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District 47 - FY 23 Budget Victories

Fellow Southern Brooklyn Neighbors,

As the City's budget season is now coming to an end, I am proud to share with you some of the victories we have achieved for Southern Brooklyn in this Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

Through my advocacy, and the strong support of Council Speaker Adrienne Adams and members of the Brooklyn Delegation, Capital projects throughout Council District 47 have been allocated over \$15 million!

Below are some of the key projects that have been funded this Fiscal Year:

- The Marlboro Houses Community Center - \$8 million for large-scale and long-overdue interior renovations and repairs.
- Sam Burt Houses - \$538,000 for site-wide upgrades, including roof water tank, standpipe, ventilation, and electrical and LED lighting upgrades.
- Gravesend Branch Brooklyn Public Library - \$2.5 million for much-needed interior and exterior improvements.
- Coney Island Hospital - \$200,000 for a new, modern Patient Transportation vehicle.
- The NYPD's Public Service Area 1, serving our local housing developments - \$140,000 for two additional patrol vehicles.
- The New York Aquarium - \$4.36 million for its Sea Cliffs Life Support Systems.
- New York Cancer Center - \$210,000 for the construction of a new center on Avenue S.

The following schools have been granted funding:

- PS 216 - Upgrades to their Culinary Arts Classroom
- Liberation Diploma Plus High School - New laptops, laptop carts, and tv screens
- PS 97 - Auditorium audio and video equipment upgrades, as well as a new rooftop greenhouse and program support
- Rachel Carson High School for Coastal Studies - Complete an outdoor physical fitness and education center
- Brooklyn Studio Secondary School - Upgrading safety measures at the gymnasium
- The Morris H. Weiss School - A new sound system and projector for the auditorium
- High School of Sports Management - Upgrades of the 4th floor gym
- IS 228 - 3 new basketball courts for student use during lunch and afterschool

- PS/IS 288 - New smartboards, laptops, and printers
- Leaders High School - New laptops
- Kingsborough Early College Secondary School - New smartboards and iPads for classrooms
- PS 205 - Purchase 10 smartboards
- PS 101 The Verrazano - Upgrade of promethean boards
- PS 90 - A librarian desk, book drop off, children's media nooks, and shelvings
- Mark Twain IS School - Upgrade cafeteria space; including furniture and technology

Additionally, together with the Speaker Adrienne Adams and members of the Brooklyn Delegation, I successfully advocated for discretionary and initiative funding for various non-profit community based organizations for their programs and operational needs. This funding will go towards a wide range of services, including, but not limited to; youth and senior programming, economic development and job opportunities, digital literacy and inclusion, after-school programs, street and park cleanup, and much more.

These are just some of the amazing organizations that were funded this year:

- Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island
- United Chinese Association of Brooklyn
- Alliance for Coney Island
- Federation of Italian American Organizations of Brooklyn
- Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst
- Campaign Against Hunger

Critically, the Council has secured the Community Safety and Victim Services Initiative, for which I strongly advocated, with an additional \$100,000 allocated towards anti-violence in our communities.

This is nowhere near an exhaustive list, and if you wish to see all the organizations my office or the Council funded, you can always visit the council.nyc.gov/budget website and search the Discretionary or Capital budget lists there.

Thank you to my Chief of Staff Jeannine Cherichetti and Budget Director Ather Tirmizi for all their hard work!

My office will continue working closely with these organizations to ensure that they have the necessary support to provide the life changing services in our community.

It is my honor to serve.

Council Member Ari Kagan