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Battling The Migrant Crisis

A Special Message from **ASSEMBLYMAN MICHAEL TANNOUSIS**
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“82% of NYers: Recent Influx of Migrants Is Serious Problem (54% Very Serious)”

<https://scri.siena.edu/2023/08/22/82-of-nyers-recent-influx-of-migrants-is-serious-problem-54-very-serious-say-migrants-resettling-in-ny-over-last-20-years-has-been-burden-46-not-benefit-32/>

As a first-generation American, I watched my parents brave their way as they chased the American dream when they first immigrated here. No one handed them anything and they worked hard to become successful. New York is faced with a serious migrant crisis with no direct plan in sight. This is a responsibility our community did not sign up for. We want our voices heard and want clear communication with New York City on the migrant crisis without having the responsibility dropped off at our front steps. Instead of tossing money around and pointing fingers, it is the duty of every elected official to solve this problem with real solutions, which is why I:

- **Filed a successful lawsuit** against New York City to shut down the migrant shelter at the former St. John Villa Academy.¹ The shelter is now closed.
- **Support policies that will:**
 - » **End New York’s status as an immigration sanctuary** until proper planning is discussed.

- » Require New York to register **ALL migrants** to better assist in background checks and monitor those seeking asylum (A.7319).
- » Ensure state and federal funding is **not** used to shelter migrants in schools, daycare centers or community buildings (A.8013).
- » Adopt a resolution **calling on the federal government to provide financial assistance** and properly address the border crisis it created.
- » Require the state comptroller to examine and **audit both state and federal funds** received for humanitarian aid in New York City or any municipality to give better oversight (A.7508).

(1) <https://www.silive.com/news/2023/09/si-electeds-cheer-judges-decision-to-vacate-st-john-villa-migrant-shelter-nyc-announces-plans-to-appeal.html>

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