



ASSEMBLYMAN BILL MAGNARELLI

2017 Progress Report

Dear Neighbor:

When government listens to and works for the people, real progress is achieved. My 2017 Progress Report not only highlights a New York State Budget that positively affects people's lives, but demonstrates that your voice matters, whether I am sponsoring, advocating or voting for legislation.

I am honored to be your representative in the New York State Assembly, 129th District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood, Valley and Downtown areas of the City of Syracuse, as well as the Town of Geddes, including the Village of Solvay and the Town of Van Buren, including the Van Buren portion of the Village of Baldwinsville.

Every year in March, I distribute a survey among my constituents, gauging their support or opposition to pending legislation and topical issues. I, in turn, provide my constituents with the results of that survey. This year I am going one step further and sharing with you how successful I was, along with my colleagues in Albany, in passing legislation that you favored. This summary is on page 2.

In addition, this report also outlines the \$153.1 billion 2017-18 state budget that invests in public education, funds a first-in-the-nation free tuition plan to help students go to college, raises the age to give kids a second chance, expands ride-hailing services like Uber and makes a significant commitment to ensuring every New Yorker has clean drinking water.

I remain committed to providing my constituents with sound policies and programs that will help them lead a healthy and successful life, filled with hope and opportunities. I believe that you elected me to get things done for the good of the people of Central New York.

I hope you will take the time to read this 2017 Progress Report. We accomplished so much for our community this past session!

Bill Magnarelli



March 2017 Constituent Survey Results

1. *Should Uber, Lyft and other ride sharing organizations be allowed to operate in Upstate New York:*

- a) with state and local regulations? 81%
- b) without state and local regulations? 14%

2. *Do you agree with allowing wine/beer to be legally sold in movie theaters in New York?*

- 33% Yes
- 65% No

3. *Do you agree with a proposal for a gondola that will carry people from the New York State Fairgrounds to the Fair's parking lots and the Onondaga Lakeview Amphitheater, at the estimated cost of \$15 million?*

- 20% Yes
- 77% No

4. *Do you agree with the proposal to provide free college tuition for families making up to \$125,000 per year for SUNY colleges and universities?*

- 50% Yes
- 47% No

5. *Do you support extending for another 3 years the current higher income tax rate in effect for those making more than \$300,000, while lowering the rates for those making less?*

- 85% Yes
- 13% No

6. *Do you agree with adding a 4% sales tax on online purchases made through marketplaces like eBay? This would generate approximately \$136 million per year.*

- 52% Yes
- 44% No

7. *Would you support a "Buy American" provision for state procurement contracts over \$100,000?*

- 80% Yes
- 13% No

8. *Do you agree with changing state law to treat some 16- and 17-year-olds, charged with non-violent crimes, as juvenile offenders rather than adult criminals?*

- 70% Yes
- 27% No

9. *Do you support the investment of \$2 billion statewide for water and sewer infrastructure?*

- 92% Yes
- 5% No

10. *Do you support requiring counties across the state to work with town, village and other local governments to create a consolidation/shared services plan that will be placed on the November ballot for a vote?*

- 60% Yes
- 33% No

11. *Do you believe local government elected officials should be required to make financial disclosures of their assets and outside income, similar to state legislators?*

- 82% Yes
- 15% No

12. *Do you support prohibiting companies that bid on state contracts from making political contributions to state officials during the bid process?*

- 92% Yes
- 6% No

June 2017 Survey Update

1. Upstate now has access to ride-sharing apps such as Uber and Lyft. Legislation with state wide regulations became law in April 2017.



2. Legislation has not advanced on this issue.

3. \$70 million in funds were approved for improvements at the Fairgrounds. The majority will be allocated to the construction of a new Expo Center, which will hold equestrian and other events. Plans for the gondola are currently on hold.



4. The Excelsior Scholarship initiative has been passed in the 2017/2018 NYS budget. It is the first-of-its-kind, tuition-free program for SUNY schools for New Yorkers who earn less than \$125,000 annually.

5. This was included and passed in the 2017/2018 NYS budget.

6. Legislation has not advanced on this issue.

7. Legislation (A.8427-A) passed both the Assembly and the Senate, it is awaiting the Governor's approval.

8. The approved state budget includes a measure to ensure young people who encounter New York's criminal justice system are treated fairly and given a better chance to turn their lives around. The Raise the Age Initiative raises the age of criminal responsibility in New York from 16 to 18 years old. Raise the Age does not apply to higher level violent felony charges.



9. \$2.5 billion was included and approved in the 2017/2018 NYS budget. The funds for water infrastructure help to ensure clean drinking water by repairing and replacing old pipes and water mains, as well as preventive measures, such as source water land acquisition, to keep water from becoming polluted.

10. State law was passed that requires every County Executive in NYS to convene the supervisors and mayors in their jurisdictions to produce a plan to cut costs through shared services, like merging snow removal resources between villages or combining departments. State law requires the panel to create a plan by August 1, 2017 and deliver it to the County Legislature.

11. Legislation has not advanced on this issue.

12. Legislation has not advanced on this issue.

2017-18 NEW YORK STATE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Investing in our schools and our children

- Increases education aid by \$1 billion for a total of \$25.7 billion;
- Increases Foundation Aid by \$700 million for a total of \$17.2 billion;
- Increases Community Schools Aid by \$50 million for a total of \$150 million.

