



Assemblymember Shelley Mayer

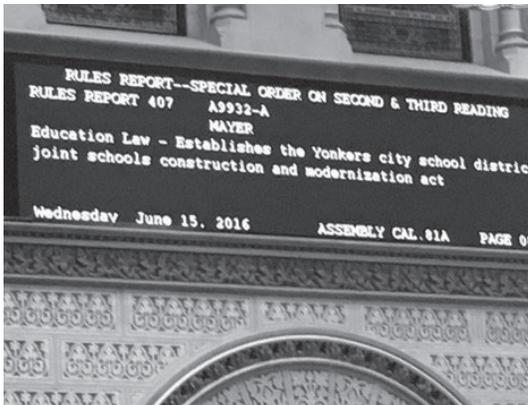
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Assembly and Senate Pass Legislation to Begin to Rebuild Yonkers Public Schools

After months of hard work from Senate Minority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senator George Latimer, my Assembly colleague Assemblyman Gary Pretlow, and me, the Assembly and Senate passed the ‘Yonkers City School District Joint Schools Construction and Modernization Act,’ which will help rebuild crumbling Yonkers City schools and invest in new construction. A.9932A/S.7459A establishes financing of up to \$523 million for the first phase of the school facilities’ renovations and construction, creating a 9-member board to build up to three new school buildings and renovate up to thirty-nine existing buildings. This legislation demonstrates our commitment



Throughout the session, I worked with my Yonkers legislative delegation colleagues, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada, parents, and teachers to push for the Yonkers City School District Joint Schools Construction and Modernization Act, which will begin the process of rebuilding the Yonkers public schools. It was important for me to receive feedback and input from parents, and the Yonkers Council of PTAs helped create opportunities for me to hear directly from parents.



to our schools and to the thousands of students in the Yonkers City School District who deserve safe, up-to-date buildings and adequate school space. I will continue to push for New York State to make the necessary investment in our children and our Yonkers Public Schools.

Comprehensive Legislation to Address the Heroin Epidemic

The Assembly and Senate passed and Governor Cuomo signed legislation to comprehensively improve the treatment and prevention of heroin and opioid addiction, which has reached epidemic levels in New York and throughout the nation. The legislation builds on previous efforts, which included \$189 million in this year’s state budget for treatment and prevention initiatives, as well as safe drug-disposal programs. A bill that I sponsored that passed the Assembly and Senate ensures pharmacies provide Narcan—a drug which counteracts an opioid overdose. In addition, this legislation takes steps to combat the heroin crisis by educating doctors, as well as individuals who are prescribed opioids to, among other things, advise them of the risks of addiction, and preventing the risk for misuse by limiting the amount of opioids prescribed and further requiring coverage for inpatient care. The legislation also expands access to addiction treatment.



On June 2, my colleagues and I joined hundreds of thousands of people across the country in wearing orange to show our support for working to eliminate gun violence. We have made progress in New York, but we have more work to do in New York and across the country.

Strengthening Child Care Programs In New York



Senator Kennedy and I were proud to secure Assembly and Senate passage of a bill (A.1864/S.742) that we sponsored to help address New York's child care crisis by expanding the information available about child care providers. This bill passed both the Assembly and the Senate and awaits the Governor's signature. Currently, parents can view only basic and limited information about a provider. This bill allows child care providers to post achievements beyond required licensing activities, such as participation in a quality rating system or national credentials, on the Office of Children Family Service website. As parents here in Yonkers and across New York are working longer hours and doing all they can to provide a solid foundation for their children, we need to ensure parents have the information they need to make the best choices for their children.

Debating child care bills, one of which (A.1864/S.742) I sponsored, passed both the Assembly and the Senate, and awaits the Governor's signature.



Majority Leader Morelle and I were joined on the Assembly floor by Lt. Christopher Sapienza, President of Yonkers Captains, Lieutenants, and Sergeants Association (YCLSA); and Lt. Ralph Carozza, also of the YCLSA.

Veteran's Pension Credit Bill

I was pleased that Governor Cuomo signed A.9531/S.7160, legislation I co-sponsored, that would remove the existing date of service limitations and expand eligibility for the military service credit to otherwise eligible veterans irrespective of their dates of service. Yonkers veterans, and all New York's veterans, who have served their country deserve to be honored and supported whether they served in times of conflict or peace.



It was great to be out for this year's Yonkers Hispanic Day Parade.

Bill to Require Caller ID from Telemarketers

Too many New Yorkers, especially seniors, have been harassed by unscrupulous telemarketers who do not provide the correct caller identification information. In an effort to help address this, Senator David J. Valesky (D-Oneida) and I introduced legislation (S.6809-B/A.9457-A), which passed the Senate and the Assembly, that would give state regulators a new tool to pursue telemarketers operating in New York State that hide their identity when contacting consumers. The bill would prohibit telemarketers from transmitting inaccurate, misleading, or false caller identification information to consumers. This legislation, which awaits Governor Cuomo's signature, would become effective immediately should it be signed into law, and would help consumers avoid unwelcome telemarketing calls.



With support from Yonkers Federation of Teachers and "Mr. & Mrs. John Doe," City of Yonkers Parks, Recreation and Conservation Commissioner Hartsfield and Mayor Mike Spano, and local stores, Yonkers Special Education PTA hosted a wonderful Family Fun Day BBQ at Redmond Field.

