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Dear Constituent,

Since the end of the legislative session in June, I have been hard at work full-time in the district meeting with stakeholders and preparing for the next legislative session. You can read highlights of this work in this newsletter. I have also been sharing frequent updates online. If you are able to, I encourage you to sign up for my e-news at <https://bit.ly/AD95E-News> and to follow me on social media; I am @AMDanaLevenberg on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter/X.

We have moved!

My district office has moved to **8 Revolutionary Road, Ossining, NY 10562**. The phone number remains the same (914-941-1111). Our office hours also remain the same: 9 AM - 5 PM every weekday, excluding holidays. It is recommended that you call to make an appointment before visiting.

■ Legislative Update

I had eight bills pass both houses of the State Legislature this past session, and I am happy to report that the Governor has signed all of them into law! Thirty-nine of the bills that I co-sponsored have also been signed into law, and I am still awaiting word on and advocating for many others.

In the meantime, I have also been preparing for the upcoming legislative session by gathering input from constituents and other stakeholders in the district. I have continued my listening tour, and assembled four legislative advisory committees comprised of constituents representing a variety of perspectives. Because my mission as a legislator is to build healthy communities in every sense of the word - environmentally, economically, physically and mentally healthy, all through the lens of equity - these legislative advisory committees are organized around those aspects of my mission, and the groups provide input on legislation that supports each aspect.

Recently, I also convened a housing summit with my Assembly colleague Chris Burdick from the 93rd district to ensure that we have sufficient input from localities as the Legislature considers housing legislation. Approximately 50 local leaders including municipal officials, developers, and housing-oriented not-for-

profits were in attendance for the event, and we now have some tangible material to work with as we move forward to draft effective housing legislation.

In my last newsletter, I also distributed a survey to gather input from constituents on the issues that matter to you, as well as to gain your feedback on specific policies the Legislature may consider in the next session. Thank you to everyone who participated. You can view selected results of the survey on page 3, and view the complete results on my website. Infrastructure was among the top three issues mentioned, and has become a hot topic recently as the Route 9A study proceeds. Please know that I hear your concerns loud and clear; I have been advocating for more funding for our state roads in the upcoming budget, and for more attention from the state's Department of Transportation. Look for more updates regarding 9A and other roads in my e-news and the next newsletter.

I will run another survey at the start of 2024. It will be sent out via email and in my next print newsletter. In the meantime, please feel free to share your opinions using the contact form on my website, or by attending one of my upcoming town hall meetings.

■ Recent Grant Awards

I secured \$250,000 in the most recent state budget to help support not-for-profits, municipalities and school districts with services and activities that benefit the public. These grants are intended to help defray the cost of one-time operational expenses associated with projects that will help grantees better serve their surrounding communities. I have distributed my allotment to ten grantees throughout the district. The recipients are:

- The **Town of Cortlandt's** Information Technology department for server upgrades (\$50,000)
- The **Garrison School District** for their cultural arts program (\$35,000)
- The **Ossining Public Library** for expenses related to technology education and after-hours book pickup (\$30,000)
- The **Field Library** of Peekskill for technology and mate-

rials to support new readers, job seekers and English-language learners (\$30,000)

- The **Croton Free Library** for technology upgrades and revitalization of existing program rooms (\$20,000)
- **Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (CH-HOP)** for their "Welcome Home for Veterans" program, assisting homeless veterans with the transition from shelter to permanent housing (\$20,000)
- The **Village of Briarcliff** for automated external defibrillator (AED) upgrades (\$20,000)
- **Support Connection** of Yorktown for expenses related to their peer counseling program (\$15,000)
- The **John C. Hart Memorial Library** in Yorktown for their digital book club (\$15,000)
- The **Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library** in Cold Spring for their Book Bike program (\$15,000)

■ Speaker Heastie's Visit to Peekskill



As part of his annual tour of the state, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie came to visit Peekskill in September, and together we distributed more than \$1.9 million in grant funding. We presented the Field Library with funding from my budget initiatives to support its Spanish-language collection and resources for English-language learners. The Speaker added an additional \$80,000 for structural improvements to the building. The Speaker also pledged \$30,000 to Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (CHHOP) for building improvements. We also delivered \$125,000 in grant funding for the Youth Bureau and \$1.7 million for accessibility and safety upgrades at four of Peekskill's playgrounds. By investing in people, particularly young people, we aim to support Peekskill's continued economic development.

I am currently working on distributing a larger round of funding to support capital improvements in the district; stay tuned for more information about that.

