



## Senator Toby Ann Stavisky Thanks Queens College for Adding Weekend Hours at Rosenthal Library

*The library will be open for Queens College students, faculty & staff, including many first responders.*

FLUSHING- Senator Toby Ann Stavisky expressed her appreciation to Queens College for opening the Rosenthal Library on weekends from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM starting on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The decision comes after Senator Stavisky (16<sup>th</sup> District) reached out to college administrators about an issue facing many of its students. During a recent visit to NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst the Senator and hospital CEO Helen Arteaga Landaverde both received a flu shot. As they were chatting, Ms. Landaverde described the fact that many hospital employees were continuing their education at Queens College but struggling to find a place to study outside of regular school hours.

“We have men and women who have been out on the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic, supporting themselves, their families and their community while trying to earn a degree,” says **Senator Toby Ann Stavisky**. “When I found out many of them were having difficulty finding a quiet place to focus on their studies I reached out to administrators at Queens College to discuss possible solutions to this problem. Opening Rosenthal Library on weekends will provide a focused, dedicated work environment for these students and others. The facility will not only be open to students working at the hospital, but for all students who meet the COVID-19 campus access requirements, and I am grateful to President Frank Wu.”

**Frank H. Wu, President of Queens College** says, “We are very pleased to work with longtime supporter and alumna of Queens College, Senator Toby Stavisky, in providing weekend access to the Rosenthal Library to the college community. Thanks to the swift response of Interim Associate Dean/Chief Librarian Simone Yearwood, prior reservation for study space should be made the night before a planned visit at <https://QC-CUNY.libcal.com/> by those cleared for campus access. In addition to the 24 hour a day access to the library we already provide during finals, this weekend availability will help students in need of a quiet and safe space for their studies.”

**Helen Arteaga Landaverde, MPH, CEO of NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst** says, “I want to thank Senator Toby-Ann Stavisky, a great champion of education in our Borough, for helping Queens College to expand their library operations to include weekends. This will greatly aid and support our frontline workers and others in the community who are continuing their education and need flexibility regarding hours of study”.