



Dear Constituent,

I hope you had a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday. The privilege of representing the 95th Assembly District in the state legislature is something I am very thankful for. Below, read my latest update on news from the State and around the district.

Sincerely,

Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg

Roads Update

Our roads (and infrastructure more generally) continue to be a top priority of mine. I have joined multiple colleagues in calling on Governor Hochul to include a 20% increase in funding for the NYSDOT's core highway and bridge program in her Executive Budget proposal for next year. I have also signed on to a letter with my Assembly colleagues in neighboring districts to ask the Department of Transportation for increased consideration of the state roads and bridges in our region (NYSDOT Region 8). NYSDOT Region 8 has the highest proportion of roads and bridges rated as being in fair or poor condition. Equity demands that more funding be delivered to the areas that require it, and I will continue pushing for our state roads to get the attention they sorely need.

The study for one such road, Route 9A in Ossining and Briarcliff, continues. My chief of staff and I recently attended the second Public Workshop hosted by the DOT and the 9A study's Transportation Partnering Committee. During the meeting, the DOT representatives shared potential concepts that might be included in the final report as suggestions for solving some of the problems we experience on this stretch of 9A. [Click here to review these ideas](#). These are suggestions, not final plans, and the study team is looking for feedback on preferred concepts. If you have feedback that you would like to share regarding this or anything else related to Route 9A, you can send them in writing to Sandra Jobson via email at Sandra.Jobson@dot.ny.gov or via regular mail to Ms. Sandra D. Jobson, NYS Department of Transportation, 4 Burnett Boulevard, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. For comments related to this study, be sure to include the project number **810355**.

Other projects are currently underway that will improve the safety and resiliency of state roads in our area, such the flood mitigation work happening at Annsville Circle, the pipe replacement at Route 134, and the culvert replacement at Route 6/Route 202. You can look up DOT projects in your area by visiting their dedicated Projects page: <https://www.dot.ny.gov/projects>. Please drive with caution in work zones to keep work crews safe.

Legislative Update



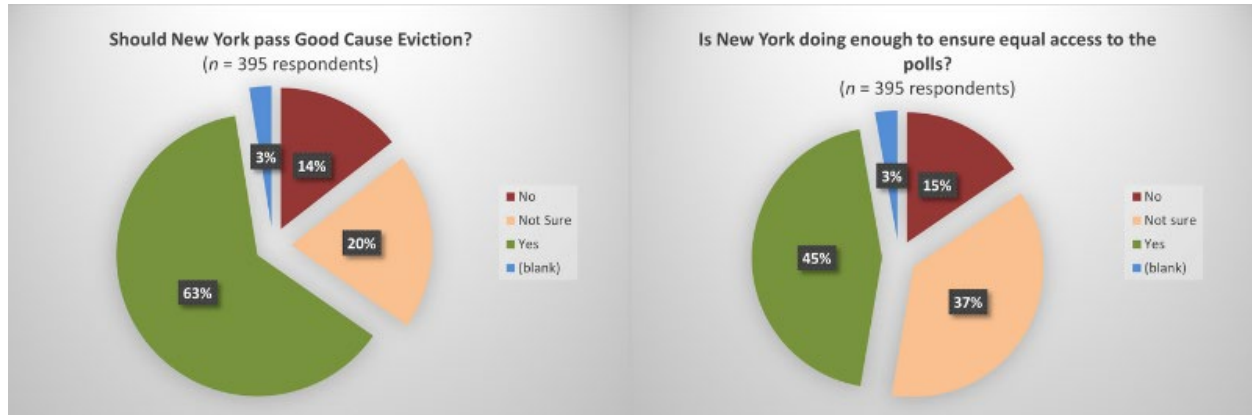
Photos from the Housing Summit I convened with Assemblymember Chris Burdick late last month.

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. One of these new laws, the Clean Slate Act, will seal certain criminal records after a period of time provided that an extensive list of criteria have been met during and after parole. This legislation has [broad support from a variety of constituencies](#), such as the business community and civil rights advocates, because it will help with labor shortages while also enabling more formerly incarcerated people to gain employment and meet their needs without returning to crime. Other states that have enacted similar legislation, such as Utah, have seen increased employment rates and lower crime rates after passage. You can read the facts about Clean Slate [here](#).

