



END OF SESSION UPDATE FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER

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Dear Friend:

I hope you and your family are enjoying the summer. I can hardly believe that the year is already half gone. It was a busy legislative session in the 128th Assembly District and at the Capitol, and I am thrilled with what we accomplished.

This newsletter highlights some of the many events my office participated in and some of our legislative accomplishments. Although some have yet to be signed into law, we secured major new investments in Central New York.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns. Our communities are at their best when we are all engaged in the work of representative government.

Best wishes,

Assemblymember Pamela J. Hunter



2024 Community Events

Visit to Elmcrest Elementary School



them feel loved on Valentine's Day. Thank you to Ms. Palucci's 2nd grade class for having me!

On Jan. 26, I made some new friends at Elmcrest Elementary School. We made valentines for veterans as part of my annual Valentines for Veterans initiative. Each year, my office partners with different elementary schools in the 128th Assembly District to make valentines for local veterans to make

Southwood Fire Dept. Installation Banquet

We were proud to join the amazing men and women of the Southwood Volunteer Fire Dept. for their Annual Installation Banquet at Barbagallo's on Jan. 27. Thank you all for your service and dedication to our community.



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Red Cross Legislator of the Year



I was honored to receive a Legislator of the Year award from the Red Cross on Jan. 30. The services they provide in our communities and around the world are invaluable and help save lives every day. Working with them on important projects, such as installing smoke alarms and providing CPR training, has been a privilege. I look forward to continued collaboration with the Red Cross.

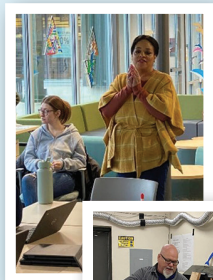
Fireside Chat

On Jan. 31, in New York City, I participated in a Fireside Chat on fostering inclusivity for veterans and underrepresented communities in the public and private sectors. Thank you to IMPACT, VETNET, the Office of DEI, and BNY Mellon's Public Policy and Government Affairs team for hosting this event.



Visiting Le Moyne's Keenan Center

I visited the Keenan Center for Entrepreneurship at Le Moyne College on Feb. 22 for their Erie21 Le Moyne Community Partner Days. I chatted with Syracuse City School District students as they brainstormed ideas for new video games and toured the amazing facilities. The Keenan Center greatly benefits Le Moyne students and the community.



NYMBA Conference

On March 12, I spoke to the New York Mortgage Bankers Association (NYMBA) about the shortage of quality affordable housing available statewide and the difficulties facing first-time homebuyers. I am committed to working with NYMBA and others to address the housing crisis in our state.



Southside Academy Visit

On March 14, I dove into the fantastic world of books with first-grade students at Southside Academy Charter School. We had a blast reading Smart Cookie together. Thank you to Southside Academy for inviting me to celebrate Reading Month.

Southside Community Conversation



Thank you to everyone who braved the elements to attend our first community discussion, "Centering Resident Voices: A Conversation on the Future of Our Southside Community," on March 23. A special shout-out to Lanessa Owens-Chaplin and the New York Civil Liberties Union for co-hosting this event and to our panelists:

local developer Joseph Bryant, Sharon Sherman of Greater Syracuse Tenants Network, Sarah Waldron from the City of Syracuse and Scott Butler from the New York State Department of Transportation.

CNY SPCA's "Ruff Day Out"

On April 23, my office welcomed the adorable Peaches to be our adopted office pup for the day through the CNY SPCA's "Ruff Day Out" program, where local offices and workplaces can host a rescue dog for the day. We had so much fun with Peaches and were thrilled to learn she was adopted shortly after her time at our office.



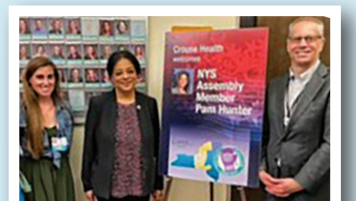
Senior Paint & Pastries

On April 27, my office sponsored a delightful Paint and Pastries event at the Liverpool Public Library, led by the talented Sandra Sabene of the Liverpool Art Center. Sharing brushes and laughs with a wonderful group of local senior citizens, we enjoyed delicious pastries from Sugar Top Bake Shoppe while painting our masterpieces.



Crouse NICU Visit

On April 30, Crouse Health CEO Seth Kronenberg, MD, guided me through a tour of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), where over 1,000 premature and critically ill newborns receive exceptional care each year. Witnessing the important work being done at Crouse Hospital filled me with gratitude. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Dr. Kronenberg and the entire team for their dedication and compassion.



Charlie Cart at Liverpool Public Library

On May 3, I stopped by the Liverpool Public Library to discuss the Charlie Cart, purchased with a grant my office helped secure. The Charlie Cart supports fun and informative programs at the library every month, focused on healthy food preparation. It's just one example of the many incredible offerings available at our local libraries.

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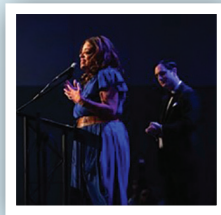
Women Veterans Recognition Day



On May 30, we celebrated another unforgettable Women Veterans Recognition Day at the Capitol. It's always a profound honor to recognize and celebrate our incredible women veterans. This event honors their service and connects them with essential services and programs. A heartfelt thank you to all the amazing women veterans, their families, and the dedicated organizations who contributed to making this event such a success!