■ Grant Award Recipients



Assemblywoman Levenberg with Director and trustees at Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library in Cold Spring



Assemblywoman Levenberg with Director and Staff at John C. Hart Memorial Library in Yorktown



Assemblywoman Levenberg with Director and Staff at Croton Library

■ Housing Summit

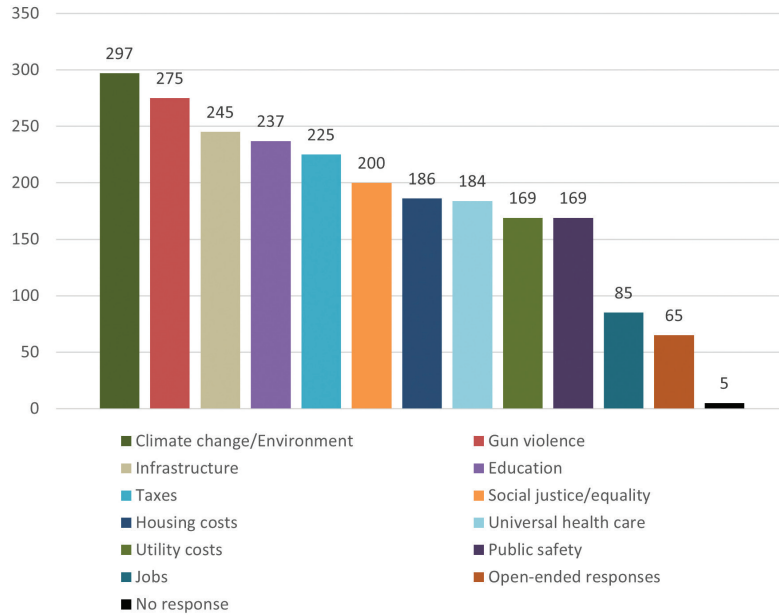


Assemblywoman Levenberg listening to and standing with local leaders and Assemblymember Chris Burdick during their Housing Summit

Constituent Survey Results

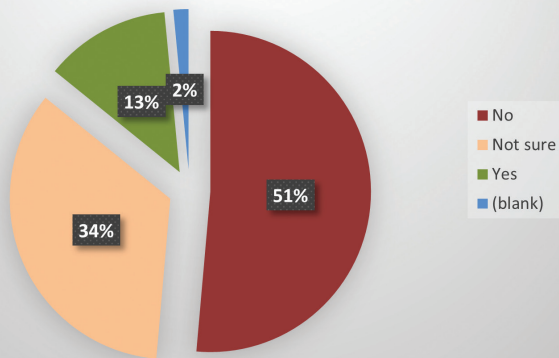
To review the full set of results, visit <https://bit.ly/23-24SurveyResults>.

Which of the following issues matter to you?
(Select all that apply)



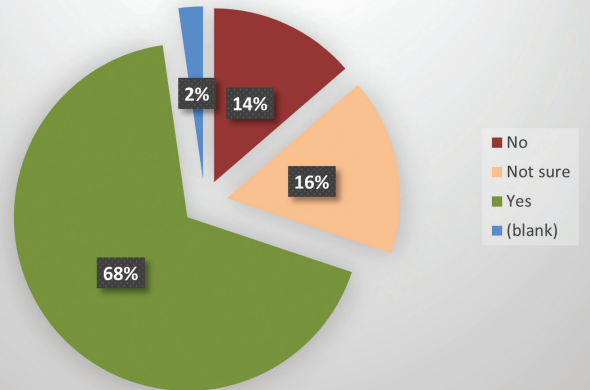
Is New York doing enough to make housing more affordable?

(n = 395 respondents)



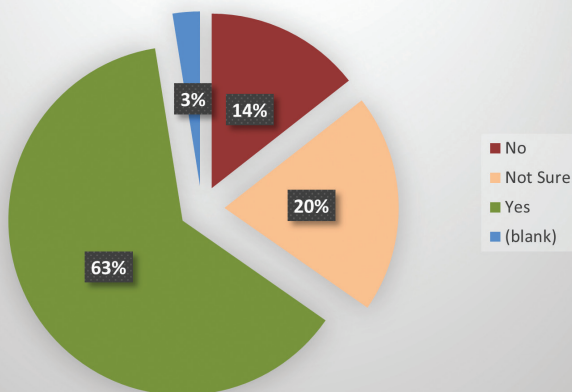
Should New York fund a Housing Access Voucher Program?

