



Dear Neighbor,

As we approach the end of a year of hardship, we must choose to focus on the remarkable resilience our community has shown and embrace the unity and strength that has resulted from these uncertain times. I encourage you to continue to support our local small businesses, cherish the time spent with your loved ones and head into the new year with optimistic spirits. I will continue to proudly represent my constituents of AD 12 as the new legislative session begins and advocate for not only their rights, but those of all New Yorkers.

I wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season.



What we worked on over the fall:

As I continue to work rigorously every day to ensure the people of my district are well represented and heard, I have begun drafting new legislation as the legislative session quickly approaches in regard to cleaning up our environment, alcohol and substance abuse, voting laws, and increasing benefits for our veterans.

Our community has achieved great success in gaining neighboring towns like Oyster Bay, Hempstead, North Hempstead, Huntington, Smithtown, Northport and Islip to all decide to opt-out of the poorly written Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act.

I have also been planning a joint NYS Agency meeting with the Chambers of Commerce in our assembly district to open communication between my constituents and various New York State agencies.

Committee Meetings Attended:

On October 25th, I attended and spoke at the Suffolk County Alliance of Chambers Quarterly Meeting where I informed attendees how small business owners, as well as tenants and landlords who are having trouble making ends meet due to the COVID-19 pandemic, can receive financial relief on federal, state, and local levels.

On November 17th, I attended the public hearing as Ranker of the Assembly Standing Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, which was held regarding the availability of services for individuals with a substance use disorder, the effectiveness of treatment, and the potential need to diversify access and service modalities considering the pandemic and related events.

Here in our district, I continue to be a part of the conversation at the Nassau County Heroin Prevention Task Force and the Northport Drug and Alcohol Task Force monthly meetings to discuss pertinent issues surrounding the ongoing heroin and opioid epidemic on Long Island. I also took part in CN Guidance & Counseling Services monthly meetings where the severity and importance of mental health and substance use is discussed.

Press Conferences:

On October 19th, I attended state GOP Chairman Nick Langworthy's press conference regarding the content and harm this fall's ballot propositions presented in the 2021 election.

On November 10th, I visited the Cohalan Court Complex in Central Islip for Congressman Lee Zeldin's press conference.

Co-sponsoring New Legislation:

This past fall, I co-sponsored several new pieces of legislation for our state, including the Veterans and Hope Act on October 7th.

On November 4th, I co-sponsored A.5082, which will reduce plastic bottle waste in hotels; A.8054, which will reduce discrimination against visually and hearing-impaired individuals; and A.10801, which will incentivize and promote tourism in certain districts of Long Island. I have also proposed legislation A.8498, which would designate a portion of interstate 87 as the "Colin Powell Thruway."

Letters Written and Co-signed:

I signed a Letter to Governor Hochul urging her administration to take steps to permanently honor the legacy of General Colin Powell through the dedication of a section of the New York State Thruway in his honor.

I signed a letter to the DOH and DEC regarding the Northport Power Plant petroleum odor present on the Northport soccer field.

I signed a letter along with the other Members on the Assembly Judiciary Committee to the Attorney General, JCOPE, NYS Division of Human Rights, as well as an additional letter to District Attorneys from four counties, asking that they hold former Gov. Cuomo accountable for his criminal misconduct and overt abuse of power.

Meetings:

October 5th: Had a meeting with the team at Discover Long Island.

October 6th: Joined some of my fellow assembly members, as well as COBA President Benny Boscio Jr. and Corrections Captain Association President Patrick Ferraiuolo in a tour of Riker's Island to investigate recent reports of safety issues and poor conditions for both inmates and workers.

October 7th: Attended CTIA Roundtable.

October 20th: Met with NYS Trooper Captain William Hulse of the Brentwood State Troopers to discuss the major issues our community is facing.

October 26th: Spoke with the Northport Journal Podcast to discuss my time spent in office thus far.

November 5th: Attended the 1st Precinct Committee in their monthly meeting on monthly crime and overdose statistics.

November 9th: Met with a concerned Northport resident and Northport Power Plant Manager regarding the petroleum odors at the Northport Soccer Fields.

November 16th: Met with NYS Department of Transportation and Assemblyman Doug Smith to discuss horrid conditions of the LIE and other major highways across Long Island.

November 20th: Met with Assemblyman Charles Lavine, Chairman of the NYS Assembly Judiciary Committee.

November 21st: Met with Irene Tsakos, widow of NYPD Officer Anastasios Tsakos, to discuss proposing legislation in Officer Tsakos' honor.

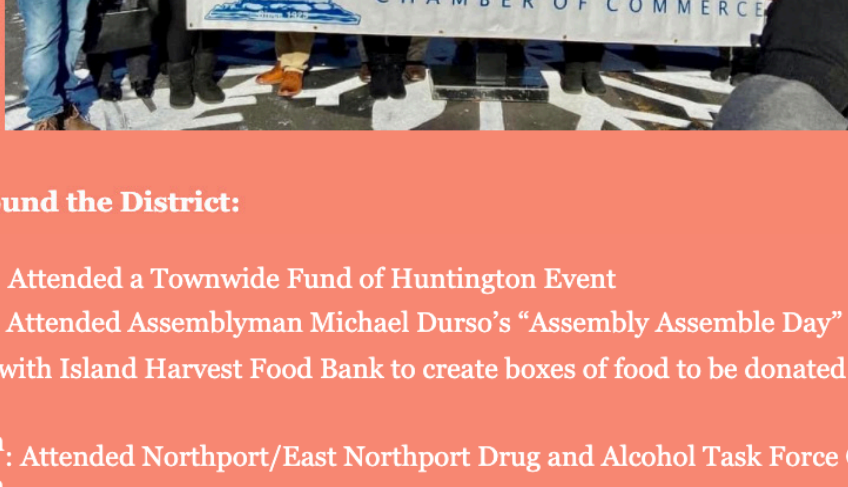
November 22nd: Met with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

October 16th: Met with Suffolk County School Superintendents.

