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WINTER NEWSLETTER

ASSEMBLYWOMAN
NIKKI LUCAS



DEAR NEIGHBOR,

As the holiday season approaches, I hope you take time to reflect on the many blessings God has given us and to celebrate all that makes our community so special. This year, I'm deeply thankful for what we've been able to accomplish together in the 60th Assembly District.

I'm proud to have brought new resources and innovation to our neighborhoods - from investments in our schools and community organizations to expanding housing initiatives and ensuring that every resident has the support they need to thrive.

I'm especially grateful for the success of our ongoing programs, including our monthly food pantry and direct hiring hall. These initiatives have made a real difference in the lives of so many families, and they remind me every day of the power of working together for the common good.

As we look ahead to the new year, my hope is that we continue to build on this momentum - growing stronger, more connected, and more vibrant as a community. Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving you and for being an essential part of what makes the 60th Assembly District great.

With Love and Gratitude,

Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas
60th District

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NIKKI LUCAS LISTENING TOUR



Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas has officially kicked off her community listening tour with District Leader Michael Rosendary. The first stop is Starrett City! This is a great opportunity to have your voices heard and give your input on how to better improve your neighborhood. Your participation will help shape future of your community. Don't miss the chance to share your ideas and be part of meaningful change.

HOUSING RESOURCES

NEW YORK STATE HOUSING RESOURCE: [HTTPS://HOUSINGSEARCH.HCR.NY.GOV](https://housingsearch.hcr.ny.gov)
NEW YORK CITY HOUSING RESOURCE: [HTTPS://HOUSINGCONNECT.NYC.GOV](https://housingconnect.nyc.gov)

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas with her Summer 2025 office interns

MISSION

In 2025, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas strengthened her efforts to deliver housing stability to her community by supporting initiatives that expand affordable housing options throughout the 60th Assembly District. She held developers accountable, urging them to ensure that new affordable units align with local income levels rather than citywide averages.

On the economic front, she championed pathways to employment by partnering with Congressman Hakeem Jeffries and the Department of Labor to bring a Direct Hiring Hall and Career Prep to the 60th Assembly District. She also co-sponsored legislation that eases property-tax burdens for low-income households when a nonprofit or community trust transfers a home to an eligible family (A.00355-C).

As part of her safety-and-health agenda, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas introduced legislation to improve indoor air quality and enforce fire- and building-code compliance in aging housing stock (A.05618). She continued her advocacy for reparative justice, maintaining pressure to ensure a lineage-based study of chattel slavery is included in the statewide commission on reparations (A.05603).

Throughout 2025, she hosted listening tours across the 60th Assembly District to ensure constituents' concerns were elevated and heard. By year's end, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas had solidified her reputation as a hands-on legislator who balances policy innovation with grounded community outreach and constituent empowerment.



ASSEMBLYWOMAN NIKKI LUCAS: SHAPING LOCAL POLICY

- Committee on Aging
- Committee on Housing
- Committee on Health
- Committee on Energy
- Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce & Energy
- Committee on Labor
- Black Legislative Task Force
- Puerto Rican Hispanic Task Force
- Task Force on Food, Farm, & Nutrition Policy
- Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus
- Legislative Women's Caucus

Happy Holidays from the 60th Assembly District



Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas extends a heartfelt holiday to you and your family. During these challenging times, the Office of Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas works hard to ensure that families are whole and have the resources they need to thrive. This holiday season, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas partnered with Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, the Mylah's Organization and community partners. Together, they donated 1,000 turkeys to families in need throughout the 60th Assembly District combating the food crisis our country is currently experiencing.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DISTRICT 60?

CAREER PREP & DIRECT HIRING HALL

In July, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas hosted her first Direct Hiring and Career Prep in partnership with Congressman Hakeem Jeffries and the Department of Labor at the Brooklyn Sports Club. The event drew over 400 attendees, all eager to connect with employers and explore new career opportunities. Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas invited vendors willing to conduct on-site interviews and hire people on the spot. The event was such a success that we brought it back for a second time in October.



