



Connecting with Our Youth

One of the greatest privileges afforded to a Nassau County Legislator is the opportunity to engage with young constituents in their district. As a continuation of her ongoing youth outreach efforts, Legislator Bynoe welcomed Sabrina Andino, Afua Boakye-Yiadom, James-Scott Etienne, Prestaline Joseph, Jadain McKoy, Rowhyda Ramsarran and Mandy Wagnac as her interns. They gained valuable professional experience and first-hand exposure to government in action by assisting Legislator Bynoe and her staff with district office operations.



Each year, Legislator Bynoe invites student groups from her district to tour the Legislature and participate in mock Legislative sessions. Legislator Bynoe has welcomed students from the Malverne, Westbury and Hempstead school districts, participated in Career Day programs throughout the district and hosted young students from the Jack and Jill program.



At her district office, Legislator Bynoe read “Grace for President” with the girls, discussed the importance of local government and the qualities of a strong leader. To illustrate the importance of voting, the students cast ballots in a mock election to determine whether they preferred macaroni and cheese or turkey sandwiches for lunch.



Legislator Bynoe would love to hear your comments. Please call her at (516) 571-6202 or email sbynoe@nassaucountyny.gov. For the latest news, you can also follow the Legislator on Facebook.

A message from Legislator Siela A. Bynoe

Dear Neighbor:

I would like to take a moment to update you on some important legislative and community initiatives in the Second Legislative District:

- ◆ With unanimous support, I passed legislation that **corrects a loophole** in our County’s contracting process and implemented **mental health first aid training** for County employees (page 3).
- ◆ I advocated for and secured more than **\$10 million** for vital districtwide **infrastructure improvements** in Nassau County’s Capital Improvement Plan (page 1).
- ◆ I secured **Community Revitalization Project (CRP)** grants for initiatives in Hempstead, Lakeview, Westbury, Malverne, West Hempstead and Rockville Centre (pages 2 & 3).
- ◆ As a member of the Nassau Hub Community Benefits Advisory Committee, I will continue to advocate to ensure communities adjacent to this potentially transformational project in Uniondale reap the **community benefits** they deserve (page 3).
- ◆ I was selected to **co-chair a County task force** that is developing a plan to address the widespread impacts of the **opioid and addiction crisis** and implement programs that promote **treatment, prevention and recovery** (page 2).
- ◆ Continuing a practice that I have cherished since taking office, my office welcomed a dynamic team of **interns** as part of our **ongoing outreach to young people** (page 4).

As always, I welcome your suggestions for how we can work together to make Nassau County a better place to raise our families.

Sincerely,

Siela A. Bynoe

Investing Millions in Infrastructure

Legislator Bynoe’s advocacy has resulted in a commitment to complete more than \$10 million in vital infrastructure projects throughout the Second Legislative District. These projects, which are to be financed through Nassau County’s ongoing Capital Improvement Plan, include:

- ◆ \$6.3 million for streetscape and traffic improvements in Westbury, including \$2.7 million for a two-part plan to improve Union Avenue from School Street to Brush Hollow Road, followed by construction from the crosswalk near the railroad station to School Street. The additional \$3.6 million is for improvements on Maple Avenue from Union Avenue to Post Avenue.
- ◆ \$1.5 million for the Westbury/New Cassel Shared Multi-Use Path Access. Plans call for these improvements to be made in conjunction with Westbury streetscapes. When combined with previous authorizations, Legislator Bynoe has secured \$3.9 million for this initiative.
- ◆ \$500,000 to begin the \$1.5 million upgrade of the Rosa Parks Transit Center, a major LIRR and NICE Bus hub, in Hempstead.
- ◆ \$1.1 million for streetscaping that will yield improvements along Woodfield Road from Oakford Street to Lakeview Avenue in West Hempstead and Lakeview.

In addition, approximately \$17 million in County funding remains earmarked for the implementation of solutions to address widespread flooding issues along portions of Clinton Street in the Village of Hempstead.

