

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (January 9, 2025): Honors and recognizes the essential role of dispatchers in emergency response, highlighting their critical support to police (K.13).

Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month (April 2025): Raises awareness about Parkinson's Disease to support the more than 3.5 million people in the U.S. living with the incurable disease (K.334).

Women's History Month (March 2025): Honors and recognizes the contributions women in New York have made and emphasizes their achievements as 2025 marks the 105th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment (K.170).

SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT RESOLUTIONS I HELPED PASS THIS YEAR:

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A special message from Assemblyman
Michael Tannousis

DEAR NEIGHBOR,

Although this legislative session has come to an end, the work does not stop here. There is still a lot of work left to do, but I am excited to be back in the district doing what I love most—serving the residents of the 64th Assembly District. It is my goal to ensure our communities are safe and more affordable so future generations can continue to call New York home. It has been a busy few months, but I wanted to give everyone back home a brief update about what my office and I have been up to both in Albany and back here in the district.

—Mike Tannousis

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MY PRIORITIES THIS YEAR:



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1. MAKE LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE

On May 9, more than 30 days past the deadline, the state passed yet another record-setting budget.¹ Meanwhile, a proposal aimed at easing financial burdens on working families by exempting essential items such as gas, household products and groceries from the state sales tax remains stalled (A.7417).

2. BUILD SAFER COMMUNITIES

On March 12, I attended a press conference alongside Tom Homan, executive associate director for Enforcement and Removal Operations, to call for action on illegal immigration and to end New York's sanctuary state policies (A.2262). In addition, we called for greater judicial discretion to fix cashless bail policies to better protect our communities (A.6358).



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3. REPEAL CONGESTION PRICING

At a time when families are struggling with the skyrocketing cost of living² and businesses are relocating to more affordable states³, imposing yet another unnecessary fee only adds to the financial burden. My colleagues and I made it clear—working- and middle-class families would be the ones hit hardest by this added cost just to commute to work. That's why I remain committed to ending the excessive tolls required to enter certain parts of Manhattan (A.6680).



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4. ADD SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR BATTERY STORAGE FACILITIES

On May 20, I took part in a bipartisan press conference to call for greater safety regulations for rapidly growing battery storage facilities across the state, which are causing increased risks to communities. The proposal would require a minimum distance of 1,000 feet from the storage facilities to nearby homes, farms and schools to reduce the risk of fire or other potential hazards. It would also allow community input before the project is approved, ensuring transparency and local involvement (A.6955-A).



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5. END NEW YORK'S SANCTUARY CITY POLICIES

On June 10, I hosted a press conference in response to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's hearing on New York state's and New York City's sanctuary policies, the impact on public safety and the state's obstruction of federal immigration enforcement.^{4,5,6} I unveiled a letter signed by my colleagues addressed⁷ to the chair of the Oversight Committee, that included a series of questions the committee must ask to ensure the committee is fully aware of the leadership decisions regarding the governor's sanctuary policies.



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1. <https://nypost.com/2025/05/09/us-news/nys-new-budget-soars-to-record-254b-and-heres-why-it-might-go-even-higher/>

2. <https://nypost.com/2025/06/28/lifestyle/heres-how-much-money-a-family-of-four-now-needs-to-make-each-year-to-live-comfortably-in-new-york/>

3. <https://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/2023-asset-management-relocation-wall-street-south>

4. <https://oversight.house.gov/release/hearing-wrap-up-sanctuary-mayors-refuse-to-change-policies-that-obstruct-federal-immigration-enforcement-and-protect-dangerous-criminal-aliens/>

5. <https://ag.ny.gov/police-departments-law-enforcement/immigration-enforcement>

6. Executive Order 170 of 2017; and Protect Our Courts Act, Chapter 322 of the laws of New York State 2020

7. <https://tinyurl.com/TannousisLetter>