

This is the first newsletter from the Office of Assemblymember Diana Moreno. It includes community resources, job postings, and highlights from our first month in office.



Dear neighbor,

My name is Diana Moreno, and I'm writing today to introduce myself as your new Assemblymember! For the past month, I've had the honor of representing the neighborhoods of Astoria and Long Island City in the New York State Assembly.

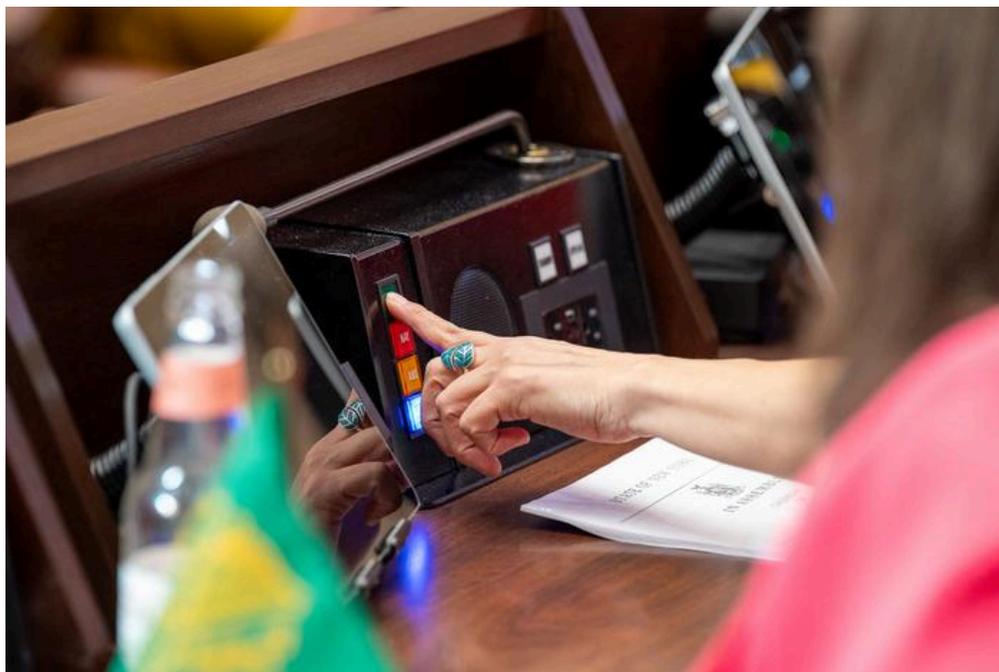


Feb. 9, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno and her son are welcomed to the New York State Assembly.

Like so many of our neighbors, I'm an immigrant New Yorker. I was born in Ecuador, and when I was 11 years old, my family and I came to the United States in search of stability and opportunity. Witnessing my parents face exploitation and discrimination at work due to their immigration status inspired me to become a labor organizer and an immigrant rights advocate. Over the past decade, I've dedicated myself to building working class power, from organizing undocumented workers as Deputy Director at New Immigrant Community Empowerment

(NICE), to supporting New York’s union nurses as Communications Manager for the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA).

I made the decision to run for office for two reasons: I was deeply inspired by the work of our former Assemblymember and now-Mayor Zohran Mamdani, and I viewed serving in the Assembly as a chance to support our shared vision of an affordable New York where working Queens families can thrive. As a mother of a toddler, I also became increasingly worried about my family’s future under the Trump administration. The federal budget cuts to essential social programs; the disrespect and erasure of queer, trans, and Black people and their history; and the violent and cruel immigration enforcement tactics we are experiencing led me to the conclusion that we must do everything we can to strengthen our state government and protect working New Yorkers.



Feb. 4, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno casts her first vote in Albany, less than 24 hours after winning the AD-36 special election.

And we’ve wasted no time in doing so. On the morning of Feb. 4, mere hours after our special election victory, I was on my way to Albany to take the oath of office and co-sponsor my very first piece of legislation: the [New York for All Act](#), which would prohibit state and local governments from colluding with ICE. A few weeks later, [I introduced my first piece of legislation](#) (alongside State Senator Kristen Gonzalez and with the support of Mayor Mamdani) to increase corporate taxes on our city’s wealthiest corporations. This would bring in \$1.7 billion in much-needed revenue to our city and put us on a path to tackle the affordability crisis.

It's been a busy first month in office—view more highlights below. We'd also like to remind you that our office is here to serve you, our constituents who make Astoria and Long Island City the vibrant communities that they are. Check out a list of resources available to Assembly District 36 residents further down in this newsletter, and please don't hesitate to call our office at **(718) 545-3889** or email us at ad36@nyassembly.gov to receive direct assistance or to make an appointment.

In solidarity,



Assemblymember Diana Moreno
District 36

P.S. One last thing: We are looking for dedicated and talented individuals to join our team! We currently have two positions open: Constituent Services Manager (full-time) and Community Affairs Coordinator (part-time). Read to the end of this newsletter for details.

WEEK ONE



Feb. 4, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno takes the oath of office, administered by Speaker Carl Heastie, the morning after winning the AD-36 special election.



Feb. 4, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno co-sponsors the New York for All Act (introduced by Assemblymember Karines Reyes) a few hours after taking office.



Feb. 4, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno discusses universal childcare and the urgency of defending immigrant New Yorkers from ICE with Governor Kathy Hochul.



Feb. 5, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno and her family attend an Astoria town hall hosted by Congressmember Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. (Photo credit: Silas Emerson Harris)



Feb. 6, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno begins transitioning into the AD-36 District Office in Astoria.

WEEK TWO



Feb. 9, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno and her family are formally welcomed to the New York State Assembly.



