




THE MAS REPORT

FROM STATE SENATE PRESIDENT MALCOLM A. SMITH
DISTRICT 14

Dear Friend,

April 1st is Census Day and I hope that by now you have turned in your census form. The data collected affects funding for local communities, political representation and community planning. It is imperative that your census form be mailed back.

April is also National Financial Literacy Month. This month all New Yorkers are urged to focus on the importance of financial literacy and establishing and maintaining healthy financial habits.

Just last week, I hosted an informational workshop entitled "Survival Strategies: Managing Your Finances in Hard Financial Times." I hope you were able to attend this very important event where representatives from a number of government agencies and support groups provided tips for dealing with savings, debt, foreclosure, bankruptcy and even how to access the state's unclaimed funds program.

This month I will be hosting a Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) certification workshop. Qualified business owners will be taken through the NYS certification process.

During the month of February my office hosted a State of the District event in Southeast Queens. At the end of this month we will host this event in Far Rockaway. The focus will be on issues that my office has tackled over the past 10 years, events that we have hosted as well as legislation that has been passed that effects the people of my district.

Another exciting event that we will host this month is a Tri-level Task Force Hearing on Jobs. Members of the three layers of government will come together in a coordinated effort to help create jobs in the 21st Century. The hearings will be hosted by borough presidents throughout the city to examine what can be done to put New Yorkers back to work. The first hearing will be held at Queens Borough Hall.

As always, my staff and I are here to assist you with important matters. Please do not hesitate to call my district office at (718) 528-4290 if you have any questions or concerns and for specifics on these upcoming events.

All my best



Malcolm A. Smith
Senator, 14th District

Interested In Production Crafts?

The "Made in NY" Production Crafts Training Pilot Program is a FREE technical skills training and job readiness program offered by Brooklyn Workforce Innovations and the New York City Mayor's Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting. They are currently recruiting for our spring class which will focus on training individuals interested in pursuing careers in the grip department. A grip is a technically skilled person responsible for the set up, adjustment and maintenance of production equipment on the set. A grip's typical duties involve mechanical rigging for camera and lights. This job requires extreme heavy lifting (70 lbs) and proficiency in mathematics & mechanics. Like all production jobs, it includes long hours and an irregular, freelance schedule.

All interested individuals MUST attend the recruitment event on Friday, March 19 @ 1 p.m. sharp. Applications will be provided on site. Applicants must bring their Driver's License and Resume in order to apply.

Location: New York City College of Technology, Klitgord Auditorium.

Address: 285 Jay Street on the corner of Tillary Street, Brooklyn. No appointment or RSVP needed to attend this event.



Senate President Malcolm A. Smith Holds Press Conference
To Kick-off the Tri-level Joint Legislative Task Force on
Jobs For The 21st Century