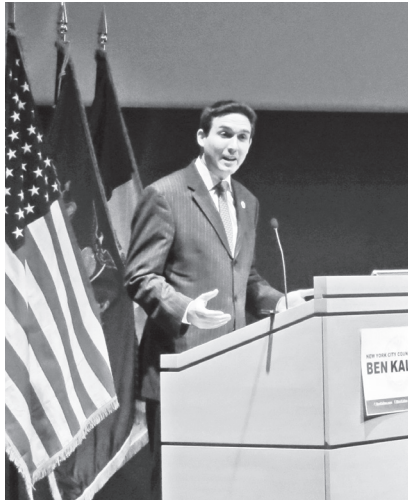


## STATE OF THE DISTRICT



At my First Annual State of the District on February 8, I spoke about the issues facing our community and key policy proposals to move forward. I was honored to be joined by Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Public Advocate Letitia James and City Comptroller Scott Stringer. We heard Talent Unlimited High School perform music and a recitation of Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise." To view the video or read the address, please visit [BenKallos.com/StateOfTheDistrict](http://BenKallos.com/StateOfTheDistrict)

## MOBILE DISTRICT HOURS

Get assistance wherever you are located. Please join us at mobile district hours **(new hours): 2 P.M. - 5 P.M.**

- **Stanley Isaacs Senior Center:**  
2nd Tuesday of the month
- **Lexington Houses:**  
2nd Wednesday of the month
- **Lenox Hill Neighborhood House:**  
4th Tuesday of the month
- **Roosevelt Island:**  
4th Wednesday of the month

Appointments after 5 P.M. are available upon request.

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## OPEN OFFICE



**First Friday:** First Friday of each month, **8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.** District Office, **244 East 93rd Street.** Open house for all district five residents.

**Policy Night:** Second Tuesday of each month, **6:00 P.M.** District Office, **244 East 93rd Street.** Join us to create change in your own community.

**Town Hall:** June 11, **7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.** Memorial Sloan Kettering Auditorium, **430 East 67th Street.**

**Ben in your building:** If you gather ten or more neighbors, I will come to you. Please contact my office to schedule.

## HERE TO HELP

My social work team can help you find out what services you are eligible for, and assist you in your application. Some examples include:

- For seniors:** Medicare savings, Meals-on-Wheels, Access-A-Ride
- Housing:** searching for affordable units, free legal housing clinic at my office
- Jobs:** training and assistance, unemployment benefits
- Families:** Universal Pre-K, Head Start, After-School programs
- Finances:** cash assistance, tax credits, home energy assistance
- Nutrition:** Food Stamps (SNAP), WIC, free meals for all ages.

Please also call me with any unresolved **311 complaints** or to have a free benefits screening today. Contact us at [benkallos@benkallos.com](mailto:benkallos@benkallos.com) or **(212) 860-1950** to get started.



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## DEAR NEIGHBOR,

In the over a year since I was sworn in on January 1, 2014, I remain honored that you have entrusted me with representing your interests at City Hall.

Together, we have succeeded in passing laws to make New York City more transparent and increase participation. We fought for and won millions in funding for the East River Esplanade. And we did it all while backing universal pre-k, paid sick leave and increased rent benefits for seniors and disabled residents.

I opened my office to you through open houses, events, forums and policy nights. Progress has been made on the big fights, like the one against the Marine Transfer Station, and the fight to bring more school seats to our neighborhoods—but there is still more to do.

Here is a quick summary of my first year in the Council, by the numbers:

- Residents served:** More than 1,000
- Legislation Passed:** 3 bills and 2 resolutions
- Land use matters:** 2, with both passing
- City Council attendance:** 100 Percent
- Governmental Operations**
- Committee Hearings chaired:** 14
- Laws passed through committee:** 7 bills and 2 resolutions
- First Fridays and policy nights:** 20
- Funding Secured for East River Esplanade:** \$35 Million
- Community Meetings:** More than 100
- Money allocated to projects the community voted on through participatory budgeting:** \$2.7 million

Looking forward to the next three years.

Sincerely,

**Ben Kallos**  
Council Member, District 5

## PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING: VOTE ON HOW TO SPEND ONE MILLION DOLLARS

This spring, vote on how our neighborhood spends one million dollars in discretionary funds. First, visit a budget expo put on by volunteer budget delegates to see a presentation of projects on the ballot. Then, please vote to have a say in shaping our community's future. Please visit [BenKallos.com/pb](http://BenKallos.com/pb) for more information.

