



Dear Constituent,

The year 2026 is nigh! As always, my New Year's resolution is to be a productive and effective representative for the residents of the 95th Assembly District. Below, you'll find a wrap-up of my third year in office, as well as a reminder about upcoming events for the start of 2026 and information about important new laws going into effect in January.

My office is closed as of noon on Wednesday, December 31 in observance of the New Year holiday. We will reopen on Monday, January 5. Happy New Year!

Best,
Assemblymember Dana Levenberg

2025 By The Numbers



Photos from a few of the nearly 2,000 events and meetings I attended this year!

This year, I continued to work hard to pass legislation to make New York more affordable and sustainable. **Eleven** of my prime-sponsored bills were signed into law, along with **60** bills that I co-sponsored. Major new laws I co-sponsored include the Fostering Affordability and Integrity through Reasonable (FAIR) Business Practices Act ([A.8427](#)); legislation enabling police to seize firearms when responding to reports of family violence ([A.544B](#)); a new law to address antisemitism and racism on college campuses ([A.5448B](#)); legislation to require

insurers to cover inhalers with no out-of-pocket costs for asthma patients ([A.128A](#)); legislation increasing financial penalties for corporate wrongdoing ([A.3858](#)); a new shield law protecting New Yorkers receiving or providing legally-protected care from out of state prosecution ([A.5480C](#)); a law authorizing the New York State Holocaust Memorial ([A.7614](#)); and [A.8888](#), which will end the 100-foot-rule that requires all ratepayers to pay for natural gas hookups to newly constructed buildings. Another major new law I co-sponsored, legislation enabling Medical Aid in Dying ([A.136](#)), will be signed in the early days of 2026.

One of my recently signed laws, [A.7862A](#), will help stop the unethical practice of ballot line raiding as we head into the 2026 elections. In recent years, political operatives anticipating close elections have been **running dubious campaigns** on popular minor party lines (such as the Working Families Party line) to assist major party candidates, attempting to win elections without earning the support of a majority of voters through honest campaigns. This new law will give the state committees of minor parties the same ability to purge members that the Democratic, Republican and Conservative parties currently have through their county committees, enabling them to get rid of members suspected of such activity. I'm proud that this new law will help deprive bad actors of an opportunity to cheat their way to victory. With democracy under attack at the federal level, we must do everything in our power to ensure that New Yorkers are able to exercise their right to elect candidates they feel will represent their values.



At a press conference announcing the signing of legislation authorizing sales tax sharing in Putnam County

Locally, new laws that I sponsored or co-sponsored will enact specific municipal and county priorities ([A.810](#), [A.5394A](#), [A.7837](#), [A.8348](#), [A.8363](#), [A.8558A](#), [A.8080A](#), [A.6428A](#)), and promote traffic safety ([A.8227A](#), [A.8360A](#)). Statewide, new laws I sponsored will protect telecommunications tower technicians ([A.4938](#)), and support volunteer firefighters ([A.8276](#)).

My colleagues and I also secured major investments promoting economic prosperity during this year's budget process. We did so while also lowering tax rates for working and middle class households, increasing the Empire State Child Tax Credit, and providing inflation rebate checks. I am particularly proud to have helped secure tens of millions of dollars in funding for critical infrastructure needs for our district. This year, we made major progress toward **fixing Route 9A** - progress that will continue with the repaving of additional sections of that road in 2026. A troubled section of **Route 134** was also repaved, and we secured funding to repave the worst stretch of **Route 133**, running through Ossining and New Castle, in 2026. I will

keep working hard to ensure that all of our troubled state roads get the attention and resources they require.



At a press conference announcing funding for the repaving of Route 133

Together with my colleagues in the Assembly Majority, I fought to protect state aid to our public schools, ensuring that no district faced cuts and delivering more than **\$268 million** for our schoolchildren. We also established the New York Opportunity Promise Scholarship program, providing **free community college tuition** for adult learners pursuing in demand fields.

In addition, my office and I:

- Hosted **nine** town halls and forums on topics of general interest as well as specific issues like health care and healthy aging
- Held **14** mobile office hours and coffee and conversation events
- Closed **236** constituent cases
- Held **1,938** meetings with advocates and stakeholders
- Issued **2,644** certificates of merit, citations and proclamations celebrating the accomplishments of district residents
- **Provided 131 letters of support for grant applications and other initiatives**
- Released **eight** podcast episodes ([click here to subscribe](#) and see more as they are published!)

As always, my office paid close attention to what residents had to say about the issues. This year, we received **10,902** comments from constituents on pending legislation and other issues. This year, the top issues for phone calls were related to Con Edison as well as utility rates and service more generally. You can [click here to read more about my efforts to lower utility costs through legislation, participation in the Con Edison rate cases, and more.](#)

The top issue we heard about through electronic channels was immigration, with the vast majority of commenters urging support for New York for All and related bills aimed at defending due process and safety. The remaining top 5 issues about which constituents wrote to us most frequently concerned elder care and other support for senior citizens, prescription drug price reform, support for library funding, and environmental issues.

