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Hoboken assemblywoman recognized with advocate award

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HOBOKEN – Assemblywoman Annette Chaparro was recently honored by the New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition as a recipient of the 2018 NJBWC Advocate of the Year – State Level Award.

“This award recognizes your excellent work as a transformative leader for biking and walking in the State of New Jersey, particularly as a sponsor of A-4165, which was signed into law on January 15, 2018,” states a letter from the Board of Directors of the NJBWC.

“Bike riders and pedestrians around the state will now be safer as a result of your efforts in requiring driver’s education to include bike rider and pedestrian safety.”

The law (A-4165) requires the curriculum for driver’s education courses in New Jersey to include information on sharing the road with pedestrians, cyclists, skaters, and riders of motorized scooters and other non-motorized vehicles.

“I am honored to accept this award from the New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition and I thank them for their recognition,” Chaparro said in a press release. “I started seeing more people using bikes in my hometown of Hoboken, and with the introduction of bike share programs throughout my district, I thought it was time we update the driver’s education curriculum to educate the next generation of drivers about bicycle safety and sharing the road.

“I’m glad my colleagues agreed with this idea and that it was signed into law. I look forward to working with local organizations as well as the New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition on how we can continue to make our streets safer for everyone.”

Chaparro will be presented with an award at the 2018 NJ Bike & Walk Summit, to be held on Saturday, March 24 at The Conference Center of Mercer County Community College.

Senator Nia Gill and Senator Steven Oroho will also be provided with recognition. For more information on the summit, visit <http://njbwc.org/summit-2018/>.

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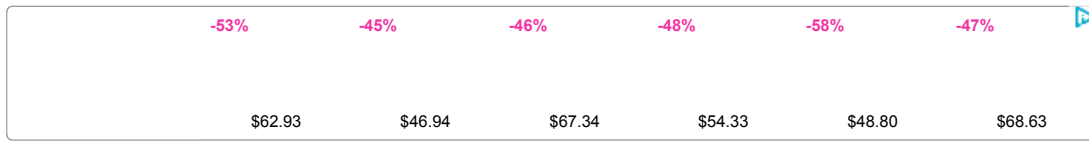
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