Last year, the three winners were:

- 1. Bus Time Clocks at Westbound Crosstown Bus Stops:** \$300,000
- 2. Senior Centers:** \$250,000
- 3. Public Schools:** \$250,000 for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) upgrades and programs

**EXPOS** Projects will be presented to the community.

**If you are unable to make it to an expo visit [BenKallos.com/pb](http://BenKallos.com/pb) for information on projects.**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21:** NYPL 67th Street, **328 E. 67th St.**, 2 P.M. - 4 P.M.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22:** Roosevelt Landings, **546 Main St. 12th Fl**, 1 P.M. - 3 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25:** Stanley Isaacs, **415 E. 93rd St.** 7 P.M. - 9 P.M.

## VOTE

**WEEKDAYS, APRIL 13-17:** District Office, **244 East 93rd St.** 9 A.M. - 6 P.M.

**WEEKENDS, APRIL 11-12 & 18-19:** District Office, **244 East 93rd St.** 12 P.M. - 4 P.M.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11:** Lexington Houses, **1539 Lexington Avenue**, 2 P.M. - 5 P.M.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12:** Stanley Isaacs, **415 East 93rd St.**, 2 P.M. - 5 P.M.

**MONDAY, APRIL 13:** P.S./I.S. 217, **645 Main St.**, 7:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

**MONDAY, APRIL 13:** Lexington Houses, **1539 Lexington Avenue**, 4 P.M. - 7 P.M.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14:** RI Senior Center, **546 Main St.**, 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14:** Lenox Hill, **331 East 70th St.**, 2 P.M. - 6 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15:** Eleanor Roosevelt H.S., **441 East 76th St.**, 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15:** RI Public Library, **524 Main St.**, 3 P.M. - 7 P.M.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16:** Stanley Isaacs, **415 East 93rd St.**, 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16:** NYPL 67th St, **328 East 67th St.**, 1 P.M. - 5 P.M.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16:** NYPL Webster, **1465 York Avenue**, 4 P.M. - 7 P.M.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17:** P.S. 151, **421 East 88th St.**, 7:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17:** Carter Burden, **351 East 74th St.**, 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18:** RI Historical Society, **Visitor Kiosk**, 2 P.M. - 5 P.M.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19:** St. Catherine's Park, **1st Avenue and 67th St.**, 10 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19:** John Jay Park, **77th St. and Cherokee Pl**, 12 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19:** Carl Schurz Park, **86th St. and E End Avenue**, 2 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

### 2014 Official Ballot

Participatory Budgeting in New York City  
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## FIGHTING THE MARINE TRANSFER STATION



I have been working nonstop to fight the Marine Transfer Station and protect the community as construction occurs. Last year, I championed our cause at City Council oversight hearings, public events, and on news broadcasts; attended dozens of rallies, protests and community meetings; and exposed the fact that capital cost estimates had quintupled to \$215 million. An independent report I requested from the Independent Budget Office showed that the costs of disposing of one ton of trash would triple through the marine transfer station. Over twenty years, that represents more than \$600 million we could spend on schools, clean air and water, and safer streets.

## NEW YORK POST

### East Side trash bash

Transfer station would triple costs: study

**EXCLUSIVE** What a waste... **Projected cost**... **Current cost**... **What a waste**... **Projected cost**... **Current cost**...

**PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT** New Yorkers deserve a greener, smarter city that will make the need for marine transfer stations like the one at 91st Street obsolete. In coming months, I will be proposing legislation to increase recycling, increase the use of reusable and safe products, and modernize our waste system. To get involved and sign the petition against the Marine Transfer Station, please visit [BenKallos.com/MTS](http://BenKallos.com/MTS)

**FIGHTING THE DEC PERMIT** To protect air quality, the State Department of Environmental Conservation should hold a public hearing on—and not reissue—the permit for the Marine Transfer Station. To submit your own public comment to the DEC, please contact my office or visit [BenKallos.com/MTS](http://BenKallos.com/MTS)

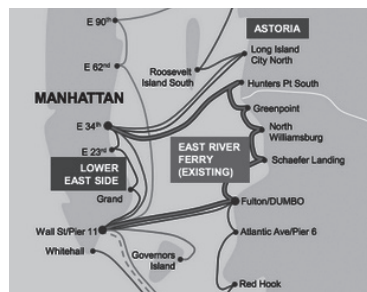
## LIVABLE STREETS



Last year, I asked you in this newsletter to report traffic and safety concerns, and released a two-part “Livable Streets” report based on the information you provided. The Department of Transportation has already agreed to do Pedestrian Interval Studies at dangerous intersections, install a bus shelter and bike rack, beautify our streets and released a “Vision Zero: Pedestrian Safety Action Plan for Manhattan” prioritizing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues and four intersections. To read the reports or add new locations, please visit [BenKallos.com/Livable-Streets](http://BenKallos.com/Livable-Streets)

**BIKE SAFETY** Safe biking is a top concern for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists alike. We held three forums on the issue and launched a **Commercial Bike Safety** program to educate and provide commercial cyclists with free safety vests, lights and bells. The program empowers you to call **311** and my office if you see commercial bikes biking dangerously, or without vests, lights, bells, or identification numbers. In the warmer months, we will increase education and enforcement.

