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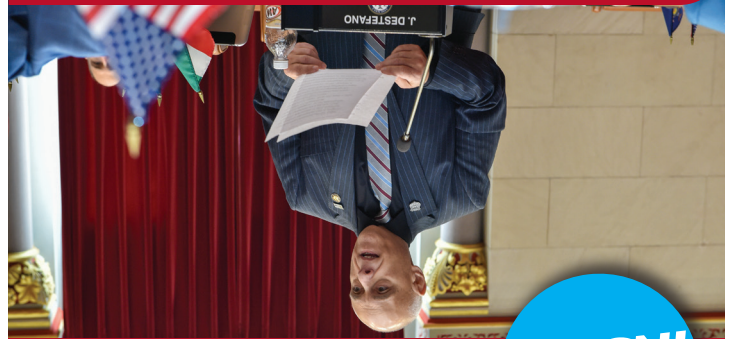
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# ASSEMBLYMAN JOE DESTEFANO'S 2024 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

1. I believe New York State is on the...

- Right track
- Wrong track

2. What issues are most important to you? Please identify your top three by checking the boxes below.

- Primary/secondary/higher education
- Creating jobs/worker safety
- Cutting taxes
- Public safety
- Environment
- Health care/mental health
- Disability support programs
- Road/bridge maintenance
- Opioid epidemic
- Migrant crisis
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. How has your day-to-day life been affected by the rising cost of living on Long Island?

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4. How serious of a problem do you believe crime is in New York today?

- Not at all serious
- Somewhat serious
- Very serious

5. Are you concerned that you may become a victim of crime?

- Yes, in Central Brookhaven Township/communities near me
- Yes, in major cities such as NYC
- No

6. Over the last decade, NY has led the nation in outmigration. How likely are you to leave the state permanently?<sup>1</sup>

- Not at all likely
- Somewhat likely
- Very likely

7. If you answered "Somewhat likely" or "Very likely" to the previous question, please share your top reason why and when you plan to leave.

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8. Do you support the Governor's proposal to spend more than \$4 billion to address the migrant crisis in NYC?<sup>2</sup> (1.9 billion FY24, \$2.4 billion FY25)

- Yes
- No

9. If you answered "Yes" to Question 8, please explain why.

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10. What approach do you think would be most effective in addressing the migrant crisis in New York State? (Please select one)

- Advocating for changes in federal immigration policies
- Encouraging local communities to provide resources/support for migrants
- Allocating more state government funding for migrant assistance programs
- Securing the border at the federal level
- Ending "Sanctuary State" status
- Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

11. Which of the following challenges do you believe contribute significantly to the housing crisis in New York State? (Please select all that apply)

- High rents or property prices
- Limited housing supply
- Poor living conditions or inadequate housing options
- Zoning restrictions or housing policies
- Overregulation and restrictions placed on landlords
- Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

12. What do you believe is the most effective way to handle the housing crisis in New York State? (Please select one)

- Increase government control (stronger rent control policies, state-funded affordable housing projects, etc.)
- Private sector collaboration (incentivizing public-private partnerships, offering tax benefits for developers supporting affordable housing, etc.)
- Uphold local control (only allow municipalities to dictate local zoning codes)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

13. What approach do you think would be most effective in addressing the opioid epidemic in New York State? (Please select one)

- Increased access to addiction treatment and rehabilitation programs.
- Stricter regulations on the prescription and distribution of opioid medications.
- Allocating more resources to law enforcement efforts to combat drug trafficking.
- Investing in mental health services to address underlying issues of opioid misuse.
- Supporting legislation that targets synthetic opioids to curb their impact.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

14. How can the MTA utilize its resources to the best of its ability? (i.e. improved financial management, infrastructure utilization, technology adoption, overall operational efficiency)

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15. Do you believe New York State is doing enough to support small businesses and keep them in the state?

- Yes
- No

16. If you answered "No" to Question 15, what specific initiatives or strategies do you think can be implemented to create a more sustainable environment for small businesses within the state?

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17. New York State is facing a projected \$20 billion budget gap over the next three years. How would you prefer to address these budget deficits?

- Cut spending
- Raise taxes
- Use state reserve funds
- All of the above
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

18. If you identified "Cut spending" or "All of the above" in Question 17, please identify the top three areas you would cut or eliminate funding below:

- State aid for local schools
- Education funding for colleges
- Economic development
- Opioid epidemic
- Public safety
- Environment
- Health care
- Disability support programs
- Senior programs
- Road/bridge maintenance
- Local government aid
- Mental health
- Renewable energy programs
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

19. Is there anything else you would like me to know that will allow me to better represent you?

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(1) [www.timesunion.com/capitol/article/new-york-loses-101-000-residents-topping-nation-18565577.php](http://www.timesunion.com/capitol/article/new-york-loses-101-000-residents-topping-nation-18565577.php)  
 (2) Governor's Executive Budget Financial Plan