



Assemblywoman

**Michaelle C. Solages**

*Reports to the people*

Serving the communities of North Valley Stream, Valley Stream, South Valley Stream, South Floral Park, Floral Park, Bellerose, Bellerose Terrace, North Woodmere, Elmont, Stewart Manor, and parts of Franklin Square.

## 2020 CONSTITUENT QUESTIONNAIRE

*As your elected representative, I want to gauge your priorities and advocate for the issues that matter most to our communities. This annual survey is an opportunity for you to provide feedback regarding your concerns. Whether it's a comment on social media, a phone call, or filling out this survey, your input is important as I represent you in Albany. It is a privilege to serve the constituents of the Twenty-second Assembly District. I look forward to a productive legislative session this upcoming year.*

Sincerely,

Hon. Michaelle C. Solages



**Which of these topics would you most likely attend a forum on? (Check all that apply)**

- Addiction/Substance Abuse/ Narcan Training
- Belmont Park Redevelopment
- Financial Aid for Higher Education
- Financial Literacy
- Healthcare Policy
- Housing Issues/Foreclosure Assistance
- JFK Redevelopment
- Long-term Care and Nursing Homes
- Maternal Mortality and Morbidity
- New American/Immigration Assistance
- Property Tax Relief
- Protecting the Environment/ Climate Change
- Senior Citizens
- Small Business/Entrepreneurship
- Workforce Development
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**1. What do you think are the most pressing issues that the New York State Legislature should address in the 2020 legislative session, which starts in January?**

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If you prefer to respond electronically, please go to my Assembly Web Page at <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Michaelle-C-Solages>

2. Do you support the New York Health Act, a plan to provide universal health care to all New Yorkers?

Yes  No

3. Should New York State (NYS) require implicit bias training for doctors and nurses treating pregnant women, to improve awareness of the impact racial bias has on maternal and infant health?

Yes  No

4. There has been debate on allowing the construction of new gas pipelines in parts of New York State. Opponents say these new pipelines will destroy fragile ecosystems, keep the state dependent on fossil fuels, and delay our transition to renewable energy. Supporters say that banning new pipelines could harm the state's economy and result in a halt to any new natural gas hookups for homes and businesses in the state. All things considered, do you agree with allowing new gas pipelines to be built in New York State?

Agree  Disagree

5. Gestational surrogacy is an arrangement where a female carries and delivers a child for intended parents. A surrogate is generally compensated for the time and effort involved in fulfilling this role.

Currently, NYS is one of three states in the U.S. in which gestational surrogacy contracts are void, unenforceable, and punishable by fine. Should NYS legalize paid gestational surrogacy, regulate surrogacy contracts, and ensure surrogates are provided with health insurance and life insurance by the intended parents?

Yes  No

Which days are you more likely to attend an event? (Check all that apply)

- Monday Evenings
- Tuesday Evenings
- Wednesday Evenings
- Thursday Evenings
- Friday Evenings
- Saturday Morning
- Sunday Afternoon

6. HPV (human papillomavirus) is the most common sexually transmitted infection. HPV is usually harmless and goes away by itself, but some types can lead to cancer or genital warts. Currently, the HPV vaccine is FDA approved for males and females, ages 9 to 45 years old, to prevent certain cancers caused by human papillomavirus.

• A proposed bill would require children born after 2009 entering the 7th grade to get the HPV vaccine before they could attend school. Would you support this measure?

Yes  No

• There is proposed legislation that would allow minors to seek medical and preventative care without parental consent for sexually transmitted diseases, including getting the HPV vaccine. Do you support this legislation?

Yes  No

7. There is a growing body of evidence indicating a link between football hits and brain injuries. Should children in NYS ages 12 and under be banned from playing tackle football?

Yes  No

8. Should NYS establish a taxi medallion guarantee program which would provide a loan loss reserve to assist taxi medallion owners who find it difficult to obtain bank financing, refinancing, or restructuring of any existing loan?

