

# THE SALADINO STANDARD

*Reporting on How Assemblyman Saladino is Fighting for Our District*

## SALADINO FIGHTS FOR LEGISLATION TO PROTECT NY FROM HEROIN EPIDEMIC, GOV. SIGNS INTO LAW

Assemblyman Joseph Saladino joined elected officials including Senator Michael Venditto and Senator Phil Boyle as Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into law the strongest anti-heroin and opioid legislation in the nation.

Assemblyman Saladino has called for multiple laws on this issue to be enacted during the last five years, and authored a bill to mandate that insurance companies pay for inpatient treatment in a thorough manner.

These laws represent the best relief solutions as requested by doctors and industry experts, such as:

1. Mandating insurance companies provide coverage of immediate access for inpatient treatment at OASAS certified facilities as long as such treatment is necessary;
2. Requiring that insurance companies immediately cover required medications to help manage withdrawal and support recovery;
3. Mandating insurance companies to cover overdose reversal medications for addicts and their family members;
4. Lowering initial opioid prescriptions from 30 days to 7 days;
5. Providing more treatment slots, greatly increasing access to treatment;
6. Increasing access to family and peer support and recovery resources;
7. Mandating ongoing education on opioid and pain management for doctors and other

prescribers to help stop overprescribing; and

8. Enacting consumer education programs by pharmacists and other health care providers on the risks of addiction and treatment options.

Assemblyman Saladino continued his ongoing fight to pass this legislation when he held a Long Island press conference with Senator Michael Venditto, demanding that the Legislature pass these heroin bills into law.

Passing these bills had been one of Assemblyman Saladino's highest priorities since creating a task force to seek solutions to addiction and working with many other task forces in the Assembly, Senate, and county government.



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DIJA 14774.47 ▲ .77%

NASDAQ 3675.83 ▼ 0.06%

NIKKEI 14037.84 ▲ 0.12%

OIL \$103.49 ▼ \$1.12

GOLD \$1315.90 ▼ \$0.30

EURO \$1.35

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## Saladino, Venditto And Scordino Join Gov. Cuomo To Sign New Legislation Into Law To Solve Zombie Home Problem

Assemblyman Joseph Saladino, Senator Michael Venditto, and Babylon Mayor Ralph Scordino recently joined Governor Andrew Cuomo and other elected officials at a bill signing ceremony that will solve the “zombie home” problem in our community. After months of lobbying and pushing for this legislation, the bill was passed in Albany, and signed into law. This important legislation will enable the state to assist homeowners facing mortgage foreclosure, as well as expedite the repair and rehabilitation of “zombie properties.” Some of the provisions within this legislation will:

1. Impose upon the banks a mandate to maintain vacant and abandoned properties, and impose a \$500 per day fine for banks that fail to do so;
2. Establish a Consumer Bill of Rights to inform homeowners of their rights during foreclosure proceedings;
3. Create the Community Restoration Fund (CRF) to assist homeowners facing foreclosure by offering mortgage modifications;
4. Enhance the effectiveness of Mandatory Settlement Conferences, increasing homeowners’ ability to fight foreclosure;
5. Push for a 90-day ownership transfer to banks when the owner does not want the property; and
6. Establish an electronic registry of vacant and abandoned properties.



Assemblyman Saladino has worked with Senator Venditto and Senator Phil Boyle to pass this legislation at the request of and with the daily assistance of Mayor Ralph Scordino, who has been battling the problem of “zombie houses” in Babylon. This issue has plagued Long Island communities due to the national financial meltdown and the effects of Superstorm Sandy. Our state elected officials from Long Island were especially instrumental in pushing for this legislation to be a priority and be passed before the end of session.

Assemblyman Saladino said “We all understand what a blight ‘zombie homes’ are in our communities. They are terribly unsightly, a hangout for problematic activity, attract rodents and pests, and overall bring down property values and our quality of life. By working together with Senators Michael Venditto and Phil Boyle, and on a daily basis with our mayors and village boards, we were able to get this important legislation passed and signed into law. Now comes the job of forcing the banks to maintain, demolish, or rebuild these properties, and we will be pushing to get this done with the least amount of delay.”

## \$13.9 MILLION AWARDED TO LI FOR SUNRISE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Assemblyman Joseph Saladino secured the resources to repave the Sunrise Highway service road near Route 231 and many other critical infrastructure enhancement projects in our communities. Assemblyman Saladino along with our State Senators secured the money needed to resurface 16.2 miles of State Routes 106, 231 and 25A including roads in the towns of Oyster Bay and Babylon. The work is part of \$75 million in paving projects that were accelerated to repair widespread damage due to deep frost. This is important for jobs and the Long Island economy.

