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In early March, my Board of Legislators colleagues and I voted unanimously for Westchester County to become a party to the major rate case against Con Edison’s proposed double-digit price hikes, a decision affirmed via legislation signed by County Executive Ken Jenkins. Over the subsequent months, I attended numerous public hearings across Westchester and offered my own testimony before the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC), underscoring the Board’s commitment to protecting working-class families, seniors, business owners and everyone else struggling with the cost of living. ■

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2025 Year in Review

**David Imamura**

District 12 ~ Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Edgemont,  
Hartsdale, Hastings-on-Hudson, Irvington



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 over the past year. And as always, contact my office any time 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,

**2025 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

**SAFEGUARDING CONSUMERS**

I was proud to author a ground-breaking new local law signed by County Executive Jenkins this past June that strengthens Westchester County’s 50-year-old Consumer Protection Code. Language in the Code has been expanded to prohibit conduct beyond “deceptive” and “unconscionable” actions to include “unfair” and “abusive” business practices. The legislation also addresses modern threats including deed theft and improves the County Consumer Protection Department’s ability to investigate and oversee rogue companies. It also increases daily penalties to as much as \$15,000 per violation, and I’m honored to support a bill that strengthens our stand against exploitation.

**IMMIGRANTS’ RIGHTS**

As the author of Westchester County’s Immigration Protection Act (IPA), I am appalled at what has transpired in Minneapolis, and have been duly alarmed by the ongoing capriciousness with which ICE agents have been detaining and deporting members of our immigrant population—oftentimes without legal basis or prudent procedure. I continue to stand by the IPA, and it has been my duty and privilege to speak out publicly against the federal government’s draconian poli-



cies at rallies and protests in affected localities and outside federal facilities. I will not stand idly by while our neighbors are harassed and ripped away from their homes and families without due process.

**FUNDING FLOOD RELIEF**

Since taking office, I have joined my peers and counterparts in local and state government in investigating how to offset the impact of severe weather and flooding on our communities. That work has gotten a boost with the County’s recent authorization of \$40 million for flood remediation, which is in addition to \$21 million in state funding secured for vital resilient infrastructure projects in Westchester. The latter funds were set aside under the “Restoration and Flood Risk” category of the historic \$4.2 billion Clean Air, Clean Water, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022. As a result of this funding, the Westchester

County Department of Planning is undertaking comprehensive stream studies in flood-prone areas at no cost to municipalities. These studies will help protect public health and safety, habitat and natural resources by improving community resilience to extreme weather events driven by climate change.

**CONNECTING CONSTITUENTS WITH UNCLAIMED FUNDS**

In 2023, my office piloted a collaboration with the New York State Comptroller’s Office where we alerted all residents in District 12 who had unclaimed funds and held workshops assisting them in submitting their claims. These funds are typically the result of bank transactions, insurance claims, estate settlements and other remittances that either never made it to the intended recipient or were never acted upon. That initiative expanded countywide in 2024 in cooperation with the entire Board of Legislators and the County Executive. Since then, more than 12,000 individuals across Westchester have been reunited with nearly \$5 million in previously unclaimed funds; in one instance, more than \$100,000 dollars was uncovered for a senior receiving in-home care. Those efforts were redoubled in

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2025, with outreach including new mailers, text messages and phone calls, plus hands-on troubleshooting assistance to ensure no eligible constituent went without their money. For more information about unclaimed funds, contact my Legislative Aide Kenny Herzog at 914-995-2095 or [kehr@westchestercountyny.gov](mailto:kehr@westchestercountyny.gov).

#### WORKER PROTECTIONS

Along with my fellow Legislators Jewel Williams Johnson and Emiljana Ulaj, I helped secure significant County funding (\$100,000 total, broken up in \$50,000 annual allotments over 2025 and 2026) to partner with the New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH) on a groundbreaking campaign to ensure nail-salon workers across Westchester—who are predominantly Asian American and among the lowest-paid in any profession—are protected as the law dictates from toxic fumes, chemicals and other occupational hazards to their health. NYCOSH sent letters to every nail salon in the county reminding them of their legal obligations, and have since begun physically visiting the salons to follow up on the mailer and witness for themselves whether locations are complying. Once the salon visits have concluded, NYCOSH will prepare a report on its findings. Given that exposure to the aforementioned toxic chemicals puts workers at disproportionate risk for developing cancer and fertility issues and giving birth to children with special needs, this investment could not only be life-saving, but one that helps lower burdens on our healthcare system.

#### ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER (AAPI) ADVOCACY

In coordination with numerous advocacy groups, my office has continued appealing to all Westchester County public school districts who have yet to include Asian American education into their curriculum and also adopt Eid and Diwali as official calendar holidays. Those appeals have helped persuade districts including Irvington schools and Ardsley schools to introduce or enhance their AAPI education. And more than 20 districts have



added Eid and/or Diwali to their calendars as of the current school year. In addition, an increasing number of student families have reached out to my office and become part of the growing movement to make these changes commonplace where all Westchester children live and learn. If you want to offer your support, contact my office directly.

While schools were out this past



August, I was thrilled to attend the official launch of the Westchester Asian Hall of Fame, which celebrates the resilience, creativity, service and leadership of our local Asian community. When we honor our stories, we honor each other; you can submit nominations and donate to the hall of fame by visiting [abovestchester.org](http://abovestchester.org). The first round of honorees will be announced this February.

And finally, in recognizing that Westchester is home to 80,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders—more than 8% of the total county population—my office worked with the Westchester County Asian American Advisory Board and County Executive Ken Jenkins to mail a community-resource guide translated into Chinese, Japanese and Korean to all AAPI families in Westchester. The mailer describes and provides contact

information for government services provided by Westchester County, including: information on mental health services for Asian Americans; a description of different Asian American organizations in Westchester; and the aforementioned promotion of Asian American history and holidays in school curricula and calendars. If you have not received or would like to receive the mailer, contact my office directly.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Thanks to a partnership between my office, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson and the office of County Executive Ken Jenkins, Westchester County recently moved ahead with the installation of two urgently requested pedestrian safety crosswalks on Warburton Avenue at the intersections of Pinecrest Drive and Division Street. This unique intermunicipal effort will improve safety for residents, Bee-Line riders, local workers and schoolchildren. Work began in late November. I will always advocate for infrastructure upgrades that ensure everyone can live, shop and commute safely in our communities.

#### NONPROFIT FUNDING

In addition to material support for AAPI organizations, my office awarded funding over this past year to worthy institutions and causes ranging from Dobbs Ferry Food Pantry to Revolutionary Westchester 250. These funds enable nonprofits and grassroots efforts in our district and beyond to better serve the spectrum of community needs and maintain basic operations. It is my pleasure to help sustain these organizations, just as it is a privilege to serve each and every one of you. ■



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Revealing the Hastings Revolutionary Walk marker



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