

# DISTRICT SURVEY: ADDRESSING THE AFFORDABILITY CRISIS

**As we head into the legislative session for 2026, I would love to hear from you.** Throughout my time in office, I have mailed out surveys to better understand the needs and priorities of our communities. This year, given the unprecedented changes at the federal level, I want to hear from you about how these federal cuts are impacting you and your family. Thank you for taking time to fill this out, your voice is critical to the work we do in the state legislature.

1. In your experience, which of the following has been most affected by recent federal funding cuts?

☐ Access to affordable housing

☐ Childcare or family support services

☐ Food assistance programs

☐ Healthcare and mental health services

☐ Transportation
2. How concerned are you about keeping up with the rising cost of living?

☐ Very concerned

☐ Somewhat concerned

☐ Slightly concerned

☐ Not concerned
3. What basic need is most difficult for you and your family to meet?

☐ Housing

☐ Food

☐ Utilities

☐ Childcare

☐ Transportation
4. Have you or someone you know lost access to a public service or program due to budget cuts?

☐ Yes- personally affected

☐ Yes- someone I know was affected

☐ No

☐ Not sure
5. Which of the following would make the biggest difference in improving your quality of life?

☐ More affordable housing options

☐ Better paying local jobs

☐ Lower utility or energy costs

☐ Reliable public transportation

☐ More accessible health and mental healthcare
6. In the past year, have you had to cut back on any of the following due to cost? (Select all that apply)

☐ Groceries

☐ Healthcare

☐ Childcare or education expenses

☐ Utilities
7. From your perspective, what is the top priority as local leaders respond to federal cuts?

☐ Focus on protecting essential social services

☐ Prioritize local job creation and economic growth

☐ Increase partnerships with non-profits and community groups

☐ Raise local revenue to sustain key programs

☐ Reduce spending to balance the budget
8. How connected do you feel to the local government and your local leaders?

☐ Very connected

☐ Somewhat connected

☐ Not very connected

☐ Not connected at all
9. What feedback would you like to give to my office or the New York State Government as a whole?

My office is hosting a winter drive to support underserved residents across the region. To participate, please drop off donations to our office at 500 Helendale Road, Suite 90, Rochester, NY 14609 between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. This year, we are focusing on high-need items. Things like canned goods, cooking oils and feminine hygiene products can make a huge difference for people in need. List of some of the most impactful items: ➡

1. Canned Vegetables

2. Canned Fruits

3. Pasta and Rice

4. Canned Proteins

5. Peanut Butter

6. Soup and Stew

7. Cereal

8. Shelf-Stable Milk

9. Cooking Oil

10. Spices and Condiments
11. Baby Formula and Diapers

12. Hygiene Product

13. Whole Grains

14. Dried Beans and Lentils

15. Gluten-Free and Allergen-Free Items

16. New or Gently Used Youth Snow Pants

17. Youth Waterproof Winter Gloves and Mittens.
- Thank you to all who donate for your continued support of our amazing community.



To take the survey online, scan this QR code or visit: <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Sarah-Clark/story/115959>

Office of Assemblywoman Sarah Clark 500 Helendale Road, Suite 90, Rochester, NY 14609 585-467-0410 • [clarks@nyassembly.gov](mailto:clarks@nyassembly.gov) • <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Sarah-Clark>

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

Assemblywoman Sarah Clark  
500 Helendale Road, Suite 90  
Rochester, NY 14609



New York State Assembly • Albany, New York 12248

# Assemblywoman Sarah Clark

PRSRT STD.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Albany, New York  
Permit No. 75

*Look inside for a survey on affordability*



**My office is here to help connect you with services and resources in our community.**

**Please reach out to us at 585-467-0410, or by emailing [clarks@nyassembly.gov](mailto:clarks@nyassembly.gov) or by visiting my website at <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Sarah-Clark>.**



*Sarah Clark*

