secure more than \$1 million in public allocations to fund nonprofit groups and community-based organizations in State Senate District 13. These groups provide vital services to our neighbors, ranging from housing, legal counseling and affordable healthcare to work experience programs. As we continue to work together to improve our quality of life and our neighborhoods, I look forward to hosting our annual events, including my Job Fair, Back to School Backpack Giveaway, Turkey and Coat Drive events.

If I can be of any help to you, please do not hesitate to contact my staff by calling (718) 205-3881. You can also come to the office, located at 32-37 Junction Boulevard in East Elmhurst, for assistance.

Sincerely,

Jose Peralta
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