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2026 Midyear Update



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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I wanted to make sure you were up to date on all the ways my office has been working to support your communities in 2026. And as always, contact my office anytime with questions, concerns, or suggestions on how we can improve everybody's quality of life. Thank you for your continued feedback and collaboration, as it has been and continues to be an honor serving as your County legislator.

Sincerely, 

2026 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

HELPING CON EDISON CUSTOMERS

Last year, I sponsored legislation making the Board of Legislators and Westchester County a party to the rate case against Con Edison's proposed double-digit price increases for gas and electric customers. Thanks to our efforts, along with pushback from the public and other elected officials across the region, the final increases for 2026 and '27 were reduced to 3.6 and 3.3 percent, respectively. It is outrageous that corporate executives and shareholders continue reaping millions while working families bear the brunt of operational costs. If you ever have issues with your individual bill and feel that there is an error, please contact my office.



Passing the Visual Gun Warning Law to highlight the dangers of firearms in the home

anyone applying for a gun license in the County. Warnings highlight the increased risk of suicide, homicide, accidental death, and fatalities during domestic disputes that come with having a firearm in the home. They also include contact information for the County's Crisis Prevention and Response Team and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. This law would not have come to fruition were it not for Dobbs Ferry Democratic Committee Vice Chair Tracey Frisch, who first suggested the legislation two years ago at a gun violence forum, underscoring that good governance really does take a village.

FLOOD MITIGATION

Alleviating the burden of flooding in residential neighborhoods remains one of

my most pressing concerns. In July, the Board of Legislators unanimously approved a Bond Act in the amount of \$550,000 to help the Village of Ardsley finance new stormwater infrastructure to reduce flooding on residential properties along Powderhorn Road and Captain Honeywell's Road, changes I had long advocated for. The Village has contracted a project designer, and work is expected to take no longer than one year. Additionally, I contacted Senator Kirsten Gillibrand requesting that the federal government provide needed funds for flood mitigation in the Town of Greenburgh. Subsequently, Senator Gillibrand formally submitted a Congressional spending request this April in the amount of \$2,250,000 for the Town. Confirmation of the grant is pending, and my office will keep residents updated as it progresses.

SUPPORTING MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS

In July, the Board passed a series of local laws granting partial property tax exemptions for members of the armed forces serving in a combat zone; seri-

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

I was honored to have sponsored the County's new *Visual Gun Warning Law*, requiring firearms retailers in Westchester County display images depicting the risks of gun ownership alongside the written notices already mandated under a 2022 law. Westchester is the second municipality in the country to pass such a law, which also ensures these labels are provided to

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ously disabled veterans; spouses of police officers killed in the line of duty; and surviving spouses of volunteer firefighters and EMTs. Each of these exemptions is pursuant to the New York State Real Property Tax Law, and collectively they provide deserved and needed relief for those who continue to sacrifice for our safety and whose partners lost their lives in the service of others.

AAPI WELFARE



Providing opening remarks at Senator Gillibrand's annual AAPI Summit

Advocating for the needs of our Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) population remains a top priority, which is why I successfully secured funding for the New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH) to ensure nail salons across Westchester—which largely employ minimum-wage workers of Asian descent—are complying with health-code mandates to protect employees, as well as customers. Nail salon workers are significantly more likely to experience miscarriage or have children with disabilities due to the fumes present in nail salons. NYCOSH has thus far sent mailers to all the salons in the county and is in the midst of visiting each of them in person in order to prepare a report that will be shared publicly. Funding was also awarded in 2026 to organizations including the OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates and Indian American Cultural Association of Westchester. I was particularly proud to deliver opening remarks at Senator Gillibrand's annual AAPI Summit.



Recognizing AAPI Heritage honoree Dr. Vikas Agrawal

FUNDING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Once a year, the Board of Legislators is empowered to award local community-based organizations funding to assist with their operations, a mechanism that's even more crucial as federal funding for nonprofits has been cut back. In 2026, I sponsored tens of thousands of dollars in allocations to cultural advocacy (Edgemont Chinese Association, Sikhs of Westchester); programming for seniors (Greenburgh Evergreen Club); local preservation (Hastings Historical Society, Revolutionary Westchester 250); women's rights (Choice Matters); and more. Partnering with trusted providers to ensure our residents are engaged and their quality of life enhanced is paramount and one of the true privileges of serving on the Board.

HONORING LOCAL HEROES

The Board of Legislators' monthly heritage celebrations are a terrific opportunity to recognize unsung heroes in our district. In May, as part of our AAPI Heritage Month celebration, I recognized Ardsley's Dr. Vikas Agrawal, a neurologist, Ardsley School District trustee, and community volunteer. The following month, during the Board's Pride Month celebration, I was happy to spotlight Hastings-on-Hudson's Benjamin Ilany, a decorated Air Force veteran, advocate for LGBTQ+ service members, and VFW post commander. Both men exemplify the breadth of talented and compassionate neighbors who make up our municipalities, all of which I am deeply humbled to serve. ■



Recognizing Pride Month honoree Ben Ilany

AROUND THE DISTRICT



Ribbon-cutting for Matthiessen Park's new performance stage



Launching the Asian Hall of Fame—Westchester



Briefing our state-level electeds



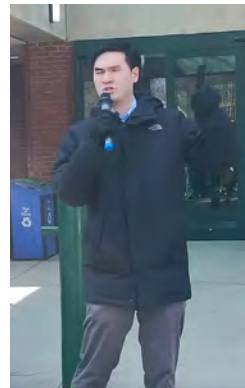
Kicking off spring Little League in Hastings



Chatting with Secretary Clinton



At The Indy Lab preschool opening in Ardsley



Protesting ICE tactics



Senator Gillibrand drops by Irvington



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STANDING UP FOR IMMIGRANTS

As the drafter of the Westchester County *Immigrant Protection Act*, standing up to the federal administration's deliberate targeting of the most vulnerable in our communities remains one of my top priorities. The assault on immigrants' rights is unconscionable, and I fully support measures that Governor Hochul and other state-level officials have passed limiting the degree to which ICE agents can operate in our communities with impunity while sowing fear and distrust. Here in District 12, I have worked hand in hand with Westchester-based immigrant-advocacy nonprofit Neighbors Link to help formulate and facilitate tabletop exercises that have educated our municipal leaders and law enforcement about how to respond when ICE is present in our communities. And, most importantly, how to do so in a way that best protects our neighbors and puts protocols in place to connect those in need with time-sensitive resources and supports. ■



Joining community residents in resisting the Trump administration's mass deportations

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