



WINTER NEWS FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER

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Reports to the people of the 128th Assembly District

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Year-End Update

Dear Friend,

I hope the holiday season is treating you well! As we spend time with family and friends and reflect on all that we're grateful for, I wanted to give you a glimpse at some of the things I did this year and what we accomplished for our community.

Being your representative in Albany is a responsibility I take seriously. Visiting local businesses, attending community events and putting the spotlight on hardworking Central New Yorkers is one of the highlights of the job. It's the best way for me to listen to your concerns and know what to fight for.

I'd also like to thank everyone who participated in this year's survey – your answers were turned into results. Please fill out the new survey I've included so we can continue that progress in 2020. And as always, don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Warm Regards,

Assemblymember Pamela J. Hunter



Community Events



Near Westside Multicultural Block Party

It was so great to visit with the neighbors at the Near Westside Multicultural Block Party in Skiddy Park in August. This annual event brings neighbors and community groups together for a day of fun!

Freedom Commons

I had the pleasure of touring the Syracuse Housing Authority's latest project, Freedom Commons, at the end of August, prior to the first residents moving in. Syracuse Housing Authority is the first public housing authority nationwide that offers apartments to recently released prisoners and their families.



Specialty Surgery Center of CNY

On Sept. 4, I had the opportunity to visit the Specialty Surgery Center of CNY in Liverpool. The center is wholly owned by a group of 15 physicians. Thirteen surgeons perform ophthalmic surgery, one performs ENT surgery and one performs pain management procedures with the assistance of 50 employees at the Surgery Center.

The Vet Center

I visited the Syracuse Vet Center on Sept. 17. As a veteran, it's nice to see some of the available resources in Syracuse. Find the support you need at the Syracuse Vet Center, located at 109 Pine St., Suite 101, 315-478-7127. Normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. Upon request, the vet center will provide services after normal work hours and/or on weekends.



Brady Farm

Brady Farm's mission is to create an economically sustainable and resilient source of affordable, locally grown food for the community, support skilled and employable youth and adults and provide hands-on community education and respite for the community. Brady Farm is 5.8 acres, lies between Onondaga Creek and a tributary of the creek and is split between two parcels. I'm happy to provide \$7,545 in funding to support the farm.



Honoring Our Veterans

I had a busy Veterans Day weekend paying tribute to our past service members. I had the opportunity to speak at the VA Hospital, dedicate POW/MIA seats at the Syracuse Crunch game at the War Memorial, speak to the Syracuse Maxwell School, retire flags at my American Legion Post, Dunbar 1642, and as an Army Veteran myself, was honored to be recognized as the Veteran of the Year at the County Veterans Day Ceremony.

Community Events

Back to School

I had the pleasure of being a guest at some of our local schools. I presented an Assembly Proclamation to Christian Brothers Academy recognizing its national award as a Blue Ribbon School. I also spoke at West Genesee Senior High School, spending the day with five classes of students in Government, Social Studies and Economics classes. I also had the opportunity to speak to Dr. Grant Reeher's Internship class at Syracuse University.



Boys & Girls Club of Syracuse

Thank you to the students from the Boys & Girls Club of Syracuse for coming to my office on Oct. 23 to package Blessing Bags that our office will be distributing to community members in need throughout the fall and winter.

2020 Constituent Survey

[See back for return instructions](#)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. Do you believe that certain terminally ill patients who are mentally competent should be able to request a physician's help for medical aid in dying?
 Yes No
2. Which of the following do you support:
 The New York Health Act, which would create a single-payer health plan that would provide comprehensive health coverage for all New Yorkers
 A universal health care system that would cover all New York residents and includes multiple insurers
 No change in the health care system
3. Do you believe NYS should pay workers a prevailing wage for work secured through government contracts?
 Yes No
4. Every year, many New Yorkers lose their driver's licenses over unpaid parking tickets and other traffic infraction fees. Currently, fees must be paid in full or not at all. Would you support a bill that would allow payment plans to pay traffic infraction fees and prevent the DMV from suspending driver's licenses due to unpaid traffic tickets?
 Yes No
5. Do you support economic development agreements that provide tax breaks on the condition of job creation such as what was proposed for Amazon HQ2 in Queens, NY?
 Yes No
6. Do you support safe injection sites as a means of reducing opioid overdose deaths?
 Yes No
7. If the state receives a large settlement from pharmaceutical companies involved in the overprescription of opiates, in what ways would those funds best be utilized to reduce, prevent and/or treat opiate abuse? (Check all that apply)
 PSA/educational campaigns
 Safe injection sites
 Rehabilitation services
 Narcan availability
 Social services
8. The state recently implemented a number of measures to increase access to polls, including early voting and hours off from work on election day. Should additional policies also be implemented? (Check all that apply)
 Automatic voter registration
 Public campaign finance
 Ranked choice voting
 Eliminate fusion voting
9. Governor Cuomo recently implemented a ban on flavored electronic cigarette products. Before the ban took effect, it was halted by a court order. Should a ban on flavored electronic cigarette products be implemented through legislative action?
 Yes No

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2019 Constituent Survey Results



Thank you to everyone who participated in my 2019 Constituent Survey. Knowing your opinions helps me better serve you in Albany.

I'd like to take a moment and let you know some of the results of the 2019 survey and how they were turned into action. As always, being open, honest and accountable is something I take very seriously.

One of the biggest legislative victories of this past year included **making the Child Victims Act law**, which the vast majority of respondents supported (*Ch. 11 of 2019*). The long overdue law allows more victims of childhood sexual abuse to seek justice and face their abusers in court. And after being passed by the Assembly for over a decade, we also finally **made the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA) a reality** to protect the rights of transgender and gender-nonconforming New Yorkers (*Ch. 8 of 2019*). This measure was supported by a majority of respondents.

Harsh drug policies upend lives and needlessly send people to jail for low-level offenses, especially in communities of color. To help right these historic injustices, I helped pass legislation to **decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana and expunge records of those charged with low-level possession**, which was widely supported in the survey (*Ch. 131 of 2019*).

I also passed a state budget this year that included critical criminal justice reforms, such as **expanding the Rape Shield Law against sex trafficking crimes**. Our work is far from complete, though. I'll keep working for reforms that ensure fairness and equality for all.

A few other survey highlights include support for **making the entirety of student loan payments tax deductible, investing in more job training and workforce development programs** in the fight against poverty, as well as support for additional school resource officers. I've co-sponsored legislation to **create a New York State school resource officer program** to keep our schools and students safe (*A.6456*).

Be sure to fill out and send me the included 2020 constituent survey so I know what to fight for in the upcoming year.

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Do you have any questions, comments or concerns? My office is here to help!

I want to hear from you – please take a few minutes to fill out and return the attached survey on the issues that matter most to you. You can also fill it out at nyassembly.gov/hunter

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