

Assemblywoman Michaelle C. Solages



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Serving the communities of North Valley Stream, Valley Stream, South Valley Stream, South Floral Park, Floral Park, Bellerose Terrace, North Woodmere, Elmont, Stewart Manor, and parts of Franklin Square.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SOLAGES' FIRST SESSION IN ALBANY

Dear Neighbor,

As the representative of the newly formed 22nd Assembly District, I am honored to serve this community and I greatly appreciate this opportunity to represent you in Albany. I look forward to hearing about any issues or concerns that you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything that my staff or I can do for you. Our office is now centrally located at 1690 North Central Court Avenue, Valley Stream 11580 to ensure that I am as accessible to you as possible. My office, in partnership with Nassau County Legislator Carrié Solages, will be hosting our annual National Night Out event on August 6, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Dutch Broadway Park in Elmont, NY. We invite you to come participate in a collective community effort to promote non-violence.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michaelle Solages".

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SOLAGES WORKS TO RESTORE CUTS MADE TO THE OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Assemblywoman Solages recently helped pass a bill that would restore up to \$90 million to the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to help nonprofits who work with some of New York's most vulnerable people (A.6692-C).

OPWDD-funded not-for-profits provide life-changing services for those with developmental disabilities, helping them get the care and compassion they need to live a quality life. This year's state budget restored \$30 million of \$120 million in proposed

cuts to OPWDD funding. The need for OPWDD services is enormous; there is no reason that the developmentally disabled community, their families and their caretakers should be penalized. Assemblywoman Solages is approaching this problem head on because no one wants to see cuts in these services, individuals with developmental disabilities and their families need these services – their quality of life literally depends on it.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN SOLAGES WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE 22ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SOLAGES ELECTED TO BLACK, PUERTO RICAN, HISPANIC AND ASIAN LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS

This year, Assemblywoman Solages was elected to the New York State Assembly Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Legislative Caucus. In her new position, Assemblywoman Solages hopes to continue working alongside her fellow Executive board members to ensure that all ethnic minorities, middle class, poor, and working people of New York State have a real voice in government.



Assemblywoman Solages and the Assembly passed a measure to designate tax-free zones for eligible businesses near SUNY and CUNY campuses – as well as private colleges and universities – to foster job creation.



Assemblywoman Solages is pictured here with residents of the 22nd Assembly District and members of the New York State Nurses Association. This year, Assemblywoman Solages helped pass legislation that will improve patient care. With a safe patient handling policy in place, healthcare employees would be able to use lifts and modern day technology to care for patients, reducing the risk of a patient falling or being dropped.



Assemblywoman Solages co-sponsored a bill that requires the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey to conduct a noise and land use compatibility study to better address the increase of air traffic over Long Island. Once this study is complete, federal funding will be made available for the best alternative measures that will provide relief to residents that live in flight path areas.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SOLAGES IS FIGHTING TO PROTECT STUDENT RIGHTS



Assemblywoman Solages supported legislation that allows parents of students – and students age 18 or older – to opt out of the state Education Department’s disclosure of personal identifiable information to a third party (A.7872-A). New York State recently agreed to share confidential student information with inBloom Inc. (formerly known as the Shared Learning Collaborative). A database will compile private student information on behalf of the state Education Department. Assemblywoman Solages noted that she, as well as many parents, has serious concerns about the security of storing the information. The personal information could include names, Social Security Numbers, fingerprints and other sensitive information used to identify students. The Assembly’s legislation allows parents and students to opt out of the distribution of personally identifiable student information to inBloom Inc. and to other third-party companies. It also directs the state Education Department to develop the necessary information and forms necessary for parents and students to do so.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SOLAGES CRACKS DOWN ON CRIMES AGAINST THE ELDERLY

Financial crimes against the elderly are a growing problem that has left countless seniors victims of scams. Assemblywoman Solages and the Assembly recently passed a comprehensive package of bills to protect New York’s seniors against abuse and predatory financial practices. The Assembly’s legislation also aims to help increase awareness among the elderly community to avoid criminal schemes.



Assemblywoman Solages congratulates the participants of the Central/Memorial PTSA’s Annual Fashion Show.

In April, Assemblywoman Solages attended the Central/Memorial PTSA’s Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance and Fashion Show fundraiser. The proceeds from this event go towards several scholarships and PTSA-sponsored programs that the PTSA offers students.

**SAVE
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National Night Out:

A Collective Community Effort to Promote Non-Violence

The office of Assemblywoman Michaelle C. Solages in partnership with the office of Legislator Carrié Solages, cordially invite you to the **Second Annual National Night Out** on **August 6, 2013**. This event will be held at **Dutch Broadway Park, 2161 Dutch Broadway, Elmont, NY 11003** from **6:30 p.m.** until **9:30 p.m.** We encourage you to come participate in a great cause.

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