

# ASSEMBLYMAN BILL MAGNARELLI

## 2015 PROGRESS REPORT

Dear Neighbor:

For the fifth consecutive year, the New York State Legislature approved an on-time state budget.

In addition, we in the NYS Assembly focused on a 'Families First' agenda, which included in the budget: tax relief for homeowners, investment in job-creation programs, and more state aid for our local schools.

I also played a major role in increasing access to affordable child care, advocating for accessible, affordable health care, protecting our environment, investing in agriculture and supporting our veterans.

However, my primary focus this year was to sponsor legislation and secure funding for my 129th District and the Central New York region in order to create jobs. **I firmly believe that having a job is the gateway to realizing the American dream.**

I have been successful in advocating for and securing millions of dollars in funding for projects for our community that not only create new jobs, but also retain the jobs we have and help to expand business, reinforce municipal services provided by our city and towns, and absolutely support our schools.

Please refer to page 3, to see a complete listing of 2014-2015 Priority Projects.

Exciting projects are happening in Central New York and many more are in the pipeline waiting to come on line. The CNY Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) proposal for one of the three awards for \$500 million available as part of the \$1.5 billion Upstate Revitalization Initiative will be a Central New York game-changer. As a member of the REDC, I can assure you that our REDC is committed to winning this award and thereby providing thousands of short-term and permanent jobs for our people.

In addition, I am proud to have secured \$10 million for the City of Syracuse for its water, sewer and infrastructure needs. This funding not only will help to update our infrastructure and roads, but will ensure that quality water service is available to our residents.



I remain committed to providing my constituents with sound policies and programs that will help them lead a healthy and successful life, filled with hope and opportunities. I believe that you elected me to get things done for the good of the people in Central New York.

I hope you take the time to read this 2015 Progress Report. We accomplished so much for our community this past session!

*Bill Magnarelli*



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## Investing In Our Schools

When it comes to our schools, students have to be our top priority.

- ✓ I voted for the budget that secures a \$1.6 billion increase in education aid over last year, for a total of \$23 billion;
- ✓ This increase ensures schools have the resources they need, without overburdening taxpayers.



## Property Tax Relief

- ✓ I voted to extend the property tax cap program for another 4 years;
- ✓ I voted to establish a \$3.1 billion property tax rebate program for STAR recipients; homeowners will receive a check in 2016;
- ✓ I voted for the rebates, beginning in 2017, to be based on household income so tax relief is targeted to the families that need it most.



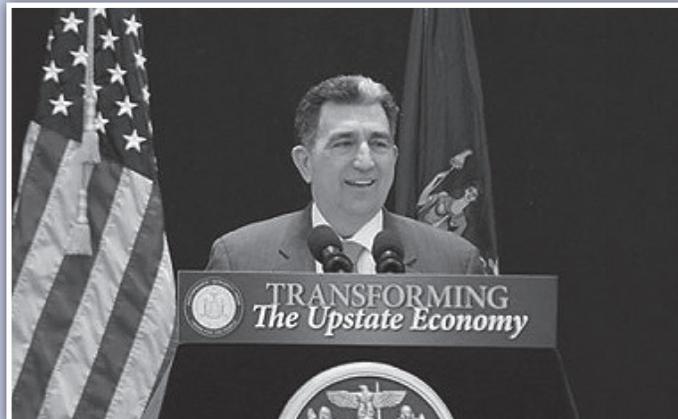
## Education Reforms

- ✓ I voted to ensure standardized tests are fair and grade-level appropriate;
- ✓ I voted to require that teacher evaluations take into account outside factors;
- ✓ I voted to get the focus back on learning rather than testing.



## Supporting Our Seniors

- ✓ I voted to restore \$78.9 million to Medicaid, and \$10.7 million to preserve spousal refusal, which protects couples from losing their life savings in the event that a spouse requires long-term care;
- ✓ I voted for full funding for EPIC, New York State's low-cost prescription drug program for seniors;
- ✓ I voted for full funding for the Enhanced STAR program to provide property tax relief for our seniors.



## Creating Jobs

- ✓ I voted for the \$1.5 billion Upstate Revitalization Initiative to attract new business and create jobs;
- ✓ I voted for \$500 million to expand high-speed broadband access;
- ✓ I voted for an increase in funding totaling \$3.5 million for the Small Business Development Center (SBDC);
- ✓ I voted for an increase in funding totaling \$1 million for the Minority and Women-owned Business Development and Lending Program.

## Honoring Our Veterans

Our veterans and their families have made enormous sacrifices to defend our nation and our freedoms. Now it's time we look out for them and provide them with the opportunities and support they need to get ahead.

- ✓ I voted for \$350,000 for the Veterans Entrepreneurial Assistance program to provide veterans the training they need to start a new business;
- ✓ I voted for \$500,000 for the NYS Defenders Association Veterans Defense Program.

