



Assemblymember STEVEN B. RAGA

*Reports to
the People*

FALL 2024

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you had a pleasant summer. As we make our way into fall, this newsletter will highlight the work I've done in Albany and here in the district over the last few months.

As always, my office is available to assist you. If you are having trouble with state level issues, please do not hesitate to contact us. My staff and I are always here to help you obtain benefits, provide information on government programs, and connect you to local resources.

Your feedback is invaluable in shaping our work. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas, we remain available to talk. Please reach out by calling my District Office at 718-651-3185 or by email at ragas@nyassembly.gov. I thank you for the privilege of serving as your Assemblyman and I wish you and your family a healthy and happy rest of the year.

*Steven B. Raga
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LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

This year, our office introduced 14 bills and cosponsored over 250 bills. Here's a recap of some of the legislation we introduced:

- **A10496** – Modernizes the Access-A-Ride program's application process by creating an online application process and notifying applicants throughout the process via email.
- **A09649** – Requires student financial aid award letters to lay out information regarding net costs after financial aid.
- **A09358** – Revises the New York state veteran's memorial and monument registry to make it more effective and easier to navigate.
- **A09051** – Conducts a study on the office of court administration's housing court guardian ad litem program to understand the full extent to which the Access to Justice's Guardian Ad Litem program serves New Yorkers state-wide.
- **A10191** – Prevents housing discrimination based on wage history, medical history, and health conditions.

Our office also proudly sponsored and passed the following resolutions:

- **K821** – Commemorating Fred Korematsu's Birthday.
- **K1059** – Commemorating the Asian American community's celebration of Songkran on April 13-15, 2024.
- **K2086** – Proclaims April 23, 2024, as Book and Copyright Day in the State of New York.
- **K2126** – Commemorating the 215th Anniversary of Ecuadorian Independence Day on August 10, 2024.
- **K2127** – Commemorating the 199th Anniversary of Bolivian Independence Day to be celebrated on August 6, 2024.
- **K2128** – Commemorating the 213th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Paraguay.
- **K2129** – Commending the Dobra Polska Szkola Foundation's Flowers for Tadeusz Kosciuszko campaign.
- **K2275** – Proclaims October 2024, as Filipino American History Month in the State of New York.
- **K2386** – Commemorating Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on December 7, 2024, in New York State.

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

This year's budget featured crucial fiscal and policy items on housing, healthcare, education, and public safety. Here are some of the items I successfully advocated for in this year's budget.

- **Mitchell-Lama Rehabilitation Program:** \$80 million in capital dollars to fund existing Mitchell-Lama developments, which provide affordable rental and cooperative housing for moderate- and middle-income families.
- **Investments in SUNY AND CUNY:** \$2.15 billion to cover capital investments and operating costs.
- **Sammy's Law:** New York City will now be able to lower speed limits from 25mph to 20mph. Lower speed limits will increase pedestrian safety, especially at dangerous intersections.
- **\$30 Million Investment for AAPI Communities:** Provides funding for AAPI crisis intervention centers and provides funding to community organizations to combat hate crimes.

DISTRICT OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS

Throughout the summer, our team has hosted a number of mobile office hours, small business outreach sessions, community workshops, clinics, paper shredding, and giveaways. Here's an overview of on the work my team and I have been doing here in the district.

MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

This summer, our office conducted 18 mobile office hour sessions across the district. We were able to bring resources and information directly to our neighbors.



COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Our office hosted the following workshops and clinics this summer:

- A Community Mental Health Session with NAMI NYC and Elmhurst Baptist Church
- A Legal Clinic for tenants with Communities Resist
- Section 8 Intake Day with NHS of Queens

RAIN BARREL GIVEAWAYS



This summer, our office hosted two rain barrel giveaways with DEP. Our first rain barrel giveaway was in partnership with Maspeth Federal Savings and our second was in partnership with Senator Michael Gianaris and Councilmember Julie Won. At each giveaway, we were able to distribute 100 rain barrels to constituents.

BACK TO SCHOOL

In preparation for the new school year, our office secured and distributed nearly 300 backpacks and back to school kits to constituents with the help of our community sponsors.

COMMUNITY CLEANUPS

This summer, our office hosted two community cleanups – one in Elmhurst and one in Maspeth. Thank you to our partners and volunteers!

IN THE COMMUNITY



Assemblymember Raga marching in the Colombian Independence Day Parade in Jackson Heights.



Assemblymember Steven Raga celebrating Memorial Day in Maspeth.



Assemblymember Steven Raga touring small businesses in Woodside with New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli.



Assemblymember Steven Raga celebrating Father's Day in Elmhurst.

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