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"Citizen involvement is the cornerstone of our democracy. *I want to hear directly from Western New Yorkers* about the issues that matter the most to their communities as the state looks forward to economic recovery in 2022 and beyond."

- Assemblymember Jon D. Rivera



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2021-22 Lackawanna community survey inside

Assemblymember Jon Rivera needs your input



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Dear Neighbor,

I hope this finds you and your family well. My first year as your Assemblymember has been one filled with invaluable lessons, vital coalition building and productive legislative headway that will build a better state for all New Yorkers.

As a state, we've made substantial gains and progress this past year as we continue our economic recovery from Covid-19. The New York State Assembly Majority took great strides to ensure that residents receive the support and resources they need to weather the storm.

Through the legislative funding process, I am proud to have secured \$25,000 in funding for the Lackawanna Youth Empowerment Program, Inc, and \$25,000 for the Lackawanna Yemen Soccer Club.

The Lackawanna City School District will receive \$45.9 million in state funding for FY 2021-2022 -- an increase of \$5.2 million, or 12.8 percent, from the previous year's budget. In addition to the state funding, Lackawanna was allocated \$12.6 million in federal funding as part of the American Rescue Plan.

Two bills that I helped to pass will protect homeowners and renters from the dangers of lead-based paint. The Department of Financial Services allows insurance companies to write general liability policies that specifically exclude lead poisoning claims from their coverage. Bill A.7488 requires that liability coverage includes injuries or damage caused by exposure to lead paint.

Bill A.6608A, or the "Lead-based Paint Disclosure Act," requires property owners to conduct lead paint tests and provide the reports of such tests before selling or leasing the property. This bill will also give state health officials the knowledge of which properties do and do not have lead paint hazards.

In order to safeguard health care workers and improve nursing homes, legislation passed this session focuses on quality improvement, oversight and transparency, and enforcement. Additional bills passed (A.108-B, A.7119) will set and enforce safe staffing ratios in nursing homes and hospitals across the state.

To bolster resettlement opportunities for refugees, Sen. Sean Ryan and I helped secure \$3 million in funding for refugee resettlement agencies through the New York State Enhanced Services to Refugees Program (NYSESRP). This funding is \$2 million more than last year's allocation of \$1 million for the program.

Now, I'm asking for your feedback on key issues so that I can continue to advocate for our community in the coming year. Please take a moment to fill out my 2021-22 survey, and as always, should you have questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me at 716-885-9630 or riverajd@nyassembly.gov.

Sincerely,

Jon Rivera
Member of Assembly
149th District

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Lackawanna Community Survey

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- Which of the following do you believe are the most important issues facing our district? *(Circle all that apply)*
 - Creating jobs
 - Holding the line on property taxes
 - Increasing access to affordable health care
 - Protecting our environment
 - Speeding up COVID-19 economic recovery
 - Other _____
- Would you support creating a "Medicare For All" health insurance system in New York that would provide coverage to all residents regardless of pre-existing conditions or ability to pay? *(Circle one)*
 - Strongly support
 - Support
 - Neutral
 - Oppose
 - Strongly oppose
- What community concerns are not currently being addressed by the New York State Legislature?

- The Climate and Community Investment Act would put a fee on carbon emissions and other pollutants. It would raise an estimated \$15 billion to be invested in renewables, weatherization, support for disadvantaged communities and rebates for low-income consumers. How strongly do you support such a proposal?
(Circle one)
 - Strongly support
 - Support
 - Neutral
 - Oppose
 - Strongly oppose
- How often do you utilize the your nearest library *(Circle one)*
 - Often
 - Occasionally
 - Not at all
- Do you know someone who utilizes your closest park?
(Circle one)
 - Often
 - Occasionally
 - Not at all
- If you have children, are they enrolled in any after-school programs? *(Circle one)*
 - Yes
 - No
- Do you work within five miles of your home?
 - Yes
 - No
- Where is your physician located?
 - Lackawanna
 - South Buffalo
 - Blasdell
 - West Seneca
 - Other _____



You can also complete this survey online at: nyassembly.gov/mem/Jonathan-Rivera or by scanning the QR Code above.

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