Please know that your opinions matter to me. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete my latest survey; [click here to access it online](#). Another great way to let me know your opinions is to use the [contact form](#) on my web page. I will also host another series of town halls as the new legislative session gets underway; read on for more information about those events.

Upcoming Town Halls



UPCOMING
**TOWN HALL
MEETINGS**

Come to a town hall meeting to receive updates from Albany and share your thoughts as the legislative session and State budget negotiations get underway.

- **Thursday, January 22 | 7 PM**
Virtual; register at <https://bit.ly/VirtualTownHall2026>
- **Saturday, January 24 | 10 AM**
Desmond-Fish Library, 472 NY-403, Garrison, NY
(Snow date **January 31**, same time)
- **Saturday, January 24 | 12 PM**
John C. Hart Library, 1130 E. Main St., Shrub Oak, NY
(Snow date **January 31**, same time)



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Save the date(s)! I will once again be hosting town halls at the start of the legislative session to share updates from Albany and gather your input. I hope you will be able to join me. The schedule is as follows:

- **Thursday, January 22, 7 PM:** Virtual (register at <https://bit.ly/VirtualTownHall2026>).
- **Saturday, January 24, 10 AM:** Desmond Fish Library, 472 NY-403, Garrison, NY 10524. (Snow date January 31, same time)
- **Saturday, January 24, 12 PM:** John C. Hart Library, 1130 E Main St, Shrub Oak, NY 10588. (Snow date January 31, same time)

January 2026 Food Drive



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JANUARY FOOD DRIVE



Donation Suggestions:

- Any shelf-stable food
- Tuna
- Soup
- Cereal

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ONGOING

PET FOOD DRIVE

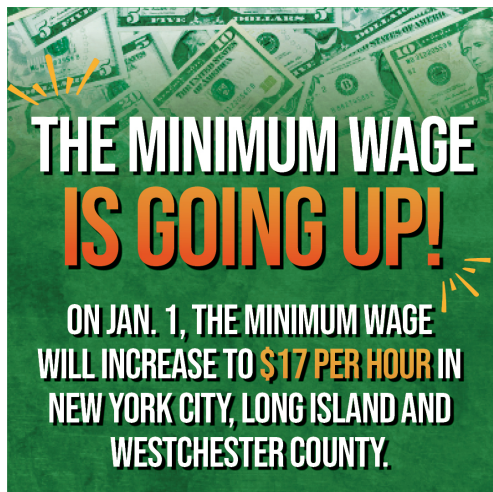
Donation Suggestions:

- All shelf-stable cat and dog food welcome
- Canned food preferred

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to our December food drive! We will be continuing our monthly food drives into 2026. The need for food pantries is expected to continue rising because of changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), as well as an **economy that is leaving poor and working class people behind**. In January, we will be collecting for the **Let It Shine** food pantry in Verplanck. **[Click here to learn how to support this food pantry directly](#)**, or feel free to bring any unopened shelf-stable, non-expired food to my office at 8 Revolutionary Road in Ossining. Our pet food drive will also continue; canned pet food and other pet supplies are also welcome. We are open from 9 AM until 5 PM Monday through Friday; please give us a call at (914) 941-1111 to confirm before you stop by.

New Laws for January 2026



THE MINIMUM WAGE IS GOING UP!

ON JAN. 1, THE MINIMUM WAGE
WILL INCREASE TO **\$17 PER HOUR** IN
NEW YORK CITY, LONG ISLAND AND
WESTCHESTER COUNTY.



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ON JAN. 1, THE MINIMUM WAGE
WILL INCREASE TO **\$16 PER HOUR**
IN UPSTATE NEW YORK.

New laws go into effect every month; below is a full list of laws going into effect in January 2026. Of special note this month is the third in a series of increases to the state's minimum wage. On January 1, the minimum wage will increase to \$17 in New York City, Long Island and Westchester and \$16 everywhere else (including Putnam County). After this year, the minimum wage will begin increasing at a rate determined by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the Northeast Region, indexing the minimum wage to inflation. **Helping wages keep up with inflation is an important component of New**

York's efforts to promote affordability. Increasing the minimum wage is a victory for all workers, as it has a ripple effect that leads employers to boost all workers' wages.



Also of note this month are new laws improving insurance coverage and healthcare, particularly for those screening for or being treated for cancers and those dealing with life-threatening allergies. Other laws going into effect this month create new property tax exemptions for military service members as well as the surviving spouses of police officers killed in the line of duty. Another tax-related law makes it easier for seniors to access the Enhanced STAR exemption. A new law related to LLC transparency will also go into effect this month, improving New Yorkers' ability to seek redress against individuals using limited liability corporations in harmful and/or illegal ways. I was proud to support the passage of these new laws through the Legislature.