Yes  No

9. Should NYS limit the use of solitary confinement of juveniles to only rare, limited, and well-documented circumstances?

Yes  No

10. The state legislature recently eliminated the requirement that most non-violent criminal defendants provide bail in order to be released before trial. Supporters say requiring cash bail discriminates against lower-income defendants because people who can afford it are released on bail while those who can't are forced to remain in jail while awaiting trial. They say judges should release defendants who are not flight risks or a threat to public safety. Opponents say this measure will weaken our criminal justice system and put more criminals back out on our streets. Do you agree or disagree with the decision by the legislature to get rid of the cash bail requirement for most non-violent crimes?

Agree  Disagree

11. Although inmates are counted on the census for determining the distribution of resources, they are currently unable to vote. Should inmates in NYS detention facilities be eligible to vote?

Yes  No

12. The number of older inmates in NYS detention centers is rising even as the total number of inmates falls. Should NYS pass legislation that would create a process to evaluate 'elder' inmates for parole eligibility? Inmates must be at least 55 years old and have served at least 15 years of their sentences.

Yes  No

13. The Safer NY Act is a package of bills under discussion that would increase police transparency and accountability through the following proposals:

- There is a proposed bill that would help reduce financial resources spent on minor infractions, and increase the resources available for safety measures for all New Yorkers by reducing arrests for low-level, ticketable offenses. Would you support the passage of this bill?

Yes  No

- The Police Statistics & Transparency (STAT) Act would require police departments across the state to record & report demographic and geographic data on deaths that occur during law enforcement activity as well as enforcement of low-level offenses. Should NYS pass the STAT Act?

Yes  No

- The New York Civil Rights Law Section 50-a is a state statute that deems the personnel records and disciplinary proceedings of police officers, firefighters and corrections officers confidential and not subject to inspection or review without the officer's permission. Should NYS repeal NYS CRL 50-a?

Yes  No

14. Good cause is a legal term meaning reasonable or substantial grounds for the forced removal of a tenant from housing through eviction. In this proposed legislation, evictions in New York can only result from a limited number of reasons including a tenant's failure to pay rent, a tenant's violation of the lease agreement, a tenant's use of the property for illegal purposes, and a landlord's immediate need of the property for personal use. Should NYS pass legislation prohibiting eviction without good cause?

Yes  No

15. Should NYS require these professionals in each elementary, intermediate, middle, junior high and senior high school? (Check all that apply)

- Guidance Counselors
- Mental Health Counselors
- Librarians

16. Should New York State allow college athletes the right to earn money for the use of their name, image, or likeness?

Yes  No

17. What are some programs or initiatives you would like to see within the 22nd Assembly District?

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18. Are you involved with any advocacy or community-based organizations that Assemblymember Solages should be working with? If so, please let us know who they are.

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19. A new legislative session welcomes the opportunity to introduce new legislation. If you could propose a new law or modify an existing law, what would you recommend?

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Do you have any additional thoughts or comments? Please add other comments on an attached sheet.

# WOMEN *of* DISTINCTION



## Would you like to nominate an extraordinary woman for our annual Women of Distinction Event?

Every March we recognize the efforts of women in our district who are dedicated through their work or passions to bettering our community. If you would like to submit a nomination, please call us at (516) 599-2972 or email [solagesm@nyassembly.gov](mailto:solagesm@nyassembly.gov) with the nominee's information by January 20, 2020.

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### 2020 Constituent Questionnaire

Would you like to subscribe to our eNewsletter that will include updates on legislation and other issues affecting Nassau County and the State of New York?

If yes, please check the box and write your email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### THERE ARE TWO WAYS THAT YOU CAN SUBMIT THE SURVEY:

By returning the enclosed survey by mail to our District office:  
**Assemblywoman Michaëlle Solages**  
**1690 Central Court, Valley Stream, NY 11580**  
**OR**

Complete the survey online:  
<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Michaëlle-C-Solages>

**Kindly return by February 29, 2020**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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