

Dear Neighbor,

Long Island families and small businesses are still feeling the significant challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has caused over the last year and a half. To support our communities as they continue to recover, I helped pass a historic state budget that increased funding for at-risk populations, including Black and Latino youth, members of the LGBTQ community and rural communities. The 2021-22 state budget also included critical investments for water infrastructure and aid for small businesses as they recover from the economic effects of the pandemic. Additionally, I fought to ensure that any person or company who



illegally dumps contaminated waste is held accountable for their actions, and helped us finally reopen our beloved Roberto Clemente Park. I also secured \$650,000 for Ross Park to create a performing arts stage and facilities for families to enjoy.

We accomplished a lot this year. Still, our work must continue, which is why I will keep fighting for the resources our communities need to thrive as we recover from the unprecedented challenges we face. If you have questions or concerns about any community issue, **please contact my office at 631-435-3214 or email at RamosP@nyassembly.gov.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Philip Ramos".

Assemblyman Phil Ramos
Assistant Speaker of the NYS Assembly

Assemblyman Ramos around the district



May 26th Announcement of Funding for cleaning up of Roberto Clemente Park: Ramos announces funding for renovations at Roberto Clemente Park



August 27th Back to School Salsa Event: Ramos throws a free, end of summer salsa party in the heart of Brentwood to provide children with school supplies.



April 1st Suffolk Community College Vaccination Site Visit: Ramos visited the vaccination site at Suffolk Community College



October 20th Teacher Appreciation Night: Assemblyman Ramos is joined by Board of Regents Chancellor Lester Young and Bay Shore Union Free School District Superintendent Steve Maloney to honor award recipient Natasha Yarborough.



August 6th Salvadorian American Day: Ramos hosts people from the Salvadorian community at his office in recognition of "Salvadorian National Day in United States."

Assemblyman Ramos is fighting for Long Island families

During this past legislative session, Assemblyman Ramos passed legislation to:

- Ensure any school that was closed and missed their opportunity to appeal denials of their tax exemptions can exercise the due process that is typically available to them (Ch.336 of 2021)
- Increase the age of consent, for purposes of marriage, to the age of 18 (Ch.306 of 2021)
- Permit the town of Islip to sell parcels of land that formerly housed the New York Institute of Technology without use restrictions (Ch.332 of 2021)

Furthermore, Ramos introduced bills that would:

- Require the superintendent of the state police to establish uniform investigatory standards when there is a shooting of a civilian by a police officer (A.3755)
- Establish the crimes of aggravated falsely reporting an incident in the first, second and third degrees (A.3781)
- Require police officers to report incidents of wrongdoing by a police officer, require the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to institute practices to be followed by police agencies when managing and logging these mandated reports and establish the crime of failure to report misconduct by a police officer (A.3809-A)
- Increase personal income tax deduction for medical expenses (A.4191)
- Require DCJS to deploy the division of state police to develop a coordinated law enforcement response to gang-related criminal activities in communities across the state (A.4768)
- Provide a tax credit of up to \$500 to qualified individuals with a disability for using transportation network companies to get to work or school (A.5069)
- Require law enforcement agents and peace officers to record information about the race of persons they have meaningful interactions with in their memo books (A.5756)
- Allow the implementation of body cameras on police officers without it being an issue of binding arbitration (A.6072-A)
- Enact the "Wandering Officers Act" to prevent people who have been fired or

were in jeopardy of being fired as a police officer in any other jurisdiction from being hired as police officers in New York State (A.7284)



Finally, Ramos was able to pass critical pieces of legislation, including:

- Safe staffing legislation that sets safe staffing standards in hospitals and nursing homes across New York by requiring hospitals to establish clinical staffing committees that would be responsible for developing and overseeing a clinical staffing plan (Ch.155 of 2021) and directing the Department of Health (DOH) commissioner to establish minimum nurse staffing levels for nursing homes to promote the highest standards of resident health and well-being (Ch.156 of 2021)
- The Humane Alternatives to Long-Term (HALT) Solitary Confinement Act (Ch.93 of 2021) to restrict the use of segregated confinement and creates alternative therapeutic and rehabilitative options that allow for continued access to treatment programs, services, meals and recreational opportunities in a secure in-prison environment
- The New York Health and Essential Rights (HERO) Act (Ch.105 of 2021) to create enforceable workplace safety standards for businesses to follow in order to protect workers from exposure to airborne infectious diseases, including COVID
- Legislation to combat gun violence including bills to prohibit the possession of ghost guns (A.613-A), ban all firearms disguised as toy guns (A.6522), prohibit those who have an outstanding warrant of arrest for an alleged felony or serious offence from buying a gun (A.6198-B)

Assemblyman Ramos secures critical funding for Long Island communities

Ramos helped pass the 2021-22 state budget, which provides:

Health and Human Services:

- An increase of **\$500 million** for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) and **\$80 million** for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to reflect additional federal funding
- An additional **\$8 million** in funding for the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) for a total of **\$72 million**
- **\$50 million** to Nourish NY to fight food insecurity
- **\$32 million** to support treatment and prevention of opioid use disorder, including Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- **\$20 million** for state and local crime reduction and youth justice and gang prevention programs
- **\$1 million** to create a new suicide prevention program for high-risk populations, including Latino adolescents, Black youth, members of the LGBTQ community and rural communities



Education:

- **\$88 million** to increase the maximum Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) award by **\$500** for a maximum award total of **\$5,665**
- **\$2 million** in increased funding and **\$30 million** total to provide capital needs for 4201 schools, which serve blind and deaf students
- **\$18 million** for the My Brother's Keeper program to increase opportunities and eliminate barriers for young men of color
- **\$15 million** for a new digital inclusion program that would address the statewide digital equity gap



Environmental Conservation:

- **\$500 million** for clean water infrastructure
- **\$110 million** in New York Works funding for state parks as part of a **\$440 million** commitment over four years

Business Relief:

- **\$1 billion** for a business relief package that includes **\$800 million** in flexible aid for small-business grants, **\$25 million** for the NY Restaurant Resiliency Grant Program and **\$35 million** in tax credits for restaurants in areas impacted by enhanced COVID restrictions



Tax Credits:

- **\$400 million** in savings for middle-class homeowners through a new property tax circuit breaker that gives an income tax credit to taxpayers with incomes under \$250,000 that have property tax burdens that exceed 6% of their income
- **\$40 million** to extend the low-income housing tax credits for five years



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Assemblyman Ramos
is supporting
Long Island communities

*"As our communities recover from the pandemic,
I'll continue to fight for legislation to keep New Yorkers safe,
and secure the resources and funding we need to flourish."*

-Assemblyman Phil Ramos
Assistant Speaker of the NYS Assembly