



## FIRST HUNDRED DAYS

Dear Friend,

Hard work! It has been a cornerstone of my life and I have brought that same work ethic to the New York State Assembly.

It is such an honor and privilege to represent you as your Assemblyman and I look forward to continuing to fight for you and be your voice in Albany.

I am very excited to share with you what I have been working on in my first 100 Days.

**We have already had several important victories in my short time in office. We have successfully:**

- reopened High School Sports, so young athletes can compete in the gym and on the field and bring back some sense of normalcy to their lives during the pandemic;
- removed Marijuana Legislation from the State Budget Bill to be treated as a stand-alone Bill, allowing it to be fully debated on the Assembly floor
- secured funding to help offset the tax certiorari settlement between LIPA and the Northport-East Northport School District and help stabilize its Budget;
- fought to keep the OFCS Brentwood Residential Center for Girls open to avoid having them and their families to travel upstate;
- fought to restore CHIPS funding for local roads and infrastructure and Extreme Weather funding; and
- secured aid for our schools and small businesses in the wake of the pandemic.

**Now as we look toward the future, I will continue to keep my focus on five priorities:**

- helping our eleven School Districts;
- erving as a LIPA watch dog;
- amending the Marijuana legislation to better protect our children from drug use;
- cleaning up the Long Island Sound; and
- MTA oversight.



**Expert Speakers:**

**Anthony Peravalo, LICM, CASAC**  
President/Co-Chair of Northport-East Northport Community Drug & Alcohol Task Force since 2019

**Dr. Jeffrey Linn**  
Project Coordinator for the Northport-East Northport Community Drug & Alcohol Task Force and clinical psychologist who specializes in treating adolescents and young adults

**William James H. MPA**  
President of Parents Through OC organization that does awareness of the predatory marijuana commercial industry

**Dr. Ryan Kasper**  
Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at New York Medical College and an Adjunct Professor of Medicine at Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons

**Dr. Kenneth R. Finn**  
President of the Center for the American Board of Pain Medicine  
Chief of Geriatric Medicine, Anesthesia/Pain Assessment

**John Vanzo LICM, LICAC**  
Director of the Suffolk County Commission of Alcohol and Substance Use, Co-Chair of School Districts  
Member of the Suffolk County Legislative District Task Force

**Schedule:**

10:00-10:30 AM  
Assemblyman Keith Brown  
Registration

10:30-10:45 AM  
John Vanzo, Chief, Commissioner of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

10:45-10:55 AM  
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10:55-11:05 AM  
John Vanzo, Chief, Commissioner of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

11:05-11:30 AM  
Dr. Ryan Kasper  
Dr. Kenneth R. Finn  
Dr. John Vanzo

### Events

On February 26th, as Ranker of the Assembly Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Committee, I hosted and invited all of the NYS Senators and Assembly members to attend a Zoom Forum regarding the dangers of legalizing marijuana entitled "Impacts of Legalizing Marijuana on Public Health, Your Kids and Your Community." Experts in the field were invited to speak on the negative impacts such as sweeping public policy shift would have. This forum is available to view on my [Facebook page](#). I negotiated with the Majority Leader to successfully amend the Bill A1248 to include an educational and awareness program on the dangers of marijuana and Marijuana Use Disorder. Most importantly, I organized the Republican Conference Floor Debate on the Bill.

### Agency Meetings

We sent out over 120 introduction letters and have been continuously meeting with state organizations on various matters of interest, such as the New York State Affordable Housing Association, the New York State Police Benevolent Association, New York State Department of Labor, Associated Medical Society of New York, NY Communities for Change, New York State Association of Counties, New York State Vapor Association, New York State Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services and the New York State School Music Association.

Our district encompasses eleven school districts and my office has met either virtually or on the phone with: Half Hollow Hills School District, Harborfields School District, West Islip School District, Brentwood School District, Bay Shore School District, North Babylon School District, Elwood School District, Deer Park School District, Northport School District, Huntington School District and Commack School District.

We also met with local interest groups, including Nassau/Suffolk BOCES, the Long Island Farm Bureau, Central Nassau Group, the Commack Ambulance Corps, as well as spoken to several Fire Department Chiefs.



### Budget Meetings

A key aspect of my first 100 days has been the State Budget. I have testified at and my staff and I have monitored multiple Joint Senate and Assembly Budget Meetings on a multitude of topics, such as transportation, housing, social services and health. Specifically, on February 5th during the Joint Budget Hearing on

Mental Hygiene, I personally testified and asked questions to the Commissioner of the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports regarding the impacts of marijuana legalization on mental health.

### Letters Out

**August 2020, December 15th, March 25th, Nursing Home Deaths** - I continuously pushed for a full investigation into the Governor's March 25th Executive Order and the underreporting of the COVID-19 Nursing Home Deaths to hold the Governor accountable for his actions.

**December 16th** - I wrote a letter to the Senate and Assembly leadership seeking to roll back the Governor's Executive Powers.

**January 24th:** pushed to reopen high school sports by working closely with my colleagues and the Suffolk County Basketball Association and the Commack School District Board of Education. With their help, we were able to get high school sports to resume across New York State.

**January 25th-** I wrote a letter to the Governor and Assembly leadership seeking to remove marijuana from the Budget Bill and to treat as a stand-alone bill, so as to have a full open debate.

**January 30th:** I sent a letter to the Governor and Legislative leadership regarding the issues with the LIPA Neptune Cable and demanding answers for my constituents.

**March 25th:** I wrote a letter to the Senate and Assembly leadership seeking to include in the Budget funding to offset the LIPA tax certiorari settlement for Host Communities to lessen impact same will have on our school districts.

**April 6th:** distributed a pamphlet detailing information on how to get an appointment to receive the Covid-19 Vaccination should one choose to get it, in both English and Spanish.

### DISTRICT OFFICE WORK

#### Constituent Issues

Helped hundreds of constituents resolve issues with multiple state agencies and remained in contact with the Governor's Regional Office to obtain and disseminate accurate and up-to-date information regarding COVID-19, specifically vaccination advancements on Long Island.

#### Citations and Certificates

In total we drafted and sent out sixteen Citations and Certificate of Merit recognizing First Responders, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Eagle Scouts, students and other honorees in our community.

#### Staff

We assembled a terrific staff in both the District Office and Albany Legislative Office, including: District Office Manager Robert Paul II, Carissa Zanfardino, Brendan Black and Stacie Watters.

### LEGISLATIVE WORK

#### Committee Assignments and Work

I was assigned to five Assembly Committees - Alcoholism & Substance Abuse, Environmental Conservation, Housing, Judiciary and Social Services and have attended fourteen Committee meetings in three months.

Most notably, the Assembly Judiciary Committee is actively investigating Governor Andrew Cuomo's conduct while in office to determine if his actions arise to "willful and corrupt conduct" for Impeachment under the NYS Constitution.

#### Assembly Session

I have attended thirty nine days of Session in Albany and spoken on the floor on several important Bills, including, among others, the Legalization of Marijuana, a proposed Constitutional Amendment for a "Clean Environment", the State Debt Service and the State Budget Bill.

### LEGISLATION

Currently, I have written 3 bills:

- Self-certification: Authorizes a city, town or village to establish a program whereby a building permit may be issued based upon certification by a New York State registered architect or professional engineer.
- Real Property Tax Law: to clarify a recent Court of Appeals case regarding real property tax certiorari cases.
- School buildings construction drawing self-certification: Authorizes the NYS Education Department to establish a program whereby a building permit may be issued based upon certification by a New York State registered architect or professional engineer.

