



Nassau County Legislator Carrié Solages



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Fellow Constituents...



It continues to be an honor and privilege to be your Nassau County Legislator. Currently, the district I represent includes Bellerose Terrace, Elmont, South Floral Park, parts of Franklin Square, Valley Stream and West Hempstead. Starting January 1, 2014, the district will also include Inwood, North Woodmere and Valley Stream South.

Since taking office on January 2, 2012, my goal has been to remedy constituent concerns of the Third Legislative District efficiently and to represent you, as I strive to bring government and its services to you. During my term, I have encountered a number of unexpected challenges and met them head on with a practical, disciplined and compassionate approach.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrié Solages".

Here is a list of accomplishments to date:

- **Keeping You Safe:** Legislator Solages helped negotiate an agreement to maintain police staff levels despite the County Executive's plan to close our beloved 5th Precinct.
- **No Tax Increase:** Legislator Solages has not voted to increase the county portion of your tax bill. He voted against reckless borrowing so as not to increase our debt. Currently, County debt is \$3.5 billion—the highest in County history.
- **Tax Assistance:** Legislator Solages pushed to have the tax grievance deadline extended to May 1st, instead of March 1st, 2013, and placed the grievance workshop on YouTube to make it accessible to homeowners. See video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3iQGjBNKUuY>.
- **Voted to Restore Funding** to youth programs including Gateway Youth Outreach (GYO).
- **Improved Bus Services:** Legislator Solages rode buses and successfully lobbied NICE BUS for additional services and bus stops.
- **Superstorm Sandy Support:** Legislator Solages helped hundreds of residents regain power, provided generators to seniors, and coordinated post-storm clean up and repairs.
- **Voted for Funding** to fix our failing and damaged sewer systems.
- **Held Dozens of Community Programs or Events** including but not limited to: property tax assistance, mortgage/foreclosure assistance, small business support, health and wellness fairs, and anti-violence awareness programs.
- **Delivered Toys** to children in need during the Holiday Season including local schools and to children affected by Storm Sandy, and took part in other charitable acts.



Government for the People...



Although a County Legislator is a part-time position, I have treated the role as a full-time commitment. I have worked tirelessly to make local government **Accessible, Creative and Responsible (A.C.R.)**.

- **Accessible** - local government must reach out to people.

Example: Legislator Solages has made his office on Dutch Broadway available to the public. The office serves as a place where people can get questions answered.

- **Creative** - local government must find new solutions to old problems.

Example: Legislator Solages recorded his Tax Grievance Workshop and placed it on YouTube to make it easier to file a grievance.

- **Responsible** - local government must embrace its responsibility to self and others.

Example: Legislator Solages reached out to the New York City Department of Transportation and lobbied for long overdue repairs of Hook Creek Boulevard, which has been in disrepair for decades. Legislator Solages is happy to announce repairs to this road will begin in 2014.

Back to School—Safety is Important!



Legislator Solages advises drivers/motorists to drive carefully now that school is back in session:

"I have received many calls from constituents demanding speed bumps on their streets because of cars that speed regularly down these streets," Legislator Solages advises. "This is an issue solely within the jurisdiction of the Town of Hempstead."

STAR Program Workshop

Legislator Solages organized a STAR property tax exemption workshop on September 4, 2013, that was attended by well over 200 residents.

Nassau County offers two types of School Tax Relief:

BASIC STAR — for all homeowner-occupied primary residences, regardless of the age of the homeowner, with an annual household income \$500,000 or less.

ENHANCED STAR— for seniors 65 years old as of December 31st of the year in which the exemption will begin with an annual income under \$81,900 including Low-income Senior Citizen and Limited Income Disability exemptions under \$37,500.



Tax Grievance Workshops Help Residents



Nassau County Legislator Carrié Solages holds a discussion with residents during a Tax Grievance Workshop.

Many constituents continue to express concerns about the high taxes they pay here in Nassau County.

Legislator Solages took action to help provide relief by holding several Tax Grievance Workshops throughout the district.

A representative from the Nassau County Tax Assessors office facilitated the Workshop. Legislator Solages videotaped the Workshop and placed it on YouTube making it easier for homeowners to file.

See video at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3iQGjBNKUHY>

Stop the 5th Precinct Merger

Nassau County Legislator Carrié Solages continues the battle to stop the 5th Precinct merger. Legislator Solages recently wrote a letter to County Executive Ed Mangano to halt the construction of the Fourth precinct, which is located in a flood zone.