December 7th: Attended Town of Oyster Bay, Northport and Town of Hempstead Opt-out hearings.

December 8th: Met with Mentor NY to discuss implementing a mentor program in AD 12 schools.

December 16th: Attended Town of North Hempstead Opt-out hearing.



Events Around the District:

October 4th: Attended a Townwide Fund of Huntington Event

October 7th: Attended Assemblyman Michael Durso's "Assembly Assemble Day" in partnership with Island Harvest Food Bank to create boxes of food to be donated across Long Island.

October 16th: Attended Northport/East Northport Drug and Alcohol Task Force Color Run.

October 16th: Spoke at Suffolk County American Legion Legislative Breakfast.

October 16th: Attended "Not in Our Town" event to promote anti-hate in our community.

October 16th: Attended Northport Fire Department's Installation Dinner.

October 16th: Held a Food Drive in partnership with Long Island Cares

October 31st: Attended the Republican Women's 43rd Annual Brunch.

November 6th: Honored 15 selfless Women of Distinction from AD 12 at The View at Crab Meadow.

November 19th: Attended the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at the UBS Arena.

November 25th: Attended the Townwide Fund's Annual Turkey Trot.

November 26th: Attended Northport Village tree lighting ceremony.

November 27th: Attended Huntington Village holiday parade and tree lighting ceremony.

November 27th: Attended Small Business Saturday event with the Huntington Chamber of Commerce and Vision Long Island.

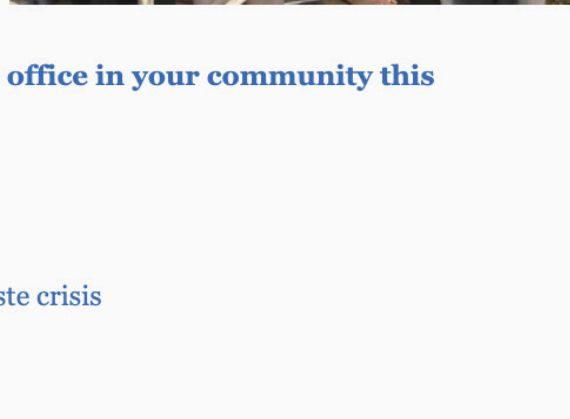
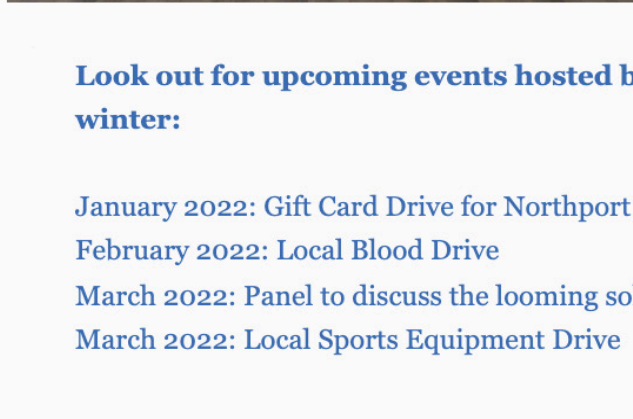
November 29th: Attended Huntington Village menorah lighting ceremony.

December 9th: Attended Catholic Health Legislative Breakfast.

December 11th: Attended Councilman Manetta and DP Knights of Columbus Toy Drive.

December 18th: Presented citations at Troop 12 Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Continued to meet with constituents, both in person and through monthly "Coffee with Keith" Zoom events, discussing various topics they wanted to address.



Look out for upcoming events hosted by our office in your community this winter:

January 2022: Gift Card Drive for Northport VA

February 2022: Local Blood Drive

March 2022: Panel to discuss the looming solid waste crisis

March 2022: Local Sports Equipment Drive

SEEKING HIGH SCHOOL HEROES: Do you know a high school student in our district who goes above and beyond on behalf of their community?

You can nominate them for special recognition from Assemblyman Brown and the NYS Assembly. We are accepting nominations for outstanding students for two awards. Eligible nominees for the Perseverance Award for a student that has overcome a struggle in their life and prevailed and the Civic Pride Award for a student that has demonstrated an example of pride in their community.

Please send a small paragraph and a photograph of the student via my Assembly email at kbrownk@nyassembly.gov or mail to my office! Two students will be selected from time to time to be featured on the New York State Assembly website.

SEEKING HOMETOWN HEROES: Do you know a current member of the armed services or former veteran from our community?

You can nominate them for special recognition from Assemblyman Brown and the NYS Assembly. We are accepting nominations for any current or former serviceman or woman for their outstanding sacrifice to our country.

Please send a small paragraph and a photograph of our Hometown Hero via my Assembly email at kbrownk@nyassembly.gov or mail to my office! They will be selected from time to time to be featured on the New York State Assembly website.