



NYS ASSEMBLYMAN BILL MAGNARELLI

2018 Progress Report

Dear Neighbor:

I am pleased to provide you with my annual Progress Report highlighting the New York State Budget, important legislation which passed this Session that impacts our area, the 2018 Constituent Survey and its results, as well as other important matters affecting the 129th Assembly District.

This year, we were able to pass legislation which provides the City of Syracuse with the tools to add unpaid code fines to property tax bills. If signed by Governor Cuomo, this bill will allow the City to penalize absentee landlords for not keeping their property in good repair. I also sponsored eleven other bills in the 2018 Session which passed both the Assembly and the Senate, ten are currently awaiting the Governor's signature, and one has already been signed into law.

I am honored to serve as your Assemblyman, representing the 129th District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood, Valley, Outer Comstock, 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). I am committed to serving my constituents and encourage you to call my office if you have any questions about State government agencies, or concerns about community matters. My office is available to assist you with these concerns.

I hope that you will take the time to read my 2018 Progress Report. It is filled with information about state and community issues.

Bill Magnarelli



March 2018 Constituent Survey Results

June 2018 Survey Update

1. Would you support the State's elimination of the Tip Credit – raising the minimum wage of tipped employees?

Yes: 62% No: 38%



No legislation on the Tip Credit passed either House this session. The governor has held hearings on this issue statewide, including one in Syracuse.

2. Do you support the Governor's proposal to make it a crime to share sexually explicit photos or videos of another without their consent, also known as "Revenge porn"?

Yes 95% No: 5%

Fell out of the Budget. A stand-alone bill passed the Assembly, but not the Senate.

3. Would you support legislation that would ban anyone convicted of domestic violence offenses from owning firearms?

Yes: 90% No: 10%

Passed as part of the 2018-2019 State Budget.



4. Do you support the Compassionate Care Act, which would permit persons with terminal illness and of sound mind the ability to seek a physician's assistance in ending their lives?

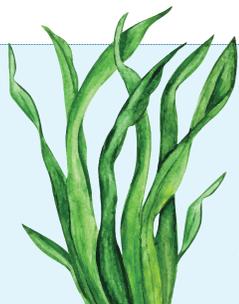
Yes: 68% No: 32%

Bills regarding the Compassionate Care Act are still pending. No bill has advanced in either house.

5. Last year, the State required each county to create a shared services panel, made up of local government officials, to examine cost-saving measures. Do you believe these panels should become permanent?

Yes: 55% No: 45%

Shared Services Panels were extended for 3 years as part of the 2018-2019 State Budget, but not made permanent. The Budget included \$225 million to help localities match savings achieved from their plans.



6. Do you support Governor Cuomo's \$65 million proposal to combat harmful algae blooms in our lakes, including Skaneateles Lake?

Yes: 85% No: 15%

Passed and funded in the 2018-2019 State Budget.

7. Do you support Governor Cuomo's proposal to withdraw State pension fund investments in Fossil Fuel Industries?

Yes: 54% No: 46%

Not included in the 2018-2019 State Budget.

8. Do you support legislation to create an opportunity for same day voting and early voting in New York State?

Yes: 72% No: 28%



Legislation on these issues passed the Assembly. They remain pending in the Senate.

9. Would you support the creation of a universal plan, NY Health, to provide comprehensive health coverage for all New Yorkers?

Yes: 71% No: 29%

Passed the Assembly again. It remains pending in the Senate.

10. What possible solution do you support for the I-81 project?

- a. Community Grid 35%
- b. Rebuilding the existing viaduct 49%
- c. Tunnel/Grid hybrid 16%

Currently the New York State Department of Transportation is continuing its Draft Environmental Impact Study. It is anticipated that a decision will be made in 2019. For more information, please visit: www.dot.ny.gov/i81opportunities.

2018-19 New York State Budget Highlights

Investing in Our Schools and Our Children

- Increases Education funding by \$914 million for a total of \$26.6 billion;
- Invests \$25 million for expanding Pre-K and after-school programs;
- Provides \$7.6 billion in State support for higher education.

Tax Policies to Help the Middle Class

- Continues to phase in the \$4.2 billion middle-class tax cut to deliver relief to 6 million New Yorkers, saving households \$250 on average, and \$700 annually, when fully effective;
- Includes the enhanced child care tax credit for middle-class families.

Combating the Opioid Crisis

- Includes a fee paid by the manufacturers and distributors of opioids;
- Establishes the \$100 million Opioid Stewardship Fund which seeks to help curb the epidemic by partnering with the pharmaceutical industry to fund prevention, treatment, and recovery services.

Transparency of Political Advertisements and Elections

- Requires the State Board of Elections to keep a publicly available database of all digital ads purchased. In addition, \$5 million is included in the Budget to strengthen cyber protections for New York's election infrastructure.

Senior's Health and Well-Being

- Restores \$8.16 million to support long-term care, and \$7.81 million to preserve spousal refusal;
- Ensures that couples do not lose their life savings in the event a spouse becomes ill and needs nursing home care;
- Restores \$13.99 million in hospital and nursing home reductions, and restores \$12 million in managed care reductions.