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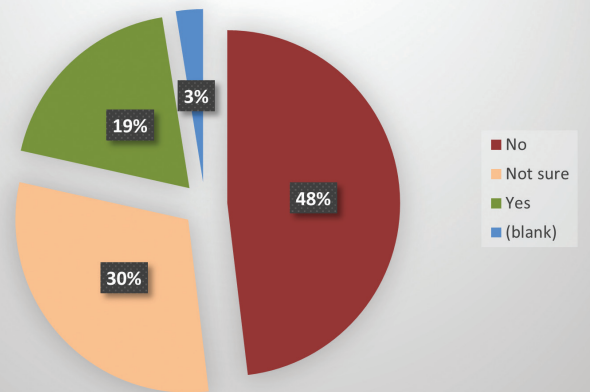
Should New York pass Good Cause Eviction?

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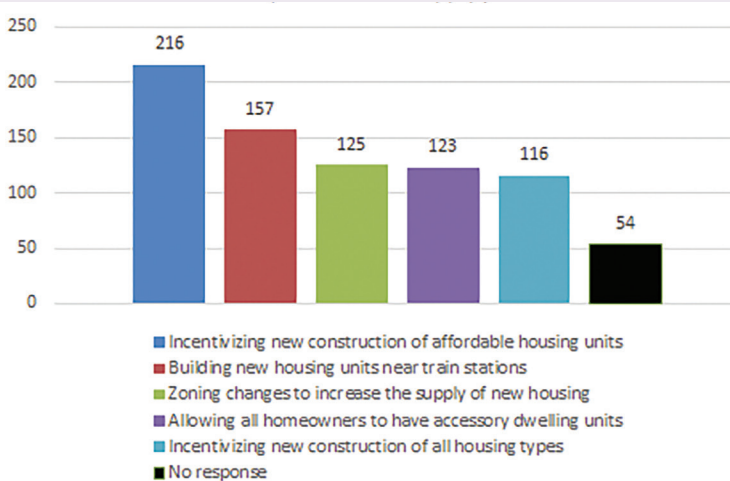


Is New York doing enough to combat climate change?

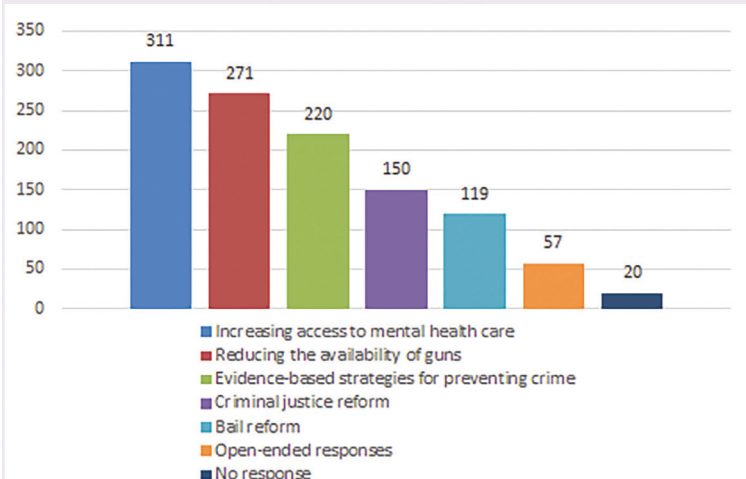
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Which of the following housing policies do you support?
(Select all that apply.)



Which of the following public safety initiatives should the Legislature focus on?
(Select all that apply.)



New Podcast Series

I have a new podcast series, *Building Healthy Communities*, featuring conversations with the leaders, advocates and others helping to build healthy communities in AD95 and beyond. You can listen to it on Spotify, Google Podcasts, or iHeartRadio. You can also watch it on my YouTube channel or on television on Fridays at 9 PM and Sundays at 11:15 AM. It airs on Verizon FiOS Channel 37, Optimum Channel 15 (for most of the district), and Optimum Channel 74 (Yorktown).

■ Upcoming Events

Environmental Town Hall:

On **Thursday, January 25, 2024**, please join me at the Ossining Public Library at **7:00 PM** for a discussion of environmental issues that matter to you.

General Town Halls:

I will be holding six open-topic town halls in February. Here are the dates, times and locations:

- **Thursday, February 8, 2024**
The Field Library
4 Nelson Avenue, Peekskill **at 7:00 PM**
- **Saturday, February 10, 2024**
Hendrick Hudson Free Library
185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose **at 10:00 AM**

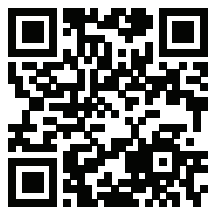
Croton Free Library
171 Cleveland Drive, Croton **at 1:00 PM**
- **Thursday, February 15, 2024**
Virtual session **at 7:00 PM**
Register to receive the link at **<https://bit.ly/February15TownHall>**.
- **Saturday, February 17, 2024**
Julia L. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Avenue, Cold Spring **at 10:00 AM**

John C. Hart Library
1130 E. Main Street, Shrub Oak **at 1:00 PM**

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