1/1/2026: Ch. 56 of 2023, [S4006C/A3006C](#)

Raises the hourly minimum wage by 50 cents to \$17 an hour in New York City, Westchester, and Long Island and \$16 an hour for the rest of New York State.

1/1/2026: Ch. 772 of 2023, [S995B/A3484A](#); Ch. 102 of 2024 §§1-9, [S8059/A8544](#)

Requires limited liability companies (LLCs) to file disclosures with the Department of State identifying beneficial owners.

1/1/2026: Ch. 424 of 2024, [S2465C/A1696C](#)

Requires health insurance policies to provide coverage for additional screenings for breast cancer when the provider deems screening is necessary according to nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines.

1/1/2026: Ch. 553 of 2024, [S7114A/A6425A](#); Ch. 81 of 2025, [S760/A2443](#); Ch. 502 of 2025 §§ 9-11, [S7807A/A5392B](#)

Requires health insurance policies to provide coverage for epinephrine auto-injector devices (EpiPens) and caps out-of-pocket costs at \$100 per year.

1/1/2026: Ch. 595 of 2024, [S2063A/A38A](#); Ch. 14 of 2025, [S774/A430](#)

Requires large group health insurance policies to cover scalp cooling systems for the preservation of hair during cancer chemotherapy treatment.

1/1/2026: Ch. 641 of 2024, [S1267A/A901A](#); Ch. 20 of 2025, [S2676/A443](#)

Prevents step therapy protocols from requiring an insured to try and fail on more than two drugs used to treat the same medical condition or disease.

1/1/2026: Ch. 55 of 2025 Part TT, [S3005C/A3005C](#)

Establishes a 25-year retirement plan for firefighters employed by the Division of Military and Naval Affairs.

1/1/2026: Ch. 56 of 2025 Part T, [S3006C/A3006C](#)

Expands the Healthy Terminals Act to include part-time workers at John F. Kennedy (JFK) International and LaGuardia airports as covered workers ensuring they receive fair pay and benefits.

1/1/2026: Ch. 59 of 2025 Part O §§2, 3, 5-8, 11, 12, [S3009C/A3009C](#)

Provides for eligible seniors who receive the Basic STAR exemption to be automatically upgraded to the Enhanced STAR exemption without having to submit a new application to their local assessor.

1/1/2026: Ch. 59 of 2025 Part KK, [S3009C/A3009C](#)

Enacts the NY Farm Employer Overtime Credit.

1/1/2026: Ch. 418 of 2025, [S7287A/A7906](#)

Requires insurance policies to provide space on enrollment, renewal or initial online portal forms to register or decline registration in the Donate Life registry.

1/1/2026: Ch. 489 of 2025, [S1889/A29](#)

Designates the state of New York a purple heart state to honor combat veterans for their service and sacrifice.

1/1/2026: Ch. 506 of 2025, [S3360/A1395](#)

Permits a close friend to make decisions regarding anatomical gifts on behalf of deceased individuals.

1/1/2026: Ch. 670 of 2025, [S683-A/A3729](#)

Establishes a real property tax exemption for the primary residences of surviving spouses of police officers killed in the line of duty.

1/2/2026: Ch. 677 of 2025, [S2068-A/A6579](#)

Authorizes municipalities to offer a real property tax exemption for active military service members who at any time during the taxable year performed active duty in the armed forces in a combat zone.

1/14/2026: Ch. 478 of 2025, [S6413/A7845](#)

Requires the Department of Health to establish a registry for the collection of information on the incidence and prevalence of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and motor neuron disease (MND) in the state and provides a method for patients to opt out of the collection of data.

1/14/2026: Ch. 479 of 2025, [S598B/A1985C](#)

Establishes a state frontotemporal degeneration registry, requires certain information to be confidential and provides a method for patients to opt out of the collection of data.

1/20/2026: Ch. 189 of 2025, [S5539A/A785A](#)

Requires school safety plans to include a cardiac emergency response plan that addresses the use of personnel and measures to respond to incidents involving sudden cardiac arrest or similar life-threatening emergencies on any school site owned or operated by a school or at a location of a school sponsored event.

1/20/2026: Ch. 535 of 2025, [S8270/A8299](#)

Requires parties in a divorce to notify each other within 10 days of legal or financial events that could impact the marital estate, such as foreclosure or bankruptcy.

1/20/2026: Ch. 540 of 2025, [S1314/A4575](#)

Establishes that any communication simulating a document authorized, issued or approved by any court, official, agency of a state or another state or official

government entity, that creates a false impression that the document is from that official source is false advertising.

1/20/2026: Ch. 570 of 2025, [S8373/A8300](#)

Sets guidelines regarding the computation and allocation of commissions for trustees of charitable trusts.



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