

ASSEMBLYMAN BILL MAGNARELLI

2016 Progress Report

Dear Neighbor:

My 2016 Progress Report highlights significant parts of the approved NYS Budget 2016-17, details approved legislation affecting our quality of life and tallies the economic development funding that has been secured for Central New York.

I am honored to be your representative in the New York State Assembly, 129th District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood, Valley and Downtown areas of the City of Syracuse, as well as the Town of Geddes, including the Village of Solvay and the Town of Van Buren, including the Van Buren portion of the Village of Baldwinsville.



My years in the New York State Assembly have enabled me to successfully advocate for and deliver important legislation for Central New York. This year I voted for:

Increasing the minimum wage

– to help lift working families out of poverty;

Paid family leave

– to give workers time off to care for a new child or sick family member, without losing their paycheck;

Cutting income taxes for middle-class families

– benefiting up to 6 million New Yorkers;

Providing support for schools and education

– bringing \$28.5 billion in School Aid, the highest amount ever.

In addition, I have sponsored and passed legislation that directly affects our families, our neighborhoods and our communities' quality of life. It is one thing to propose legislation, it is quite another to successfully pass legislation in both houses. This takes a cooperative working relationship with colleagues on both sides of the aisle, standing firm for your principles, but compromising when appropriate to reach a workable solution. I am proud of this collaborative spirit and working approach which I have strived for during my tenure in Albany.

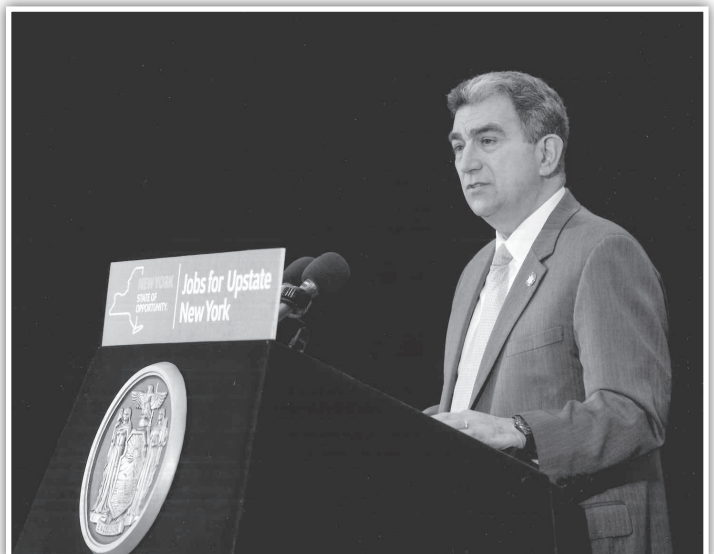
However, my primary focus this year was to secure funding for Central New York in order to create jobs.

I firmly believe that having a job is the gateway to realizing the American dream. As a voting member of the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council (REDC), I have been successful in advocating for and securing over \$511 million in funding for projects in our community that not only create new jobs, but also retain the jobs we have and

help to expand businesses. I am also part of the team which put forward the winning \$500 million Upstate Revitalization Initiative proposal for Central New York economic development projects over the next five years. This brings the total funding dedicated to creating job opportunities to over \$1 billion. I am proud to report that Central New York has received the most funding through the REDC program than any other region of the state.

I remain committed to providing my constituents with sound policies and programs that will help them lead a healthy and successful life, filled with hope and opportunities. I believe that you elected me to get things done for the good of the people of Central New York.

I hope you take the time to read this 2016 Progress Report. We accomplished so much for our community this past session!



2016 PROGRESS REPORT

“Historic state budget ensures New Yorkers have a fair shot to get ahead”



Increased the Minimum Wage

- ✓ To help lift working families out of poverty;
- ✓ Estimated that more than 2.3 million New Yorkers will be affected.

Paid Family and Medical Leave

- ✓ Most comprehensive paid program in the nation;
- ✓ Gives workers time off to care for a new child or sick family member, including parents, while continuing to receive a portion of their paycheck;
- ✓ Program paid for through nominal payroll deductions from employees, not businesses.

Support for Schools and Education

- ✓ Provides \$24.8 billion in School Aid, the highest amount ever, an increase of \$1.4 billion over the 2015-2016 Budget;
- ✓ Maintains \$340 million in annual funding for the Statewide Universal Full-Day Prekindergarten;
- ✓ Continues the \$2 billion Smart Schools program;
- ✓ Fully eliminates the outstanding \$434 million Gap Elimination Adjustment (GAP);
- ✓ Increases Foundation Aid by \$626 million, or 4%;
- ✓ Provides \$175 million to transform failing schools into Community Schools to address the issues of poverty and underserved youth.



Supporting Our Seniors

- ✓ The budget fully funds the EPIC program for prescription drug costs;
- ✓ Increases support for Alzheimer’s programs;
- ✓ Increases support for Elder Abuse Prevention Programs;
- ✓ Increases support for Community Services for the Elderly Programs.



A \$27 Billion 5-year Infrastructure Plan

- ✓ Make repairs to roads and bridges;
- ✓ Improve mass transit systems;
- ✓ Invest in rail projects;
- ✓ Modernize airports;
- ✓ Create much-needed, good-paying construction jobs.



Cut Income Tax for Middle-Class Families

- ✓ Lowers personal income tax rates for the middle class;
- ✓ Saves middle class New Yorkers nearly \$6.6 billion in first four years;
- ✓ When lower rates fully phase in, they will be the state’s lowest middle class tax rates in more than 70 years.