- **\$200,000 for the Manufacturers Association of Central NY's (MACNY) Pre-Apprenticeship Program with the Syracuse City School District:** Assemblyman Magnarelli helped secure funding in this year's State Budget for MACNY to start a new program in the Syracuse City School District to introduce and train students for careers in advanced manufacturing. The Pre-Apprenticeship program will take 9th grade students and pair them with local manufacturers. Students will receive hands-on training, paid internships, and classroom instruction. The goal is that when students graduate, they will have the necessary skills to begin full-time entry level positions with their partner companies. This program is unique in that it will provide Syracuse City students with a direct pathway to excellent careers in advanced manufacturing upon graduation.
- **\$2 million to Assist Refugee Resettlement Agencies:** Assemblyman Magnarelli, working with his Upstate colleagues, again secured assistance to help refugee resettlement agencies in New York. In Central NY, this includes Catholic Charities and Interfaith Works. The funds will help these agencies that have faced recent federal cuts to assist new arrivals in Central NY with housing and employment services.

Continued Progress in Providing Mental Health Services for Children in CNY

Upstate University Hospital plans for an adolescent inpatient psychiatric unit

In January, Upstate University Hospital announced plans to construct an eight-bed inpatient psychiatric unit for adolescents. The NYS Department of Health (DOH) and the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) has approved the plan.

In the year leading up to the announcement by Upstate officials in January, the CNY Youth Mental Health Taskforce, led by NYS Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli, recommended increasing access to adolescent psychiatric care in Central New York. Now, Upstate University Hospital is moving forward with its plans to construct the \$3.2 million unit.

The task force report identified the shortage of inpatient beds as a "major void" in mental health treatment for the region's adolescent population. Although the new eight-bed unit will not fix the problem, it is a good place to begin addressing the deficiencies as noted in the task force report.

The eight-bed unit is planned to open sometime in early 2019. The new \$3.2 million unit will be located on the seventh floor of the main hospital in Syracuse and will occupy 7,580 square feet. It will also feature a family lounge and a visiting area.

The unit will provide treatment for young people, ages 12 to 17, with a length of stay between five to seven days. Currently, Hutchings Psychiatric Center, an OMH facility, is the only inpatient facility for adolescents locally, with thirty inpatient beds. Every day, an average of eight adolescents who are admitted to Upstate for inpatient psychiatric care are transferred to other facilities as far away as Buffalo and Saratoga. The new unit helps to address this issue.

Sponsored Legislation Passed

A.416-A: Authorizes the City of Syracuse to place unpaid code fines onto a property's tax bill. This bill will help the City combat chronic code violators and delinquent landlords by allowing those fines to be placed on their property tax bill when they have gone unpaid for a year. The bill excludes owner-occupied properties.

A.8704-A: Designates "Here Rests in Honored Glory" as the official State Hymn of Remembrance for all American Veterans. This hymn was composed by Onondaga Community College Professor Emeritus Donald Miller and has been used at military and veterans' ceremonies worldwide.

A.8881: Allows the tax exemption for properties held by a Land Bank to take effect at the time a property is transferred. This will save Land Banks money that can be devoted to their core mission of combatting blighted properties.

A.9996-A: Reduces the amount of time a brewer must wait to have a new product label approved and allows filing fees to be paid electronically. The bill makes it easier for brewers in NY to get new products on the market. The waiting period for State Liquor Authority approval of new beer labels is reduced from 30 days to 7 business days.

A.6926-A: Helps to reduce the amount of paperwork municipalities must file with State DOT to register their vehicles. Instead of filing annually for each vehicle/trailer combination they use on the road, municipalities will be able to file once for the life of the vehicle/trailer combination. This will reduce the time local officials must spend on paperwork.

A.1599: Allows those filing actions against the State in the Court of Claims to file those actions in their home county. The bill eliminates the requirement that Court of Claims cases must be filed in Albany County.

A.9966-A: Creates a provisional permitting system for Clinical Laboratory Technicians. This system will make it easier for labs and hospitals to recruit qualified laboratory technicians to deal with an acute shortage in NY.

Grant Funds At Work in Our Communities

Assemblyman Magnarelli obtained capital grant funds for a variety of community projects in the 129th Assembly District. Some of these projects include:

- Funding in the amount of \$300,000 for the Town of Van Buren to construct a salt shed at its facility on Walters Road. Groundbreaking for this new facility is planned for late summer/early fall.
- \$416,530 for the Town of Geddes to pave streets. Work is expected to begin this year.
- Over \$1 million for security cameras already installed in neighborhoods in the City of Syracuse.
- \$125,000 for the Baldwinsville Central School District for new playground equipment at Van Buren Elementary School.



- A total of \$1.5 million for Onondaga County for various improvements to the Loop the Lake Western Shore Trail on Onondaga Lake.
- \$150,000 for the West Genesee School District for improvements to the high school auditorium.
- \$250,000 for the Village of Solvay for a new children's spray park at Gertrude Park.

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- **Parade** with more than 80 veterans organizations, military groups, and high school marching bands
- Veterans of all conflicts since WWII
- **Expo** includes organizations and educational institutions of interest to veterans and their families
- Displays of historical military artifacts
- **FREE Admission & Parking**
- American Legion's 100th Anniversary
- Displays from the National American Legion Headquarters

