

# SURVEY 2019

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## *Around Town with Mike!*



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### Dear Neighbors:

Things are moving very quickly in Albany these days, and with new leadership in the state Senate we are seeing a slew of new, more progressive issues coming to the forefront of the legislative debate and state budget. As we move forward, I want to know how you feel about these issues and hope you will take a moment to fill out the survey enclosed and return it to my office. Or, to save postage and get your results to me faster, please fill out the survey online at: [bit.ly/norris2019survey](http://bit.ly/norris2019survey).

Despite the challenges this session has provided, I remain focused on ensuring the priorities of Western New York are heard. I am pleased to announce that we had a recent success in persuading the governor to support requiring all bills that spend taxpayer dollars to include a fiscal impact statement. I am a proud supporter of legislation (A.3227) that does this and am glad the governor is finally agreeing that Albany must fully account for all state spending. Though I am sure the final enacted state budget will still break the bank in terms of spending, this is an important reform I hope will be included.

Please know as we continue negotiating a state budget and debating issues through the remainder of this Legislative Session that I am focused on the needs of our community and making sure your views are represented in our state Capitol.

Thank you for participating in my survey! I am so proud to be your Assemblyman and working for you. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff for assistance on any state issue.

Working for you,

*Michael J Norris*

**PS:** I am proud to host our Annual Boating Safety Course – a two-part course coming up on May 14 and May 16 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. both evenings. The course will be held at the Niagara County Public Safety Building but space is limited so please call (716) 438-3346 to reserve your spot.

# Assemblyman Mike Norris' 2019-20 Constituent Legislative Survey

Respond Online: [bit.ly/norris2019survey](https://bit.ly/norris2019survey)

## 1. Which of the following issues is most important to you?

- Tax Relief
- Economic Growth and Job Creation
- Health Care
- Education
- Agriculture and Food Production
- Opioid Epidemic
- Corruption in Government
- Public Safety
- Environmental Protection
- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Second Amendment

## 2. What do you believe is the role of our state government? Check all that apply

- Provide essential services like safe roads, water and infrastructure
- Fund schools
- Public safety and emergency response
- Provide a temporary safety net for those in need
- Provide long-term social services
- Offer corporate welfare and subsidies to lure jobs
- Consumer protection

## 3. Do you support a plan to create a government-rationed health care that would increase middle-class family income taxes by \$1,600 per month?

- Support
- Oppose
- No opinion

## 4. Do you support The DREAM Act, legislation that grants illegal immigrants eligibility for taxpayer-funded higher education?

- Support
- Oppose
- No opinion

## 5. Do you support vaccinating all children from measles regardless of a person's religious belief?

- Support
- Oppose
- No opinion

## 6. Do you support legalizing electronic sports gambling?

- Support
- Oppose
- No opinion

## 7. Do you believe New York needs more or less gun control laws?

- Less
- More
- Just right

## 8. Do you support allowing retired police officers to serve as School Resource Officers in our schools?

- Support
- Oppose
- No opinion

## 9. Do you support legalizing recreational use of marijuana?

- Support
- Oppose
- No opinion

## 10. Do you support allowing all immigrants to obtain a New York State driver's license without proof of citizenship (or documentation of legal status)?

- Support
- Oppose
- No opinion

**11. Do you support the “Death with Dignity” movement to legalize physician-assisted suicide?**

- Support
- Oppose
- No opinion

**12. Do you support increasing the minimum wage of prisoners?**

- Support
- Oppose
- No opinion

**13. Do you support the governor’s recent pardons allowing felons to vote while on parole?**

- Support
- Oppose
- No opinion

**14. Would you support efforts to increase workforce development in our state that resulted in more highly-trained jobs without a college degree being necessary?**

- Support
- Oppose
- No opinion

**15. Do you support the governor’s efforts to use budget funding for schools, local governments, and libraries as a bargaining chip to implement non-fiscal broad-based legislative policies?**

- Support
- Oppose
- No opinion

**16. What should be the top state budget priority?**

- Stop spending
- Lower taxes
- Increase school aid
- Add funding to improve roads, water systems and infrastructure
- Public safety and drug treatment
- Protect the disabled, developmentally-disabled, elderly, and vulnerable
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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**17. Do you support term limits for all state elected officials?**

- Support
- Oppose
- No opinion

**18. What is the best way to reduce the tax burden on middle-class families and small businesses?**

- Reduce spending on social welfare programs
- Eliminate the governor’s failed economic development programs
- Increase taxes on wealthy individuals and corporations
- Audit the state workforce and eliminate obsolete positions

**19. Do you support a permanent extension of the state’s two percent property tax cap?**

- Support
- Oppose
- No opinion

**20. Do you believe there should be greater accountability and protection of taxpayer dollars when invested into economic development projects like the Buffalo Billion or recent Amazon deal in NYC?**

- We need more protection
- No protections are needed
- No opinion

**21. What is the number one issue in your community that you think needs to be addressed by our state government?**

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# Assemblyman Mike Norris: Working for Us!

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