



News from Assemblywoman Gina L. Sillitti

— Assembly District 16 —



Dear Neighbor,

The past year has been incredibly challenging for Long Island families and small businesses. To bolster our community's recovery, I worked to pass a historic state budget that increased funding for our schools, towns and villages so they can **rely less on property taxes**. The budget also included critical investments in our water infrastructure, and the rehabilitation of our bays and the Long Island Sound to protect our environment for future generations.

Additionally, I worked to provide critical relief to local residents and

businesses impacted by COVID-19, increased infrastructure funding and expanded services for North Hempstead veterans.

While we accomplished a lot this year, our work is far from over. This district is my home, and I will continue to work hard to be your voice in Albany and help our communities thrive. If I can ever be of assistance, please contact my office at 516-482-6966.

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Around the District

Bringing Government to You



In order to make herself accessible to everyone, Assemblywoman Sillitti held dozens of mobile office hours in libraries throughout the district, where she listened directly to residents' concerns. She looks forward to bringing more of these programs directly to you in 2022!



Combating Asian Hate and Antisemitism



Our communities must come together to fight antisemitism, Asian hate and all forms of discrimination and xenophobia. To promote acceptance and combat bigotry, Assemblywoman Sillitti partnered with the Sid Jacobson JCC to pair students of different faiths and backgrounds as part of the 2021 "Walk in Someone Else's Shoes" Empathy Walk.



In Albany, Assemblywoman Sillitti is co-sponsoring bills that will strengthen Holocaust education and implement Asian American history into our public schools.

Supporting Our Veterans



In 2021, Assemblywoman Sillitti helped pass 36 different bills benefiting veterans. They ranged from creating a Women Veterans Advisory Committee to renaming the Shelter Rock Road Bridge the "Lance Corporal Matthew A. Falcone Memorial Bridge" after a local hero from Manhasset.

She also secured:

- ✓ \$100,000 for Nassau Suffolk Law Services' veterans division
- ✓ \$4.5 million in funding, including an additional \$495,000, for the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project

Aftermath of Hurricane Ida



In the days and weeks following the unprecedented surge of rain on Long Island following Hurricane Ida, Assemblywoman Sillitti visited dozens of storm-ravaged homes. The devastation was immeasurable. Partnering with local officials, Assemblywoman Sillitti fought for a FEMA declaration in Nassau County to begin the process of helping residents rebuild.



Vaccination Pop-Ups



When the COVID-19 vaccine first became available, access to appointments was extremely limited. In partnership with Northwell Health and local governments, Assemblywoman Sillitti hosted pop-up vaccination sites across the district and fielded hundreds of calls working to secure appointments.

If you need help getting an appointment for a booster shot, or vaccinated for the first time, please contact our office. We are happy to help.

Building a More Inclusive Community



Assemblywoman Sillitti is dedicated to making sure that everyone has a seat at the table. This year, Assemblywoman Sillitti:

- ✓ attended meetings with the Helen Keller Center and the Henry Viscardi School to help fight for improved accessibility for every New Yorker
- ✓ worked with Spanish-speaking nursing students to assist all residents with vaccination opportunities
- ✓ supported Port Washington's first "Be the Rainbow" event to support our LGBTQ+ family members, friends and neighbors



Fighting for Federal Dollars



As the state prepares to receive record-breaking federal aid for infrastructure, Assemblywoman Sillitti is working with members of the community to identify projects that will benefit the North Shore. From sewers in Manhasset, to seawalls in Port Washington and improved drainage in Great Neck and Herricks, Assemblywoman Sillitti is fighting to ensure these critical projects are ready to go on day one. Each of these projects will help restore our bays and protect our drinking water while increasing our resiliency against future storms like Ida and Isaias.



Helping Small Businesses



Supporting the Plandome Road Sewer Project with the Manhasset Chamber of Commerce is one of Assemblywoman Sillitti's top priorities. The high costs of maintaining antiquated septic systems are crippling our local business owners and polluting our bay.



Assemblywoman Sillitti has also supported direct relief for small businesses, including:

- ✓ \$1 billion for direct support to small businesses
- ✓ \$800 million for small business grants
- ✓ \$200 million in small business tax credits
- ✓ \$35 million for the Restaurant Return-to-Work Tax Credit

Advocating for Our Families



It's more important than ever to make critical investments that support our children's well-being while also ensuring that parents have access to quality, affordable child care. Assemblywoman Sillitti worked to restore \$69.4 million for local assistance programs that help New York's children.

One of Assemblywoman Sillitti's first actions in office was to become a co-sponsor of Kyra's Law, which will protect children by prioritizing their health and safety in child custody proceedings. No parent should ever have to fear losing their child to domestic violence.

Focusing on Education



The 2021-22 state budget provided a historic investment in public education, including \$19.8 billion in Foundation Aid. That money is going to help ensure Long Island schools get their fair share of state education funding, and give our districts the ability to lessen the burden on taxpayers.

Assemblywoman Sillitti also fought for a multi-year investment in Pre-K, including an additional \$105 million in the 2021-22 budget.

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2021 End of Year Update

"As we recover from pandemic-related challenges, I will keep fighting in Albany to invest in our communities and continue to deliver for Long Island."

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