

The pace quickens as Primary Day draws ever closer. Fortunately, my campaign is built on nearly twenty years of community service, so I am not starting from scratch. My long relationships with virtually every civic leader, institution and community in the district, as a long-time civic and political leader myself, is providing the framework around which my campaign keeps growing and growing. Here is a sampling of the last few weeks. If you can see the pictures below, click [here](#).

	<p>State Senator Malcolm Smith, Queens Hospital Center Community Advisory Board Vice Chair Kevin Forrestal and I held a press conference in front of Queens Hospital Center opposing the governor's proposed budget cuts to the NYC Health &amp; Hospitals Corporation. The newspaper article is <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p>I represented Assemblyman McLaughlin at the dedication honoring the longtime principal of the Herbert Birch School for Exceptional Children in Hillcrest.</p>	
	<p>Here I am at my April 6 fundraiser in Manhattan with Shoshana Bookson, the immediate past president of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association. The event was a tremendous success.</p>
<p>I had the honor of visiting St. Benedict's church in Richmond Hill again, and discussing the needs of its parishioners and the larger community with Monsignor John O'Brien and members of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference, which runs a food pantry and provides other services to those in need regardless of their faith.</p>	



The 107th Precinct Community Council is one of the most important organizations in the community. I addressed the Council at its April meeting concerning summer youth employment opportunities available through the Department of Youth & Community Development. Click [here](#) for an application from DYCD.

Last week I was endorsed by leaders in the growing Guyanese community in Richmond Hill. Together we are working to encourage greater involvement by the Guyanese community in civic and political organizations in the wider community.



Another month, another Community Board meeting. Some of the most important local issues go through the Community Board in one form or another, including zoning, traffic safety and afterschool programming, to name a few.

Presidential hopeful United States Senator Joe Biden (D-Delaware) was the guest of honor at the annual NYS Trial Lawyers Association "Law Day" dinner. After the dinner, Senator Biden met with some of the leaders of the NYS Trial Lawyers Association, where I am a member of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Legislative Committee.



Kew Gardens Hills is an important part of the 25th Assembly District, and I had the opportunity to speak at the April meeting of the Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association concerning plans to rebuild the Kew Gardens Hills library.

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