In other legislative news, I have been hard at work preparing for the upcoming legislative session. Since June, I have spent most of my time gathering input from constituents and other stakeholders in the district. I have continued my listening tour and assembled four legislative advisory committees composed of constituents and local stakeholders 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 committees are organized around those aspects of my mission, and the groups provide input on legislation that supports each aspect.

I also convened a housing summit recently 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 legislation to tackle one of our most serious challenges. You can read more about the housing summit [here](#).



Results from two of the questions on my 2023-24 issues survey. To see the full set of results, click [here](#).

You may recall that I 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 up for consideration this next session. Thank you to everyone who participated. You can view the results of the survey [here](#). This survey is now closed; I will run another survey at the start of next year. 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; my office diligently logs comments from constituents, and using the contact form makes it easier to categorize and respond to these messages.

In Other News



*A screenshot from the first episode of my new podcast series, *Building Healthy Communities*.*

New Podcast Series

I'm excited to share that I have launched a new podcast series, *Building Healthy Communities*, featuring conversations with the leaders, advocates and others partnering to build healthy communities in AD95 and beyond. You can watch it on my [YouTube channel](#) or listen to it on Spotify, Google Podcasts, or iHeartRadio. You can also watch it 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).

The [first episode](#) features an interview with CarlLa Horton, Executive Director of Hope's Door, a local not-for-profit empowering victims of intimate partner violence to become survivors. In the interview, CarlLa shares her personal experiences of witnessing domestic violence as a child, and how Hope's Door helps people from all walks of life defeat the scourge of domestic violence. It is a very moving conversation and I encourage everyone to listen.

Contemplating the Hudson River: One Month Left

My district office hosts a rotating selection of art from local artists. If you have not yet seen our current exhibition, *Contemplating the Hudson River*, be sure to check it out before December 27, when it will close. You can read more about the exhibition [here](#).

Radiating Tranquility: Open Call ends Sunday, December 3

Working with local art curator Eren Johnson, my office has opened a call for our second art exhibition, *Radiating Tranquility*, which will run from January 2 through June 13, 2024. A

meditation on peace and light, this exhibition seeks works from K-12 student artists that embody the themes of peace, serenity, illumination, or radiance. *Radiating Tranquility* will celebrate the power of art to provide solace in difficult times and will honor the voices and talents of local youth. Interested artists can click [here](#) to learn more and submit work for consideration.

“Old Traditions, New Beginnings”

My office is collaborating with two local seniors, Cora Silvestri and Judith Ringold, on a not-for-profit project called “Old Traditions, New Beginnings.” The project aims to give seniors the opportunity to connect with others by sharing their stories, memories, recipes, or whatever legacy they would like to impart to the generations that follow. The contributions will be collected for sharing online and possible print publication in an anthology. The deadline for inclusion in the first volume of the project is **Sunday, June 30, 2024**. If you are interested in contributing your own writing or volunteering to help others share their contributions, please email district95@nyassembly.gov. Please feel free to print and distribute the attached flyer to anyone who may be interested in the project.

Attorney General Spotlight

My office partners with the office of Attorney General Letitia James to share a monthly item from her office in our updates. Below, please find more information from the Attorney General about how to protect yourself from scam phone calls and what to do if you have been victimized by a scam caller.

November Highlights

Attorney General Letitia James has provided tips to protect New Yorkers from scam phone calls. Scam calls can come from someone purporting to be from your bank or a government agency or even pretending to be your own grandchild or loved one claiming to need funds. Callers may claim to need your Social Security, banking or green card numbers to verify your identity or for some other reason. This is always an attempt to steal your identity. Attorney General James offers the following tips:



- » Never give your personal or financial information to someone who calls you. Only give out personal information if YOU made the call.
- » If you answer a call and think you are being scammed – hang up! Consider using a call blocking app such as Nomorobo.
- » Contact your bank directly to resolve any concerns. Call the number on the back of your debit card or on electronic messaging systems made available by banks online or through mobile apps.
- » Government agencies usually reach out to you in writing. No government agency will call and threaten you or demand payment.

If you suspect that you are the victim of a phone scam, please file an online complaint with Office of the New York State Attorney General at:

Call the Attorney General's hotline:

(800) 771-7755

File a complaint:

ag.ny.gov/complaint

