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**SENATOR
JOSE PERALTA**
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SUMMER NEWSLETTER



Senator Peralta unveiled legislation to ban the distribution of 'chica cards' on Roosevelt Avenue at a March press conference.

Dear Friends,

The legislative session that concluded recently was by far the most productive that I've been involved in since arriving in the legislature as an Assembly Member in 2002.

Kudos to Governor Cuomo for his leadership. The economy being what

it has been, there were a number of difficult decisions that had to be made. I did not, and still don't agree with all of them, but I am confident that New York will emerge from the economic downturn stronger than before, positioned to grow and prosper.

Along with many of my Senate colleagues, I fought for marriage equality. We made history the night of Friday, June 24 with our

vote. I am proud to have been a part of the struggle for fairness for the LGBT community since first voting for marriage equality when I was in the Assembly in 2009.

I also fought during this session for strengthened rent regulations, another important victory for many of you.

Satisfaction with the passage of my bill to go after Roosevelt Avenue pimps is tempered, however, by the disappointment with the fact that several significant pieces of legislation did not even make it to the Senate floor for a vote, including my bill requiring guns made or sold in New York to feature microstamping—a technology that stamps a code onto the shell casings ejected when a handgun is fired, a boon to crime scene investigators.

All in all, the successes of this session, including ethics reform, will help to begin restoring public confidence in state government.

Enjoy a fun, safe summer. Keep an eye out for my mobile constituent services van that will be making the rounds throughout the dis-

trict over the next several weeks. Of course, you can also stop by or call my office if you need help.

Sincerely,

Jose Peralta
NYS Senator

P.S.: Remember that the Play Street will be closed to traffic starting Friday, July 1. With the Parks Department's attendant position for the street slated to be eliminated, I worked with the Doe Fund to add the Play Street to the route of the "Men in Blue," to ensure the area is kept free of litter and garbage and, in turn, vermin. The Play Street, which is 78th Street, between Northern Boulevard and 34th Avenue, will remain closed to traffic through September 30.



Homes and Community Renewal Commissioner Darryl Towns meets with tenant advocates from Woodside, Jackson Heights and LeFrak City at a forum hosted by Senator Peralta in his office.

Dr. Chad Gehani accepts a proclamation from Senator Peralta congratulating him on his selection as president of the New York State Dental Society.



The 20th Annual Corona-East Elmhurst Family Day last month was a hit with the baseball team Senator Peralta sponsors in the Dominicana Sport USA league.



Senator Peralta and the honorees of the Women's History Month celebration he co-sponsored at P.S. 69 in Jackson Heights.



Senator Peralta celebrated Mother's Day by paying tribute to moms at the Institute for Puerto Rican/Hispanic Elderly, Corona Senior Center.



Educator Gloria Dixon of East Elmhurst was Senator Peralta's honoree at the Senate's annual Women of Distinction gala in Albany this year.



Senator Peralta invited Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott to the district, where they visited P.S. 307 in Corona.

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