



Yuh-Line Niou

REPORTS TO YOU
Dear Neighbor,

As we head into fall, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of the work that we've accomplished this past summer.

This year's legislative session was challenging, but we made several gains for our community. We secured funding for affordable housing, our public schools and Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities. I also worked to improve housing protections for our most vulnerable families, and fought to bring financial protections to underbanked communities.

Thank you to those who contacted my office over the past few months. I love hearing from you! My office is equipped to provide constituent services in both Spanish and Chinese, and I encourage you to reach out with any community concerns. See you around the neighborhood!



Sincerely,

Yuh-Line Niou
Assemblymember
65th District

End of session highlights

Rising in Assembly Leadership

I am proud to be the Parliamentarian for the NY Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Legislative Caucus. I was elected last session after working on the People's Budget. Additionally, I helped launch New York's first ever Asian Pacific American Legislative Task Force, where I sit as co-chair along with Assemblyman Kim. I look forward to using these platforms to advocate for all of our communities.

Fighting for Tenant Protections

I sponsored a bill requiring the NYC Human Resources Administration to provide tenants web access to rental assistance records - and the Governor signed it into law! This commonsense fix empowers tenants by ensuring that our most vulnerable New Yorkers have access to rental information that can help them stay in their homes, and clear up allegations of rent non-payment made against families.

Pushing for Local Voices at BPCA

Local voices matter, which is why I advocated with my colleagues and the local community to increase resident representation on the Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) board. Although we still do not have a resident majority, we pushed for a bill requiring two Battery Park City residents to be appointed to the board, along with Assemblymember Glick. Much work remains, and I urge you to contact my office to join the push for greater community representation at BPCA.



Standing up for Consumers

Predatory lenders and check cashers often take advantage of low-income families and their hard earned salaries, therefore it is critical that we regulate these industries to protect our communities. Given my background as a consumer protection advocate, I was tasked by our Assembly Speaker to create a roadmap to bank our underbanked communities by working with advocates and my colleagues. It is critical that we provide reliable financial alternatives to working families.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

East River Oil Spill Town Hall



In May, a Con Edison substation released thousands of gallons of dielectric fluid into the East River. In response to this, I spearheaded efforts to hold Con Edison accountable for their negligence. I held a town hall where Lower Manhattan residents raised questions about the environmental impacts of the oil spill, and were able to directly engage with agencies overseeing the cleanup efforts, such as the U.S. Coast Guard, NYC Dept. of Health, Con Edison and the State Dept. of Environmental Conservation.



Yuh-Line was joined by Lt. Governor Hochul for a tour of the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, which tells the history of immigration in our country. Yuh-Line will continue to be a champion for immigrants across New York State.



Yuh-Line marched at this year's LGBT Pride Parade, along with NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer. Yuh-Line will continue to push for equality and protections for the LGBT community in New York.

Wanted: Better Public Transit



New Yorkers deserve a dependable transit system. Unfortunately, our MTA subway and bus systems are not meeting the daily demands of commuters. My office has received dozens of constituent complaints about crowded subway stations, bus bunching, and delays throughout the network. Moreover, accessibility is important for our seniors and individuals with disabilities, who need accessible transit options, not just some days, but every day. Commuters deserve better, which is why I joined advocates in calling for the MTA to bring improvements to our buses and trains. Contact my office to join the push!

Pushing for Language Access

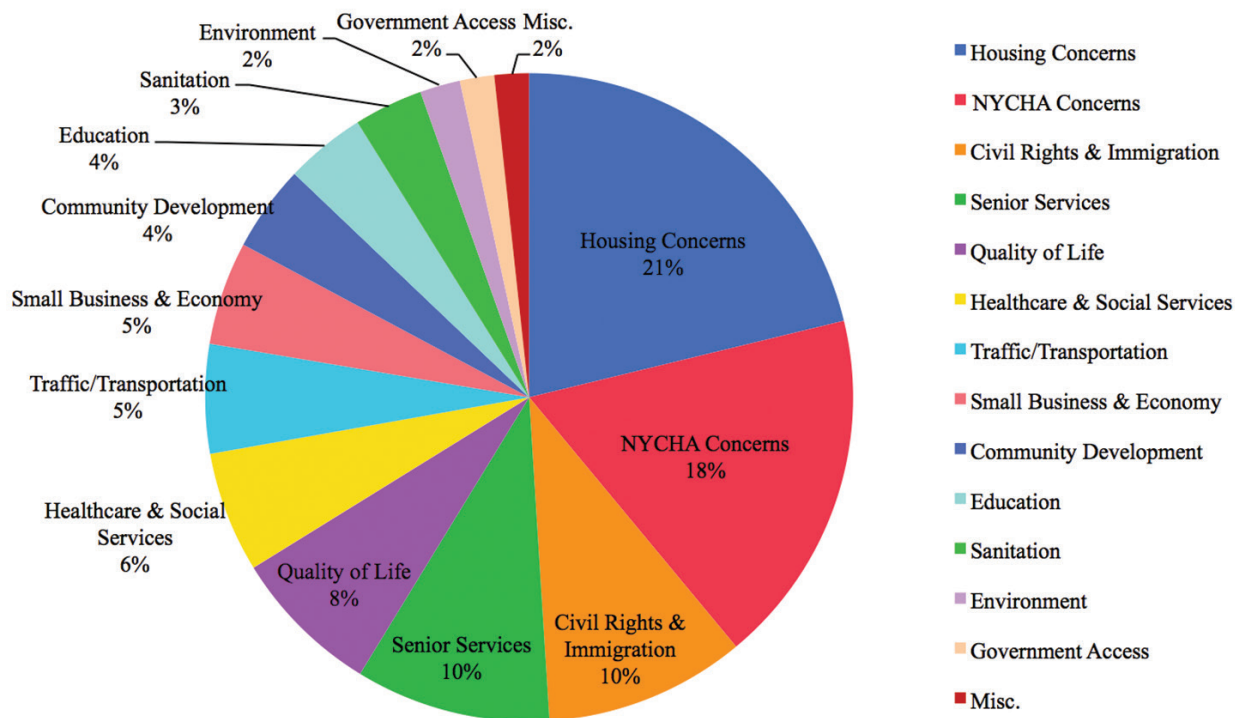
Tenants at 10 Stanton Street, an affordable housing development on the Lower East Side, raised concerns about inadequate language access at their building. Non-English speaking tenants often had issues accessing basic building services, like repairs and assistance with lease renewals. Working with tenants, Cooper Square Committee and colleagues, we successfully pushed building management to incorporate improved language services. More work remains and it is critical that all tenants, regardless of their background, have access to basic housing services.

Pedestrian and Traffic Safety

In response to advocacy from our community and elected officials, I was thrilled to report that the Department of Transportation will finally carry out a traffic and pedestrian study of the Financial District and its surrounding area. Traffic safety continues to be a top concern in Lower Manhattan, and it is critical that we work towards improving our streetscape as our neighborhoods grow.



Yuh-Line spearheaded statewide efforts to restore funding for our local senior centers, through the Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) program. Yuh-Line visited United Jewish Council of the East Side to update constituents about these efforts and hear community concerns.



Constituent Services Update

Ensuring that everyone has access to government resources continues to be my top priority. Since my last update to you, my office has worked on over 350 constituent cases. Housing and NYCHA concerns, as well as senior citizen issues, continue to be the top community concerns. Additionally, given the federal climate, our office has seen an uptick of immigration related cases. See the adjacent graph breaking down our constituent cases.

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