“Passed legislation that directly affects lives”



Tiffany’s Law

A.1597-A: Requires that judges consider past car Driving While Intoxicated (DWIs) convictions when sentencing a defendant for a Boating While Intoxicated (BWI)

violation. This law is named for Tiffany Heitkamp who was killed in 2006 on Fourth Lake by an intoxicated boater with two prior DWIs. *(Primary Sponsor)*

Peter Falk’s Law

A.3461-C: Requires judges in guardianship cases to identify persons in the guardianship order who should receive notice of death/burial. It also, allows the judge to identify those who should receive notice of incapacitated person’s hospitalization and identify those entitled to visitation. This law is named after SU Alum and actor Peter Falk, after being contacted by his daughter regarding end of life issues surrounding the actor. *(Primary Sponsor)*



Relieve Counties of Mandated Legal Services Costs

A.10706: Requires New York State to fully fund indigent legal services, establishing a more equitable system of public defense services, which will help to ensure quality representation for the poor and relieve all counties in the State of this unfunded mandate and financial burden. The bill will gradually take over full funding starting next year with a full state takeover by 2023. *(Sponsor)*

Veterans “Buy Back” Bill

A.9531: Removes the existing date of service limitations and expands eligibility for NYS veteran’s service credit to otherwise eligible veterans regardless of when they completed their military service.

The new legislation allows the veteran to “buy back” up to 3 years of service credit in the NYS pension system. *(Sponsor)*



Expanded Breast Cancer Screening



more hospitals and clinics to offer extended hours for screening to those who work full time.

A.10679: Ensures breast cancer screenings are more accessible and improves insurance coverage to promote early detection. The bill will prohibit annual deductibles, co-payments and co-insurance payments for screening and diagnostic imaging for the detection of breast cancer, including diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds and MRIs. The legislation also requires



Municipalities’ Right to Regulate Ridesharing companies

A.1205-C: Gives cities, towns and villages the clear authority to regulate Transportation Network Companies (TNC) like Uber and Lyft. Both houses of the Legislature have agreed to allow local municipalities to regulate the safety provisions required for licensing of TNCs in their jurisdictions.

Note: The bill to authorize insurance for TNCs failed to pass both houses this past session. The Assembly favors a greater amount of coverage, the Senate a lesser amount. (Primary Sponsor)

Ethics Reform

A.10739-A: Provides for the stripping of pensions for public officials convicted of a felony related to their official duties. Elected Officials aren’t above the law, and this legislation makes clear that there are serious consequences when they commit a crime.

Note: This resolution has passed in both Chambers. For this amendment to become law, it must pass in both Chambers again next legislative session. At that point, it will be placed on the ballot as a public referendum for voters to amend the New York State Constitution.



Heroin/Opioid Crisis

A.10725/A.10726/A.10727: Several pieces of legislation take steps to combat the heroin crisis by helping to educate patients and doctors about the dangers of prescribed opioids; by setting a 7-day limit on a patient’s first prescription of opioid medication for acute pain; by helping to ensure individuals are connected with treatment after they detox; by requiring insurance companies to provide coverage for a minimum of 14 days of inpatient treatment without prior authorization; and by allowing social workers and certain other licensed professionals to administer Narcan – a drug which counteracts an opioid overdose – in an emergency.



“Zombie” Property Legislation

A.10741: This legislation includes a number of provisions that will help prevent people from losing their homes through foreclosure and addresses the problem of unoccupied and ill-maintained properties. It establishes a Consumer Bill of Rights to help people remain in their homes and creates the Community Restoration Fund. It also combats blight created by “zombie” properties by imposing a pre-foreclosure duty on banks and servicers to maintain “zombie” homes, creates an electronic registry of abandoned properties, and expedites foreclosure for vacant and abandoned properties to get them back on the market.

“PASSED LEGISLATION THAT DIRECTLY AFFECTS LIVES”

As a voting member of the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC), I am proud of the record we have in competing for state funding for Central New York projects. In 2016, the “icing on the cake” was being designated as one of the regions that would receive the \$500 million Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI) award. This funding will be allocated to Central New York over the next five years. That brings the total economic investment funding by the state into our region to over \$1 billion. All totaled, Central New York has received more funding than any other region in New York State. The funding breakdown is as follows:

2016	URI award	<i>\$500 million</i>
2016	REDC Round 5	<i>\$22.4 million</i>
2015	REDC Round 4	<i>\$80.2 million</i>
2014	REDC Round 3	<i>\$66.9 million</i>
2013	REDC Round 2	<i>\$93.8 million</i>
2012	REDC Round 1	<i>\$103.7 million</i>



Other Signature Project Grants:

\$15 million	Hotel Syracuse restoration
\$100 million	NYS Fair; Lakeview Amphitheatre; Solvay redevelopment & revitalization
\$10 million	City of Syracuse Infrastructure

Other Capital & Legislative Grants:

\$20 million Towns/Villages; Libraries; School Districts’ special projects; American Legion; and various neighborhood associations and community agencies.



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Working for You

CNY Veterans Parade and Expo Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016 • NYS Fairgrounds Parade at noon • Expo 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Parade with more than 80 veteran organizations, military groups and high school marching bands
- Veterans of all conflicts since WWII
- Expo has organizations and educational institutions of veteran interest
- Displays of historical military artifacts
- **Free admission & Parking**
- **JOB FAIR**



Together we can Thank Our Troops!
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Tuesday,
Sept. 13, 2016

DestinyUSA • 3 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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More than 50 organizations present offering a variety of volunteer opportunities. The areas they represent vary from animal care, helping the homeless, education organizations, helping domestic violence survivors, to health care fields. Opportunities range from computer work, social media, hands on care and more.