**FERRY SERVICE** The Mayor recently announced ferry service for the East Side at 62nd and 90th Streets, as well as on Roosevelt Island by 2018, upgrading our waterfronts and improving our commutes. I am proud to have advocated for this service for many years along with Senator Charles Schumer and Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney.



**BUS SERVICE** We've all experienced long wait times for local buses, while select buses fly by or while buses never come. I am fighting to get the MTA to release Bus Time historical time and location information so we can use data to force improvements in service. To report on bus or subway service, please visit [BenKallos.com/Transit](http://BenKallos.com/Transit)

## WORLD-CLASS SCHOOLS



**SCHOOL TOURS** It has been my pleasure to tour schools and meet with principals, teachers, parents and students to discuss programs we can collaborate on, from funding opportunities to technology in the classroom. It has also been great to answer questions about local government with student groups. If I have not yet been to your school, please contact me to set up a time.

**SUMMER READING** Last year, students who read five or more books as part of my “Summer Reading Challenge” received a certificate of excellence from my office. If you are interested in joining this year find more information and a list of books at [BenKallos.com/ReadingChallenge](http://BenKallos.com/ReadingChallenge)

**COUNCIL MEMBER FOR A DAY** What would you do as Council Member for a day? Students attending grades five through eight in the district are invited to submit an essay on the subject of “What I Would Do as a Member of the City Council” by April 1, 2015 to [bkallos@council.nyc.gov](mailto:bkallos@council.nyc.gov) with the subject line “Council Member for a Day.” Don't forget to include your full name, address, phone number and school. The winner will join me on the floor at a stated meeting of the full New York City Council. Learn more at [BenKallos.com/EssayContest](http://BenKallos.com/EssayContest)

**MOCK VOTE** Just before Election Day in November, I held a mock vote for P.S. 290 students with copies of the real ballot. It is my hope that if all 1.1 million of our students vote in school for twelve years, the next generation will grow up to be avid voters—a long-term investment in our democracy. If you know of a class that might be interested in doing a mock vote, please contact my office or visit [BenKallos.com/MockVoting](http://BenKallos.com/MockVoting)

## COMMISSION ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

Recently, the Public Advocate re-launched the Commission on Public Information and Communication (COPIC), and I was honored to be selected by my colleagues as the City Council representative. We are tasked with building a more transparent city that communicates better with our residents.

## LEGISLATION

### PASSING A PRO-VOTER LAW

I am proud to announce the passage of my Expanded Agency-Based Voter Registration Bill. The bill adds seven more agencies to those required to provide voter registration forms and strengthens the mandate to assist residents in filling out and mailing the registration forms to the Board of Elections. This will make it easier for New Yorkers to register to vote—especially those who most need assistance.

### TAXI APP

*The New York Times* December 11, 2014  
**‘Chicago and New York Officials Look to Build Uber-Like Apps for Taxis’**

We trust our NYC yellow cabs to get us where we're going. In 2015, we should be able to hail them on our phones. I introduced legislation that would mandate the city to develop a universal e-hail app for yellow and green cabs, enabled for a new city app and any third-party apps who wish to participate. It is time for New York City to modernize and innovate.

**EARLY VOTE** My early voting bill would allow New Yorkers to vote up to two weeks before Election Day to make it easier for working New Yorkers and increase participation.

### FRACKING

*The Epoch Times* December 16, 2014  
**‘New York City Council Members Take Stand Against Fracking’**

Just before Governor Cuomo's decision to ban fracking, I introduced a resolution for New York City to stand in solidarity with upstate counties barring hydrofracking within their borders. Since 2013, I have worked with environmental activists near and far to advocate for this fracking ban.

## CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE



*The New York Times*  
**‘Free Broadband for Public Housing in New York Sought as Condition in Comcast Deal’**

The New York Times recently covered my campaign with Public Advocate Letitia James, Borough President Gale Brewer and 22 other elected officials to close the digital divide. We urged the New York State Public Service Commission to ensure any merger between Time Warner Cable and Comcast includes free or affordable broadband for public housing residents and millions of low-income New Yorkers.

**CLIP & SEND BACK: EAST SIDE BUS SURVEY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Bus/Subway Line \_\_\_\_\_

Your Bus Stop \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Times: You \_\_\_\_\_ Bus \_\_\_\_\_ Destination \_\_\_\_\_

Destination \_\_\_\_\_

Seating Available? **Y/N** Crowded? **Y/N**

Stops Announced? **Y/N** Bars Available? **Y/N**

Pulled up to curb? **Y/N** Clean? **Y/N**

Drive Safely? **Y/N** Shelter/bench? **Y/N**

To nominate driver for an award, list name and ID in notes.

**NOTES**

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