LOVE ON THE BLOCK

In August, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas joined her colleagues in government for Love On The Block hosted by W.A.R.M. to bring awareness to domestic violence. It was a day of healing and community as attendees enjoyed music, guided meditation, and dance aerobics. This event strengthened the importance of education, prevention, and advocacy. Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas reinforces her commitment to supporting survivors.

BACK 2 SCHOOL BOOKBAG GIVEAWAY

In August, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas hosted her annual Back 2 School bookbag and school supply giveaway with the support of Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, and District Leader Michael Rosendary. Sponsors included Fusion East, New Wave Dance, The Campaign Against Hunger, East Street Tacos, Brooklyn Printers, The People First Club, Community Driving Inc., and Kente Cones. Children from across the 60th Assembly District enjoyed a fun-filled day with food, snacks, and games, along with free haircuts and braids. 600 backpacks filled with school supplies were donated to families. As the cost of school supplies continues to rise, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas is proud to support families in need and help ensure our youth are prepared for a successful school year.



I WILL GRADUATE - EAST NEW YORK

This school year, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas teamed up with the I Will Graduate organization who came to East New York to empower the youth and encourage them to stay committed to their education. Over 155,000 students across the city have taken the pledge and she was proud to witness the students at P.S. 292 join them. This initiative helps students stay engaged in their education and combat dropout rates.

Assemblywoman Lucas proudly supports our youth.



HEALTH COMMITTEE HEARING

In October, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas participated in a Health Committee hearing on psilocybin, a psychedelic mushroom traditionally used by Indigenous communities for healing. New York State is currently reviewing whether this treatment should be legalized for medicinal use. While the testimony was compelling, Assemblywoman Lucas noted that the panel lacked representation from communities of color.

Assemblywoman Lucas is urging that research include people of color and that diverse voices be part of the discussion before any vote takes place. Representing one of the most diverse districts in the state, she continues to advocate for your community to be included in conversations, more importantly, the rooms where laws are made.

4-DAY CONCERT SERIES

In September, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas partnered with the legendary DJ Watkins & Friends to bring back their free annual concert & wellness series in Starrett City, hosted by Blazhay Blazhay and Bobby Konders. This year, they expanded the celebration to four days, showcasing the power of unity and the community spirit that defines the 60th Assembly District. This event showcased what happens when the community comes together for something positive. Day One featured Caribbean & Latin Night with performances by Boscom X, Denise "Saucy Wow" Belfon, and Giro Lopez. Day Two highlighted House Music with Kenny Bobien and Strafe headlining. Day Three brought Hip Hop & Reggae to the stage, featuring Brand Nubian, Luci Martin and Norma Jean Wright, formerly of Chic, with Evelyn "Champagne" King closing out the night. Day Four concluded with Gospel and Jazz as the audience rejoiced to the music of Bishop Hezekiah Walker and James Hall.



FUNDING



Since 2022, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas has helped secure over \$400 million in state funding for community-based organizations and capital projects across the 60th Assembly District. This funding supports economic opportunity, housing stability, and the long-term strength of local organizations that serve our community. Funding has reached groups such as the Young Airmans Association Inc., The Campaign Against Hunger, The Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, Hungry 4 Change, Mylah's Organization, Muna Social Services Inc., and Be'er Hagolah Institutes Inc.



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PANAMANIAN DAY PARADE



In this year's legislative session, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas successfully advanced a measure calling on Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim November 3, 2025, as Panamanian Heritage Day in New York State. As a proud Panamanian, she is honored to have secured this meaningful recognition for Panamanians across the state. Assemblywoman Lucas also had the privilege of co-sponsoring the 30th Annual Panamanian Parade in New York City, hosted by the Day of Independence Committee of Panamanians in New York, Inc. This year's celebration was especially significant, as the district welcomed Maricel Cohen de Mulino, the First Lady of Panama, as a distinguished guest.