

News from your



New York State Assemblyman

**Steve Stern**

10<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

**SUMMER/FALL 2018**

Dear Neighbor:

It is my privilege to serve our community as your new Assemblyman. Since taking office in late April, I have been hard at work in Albany, protecting our precious drinking water, providing critical resources for law enforcement to crack down on gangs and crime and bringing home funding for our local schools. I am proud to have passed several important legislative initiatives in just my first few weeks as your representative and look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that our suburban Long Island communities receive our fair share from New York State.

My staff and I are here for you to discuss your concerns and provide the most accessible and responsive constituent services.

Please always feel free to contact us at the district office by phone, in person or by email.

Very best regards,

Steve Stern  
Member of the Assembly



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## Assemblyman Steve Stern's Groundbreaking Legislative Initiatives

In just a few short weeks in Albany, I am proud to report that **I introduced and passed the most legislative initiatives of any new member of the Assembly**, which will have meaningful impacts for not only our local area, but also for so many throughout New York State. These efforts directly reflect the concerns I heard as I walked our neighborhoods and knocked on thousands of doors in our district, including safety in our schools, children's health, protecting our veterans and seniors, supporting our local economy and ensuring opportunity for our Long Island communities.

Preserving our precious environment and the quality of our drinking water for generations to come must always be one of our top priorities. I sponsored and passed the "Save Our Waters" Act to **prohibit off-shore drilling in Long Island coastal waters** and the "Drug-Take Back" law, which was inspired by my successful "Shed the Meds" initiative in the Suffolk County Legislature, to **protect our drinking water from dangerous pharmaceuticals and keep deadly drugs out of the hands**

**of our children**, as well as legislation to provide **critical funding for clean water infrastructure**.

As the parent of school-age children, I share your concerns about protecting all of our kids from gun violence, drugs and the influence of violent gangs. **In the fight against MS-13, I was able to secure significant funding for our local law enforcement and programs for at-risk youth to keep them off the streets.** I also sponsored "red flag" legislation because we have lost too many lives when there were clear warning signs of danger. This commonsense initiative would help keep guns out of the hands of those who exhibit dangerous and violent behavior.

In addition, working with Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie and my colleagues, **I secured substantial and unprecedented resources for our community** that will benefit local schools, support neighborhood organizations and help protect our Long Island quality of life.

Please know that I heard you and will continue working hard to ensure our fair share from Albany so that our community remains a wonderful place to live, work and raise our families.



Steve received a warm welcome to the Assembly from his colleagues at his swearing-in.



Steve was proud to invite Rabbi Howard R. Buechler of the Dix Hills Jewish Center to deliver the invocation at the Assembly and to recognize the synagogue's 50th anniversary.

## Assemblyman Stern Leads Speaker Heastie on Historic Tour of our Local Community

Within my first 30 days as your new Assemblyman, I was proud to welcome Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie on a tour of our Assembly District. We discussed protecting our water quality at Huntington Harbor and visited the Tri-Community CYA, where we were joined by Suffolk County District Attorney Tim Sini, Suffolk County Police Commissioner Geraldine Hart and Second Precinct Inspector Christopher Hatton. We addressed gang violence and programs for at-risk youth in our community and ways that the Speaker can be of assistance in addressing these critical local challenges.



Young people from across New York State participated in the League of Women Voters Student Conference. Steve was joined by Caitlin Evers, Harborfields High School, and Sophie Stein, Cold Spring Harbor High School.



As a member of the Assembly Committee on Aging, Steve was pleased to meet with representatives of the Huntington AARP to discuss legislative initiatives for our older neighbors and their families.

## Assemblyman Stern Delivers on his Promise to Secure Critical Resources for our Schools

Ensuring that all of our children receive a world-class education is one of my highest priorities as your Assemblyman. That's why I am so proud to announce that I was able to secure an unprecedented level of additional funding for our local schools to give students and teachers the tools they need to succeed in the classroom.

The school districts that received this crucial influx of funding, which was over and above their annual state educational aid allotments, include: **Cold Spring Harbor, Elwood, Half Hollow Hills, Huntington and South Huntington.** I was also able to secure additional funding for the **Tri Community and Youth Agency**, which provides vital after-school programming for many students in our community.

The costs required to educate our students, although essential, are also one of the biggest drivers of local property taxes. That's why it's critically important that Long Island continues to get the resources it deserves to reduce the burden on area taxpayers. We're off to a great start with this historic amount of additional funding, however, you have my commitment that I will continue to deliver for our local school districts by bringing home our fair share from Albany.



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