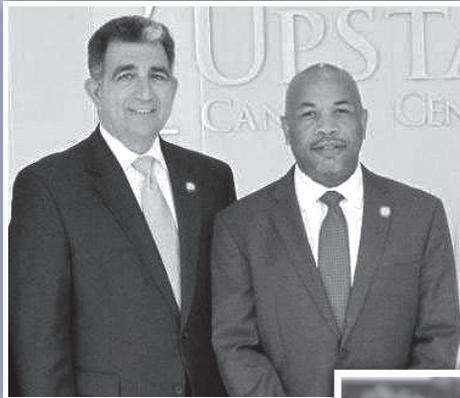


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ADVOCATING AND SECURING FUNDING FOR PROJECTS WITHIN THE 129<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT IS MY PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY. LISTED BELOW ARE PROJECTS/AGENCIES THAT HAVE BEEN AWARDED FUNDING IN 2014/2015:

## Capital Grants Awarded

- \$100,000 to Valley American Legion Post 1468 for ADA compliance / renovations
- \$220,000 to Landmark Theater for an elevator
- \$1.7 million to Hotel Syracuse for renovations
- \$112,500 for Hawley Green surveillance cameras
- \$112,000 for Washington Square Park surveillance cameras
- \$187,000 for Car Dealers' Row surveillance cameras and Richmond/Wall Streets surveillance cameras
- \$119,000 for City Onondaga Park surveillance cameras
- \$78,868 for Downtown Committee surveillance cameras
- \$115,000 for Meachem Ice Rink renovations
- \$133,500 for Grant Middle School soccer fields
- \$27,000 to City of Syracuse Code Department for tech equipment
- \$94,000 for Park Street surveillance cameras



- \$150,000 for McChesney Park, Armand Magnarelli Community Center gymnasium improvements
- \$175,300 Canal Street Improvement Project – mill and pave
- \$10 million to City of Syracuse for infrastructure and water projects
- \$50,000 to Van Buren Town Hall for ADA compliant doors
- \$125,000 to Town of Van Buren sidewalk development and playground equipment
- \$78,000 to Town of Geddes for generators in Town Hall and Highway Department



- \$250,000 to Town of Geddes for infrastructure improvements and to replace highway department roof
- \$125,000 to Village of Solvay for sidewalk improvements
- \$107,000 to Village of Solvay for Caroline Ave. retaining wall
- \$115,000 for Cecile Community Center improvements and new equipment

## Legislative Priority Grants Awarded

- \$82,000 to City of Syracuse for Grant soccer field
- \$10,000 to Lakeside Fire District
- \$10,000 to Solvay Fire Department
- \$13,000 to Syracuse Firefighters Assoc. Local 280
- \$10,000 to North Area Athletic Club
- \$5,000 to SAGE Upstate
- \$5,000 to City of Syracuse for Butternut Community Police Center
- \$5,000 Eastwood Neighborhood Association
- \$10,000 Syracuse International Film Festival
- \$5,000 Baldwinsville Central School District for technology for classrooms
- \$5,000 Baldwinsville Public Library
- \$10,000 Solvay Union Free School District for security cameras
- \$5,000 West Genesee Central School District for technology for classrooms

- \$5,000 Westhill Central School District for technology for classrooms
- \$10,000 CNY Veterans Parade and Expo
- \$5,000 Open Hand Theater
- \$15,000 Syracuse Teachers Trust
- \$10,000 OnPoint for College



## Funding Included in the Budget Appropriations

- \$25 million increase for Upstate Transit Authorities including CENTRO
- \$2 million for Onondaga County for a school discipline pilot project with SCSD (Promise Zone)
- \$1 million for the Syracuse Center of Excellence
- \$310,000 for Jubilee Homes of Syracuse
- \$250,000 to the City of Syracuse for a shared services project with Onondaga County
- \$400,000 for Crouse Hospital's Opioid Treatment Program

- \$324,000 to Workforce Development Institute of Onondaga County for Child Care subsidies
- \$343,000 SU College of Law Technology Commercialization Clinic
- \$3 million for Poison Control Centers
- \$30 million to County of Onondaga for Amphitheater on Onondaga Lake and Village of Solvay improvements
- \$50 million to NYS Fair for renovations and redevelopment



# making NY work for hardworking New Yorkers

The AFL-CIO praised the passage of a bill aimed at increasing the oversight for Industrial Development Agencies (IDA) and commended Assemblyman Magnarelli for being the prime sponsor in the New York State Assembly. The IDA reforms will for the first time require IDAs to have transparency and accountability standards when public money is used for economic development.

The NYS AFL-CIO stated, "Reforming the IDA process has been a priority for the Labor Movement for many years. These reforms will bring IDAs back on course to their initial goal, which is to stimulate private sector investment in communities and ultimately create solid middle-class jobs."

The bill will require IDAs to do a better job of gathering projected job data and performing cost benefit analysis before tax dollars are used for project financing or tax exemptions. Perhaps most importantly, the reforms establish a



process that allows local governments to recoup their investment should businesses fail to meet job creation and other economic development promises.



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## CNY Veterans Parade and Expo

Sat. Nov. 7, NYS Fairgrounds • Parade at noon • Expo 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Together we can Thank Our Troops!**

- Parade with more than 80 veteran organizations, military groups and high school marching bands
- Veterans of all generations and conflicts since WWII
- Expo has organizations, educational institutions, and companies of veteran interest
- Displays of historical military artifacts
- **JOB FAIR**
- G.I. Joe Exhibit
- Free admission and Parking

For more information visit [CNYVeteransParade.org](http://CNYVeteransParade.org)

**9 A.M. WWII Ceremony**  
**10 A.M. Serving CNY Awards**  
**11:15 A.M.**  
West Point Drill Team  
**NOON \*\*Parade \*\***  
**1:30 P.M. T.J. Sacco**