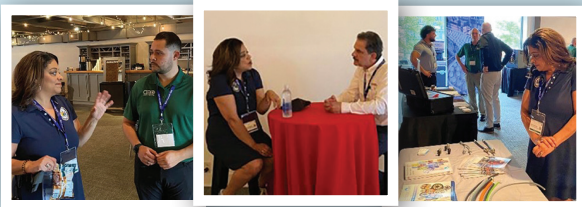
Jon Diaz Community Center Gala

I was grateful for the opportunity to work alongside Latavius Murray and the incredible team behind the future Jon Diaz Community Center in Nedrow. It was an honor to be recognized at the 2024 Jon Diaz Community Center Gala for helping secure state funding for this vital project. The center will undoubtedly uplift our community, and I'm excited to see its positive impact unfold.



Solutions Expo

On June 12, I stopped by CED Baldwin-Hall's Solutions Expo to learn more about what's happening in local manufacturing.



Annual Meeting of the Greater Syracuse Tenants Network

I attended the Greater Syracuse Tenants Network's Annual Meeting on June 13 to discuss the housing challenges we face in Central New York. Housing continues to be a top priority of mine in the Assembly, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to hear from you on this issue.



Southside Community Conversations Part 2

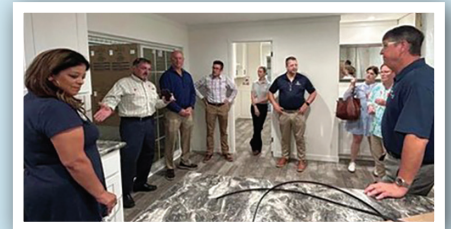


On June 27, we hosted a second Southside Community Conversation session at Dr. King Elementary. We brought together local experts in the field to answer community questions on housing. Thank

you to our panelists and everyone who came out to participate in this important discussion.

Tour of Titan Homes

On June 27, I toured Titan Homes to learn more about prefab and modular homes, as well as the role they could play in addressing our current housing crisis.



2024 Legislative Accomplishments

In this year's legislative session, I passed 17 bills that helped address several critical needs of my constituents and New Yorkers statewide. These bills were deliberated by multiple committees and covered policy areas ranging from healthcare to financial services.

To improve patient outcomes, the New York Assembly passed a bill I introduced to provide for additional breast cancer screenings (A.1696-C). It would require insurance companies to cover screening and diagnostic imaging, including diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds and magnetic resonance imaging. According to the American Cancer Society, when breast cancer is detected early and is in the localized stage, the 5-year relative survival rate is 99%.

For pet owners, I passed a bill to establish a comprehensive regulatory framework for the pet insurance industry (A.8276). The legislation would establish uniform definitions and offer better protection to owners in New York State, where nearly half of the households own a pet, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

This year has been one of the most productive legislative sessions during my tenure. Below are some additional bills that I supported; most have passed both houses and await action from the governor to become law.

- A.725: Standardizes the order in which candidates appear on ballots, beginning with the President of the United States and ranging down to local judicial candidates.
- A.5073-A: Prohibits mortgagees from requiring mortgagors of specific real property to purchase flood insurance exceeding certain limits. This legislation allows homeowners to buy insurance at a minimum level that covers the remaining mortgage balance of the home. While full loss coverage is recommended in most cases, many homeowners cannot afford these higher premiums.
- A.7428-A: Updates the law to reflect best practices in financial regulation with provisions for the removal and prohibition of executives. As we monitor the banking industry, it's important that any bad actors are held accountable.
- A.8485: Requires the Office of Mental Health to identify information and training programs relating to the diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) for military veterans. This legislation helps improve outcomes for veterans with PTSD.

Updates from the Committee on Banks

As chair of the Assembly Banks Committee, I oversaw the passage of new legislation to protect consumers and expand our economy. Many of these bills improve financial services for banking customers. Below are some of the more notable bills that passed through the committee:

- A.10134: Pilot legislation that would create a new public Bank of Rochester to facilitate direct investment in our communities.
- A.1873-B: Requires qualified employers to distribute information on the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.
- A.4088-C: Requires licensing of consumer debt collectors, helping to reduce the epidemic of misconduct and harassment against borrowers by poorly overseen private agents.
- A.4124-A: Requires all banking organizations to have a notary public available during business hours, allowing underserved communities to access this critical service.
- A.5019-A: Prohibits financial institutions from charging a fee for paper statements, which can impose an undue burden on the most vulnerable.
- A.8913: Creates a private education debt registry to gather information on New York's student debt problem for the benefit of borrowers and legislators.
- A.8999-C: Prohibits banks from charging additional fees for benefit cards.
- A.9210-A: Establishes standards for the closure of banking accounts, requiring banks to provide notice, cause and reimbursement for any inexplicable account closures.
- A.9230-B: Reforms regulations for joint bank accounts to reduce harm to account owners and reduce litigation burdening our court system.
- A.9507: Establishes the New York State Cryptocurrency and Blockchain Study Task Force.
- A.9636-A: Creates a banking development district working group to improve investments in underserved communities.
- A.9686: Requires an informational pamphlet on residential mortgages to be made available to all mortgage applicants.



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"I fought hard through the 2024 legislative session to secure vital resources for communities around our district and across the state."

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