Tax policies to help the middle class

- The budget implements previously approved middle-class income tax cuts;
- Enhances the Child and Dependent Care Credit for taxpayers earning between \$50,000 and \$150,000.

Investing in clean water, rebuilding crumbling infrastructure

- Provides \$2.5 billion for water infrastructure to help ensure clean drinking water;
- The funding for water infrastructure is a \$500 million increase over the Executive's proposal.

Implementing the Excelsior Scholarship

- First-of-its kind initiative to make SUNY schools tuition-free for eligible students;
- Eligible for New Yorkers who earn less than \$125,000 annually.

Supporting seniors' health and well-being

- Provides \$13.5 million to support long-term care;
- Includes restoring \$10 million to preserve spousal refusal, ensuring couples do not lose their life savings in the event a spouse becomes ill and needs nursing home care;
- Includes \$2.7 million to prevent limiting Managed Long Term Care eligibility to only those eligible for nursing homes;
- Includes \$750,000 to restore nursing home bed hold payments for therapeutic leave.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



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Advocacy for Youth Mental Health



David and Lisa Craig, parents of Corey Craig, who lost her battle with mental illness in 2006, participated in the opening of the High Risk Psychiatry program for youth and young adults at risk for suicide at Upstate Hospital. Assemblyman Magnarelli introduced legislation (A.6465) that would increase access to mental health services and would require insurance policies to provide coverage for services related to the diagnosis and treatment of mental, nervous or emotional disorders or ailments. Assemblyman Magnarelli was a founder of the CNY Mental Health Task Force which released its report in March outlining the largest gaps in youth behavioral and mental health services in CNY and provided recommendations to improve access to care.

Protecting the Families of Victims of Violent Crimes



A Manlius mother whose daughter was murdered nearly 20 years ago continues her fight to protect the families of victims of violent crimes. Janice Grieshaber-Geddes is working on a bill (A.2350-A) co-sponsored by Assemblyman Magnarelli that increases the time frame in which an inmate can be reconsidered for parole – from two years to up to five years. The bill applies to the most violent offenders, meaning those serving sentences for Class A felonies like murder. Each time an inmate is considered for parole, the victim's family must relive the horror of the crime for the sake of impressing upon the Parole Board the inappropriateness of early release.

SPONSORED LEGISLATION PASSED

A.695 Authorizes the Thruway Authority to issue short-distance commuter passes in Onondaga County. This will allow an increase in safety, a decrease in traffic congestion on local roads, and reduced stress on local infrastructure will allow the Thruway to alleviate I-81 construction traffic. Passed by both houses, awaiting Governor's approval.

A.6527 Extends the law until 2020 keeping the Syracuse NYS Telecommunications Relay Service Center, which provides phone service for the deaf and hearing impaired. Passed by both houses, awaiting Governor's approval.

A.7089 Amends the town law and the village law, to increase transparency in the contract negotiation process for fire protection contracts between incorporated fire companies and fire districts, towns or villages. Passed by both houses, awaiting Governor's approval.

A.6917 Allows Syracuse to establish an administrative adjudication hearing bureau for all code and ordinance violations relating to conditions which constitute a threat or danger to the public health, safety or welfare, therefore releasing pressure and overbooking on local courts. Passed by both houses, awaiting Governor's approval.

A.6474A Exempts the real property of a land bank from certain sewer rent and user charges imposed by the state of New York and by any of its political subdivisions. Passed by both houses, awaiting Governor's approval.

SAVING JOBS AND EXPANDING MANUFACTURING



Assemblyman Magnarelli passed legislation that extends the law until 2020 to keep the NYS Telecommunications Relay Service Center, which provides phone service for people who are deaf, hard of hearing or who have a speech disability, in Syracuse. This will protect approximately 187 jobs in Syracuse. This service allows TTY or VCO users to communicate with standard telephone users through specially trained relay operators. The center also provides Captioned Telephone service, which allows people with hearing loss to listen and read on the telephone. Calls can be made to anywhere in the world, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with no restrictions on the number, length, or type of calls.



With the help of \$13.5 million in aid and tax credits from the State, Tessy Plastics Corp., headquartered in Skaneateles NY has completed its \$31 million, 250,000 sq. ft. expansion to its facility located on State Fair Blvd. in the Town of Baldwinsville. These incentives from the State made it possible for Tessy Plastics to expand its business here in Central New York rather than moving jobs potentially out of NY State. Tessy Plastics Corp. employs over 1,000 employees throughout its 6 facilities that are located in Skaneateles, Elbridge, Baldwinsville, and Auburn.

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Working for You

CNY Veterans Parade and Expo Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 • NYS Fairgrounds Parade at noon • Expo 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Parade with more than 80 veterans organizations, military groups and high school marching bands
- Veterans of all conflicts since WWII
- Expo includes organizations and educational institutions of interest to veterans and their families
- Displays of historical military artifacts
- **FREE Admission & Parking**
- **Exhibit on Women Air Service Pilots**



Together we can Thank Our Troops!
www.cnyveteransparade.org

SAVE THE DATE

**CNY
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Tuesday,
Sept. 19, 2017

DestinyUSA • 3 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

More than 50 organizations will be present, offering a variety of volunteer opportunities. The areas they represent vary and include: animal care; helping the homeless; education organizations; helping domestic violence survivors; health care fields and many others. Opportunities range from computer work, social media, hands on care and much more.