The letter includes a list of issues and reinforces the concerns of the residents. "This could jeopardize the capabilities and effectiveness of law enforcement and ultimately undermines public safety in my district."



"Let us not compromise the safety of the residents of the 3rd Legislative District."

-Legislator Carrié Solages

2nd Annual Community Health Fair



Nassau County Legislator Carrié Solages and residents of the 3rd Legislative District observed a demonstration by health professionals at the 2nd Annual Health Fair held at Dutch Broadway School. The health fair included screenings, education and more. Over 300 residents participated in the event.

"Our health is a priority and we must take the first step to making better decisions regarding our health," says Legislator Solages.

An extraordinary group of health, fitness and social service professionals participated to make the event a huge success. To view a video of the program visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTWBev5WgOw&feature=youtu.be>

Legislator Solages Fighting for Bus Riders

Legislator Carrié Solages traveled the NICE buses on multiple occasions. Specifically, he rode the N2 and N6 routes. The third most frequent request for assistance received at his Legislative office are concerns regarding the NICE bus service. As a result of his efforts combined with those of the grassroots organization Long Island Jobs with Justice, several changes have been implemented:



1. Additional midday service on the N6 (Hempstead-Franklin Sq.-Elmont-Jamaica), weekdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. This is due to very healthy ridership on the N6.
2. The addition of an N6 express stop at Hempstead Tpke. & Elmont Rd. This balances capacity between locals and expresses.
3. The extension of N6 expresses from the Hempstead Transit Center to Hofstra University and Nassau Community College. This provides a one bus trip from Elmont to NCC. The expresses also will operate a much longer peak period to correspond with students' class schedules.
4. Additional scheduled time on the N1 (Hewlett-Valley Stream-Elmont) to provide better, on-time performance.

National Night Out



Legislator Solages hosts his 2nd annual National Night Out (NNO) at Dutch Broadway Park. NNO is intended to build relations between the community and law enforcement.

Trailblazer Award Winner



Legislator Solages presents the Nassau County Trailblazer Award to Valley Stream community leader Annette Gray for her tireless charitable efforts and for bringing people together through various community service projects.

Point of Privilege



Legislator Solages exercised a Point of Privilege during a recent Legislative session in order to recognize the accomplishment of a young music student who resides in the 3rd Legislative District.

Gamar Josama, 17, was recently accepted to the Precollege Division of the Manhattan School of Music as a Piano major. "It is important to acknowledge the accomplishments of our youth," said Legislator Solages.

Legislator to Create Veterans' Advisory Council



Legislator Solages is in the process of creating a Veterans' Advisory Council. The establishment of a Council will give Veterans an opportunity to meet and discuss issues, provide solutions and advise support organizations and agencies that work with our veterans.

Legislator Alerts Drivers of Red Light Cameras

In response to numerous complaints received at his office, Legislator Solages was able to have signs placed at each photo enforced location.

Signs have been placed at the cross streets of Elmont Road and Dutch Broadway, and Linden Boulevard and Elmont Road

Motorists are advised to make a complete stop prior to the solid white line before proceeding. Rolling stops are considered a violation which will, unfortunately, result in a fine.



Fixing Bay Park Sewage Plant



On July 15th, 2013, Legislator Solages took part in a bi-partisan vote, along with his Republican and Democratic colleagues, to do the right thing and voted to fund repairs for the Bay Park sewage plant. Although this is just the start of a long term investment to our county, it gets the ball rolling in the right direction.

Martial Arts Student Enters Competition

Okinawa Karate Kobudo Kai Martial Arts student Anjolie Clark will be competing in the 2013 Junior Pan American Karate Championships in Medellin, Colombia. Her hard work, dedication, competitive spirit and discipline have led to this major accomplishment. Let's all wish her luck!





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Success in Beijing



Nassau County Legislator Carrié Solages and Assemblywoman Michaëlle Solages present the Elmont Memorial High School Model United Nations team with a citation for their victory in Beijing, China.

Veterans’ Breakfast



Nassau County Legislator Carrié Solages, Sapienza Bakery and A&S Bagels hosted a Veterans’ Breakfast at the American Legion Post 1033, thanking all veterans for their sacrifice and service to us.

Linden Blvd Road Repairs

Legislator Carrié Solages gets the job done!

He encouraged NYC to be a better neighbor and repair potholes on the Queens/Nassau border.



GYO Funding Restored



Legislator Solages voted to restore funding for the Gateway Youth Organization (GYO), which allowed over 200 youth to enjoy the summer program.