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# Legislative Women's Caucus

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### NEWS FROM THE LEGISLATIVE WOMEN'S CAUCUS

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### **Statement from new Chair, Assemblywoman Didi Barrett**

The year 2019 marks both the 100th anniversary of the first women elected to the New York State Legislature -- Ida B. Sammis, and Mary Lilly -- and the greatest number of women serving in the New York State legislature -- 70 -- as well as the first woman to lead the State Senate, Andrea Stewart Cousins. From only 1% of the New York State Legislature in 1919 our representation has now grown to 33% of the seats in the Legislature. Progress, but we still have work to do!

The New York State Legislative Women's Caucus (LWC) is a bi-partisan, bi-cameral organization of women elected to both the Assembly and Senate. With our record high membership of 70 lawmakers in the LWC, women are in a better position than ever to have our interests shared, voices heard, and platforms amplified.

Former Caucus chair Crystal Peoples Stokes stepped down when she became Assembly Majority Leader last month and as First Vice Chair, I became Chair for the remainder of her term. I have appointed Assemblywoman Carmen N. De La Rosa to fill my position of First Vice Chair and Senator Monica R. Martinez as a Director to fill the remainder of Assemblywoman De La Rosa's term, with the support of my colleagues.

I look forward to working with the women of the legislature as we continue to make history in our leadership and in our advocacy for women across the state.

The officers for the remainder of the 2019 term are as followed:

Chair: Assemblywoman Didi Barrett	Directors:
First Vice-Chair: Carmen De La Rosa	Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy
Second Vice-Chair: Assemblywoman Tremaine Wright	Assemblywoman Kimberly Jean-Pierre
Secretary: Senator Betty Little	Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal
Treasurer: Senator Toby Stavisky	Assemblywoman Nily Rozic
	Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright
	Assemblywoman Jo Anne Simon
	Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh
	Senator Monica Martinez