

# 2025

## FALL NEWSLETTER

ASSEMBLYWOMAN  
**NIKKI LUCAS**

### DEAR NEIGHBOR,

As we enter the winter months ahead, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your family. This season invites reflection, gratitude, and renewed focus—a time to take stock of all we've accomplished and to recommit ourselves to the work still to come. In this edition of our district newsletter, we look back on the meaningful progress my team and I made last year and everything I've been working on so far this year, which reaffirms our shared dedication to building a stronger, more connected community.

As your Assemblywoman, I remain steadfast in my commitment to listening to your concerns, advocating for your needs, and delivering results that improve everyday life across the 60th Assembly District. Your voices continue to guide my priorities—whether expressed through community forums, neighborhood meetings, or casual conversations at local events. From healthcare access and housing security to environmental justice and economic opportunity, my focus remains on shaping policy that reflects the values and aspirations of the people I represent. More importantly, ensuring that you have a representative that reflects you in the rooms and spaces in which policy is created.

Last year, I was proud to champion increased investments in youth programming and educational support, because our young people deserve every opportunity to succeed. I also secured funding for critical infrastructure improvements that will strengthen our neighborhoods—enhancing public safety, improving transportation, and modernizing utilities that are vital to our quality of life. As the days grow shorter and the air cooler, I'm reminded that it is the strength of our community—your resilience, your engagement, your trust—that keeps me moving forward.

Through your continued partnership, I am confident that I will face the challenges ahead with determination and hope.

Thank you so much for your continued support. May this season bring you peace, warmth, and the comfort of knowing that we are building together. Strength in Action with Purpose and Power.

With Love and Gratitude,



Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas  
60th District

### ASSEMBLYWOMAN NIKKI LUCAS LISTENING TOUR

Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas has officially kicked off her community listening tour. The first stop is Starrett City! This is a great opportunity to have your voices heard and give your input on how to better improve your neighborhood. Your participation will help shape future of the community. Don't miss the chance to share your ideas and be part of meaningful change. These conversations will help identify key issues and find the best solutions to resolve them. Every perspective matters and your feedback will help ensure the needs of the community are front and center. Let's work together to build a stronger, more vibrant community.



### HOUSING RESOURCES

NEW YORK STATE HOUSING RESOURCE: [HTTPS://HOUSINGSEARCH.HCR.NY.GOV](https://HOUSINGSEARCH.HCR.NY.GOV)

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING RESOURCE: [HTTPS://HOUSINGCONNECT.NYC.GOV](https://HOUSINGCONNECT.NYC.GOV)

# ASSEMBLY RECAP

## SINCE TAKING OFFICE



## MISSION



### REAL ESTATE & MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE



Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas has made housing justice the center of her work since taking office in 2022, pushing for stronger tenant protections, greater NYCHA accountability, and deeper affordability that reflects the true income levels of East New York, Brownville, Canarsie, and Starrett City residents. Assemblywoman Lucas has advanced measures to support seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income families by championing expanded discounts, reduced utility costs, and equitable access to essential services (A.5601).

In 2023, Assemblywoman Lucas helped secure the passage of New York's first reparations-based legislation, establishing a statewide commission to examine the legacy and ongoing impact of chattel slavery (A.07691 of 2023). Assemblywoman Lucas has fought to strengthen building safety policies and indoor-air-quality standards, particularly in aging housing developments that negatively impact the health of constituents in the 60th Assembly district. Assemblywoman Lucas is currently fighting for housing protections for survivors of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual-offense crimes, ensuring they cannot be denied safe housing (A.09601-B of 2022).

Assemblywoman Lucas has fought for economic resilience through legislation supporting small businesses (A.7991), including tax relief tools and protections against steep rent hikes (A.05598). Throughout her tenure, Assemblywoman has paired her legislative agenda with direct constituent services, providing necessary resources, and doing community outreach to ensure families can navigate opportunities and advocate for themselves.