Feb. 10, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno speaks at a Make the Road press conference in support of the New York for All Act.



Feb. 10, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno high-fives an AD-36 constituent during a meeting with students from Hunter College's Silberman School of Social Work and the National Association of Social Workers's NYC chapter.



Feb. 11, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno speaks at an Invest In Our New York press conference to support taxing the rich to fund universal childcare.



Feb. 13, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno cuts the ribbon at the opening of the Center for the Integration and Advancement of New Americans (CIANA) 's new Computer Resource Room in Astoria. (Photo credit: Evelyn Martinez, NYC Civic Corps Member, 2025-2026 at CIANA Inc.)

WEEKS THREE & FOUR



Feb. 17, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno speaks at the monthly Community Board 1 meeting in Astoria.



Feb. 18, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno participates in a Make the Road town hall with Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas.



Feb. 24, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno meets with immigrant rights advocates to discuss the Dignity Not Detention Act to end ICE's practice of using New York's jails and prison for for-profit immigrant detention.



Feb. 24, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno speaks with Fair Pay for Home Care activists.



Feb. 25, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno joins thousands of New Yorkers marching in Albany to demand that Governor Hochul and the state legislature take action and Tax the Rich.



Feb. 25, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno speaks at a New York for All Coalition rally in support of the New York for All Act.



Feb. 27, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno speaks at Community School District 30's Legislative Gala.



Feb. 27, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno meets with the Variety Boys and Girls Club of Queens team to discuss their work in Astoria and opportunities for future collaboration.



Feb. 27, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno poses for a photo after giving remarks at Long Island City Partnership's Neighborhood Lion Dance to commemorate the Lunar New Year. (Photo credit: Reiko Yoo Yanagi)



Feb. 28, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno joins 100+ families and children for a playdate in support of the SUNNY Act and defending New York's climate law, the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA).

RESOURCES FOR YOU

- **Apply to reduce your utility bill!** Families are feeling the pressure of rising utility costs, and our office is doing everything we can to ease the burden. Applications are now open for the New York Enhanced Energy Affordability Program (EEAP), which provides monthly assistance to help low- and moderate-income households manage their energy bills. Learn more and apply today at nyeeap.com.
- **Recycle your electronics and textiles this Saturday.** The New York City Department of Sanitation and the LES Ecology Center are hosting a [Free Electronics + Textiles Recycling Collection Event](#) in Astoria! Bring your eligible items to the Broadway Library (40-20 Broadway) on Saturday, March 14th from 10am-12pm.
- **Get help filing your taxes.** Tax season is almost upon us, and you don't have to break the bank to file your tax returns. The IRS offers free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) to qualified individuals, and seniors can receive free tax help for questions about pensions and retirement-related issues. [Learn more here.](#)
- **Know your rights and get immigration legal support.** The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) has created [detailed booklets](#) so you can learn more about your rights with ICE, regardless of your immigration status. To find trusted legal help in the five boroughs, call the MOIA Immigration Legal Support Hotline at **(800) 354-0365**. And if you have immigration or naturalization questions, need a referral for immigrant

services and programs, or want to report fraud or scams against immigrant communities, call the New York State New Americans Hotline at **(800) 566-7636**.

- **Problems filing for unemployment benefits?** You're not alone: Our office has received a large increase in constituents reporting issues in filing, claiming, and receiving unemployment benefits. Our constituent services staff are here to help you navigate the process and do what we can to rectify your situation. Call our office at **(718) 545-3889** to get started.

WE'RE HIRING!

Our office is hiring for two positions:

The image shows two hiring posters side-by-side on a yellow background. Each poster features a 'WE'RE HIRING! Join the AD-36 Team!' speech bubble, a job title, a salary/benefit box, a list of three requirements with checkmarks, and an email contact box. The left poster is for a 'Constituent Services Manager' (Full-time, \$75k/YR) and the right poster is for a 'Community Affairs Coordinator' (Part-time, \$36k/YR). Both posters include the New York State seal and the text 'Office of Assemblymember Diana Moreno'.

Position	Employment Type	Salary/Benefit	Requirements
Constituent Services Manager	Full-time	\$75K / YR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Passionate about making government work for working people?Have experience in constituent services, social work, or relevant fields?Do you speak Spanish, Bangla, or Arabic?* <small>*Preferred but not required</small>
Community Affairs Coordinator	Part-time	\$36K / YR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Passionate about making government work for working people?Excellent at building and maintaining relationships with community organizations and government partners?Do you speak Spanish, Bangla, or Arabic?* <small>*Preferred but not required</small>

Constituent Services Manager (full-time, \$75k/year): We're looking for a bright, dedicated, and passionate individual to oversee one of the most important responsibilities of our office: Serving the wonderful constituents of AD-36! The right candidate is a compassionate, diligent, and creative problem-solver who is committed to improving our constituents' lives.

Community Affairs Coordinator (part-time, \$36k/year): We're looking for a smart, reliable, and committed individual to build and maintain relationships with community organizations and government partners, represent our office at events throughout the district, and support our constituent services. The right candidate is someone with exceptional attention to detail and time management skills, as well as availability evenings and weekends.

Please send your resume or any questions you have about the roles to ad36@nyassembly.gov.

RAMADAN MUBARAK!



Mar. 3, 2026: Assemblymember Moreno attends an Iftar dinner at the Museum of the Moving Image, co-hosted by Epicenter NYC.

I want to extend my warmest well wishes to our Muslim neighbors across Assembly District 36 and our city who are commemorating this month of fasting. May your fasting be a joyful, enriching experience for you and your families.

Last week, I was honored to join the Museum of the Moving Image and Epicenter NYC for their Iftar dinner. I look forward to attending more events like this one throughout the month.

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