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# **Putting our community first.**

Since taking office at the beginning of this year, my office and I have worked hard to answer phone calls, emails and attend community events to meet all of you. As your Assemblyman, I want to hear any concerns or questions you may have so we can make our community a place we can be proud to call home. Please contact me any time-I'd love to hear from you.

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# **Dear Neighbor:**

Although this legislative session has come to an end, the work does not stop here. There is still a lot of work left to do but I am excited to be back in the district doing what I love most, serving the residents of the 4th Assembly District. It is my goal to ensure our communities are safe and more affordable so future generations can continue to call New York home. It has been a busy few months, but I wanted to give everyone back home a brief update about what my office and I have been up to both in Albany and back here in the district.

### **Legislation:**

I proposed new legislation called "Gabby's Law," which would implement a "Teal Alert" for missing adults, including victims of domestic violence who are believed to be in danger, in honor of



22-year-old Gabby Petito, a Long Island native who made national news after she was missing for 19 days while traveling across the country with her boyfriend (A.3230/S.2274). The Teal Alert would allow for early alerts to the public of missing adults or those believed to be in danger, providing a greater likelihood of the missing adult being found safe and unharmed.

### **Supporting Our Communities:**

I recently attended a Car Seat Safety Check hosted by Gordon Heights Fire Department. It was great to see many residents stop by to ensure their children are safe in their vehicles. Thank you to EAC, the Suffolk County Police Department and the Gordon Heights Fire Department for hosting such an important event for parents of young children.





### **A Day of Service:**

The Gordon Heights Day of Service event at the St. Michael's Community Center was a wonderful event, it was an honor to attend and meet many new faces. Thank you to Legislator Dominick Thorne and Councilman Michael Loguercio, along with Angels of Long Island for organizing this event and bringing so many people together.

### **A Grand Re-Opening:**

I had the pleasure of officially welcoming Camera Concepts & Telescope Solutions to the district for a grand re-opening after a devastating fire. We are so happy to have them back in business and hope for a successful future.





#### **Pet Food Drive:**

A major thank you to Comsewogue Library for partnering with my office and Long Island Cares for a very successful Pet Food Drive allowing us to donate pet food, treats and toys to Baxter's Pet Pantry.

## **AARP Shredding Event:**

The AARP shredding event held at Island Park Federal Credit Union in Selden was a great community event. Thank you to everyone who helped to organize the event and to all who participated.





# **A Healthy Community:**

I recently welcomed Heart and Health Medical to Coram, a state-of-the-art facility that will be a tremendous asset to the community, providing care for asthma & immunology, antiaging, cardiology, internal medicine, podiatry and women's health.

# **Honoring Local Heroes:**

In Albany, I had a wonderful visit from the American Nurses Association. We were able to discuss the nursing profession and measures to help them to continue providing outstanding care to patients.



## **Memorial Day:**

I attended the Long Island State Veteran Home's Memorial Day Ceremony to honor all those who have served. We remembered all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.



# **A Grand Old Flag:**

The Flag Raising Ceremony at Setauket Neighborhood House was a great event to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the flagpole gifted to The Setauket Neighborhood House on June 14, 1923, by the "Mayflower Chapter" of the Daughters of the American Revolution.





## **Investing in the Future:**

Congratulations to all of the new graduates and to those moving up at Sunshine Prevention Center. I had the pleasure of joining Dr. Carter and her colleagues as we celebrated the achievements of these students.

# **Suffolk County PBA:**

I recently attended the Suffolk Police Benevolent Association (PBA) annual picnic and family day. It was great to see so many who I work with throughout the year on important issues that affect our communities. Thank you for all you do!





#### **HomeschoolNY:**

HomeschoolNY as well as homeschooled students from the district made a visit to my Albany office to discuss the importance of supporting policies that will help these students achieve their academic goals.

#### **Our Local Libraries:**

I had the pleasure of meeting with members of each of the libraries in my district to discuss the vital role our libraries have within our communities. Thank you to Debra Engelhardt, the Library Director at Comsewogue Public Library, for hosting us and helping to put this meeting together.



It was great to have the opportunity to meet and speak with other Library Directors and representatives from the Longwood Public Library, Middle Country Public Library, Port Jefferson Free Library and the Emma S. Clark Memorial Library. In addition to hearing from these libraries, I was also able to speak with Kevin Verbesey of the Suffolk Cooperative Library System to discuss ways we can strengthen and protect our local libraries.