# 2018 IN REVIEW

Dear Neighbor,

As we approach the year's end, I thought you would appreciate a copy of my winter newsletter. When I was first elected in 2004, I made it a priority to ensure that my constituents would always be aware and up to date with my office's latest initiatives, accomplishments and plans for the future. Please take a moment to review some of what we did in 2018.

My talented staff and I are always happy to assist you with any questions, ideas and/or problems you may like to discuss. I encourage you to contact my district office at (516) 676-0050.

Sincerely,

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# 2018 Legislative Update

As Chair of the New York State Election Law Committee I have sponsored and passed, during the Assembly 2018 legislative session, legislation designed to increase voting opportunities, modernize election night procedures and create a ballot layout that is easy for voters to read and use.

#### A.9606

Uniform Election Night Procedure Act - This bill improves uniformity and clarity in article nine of the election law following the enactment of the "Election Night Poll Site Procedures Act" streamlining and modernizing the process for winding down poll sites at the end of an Election Day to better maintain integrity in the process by ensuring an orderly poll closing procedure.

### A.9607

The Voter Friendly Ballot Act - Provides a remedy for New York's hard to read ballot by setting forth specifications that will create a ballot layout that is straightforward. A ballot that is clear and simple to read makes voting easier and leads to more accurate voting. In recent elections and going back many years, New York voters have been confronted with a ballot that was cluttered and difficult to read.

### A.9608-B

Early Voting - To ensure accessibility, equity and efficiency in the state's electoral process, this legislation would establish a seven-day early voting period for registered New York voters to vote in person prior to any primary, special or general election day. Each county would be required to provide a set amount of early voting hours, but would have the flexibility to offer hours that best meet the needs of its residents.

Although these bills did not pass both houses in 2018, with control of the Senate turning over, early voting appears poised to become reality in the state. It is my belief that given the new dynamics of New York State's government, the Legislature has a unique opportunity to enact these meaningful reforms in the upcoming session.



Assemblymember
Lavine meets with
Dr. Calvin Butts,
Pastor of the
Abyssinian Baptist
Church in New York
City, President of the
State University of
New York College
at Old Westbury,
and Chairman of
the Abyssinian
Development
Corporation.



Sydney Bletter-Morris, Ruth Abraham and Suhana Singh of the summer student program assisting Assemblymember Lavine with his book bag drive.



Assemblymember Lavine chats with SEIU 1199 member Dell Smitherman at their summer picnic.



Assemblymember Lavine attends La Fuerza Unida event led by Hispanic community leaders at the Nassau County Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center.

## NTS



Assemblymember Lavine participates in a press conference with U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran and Nassau County Comptroller Jack Schnirman.



Joined by Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke, Assemblymember Lavine honors longtime Glen Cove Firefighter Gilbert Tanaka for his invaluable service.



Assemblymember
Lavine announces a
\$5000 grant for Centro
Cultural Hispano, a
local organization that
hosts after-school
enrichment programs
for local youth in Oyster
Bay and surrounding
communities.





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Assemblymember Lavine donates turkeys to the New Cassel Farmer's Market in support of its "Turkey Giveaway," joined by Lillian Shelton of the First Baptist Cathedral of Westbury and Town of North Hempstead Councilwoman Viviana Russell. A special thank you to the Glen Cove Stop and Shop for its support.