### ASSEMBLYWOMAN NIKKI LUCAS: SHAPING LOCAL POLICY

- Committee on Aging
- Committee on Housing
- Committee on Health
- Committee on Energy
- Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce & Energy
- Committee on Labor
- Black Legislative Task Force
- Puerto Rican Hispanic Task Force
- Task Force on Food, Farm, & Nutrition Policy
- Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus
- Legislative Women's Caucus

### COMMITTED TO FIGHTING FOOD INSECURITY

In 2025, the Office of Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas partnered with the Mylah's Organization and the Campaign Against Hunger to host a monthly food pantry at the Assembly office. The pantry provides families in the 60th Assembly District and surrounding communities with fresh produce. Residents of the 60th Assembly District, rely on this support to maintain food security and stretch their budgets. The program also connects community members to local resources, strengthening neighborhood ties and ensuring residents never have to worry about their next meal.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## HAT PAGEANT

On April 17, 2025, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas hosted her annual Easter Luncheon & Hat Pageant along with Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, welcoming over 500 seniors from the community and beyond. Guests showcased their festive and creative hats on the runway in front of a panel of civil and supreme court judges. Attendees enjoyed a dining experience with food provided from Fusion East while DJ Bruce and live performances from the Knappertime Band and other acts kept everyone entertained. The event highlighted the vitality, elegance, and community spirit of our seniors, creating an unforgettable afternoon of celebration. This beloved tradition continues to bring the community together, and we look forward to making next year's pageant even bigger and better.

## NY STATE BLACK LEGISLATIVE TASKFORCE ADVOCACY DAY

After New York State amended the state budget to better support underserved communities, the New York State Black Legislative Task Force – in partnership with Elmcor – invited nonprofit organizations from across the state to Albany for Advocacy Day to push for increased funding. Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas hosted six organizations from the 60th Assembly District, including Mylah's Organization, The Campaign Against Hunger, the Young Airmen's Association Inc., Community Drive Inc., and the U.S. Freedmen Project. As a result of this work, the Black Legislative Task Force secured a \$30 million grant program to support nonprofit organizations serving underserved communities throughout New York State.



## WHEELCHAIR GIVEAWAY

On March 7, 2025, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas had the honor of co-hosting a wheelchair giveaway in partnership with former Congressman Edolphus Towns and Assemblyman Charles Fall for Wheelchair Charities Inc. Through the generosity and vision of Hank J. Carter, the organization's founder, Assemblywoman Lucas was able to provide wheelchairs and mobility devices to deserving members of the community. This event highlighted the profound impact that increased mobility can have on independence, dignity, and quality of life for local residents.

## BACK 2 SCHOOL BOOKBAG GIVEAWAY

Since 2022, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas has hosted her annual Back to School Bookbag Giveaway on Vermont Ave. and Linden Blvd. With the support of Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, and District Leader Michael Rosendary, Assemblywoman Lucas gave away 1,000 bookbags filled with school supplies for students from pre-k to high school. This event is sponsored by community partners like the Mylah's Organization, Fusion East, and East Coast Street Tacos, with local Supreme & Civil Court Judges Ed King and Ellen Edwards on the grill. In 2025, Kente Cones was added as a vendor. Children were treated to free haircuts from the Eagle Academy barbering program, and hair braiding by Ms. Salters. Participants received free health screenings and teens were allowed to sign up for free 5-hour classes provided by Community Driving School Inc.



## SUMMER CONCERT & WELLNESS CENTER

In 2023, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas launched a free summer concert series in Starrett City with the legendary DJ Keith Watkins, beginning as a one-day celebration of the 50th anniversary of Hip-Hop and quickly growing in popularity. By 2024, it expanded into a three-day event with support from additional community partners, and by 2025, it evolved into a four-day festival that brought together residents from across the 60th Assembly District to celebrate music, culture, and community wellness. Hosted by Hip-Hop icon Grandmaster Dee of Whodini, the series featured themed days including House Music Night with electrifying performances by Aly-Us, a Hip-Hop and R&B showcase with artists such as Melisa Morgan, Dana Dane, Blazay Blazay, and the Force MD's, as well as a Gospel and Jazz finale led by Melanie Rochford and The Strangers Band. The event highlighted the district's rich cultural diversity and commitment to uplifting community spirit. The Assemblywoman looks forward to continuing this tradition for years to come.