Promoting Public Safety and Education in Hempstead Village

As a continuation of her dedication to improving public safety in Hempstead Village, Legislator Bynoe is pursuing \$99,400 in funding through the County’s CRP program to purchase Tasers for the Hempstead Police Department. She and Legislature Minority Leader Abrahams are also advocating for a \$357,000 CRP grant to expand the Village’s matrix of license-plate readers.

Mindful that education is the foundation of any successful community-building endeavor, Legislator Bynoe supported the Hempstead Public Library by securing a \$26,885 CRP grant for a dynamic new LED sign that promotes important community events at the Library to residents and passers-by.



Supporting Westbury’s First Responders

Because Legislator Bynoe is committed to ensuring these selfless volunteers are equipped to serve the community, she secured \$50,000 in capital funding through the County’s Community Revitalization Program (CRP) for the Westbury Water and Fire District to procure “Jaws of Life” tools, a gas alert detection device and new fire hoses.

To further enhance public safety, Legislator Bynoe secured an additional \$50,000 CRP to buy and install energy-efficient LED lighting along streets that service high-activity community hubs in Westbury Village.



Legislator Bynoe Honors Westbury Fire Department for Courageous Response to Train Derailment

Malverne High School Upgrades



Legislator Bynoe secured a \$94,068 CRP grant from the County to finance the construction of a covered picnic area adjacent to Malverne High School’s athletic fields.

The structure includes a 900 square-foot covered shelter with lights, electricity and picnic tables. These upgrades will provide students and County residents alike a clean, shaded area to watch sporting events and rest after utilizing the facilities.



Fighting the Opioid Epidemic

Legislator Bynoe was selected to co-chair a Nassau County policy task force that is developing an action plan to address the widespread impacts of the opioid addiction crisis.



The task force, which Legislator Bynoe co-chairs with Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder, is tasked with identifying affected populations, specific community needs and existing barriers to addiction abatement, treatment, and prevention services.

The task force, which includes legislators and experts in health care, addiction and recovery, counseling and law enforcement, will publish a plan of action that Nassau County will utilize in responding to those needs.

“Our approach to addressing the widespread and ongoing devastation caused by the opioid crisis must always be built on a foundation of innovative and collaborative solutions that emphasize prevention and promote treatment and recovery,” Legislator Bynoe said.

Nassau Hub Community Benefits Plan

Legislator Bynoe’s advocacy in her role as a member of the Nassau Hub Community Benefits Plan Committee has produced a framework that will result in significant investments in neighboring communities, such as Westbury and Hempstead, upon the development of the sprawling Uniondale parcel surrounding NYCB Live’s Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum.



The current framework would require BSE Global/RXR Realty to contribute \$1 per square foot developed at the Hub toward a Community Benefits Plan to invest in programs for veterans, minority and woman-owned business enterprises (MWBE), the Uniondale School District and first responders. In addition, the plan calls for supporting existing community facilities and organizations that serve Uniondale and the surrounding areas, especially those that focus on “at-risk” and underserved constituencies.

To ensure the plan brings positive, tangible improvements to communities bordering the Hub, Legislator Bynoe advocated for and secured the inclusion of a guarantee that at least two-thirds of the dollar value of the Community Benefits Plan will be used for investments that directly benefit the Hub’s neighbors.

Transparency In Contracting

After discovering a loophole in Nassau County’s contract disclosure laws, Legislator Bynoe introduced and swiftly secured unanimous passage of corrections designed to enhance transparency in procurement. Her legislation requires vendor disclosure documents to be completed and filed prior to every contract award, renewal or extension. It also directs all updates to be submitted in writing.

Mental Health First Aid Training

With the full support of the Nassau County Legislature, Legislator Bynoe’s bill has been implemented to require all full- and part-time County employees that directly and frequently interact with the public - such as EMTs, law enforcement and human services staff - to receive mental health first aid training.

Mental health first aid training helps individuals recognize the symptoms of common mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders, de-escalate crisis situations safely, and initiate timely referrals to mental health and substance abuse resources.

“Mental health first aid is an evidence-based solution that will enable us to connect residents in crisis with the help they need,” Legislator Bynoe said. “By guiding people to assistance, we are also setting the stage for addressing the underlying issues.”