Assemblyman Saladino said, “I’m very happy that we were successful in getting the Sunrise service roads repaved when they were a disaster. These new projects will begin soon and make a difference in safety, drivability, and economic development for our communities.”

## LIRR TO RECEIVE \$2.8 BILLION UPGRADE

As a steadfast and consistent voice for Long Island getting its fair share, Assemblyman Joseph Saladino fought for our region during the budget process, and as a member of the Ways and Means Committee helped deliver \$2.8 billion in capital program funding to improve infrastructure on the LIRR. He spearheaded the project at the Massapequa LIRR station and is now focused on similar upgrades at Massapequa Park and a full facelift at the Babylon railroad station. These improvements make a significant difference for commuters’ convenience and an increased number of trains reduce overcrowding during rush hour.

Assemblyman Saladino has consistently delivered on infrastructure projects, improving the railroad, our roadways and our bridges throughout his years in the State Assembly. As one of Long Island’s senior members in Albany, he continues to be a very strong voice to ensure that the island gets its fair share of New York State resources.

## SALADINO ANNOUNCES FULL FUNDING FOR LONG ISLAND SCHOOLS

Assemblyman Saladino and his colleagues accomplished an important financial goal by providing schools with a record amount of state school aid essential to the scholastic development of our children and to keep districts from raising school costs through property taxes.

The \$24.7 billion provided to our schools in this year’s State Budget is \$1.43 billion more than last year. Assemblyman Saladino also fought for the full restoration of funds that were taken from our schools through the Gap Elimination Adjustment and was successful. The Massapequa School District in Nassau County and the West Babylon, North Babylon, Babylon and West Islip districts in Suffolk County all received record amounts of state aid to protect academic programs, sports programs, the arts and property taxpayers alike. After numerous years of success, this year was a banner year for acquiring state aid money for our local school districts.

## SALADINO AND GOV. CUOMO ANNOUNCE INITIATIVE TO PROTECT LI’S DRINKING WATER

Assemblyman Joseph Saladino continues to be the strongest voice in Albany calling for the cleanup of toxins and plumes in Long Island’s drinking water. Two years ago he passed legislation forcing the DEC to report on the best method to hydraulically contain and remediate the entire plume of toxins. He has continued to keep pressure on the state to force this cleanup and to begin the process as quickly as possible. Assemblyman Saladino enlisted the help of Governor Cuomo, US Senator Chuck Schumer and many others to get the DEC to force the Navy to turn over its water samples to the Massapequa Water District.

He has consistently pushed for cleanups of our ground and surface water throughout the Assembly district to fully protect residents in West Babylon, Babylon, West Islip, and those who drink water from districts near and south of the Bethpage Grumman-Navy site. Assemblyman Saladino will continue to keep the pressure on and force the DEC to clean up Willets Creek, quickening the start and completion dates.

In his remarks at the Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information

Technology at Stony Brook University, Governor Cuomo said that Assemblyman Saladino has been tirelessly reminding him of the need to clean up the Grumman-Navy plume and these other sites just about every day, and thanked him for a great job in his leadership on this issue statewide. Also present was Stan Carey, Superintendent of the Massapequa Water District, who called the announcement a big win for Massapequa residents and the entire area. Superintendent Carey said “The wells of the Massapequa Water District have not yet been affected by the ever encroaching plume. We appreciate the efforts of Governor Cuomo and Assemblyman Saladino to help us get this situation remediated before it affects the pristine drinking water we deliver to our residents.”

In his thirteen years as a New York State Assemblyman, Assemblyman Saladino has continued to be a leader fighting for our drinking water, our environment, quality healthcare, and the rights of those who recreate outdoors or on the water.



**Save the Date!**  
**September 10, 2016**

**Assemblyman Joseph Saladino’s**  
**FREE\* MARINE AND OUTDOOR RECREATION EXPO**

**Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: Captree State Park Boat Basin**  
*Honoring Veterans and First Responders*

Activities include live Rock and Roll music, fishing, boating, face painting, arts and crafts, marine biology, touch tanks, fly fishing, raffles, giveaways, and much more!

\*All FREE except the \$8 State parking fee



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Saladino Secures \$1 Billion For LIRR Improvements

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