## FUNDING THAT ASSEMBLYWOMAN NIKKI LUCAS HAS BROUGHT TO THE 60TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Since 2022, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas has helped secure over \$400 million in state funding for community-based organizations and capital projects across the 60th Assembly District. This funding supports economic opportunity, housing stability, and the long-term strength of local organizations that serve our community. Funding has reached groups such as the Young Airmans Association Inc., The Campaign Against Hunger, The Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, Hungry 4 Change, Mylah's Organization, Muna Social Services Inc., and Be'er Hagolah Institutes Inc.

- The Young Airman's Association Inc.: \$540,000 - airplane and vehicle for educational program
- The Campaign Against Hunger: \$1,050,000 - to support food pantry and food hub construction
- D.R.E.A.M Foundation Inc.: \$40,000 Reason - to support mental health programs
- The Brookdale Hospital Medical Center: \$400,000 - capital funding
- New York City Department of Parks & Recreation: \$500,000 - Breukelen Playground Reconstruction
- Mylah's Organization: \$705,000 - to support mental health services, food security, and operational costs
- Muna Social Services Inc.: \$310,000 - to support food pantry and warehouse
- Be'er Hagolah Institutes Inc.: \$980,000 - educational & recreational programs/gym & library renovations
- Hungry for Change: \$190,000 - afterschool program facility
- Day of Independence Committee of Panamanians of New York: \$50,000 - capital and economic development support for community and cultural organizations
- Starrett City: \$10,000,000 - capital improvements
- Hope Empowerment and Development Zone, Inc.: \$320,000 - mental health programs/property renovation
- Linden Plaza: \$834,000,000 - (city and federal funding) - renovations
- New Wave Dance Youth and Community Development Inc.: \$85,000 - educational programing and operational costs
- Thomas Jefferson Football Field: \$2,000,000 - Feasibility study for East New York sports & culture
- T.E.A.C.H - Public School K953: \$45,000 - music program
- Progressive Soccer Club: \$120,000 - transportation vehicles for athletes to go to games
- Brooklyn Public Library: \$13,200,000 - Renovations
- Spring Creek Recreational Fund: \$90,000 - Youth Enrichment Programs
- OCFS Child Care: \$400,000,000 - Additional support
- Spring Creek Senior Partners: \$100,000
- St. Paul Community Baptist Church: \$120,000 - afterschool program
- START Treatment & Recovery Centers Inc.: \$100,000 - building renovation
- T.U.F.F. - Teaching Fitness & Fundamentals Inc.: \$100,000 - to support financial literacy
- Crown Heights Local Development Corporation: \$100,000
- Christian Cultural Center: \$70,000
- Community Driving Group: \$100,000 - vehicles for driving lessons
- Find Community Connection Project Inc.: \$20,000 - community outreach and youth empowerment



Assemblywoman  
**NIKKI LUCAS**

New York State Assembly  
Albany, NY 12248

PRSR STD.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
ALBANY, NEW YORK  
PERMIT NO. 75

425 New Lots Ave., Brooklyn, NY  
ad60@nyassembly.gov

## ANNUAL TURKEY & FOOD GIVEAWAY



On November 16, 2024, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas hosted the Annual Turkey & Food Giveaway, bringing warmth and support to families across the 60th Assembly District just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Assemblywoman Lucas was joined by Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, and District Leader Michael Rosendary. Their continued support made the event impactful. Together, they distributed over 800 turkeys and food packages to residents throughout the 60th Assembly district, ensuring that hundreds of families could enjoy a meaningful holiday meal. This annual giveaway with the help of sponsors such as The Mylah's Organization, New Wave Dance, the Starrett City Lion's Club, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, the Campaign Against Hunger, the People First Club reflects the Assemblywoman's continued commitment to addressing food insecurity and uplifting the community through direct, compassionate service.