



July 17, 2023

Dear Neighbors,

It was an edifying and celebratory week in the District, with a visit from the State Attorney General and various events and tours around the community. I am always grateful for opportunities to speak with and learn from the incredible community members in this District.

Anna in the News

AG in Your Community

Last week New York State Attorney General Letitia James came to Ithaca for her first AG in Your Community event at the Greater Ithaca Activities Center. It was a great opportunity for my team and I to connect with constituents, hear concerns and follow up on solutions. There were discussions on criminal justice reform and public safety, and I was able to speak about the Earned Time Act ([A1128](#)), which would give incarcerated individuals the opportunity to earn time allowances for good behavior and participation in educational and rehabilitative programs. I want to thank AG James and GIAC for organizing this excellent and successful event! Read more in depth about the event in this [article from The Ithaca Voice](#).



Around the District

Investment in Tompkins County

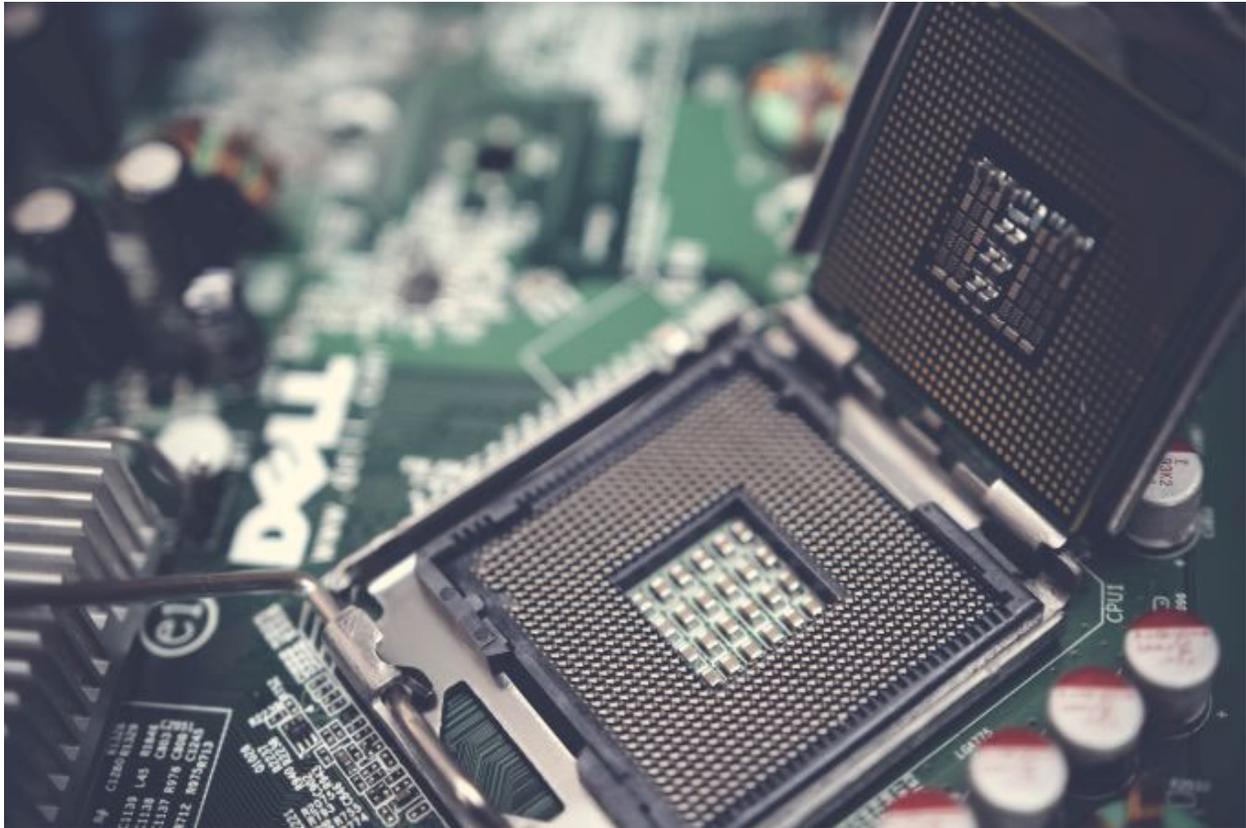
Last week there were some exciting announcements made about important investments in Tompkins County economy and infrastructure. Menlo Microsystems will be investing \$50 million into retrofitting a microelectronics

plant in the Village of Lansing which will bring new jobs and opportunities into our district. Our region is home to exceptional colleges and universities, and this is a great opportunity to attract and retain graduates in New York with in-demand, high-skilled jobs. You can [read more about the development in this article](#) from Spectrum News.

Additionally, the Governor's office announced \$9.66 million in funding to replace six bridges throughout Tompkins County:

- North Cayuga Street bridge over Fall Creek in the City of Ithaca
- Town Line Road bridge over Lick Brook in the Town of Ithaca
- East State Street culvert in the City of Ithaca
- Midline Road culvert carrying the tributary to Six Mile Creek
- Curry Road culvert in Ulysses
- Lee Road culvert in Dryden

Fighting for upstate bridge replacement funding was a critically important part of this year's state budget negotiations. These infrastructure improvements will help our communities be more resilient through erratic weather pattern changes. Find more info in this [article from the Ithaca Voice](#).



Cortland Pride Festival

I had a great time at Cortland's First Annual Pride Festival! I was proud to share two bills I authored that support LGBTQ+ individuals and families that were signed into law this year. I stood alongside Senator Lea Webb who read an official Senate proclamation recognizing the day.

Thanks to the organizers at The Cortland LGBTQ Center and all who showed up in Cortland to celebrate love - because showing up matters!



Hospicare's Women Swimmin' 20th Anniversary Celebration

I was honored to attend the 20th anniversary celebration of Hospicare's Women Swimmin' fundraiser. This beloved tradition helps Hospicare provide services and nurturing care to individuals and their loved ones during all stages of a life-limiting illness. I presented Hospicare with an official Assembly citation and look forward to swimming again in this year's event!



Bolton Point Water System Tour

I appreciated the opportunity to tour Bolton Point Water System with Senator Lea Webb, the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission, and water experts to learn more about proactively ensuring safe source water and delivery systems to keep our drinking water safe.



Community Resources

Environmental Bond Act Listening Tour

In 2022 New Yorkers voted to approve the Environmental Bond Act, which made \$4.2 billion available for environmental and community projects in New York State. New York State is promoting a virtual educational listening tour

so that residents can learn more about the projects this act is funding to safeguard drinking water sources, reduce pollution and combat climate change.

You can [register here to attend the virtual webinar](#) held on **Wednesday, July 26 at from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.**

In solidarity and health,



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