



# Assemblymember STEVEN RAGA 30th Assembly District



Dear Neighbor,

I hope your 2024 is off to a safe, healthy, and happy start!

As we embark on a fresh start this 2024, I look forward to working together to build a stronger, more vibrant, and resilient Assembly District 30.

In this report, you'll find updates from the month of January, including new legislation, constituent services, and resources available. I hope you find these updates useful.

My office remains at your service. Please contact my District Office at (718) 651-3185 or email [ragas@nyassembly.gov](mailto:ragas@nyassembly.gov) for assistance.

As always, it is an honor to represent you.

Sincerely,

Assemblymember Steven Raga  
New York State Assembly  
30th Assembly District

## UPDATES FROM THE CAPITOL

The People's House at the State Capitol in Albany reconvened on January 3rd, 2024, ushering in our office's second legislative session. It was a privilege to receive appointments to two additional committees for this session: the Labor Committee and the Aging Committee. Additionally, January witnessed the release of the Executive Budget by Governor Kathy Hochul.

## SUPPORTING CLIMATE ACTION



Assemblymember Steven Raga speaking at a press conference in support of the New York Home Energy Affordable Transition Act in the state capital of Albany.



## NEW LAWS TAKING EFFECT

Our office would like to update you all on some new laws that took effect in January 2024:

- On January 1st, 2024 the minimum wage for New York City, Long Island, and Westchester County will be increased to \$16 an hour.
- The New York Early Mail Voter Act, now in effect, provides for early mail-in voting, strengthening our democracy process by allowing voters to easily and securely cast their ballots when it's convenient for them.
- The State Paid Family Leave Program's maximum weekly benefit has increased to \$1,151.16 and the employee paycheck contribution percentage has dropped in 2024.

## SUPPORTING LABOR



I am a proud cosponsor of A5486, which would require Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) SUNY-funded projects and ensure New York companies and hardworking New Yorkers are back to building our SUNY system.

## MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

Our office conducted our regular monthly mobile office hours, with our team setting up at the Queens Public Library Branches in Woodside, Maspeth, and Elmhurst. We want to thank Queens Public Library for hosting us so we can connect with our neighbors in the communities of the 30th Assembly District.

## NEW LEGISLATION

I have introduced the following pieces of legislation at the start of the 2024 legislative session:

- A8909: I was proud to have inherited Bill A8909 from former Assemblymember Joyner. This bill would require NYC schools to provide halal meal options at lunch. All our students must have adequate and culturally competent meal options.
- A8586: It is imperative to keep our government agencies transparent and accountable. This is why I introduced A8586, which amends the time frame for agencies to acknowledge and respond to Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests


I have also introduced 7 new resolutions this month.

## CONSTITUENT SERVICES

For the month of January, in partnership with Communities Resist (CoRe), our office hosted a Know Your Rights Tenants Legal Clinic at our District Office in Maspeth to assist tenants with any housing-related legal concerns and issues.



Our Senior Community Liaison, Rihao Liang, conducting our Monthly Mobile Office Hours in our district at the Queens Public Library in Elmhurst.

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