



Assemblymember
**Stefani L.
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56th Assembly District – Bedford Stuyvesant and Crown Heights

Winter Newsletter 2023

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

There is so much to be grateful for as we close out 2023.

This year, my colleagues in the New York State Legislature passed a \$229 billion budget, allowing us to level the playing field in education and healthcare. We also provided a “clean slate” for returning citizens and re-established New York as a leader in protecting women’s right to choose.

In November, three of my bills became law. A.1909 - The Plain Language Bill, which strengthens our democracy by removing legal jargon and increasing readability. A.7677 - The Community Hiring Bill, requires businesses who receive New York City contracts to hire people from zip codes with high unemployment rates. A.1722 exempts non-profit farms and gardens from paying for water to grow the food we count on.

We had some historic wins this year but we aren’t done yet! In 2024, we are tackling significant issues related to housing, food security, road safety, and the significant delays in compensating non-profit organizations that are crucial in tackling our community’s most pressing challenges.

Our future depends upon our ability to move as a collective and disrupt the silos that sequester us from the rich resources available in our community. Let’s step out on faith and connect with entities engaged in the same work to help strengthen our safety net. We can ideate, innovate, and implement solutions that build upon our traditions and preserve our legacy together.

As we look to 2024, let there be peace on earth, and let that peace begin with us.

Wishing you Joyous Holidays and a Vibrant New Year!

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Other Historic Wins!



Bedford Stuyvesant has its first and only museum with a \$1.5 million investment secured by Assembly Member Zinerman! The Cultural Museum of African Art – Eric Edwards Collection contains over 4,000 artifacts amassed over 50+ years.



She also provided \$500K to fund an aviation pipeline in District 16, where our 3rd to 8th grade scholars at PS 5 and Madiba Prep are flying planes using flight simulators. These young people now have the opportunity to land six-figure jobs in the future!

Your Tax Dollars at Work!

We invested our State Budget Capital funding to improve our district

\$475,000	Cultural Museum of African Art, Inc. The Eric Edwards Collection	Construction of the building, including the purchase and installation of security systems, fire alarm systems, and encasement for African artifacts
\$300,000	Bedford Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps	New ambulance
\$250,000	Madiba Prep Middle School	Flight simulators for middle school Aviation Program
\$250,000	Public School 5	Flight simulators for PS 5 Aviation Center
\$250,000	United Order of Tents of Brooklyn of the Eastern District No.3 (J.R.G. and J.U.), Inc.	Restoration of the Historic Mansion
\$150,000	Bridge Street Development Corporation	Storefront revitalization program for Merchant Associations in the district
\$125,000	District 16	Technology upgrades for District 16 schools
\$125,000	Brooklyn Children's Museum	Construction of a structure and an exhibit
\$125,000	IMPACCT Brooklyn	Construction of a rooftop garden at the Senior Residence located at 811 Lexington Avenue
\$125,000	Antioch Baptist Church and Development	Purchase of a outdoor stage and a sound system
\$125,000	77th Precinct Community Council, Inc.	Purchase a van to provide safe passage of seniors and youth to district programs, services and events
\$125,000	Brothers Redefining Opportunities Experience Foundation, Inc.	Purchase a van to provide safe passage of young men of color to essential mental health services and events
\$100,000	Brooklyn Sunday School Union	Conduct emergency structural repairs to a historic landmark building



Other Important Programs That Support our District

\$35,000	Age Friendly Central Brooklyn, Inc.	Age Friendly Healthy Aging Initiative
\$53,500	Asase YAA Cultural Arts Foundation Arts Foundation, Inc.	AYCAF School of the Arts
\$25,000	Bridge Street Development Corporation	MYBASE Youth Opportunity Center
\$11,500	Brooklyn Scholar Athletes, Inc.	56th District Scholar Basketball Leagues
\$25,000	Brothers Redefining Opportunities Experience Foundation, Inc.	Young Men's Mentoring Program
\$10,000	Crown Heights North Association, Inc.	Community and Housing Preservation Activities
\$25,000	Cultural Museum of African Art Inc., The Eric Edwards Collection	Preserving African Artifacts
\$25,000	Entertainers for Education Alliance	Bloodline Dance Theater
\$10,000	Inner City Handball Association, Inc.	56th District Handball Tournament
\$20,000	Quest Youth Organization, Inc.	New Stars in the Music Galaxy
\$10,000	Young Men's Christian Association of Greater New York	Bedford-Stuyvesant Teen Programming
\$30,000	Inspiring Minds of New York City, Inc.	IMConnected NYC



Borough-wide Program Funding Other important programs that need our support

- Brooklyn Aquarium, Botanical Gardens and Zoo \$20,000,000
- Deed Theft Intervention: \$2,000,000
- Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce: \$650,000
- Center for Educational Innovation (CEI): \$500,000
- Children of Promise: \$200,000
- Citizens Committee for New York City: \$200,000
- HOPE Program: \$200,000
- Nontraditional Employment for Women (NEW): \$250,000
- West Indian Day Carnival Association: \$250,000
- Kings Against Violence Initiative, Inc. (KAVI): \$150,000
- Workforce Development Training: \$125,000
- African American Cultural Museum: \$100,000
- Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Assoc.: \$100,000
- Sesame Flyers: \$100,000



Assembly Member Zinerman with artists from Asase Yaa Cultural Arts Academy at the grand opening of the Cultural Museum of African Arts.



Meet the Tompkins Tennis Club, the 2023 Champions of the Kings County Tennis League Summer Classic.

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