ASSEMBLYWOMAN MICHAELLE C. SOLAGES



Delivering for Franklin Square

Dear Neighbor,

As your Assemblywoman, I want you to know that my office is here for you. Whether you need help navigating state programs or finding the right resources, we're here to make things easier. If there's a community event or an issue that matters to you, don't hesitate to get in touch. We're part of this community together, and I'm here to support you in any way I can.

Sincerely,

Michaelle Solages

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Working for Our Families, Neighborhoods, and Future

From securing $40,000 in discretionary funding to contribute to the upgrade of the Theater Program in the Franklin Square School District to acquire the equipment our children need, to lowering costs for working families and taking action to ensure that homeowners in Franklin Square are protected, that local governments and school districts save taxpayer dollars, and that residents have access to the resources they need, Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages is working every day to deliver results for Franklin Square.

Protecting Homeowners From Foreclosures and Scams

For many Franklin Square families, a home is their largest investment and the foundation of their financial security. Assemblywoman Solages helped pass legislation to strengthen New York's Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP), which provides free legal assistance and housing counseling to homeowners facing foreclosure, deed theft, partition actions, and other threats to homeownership (A.1625).

Long Island has historically experienced some of the highest foreclosure rates in New York State. This legislation would help ensure homeowners continue to have access to trusted resources that can help them stay in their homes, protect their property, and avoid scams targeting vulnerable residents.

Helping Schools and Local Governments Save Taxpayer Dollars

Assemblywoman Solages helped pass legislation allowing school districts and local governments to continue purchasing goods and services through existing government contracts rather than duplicating costly procurement processes (A.11162).

By cutting red tape and reducing administrative costs, this legislation helps local governments and school districts stretch taxpayer dollars further and focus more resources on the services residents rely on every day.

Lowering Utility Costs for Families

Assemblywoman Solages supported a series of reforms designed to help lower utility costs and provide relief to New Yorkers facing rising energy bills.

The state budget includes a $1 billion Protecting Our Wallets Energy Rebate (POWER) program, which will provide direct utility bill relief to eligible households. Under the program, many families will receive rebate checks of up to $200 to help offset rising energy costs.

The budget also strengthens oversight of utility companies by requiring greater accountability when requesting rate increases, cracking down on unnecessary expenses that drive up customer bills.

Helping Franklin Square Families Stay in Their Homes

Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages is fighting to make homeownership more affordable and ensure that longtime residents can continue to live in the communities they helped build.

Protecting Seniors and People With Disabilities

This year, Assemblywoman Solages supported expanding income eligibility for New York's Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE), Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE), Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE), and Disabled Homeowners' Exemption (DHE) programs from $50,000 to $75,000 through the budget.

These changes will help more seniors and people with disabilities remain in their homes and afford rising housing costs without being priced out of their communities.

Expanding Homeownership Opportunities

Through her work on the New York State Budget, Assemblywoman Solages helped secure:

- $10 million for down payment assistance for first-time homebuyers
- Increased support for programs that help New Yorkers achieve and maintain homeownership
- Additional funding for accessibility improvements that help residents safely remain in their homes as they age

At a time when homeownership feels increasingly out of reach for many families, these investments help create pathways to owning a home and building generational wealth.

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