



# NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY WEEKLY REPORT

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### STATEMENT ON THE ELECTIONS

From attacks on immigration rights and health care to providing tax breaks for the wealthy and rolling back environmental protections, Washington has been no friend of New York. The nation's voters have made it clear they want change; the new leadership in both the U.S. House of Representatives and in the New York State Senate will aid my efforts in advancing much needed progressive legislation in New York State. Together, our hard work toward common sense reforms will continue our great state's trailblazing legacy.

It is an honor to be elected as your State Assembly Member for the 51st District. Over the next two years, I will continue to serve the district to the best of my ability and work toward just improvements in our neighborhoods; I will create and champion legislation to protect our children, our elders, our health, our education, LGBTQ+ rights, immigration rights, and more.

Two of my Assembly colleagues will be departing; I want to wish Joe Morelle and Anthony Brindisi the very best as they serve in Washington as Members of Congress. Congratulations to District 39's newest Assembly Member Catalina Cruz, and welcome to the Assembly! Another congratulations to Attorney General Elect Leticia James! Being the first woman of color to serve in this position is a momentous achievement and a long-needed change. We are moving closer to a truly representative government. I look forward to working with you.



### EFFORTS TO EASE PROPERTY TAX BURDEN ON SENIOR CITIZENS

New York City's property-tax rate has grown at triple the rate of working New Yorkers' incomes over the past decade, making it very hard for taxpayers at the lower end of the economic scale to make ends meet. Retired couples that anticipated passing their homes on to their children now face doubt about whether they will be able to stay. We cannot allow rising property taxes to displace our seniors.



Last May, New York City launched the Advisory Commission on Property Tax Reform. The Commission was created to evaluate the current property tax system in New York City and recommend reforms to make it fairer, simpler, and more transparent, while ensuring that there is no reduction in revenue used to fund City services.

Earlier this month, I submitted a statement to the Commission demanding that property taxes get distributed fairly amongst all economic ranges. For more on my efforts: [click here](#).

### DEMANDING STRONGER GUN LAWS IN LIGHT OF CALIFORNIA THOUSAND OAKS TRAGEDY

Yesterday's shooting is yet another tragedy. My condolences to the families of those killed and to the injured. Without strong gun laws, these horrific mass murders will continue to plague this nation. It is imperative that we begin moving forward on enacting stronger gun laws. I have introduced and supported stronger gun laws in the past that have passed the Assembly and died in the Senate—the new senate majority brings hope that these bills will finally become laws and I urge the new leadership in the U.S. House and N.Y. Senate to help me make this happen.

The education that children in our community receives is important to me. I met with educators in the district, including PS 971 principal Ms. Ruth, to help keep me in touch with how I can best support our schools.



NYPD housing PSA 1 officers visited me at my district office. Thank you for all you do for our community.



### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RESOURCES

Below are a few community announcements and resources that you may be interested in.

*Please follow the links provided for more information.*

November 15th: College Fair at Miccio Community Center - [click here](#)

November 17th: District 20 Community Resource Fair - [Spanish Flyer](#) [English Flyer](#)

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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