IDA Transparency and Accountability Act



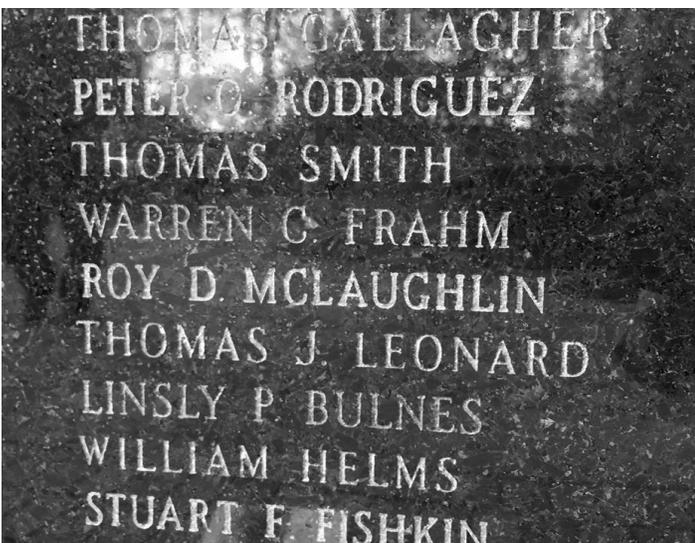
Earlier this month, at the Building and Construction Trades Council of Westchester and Putnam Counties, I was joined by Eddie Doyle, President, Westchester-Putnam Building and Construction Trades Council, and Louis Picani, President, Teamsters Local 456 in calling for passage of legislation (A.9629/S.3432A), sponsored by Senator Liz Krueger and me, which would reform Industrial Development Agencies (IDAs) in New York State. As important vehicles for economic development, IDAs use taxpayer resources to spur economic development, but they remain largely unaccountable to taxpayers and are subject to limited transparency and oversight. In addition, too few IDAs require or even encourage the use of local labor and local contractors, especially union workers and union contractors. This bill limits conflicts of interest on IDA Boards, requires greater community input on Boards, as well as greater municipal oversight, and requires contracts to pay prevailing wage as is deemed “public work” under the labor law.



I joined young students in celebrating Get Caught Reading at The Marion and George Ames Early Childhood Learning Center at Leake and Watts.

Honoring A Local Hero in Albany

I was fortunate to be present at the Police Officers’ Remembrance ceremony at the Police Officers Memorial in Albany where Yonkers Lt. Roy McLaughlin was honored. Lt. McLaughlin died as a result of illness associated with his rescue work after 9/11. His name was added to the wall at the Memorial. It was a sad and dignified tribute to him and our other fallen officers. They will not be forgotten.



State Senator David Carlucci, Assemblymember Ellen Jaffee, and I Press for Passage of Bill to Prohibit Use of Coupons in Purchase of Tobacco Products

I was joined by State Senator David Carlucci and Assemblymember Ellen Jaffee, as well as community and student tobacco control advocates to urge the passage of legislation, S.5221-A/A.5164-B, to prohibit the use of coupons in the purchase of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and other tobacco products, which are often targeted to young people. Cigarette smoking kills nearly half a million Americans and over 28,000 New Yorkers every year, and the tobacco industry spends hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to market its products to young people to get them addicted to cigarettes and other tobacco products. Prohibiting the use of coupons in the purchase of tobacco products in New York removes one marketing gimmick that targets young people.



We were joined by strong advocates working to reduce tobacco related illnesses and death. I was joined by Makeda James, Reality Check Coordinator; Coalition Coordinator POW’R Against Tobacco, Westchester County; Marie Wilkins, Yonkers resident, former smoker and tobacco control advocate who has disabilities and amputations that resulted from Burgers Disease, a disease attributed to smoking; and Denise Hogan, Coalition Coordinator POW’R Against Tobacco Rockland & Putnam County.

Yonkers & Westchester Area
IMMIGRATION EVENT



Sat. July 9th
 12 pm – 3 pm
 Yonkers Public Library
 Riverfront Library
 1 Larkin Center
 Yonkers, New York



DACA and DAPA Programs After the Supreme Court Decision
 Free Consultation with an Immigration Attorney
 Falamos Português * Hablamos español
 How to Avoid Immigration Scams
 Know Your Rights

Co-sponsors:
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Cohosted by New York Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer
 and Yonkers City Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac



For more information or to participate/cosponsor: Luis Yumbla, HVCC, 203-667-3799



I was fortunate to welcome Amanda Prechtel, a junior at Montessori Academy High School in Yonkers, to Albany for the 14th annual Students Inside Albany conference sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New York State.

If you would like to receive my e-newsletter or information about events I am organizing, please send your name and email address to:
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Community Newsletter

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Making Work Work for Families:

A Forum on NYS Paid Family Leave and Minimum Wage Increase

New York State recently enacted paid family leave and an increase in the minimum wage. Join Assemblymember Shelley Mayer, Conference Leader, Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and Westchester Women's Agenda for a forum with Janel Quarless of the non-profit Working Families Organization and Sherry Leiwant, co-president and co-founder of A Better Balance, to learn about the measures, how they will affect employees, employers, and next steps that can be taken to improve them.

Thursday, July 28th 6:30–8:00 p.m.
Yonkers Riverfront Library 1 Larkin Center
Yonkers, NY 10701 (community room)

This forum is free and open to the public. If you have questions, please call 914-779-8805 or email mayers@nyassembly.gov

