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Observing Black History Month

Legislator Davis joined the community at Kennedy Park on Thursday, Feb. 13 for Hempstead Village’s annual Black History Month celebration. “This meaningful event was a soaring tribute to the stories, contributions and triumphs of Black Americans from all walks of life,” Legislator Davis said. “It was an honor to recognize Roger C. Miller, Sheryl Roberts, Albert “Albie” Burdette Douglas, and Bibi Boucicaut for their service to our community, and I thank Hofstra University’s Dr. Cornell Craig and CSEA-Long Island President Jarvis T. Brown for their moving and reflective words on this important occasion.”



Welcoming New Businesses

Legislator Davis joined with the Hempstead Chamber of Commerce and community members on Thursday, Feb. 20 to celebrate the grand opening of Alula Bright Daycare. Located at 160 Baldwin Road, Alula Bright is a preschool with a “play-based” curriculum that encourages each child’s development and empowers them to thrive, learn, and grow with confidence. “It is so wonderful to see how the dedicated staff at Alula Bright put such care into each child, knowing they are our community’s future,” Legislator Davis said. “I congratulate them on their grand opening and wish them many years of success as they seek to enrich the lives of young people through this exciting venture!”



Commemorating Dr. King’s Legacy

Legislator Davis joined with Legislator Seth Koslow in commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Memorial Presbyterian Church’s second annual MLK Unity March and Cultural Celebration. “Marching through Roosevelt with the congregation – which includes many Hempstead residents – was especially meaningful because of the strong turnout on a bitterly cold day. We thank Reverend Scott Williams and First Lady Donette for continuing this important tradition.”



A Message from Legislator Davis

Dear Neighbor:

The systemic undermining, elimination and gutting of vital federal safety net programs that tens of millions of Americans - including many Nassau County residents - rely upon daily has been one of the most alarming aspects of the current administration’s first 100 days. In Washington, efforts to eliminate the Department of Education, unravel programs like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, cut SNAP nutrition assistance, curtail housing assistance, slash Veterans Administration funding and inhibit myriad anti-poverty initiatives have generated well-placed outrage across our nation.

The same is happening right here in Nassau County, where the vital matrix of safety-net county resources is being weakened through the actions of our County Executive and his administration. On March 14, The Safe Center closed its doors. Until that date, it operated Nassau County’s only domestic violence shelter and aided in child abuse prosecutions, maintained a crisis intervention hotline, and supported survivors of rape, sexual assault and domestic violence. Despite months of rumblings that these vital services may be in jeopardy, the County administration dropped the ball and admitted its failure to ensure a smooth transition and continuity of care for some of our most vulnerable residents.

We have also witnessed a similarly disturbing lack of urgency and planning regarding the handling of the County’s opioid crisis. Nassau County has received nearly \$100 million through financial settlements of numerous class-action lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors and retailers. These proceeds are required to be applied toward treatment, prevention and recovery programs. While the County Executive in 2022 announced a four-year, \$15 million-per-year plan, only \$4.8 million has been spent as of this February - in what should be the plan’s third year.

Meanwhile, the County Executive continues to treat Nassau University Medical Center – an essential link in our regional healthcare network for economically vulnerable individuals - like a political football. Moreover, the administration recently disbanded a specialized Homeless Intervention Team (HIT) team and slashed funding for its replacement - even though the 2024 “point in time” count of unhoused individuals conducted by the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless showed the number had once again increased, to a total of 4,002 persons - with 1,396 under age 18.

It is often said that the strength of a society is best judged by the welfare of its most vulnerable citizens. When you apply that metric, the current County administration is failing badly – and it matters little whether that is a product of conscious choice, negligence, incompetence, or all the above. As safety nets continue to fray under unprecedented pressure, we on the local level must recommit to the fundamentals of humane government service – not join in the unraveling of essential programs.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Davis
Nassau County Legislator, Legislative District 1

Securing \$1.75M For Clean Water In Hempstead Village

Following months of diligent advocacy and successful negotiations, Legislator Davis and former Legislator Siela A. Bynoe - now a New York State Senator - secured \$1.75 million in resources to help achieve the state-mandated removal of 1,4 dioxane from Hempstead Village’s drinking water supply. The full Nassau County Legislature voted unanimously on Sept. 23 to release the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support the initial stages of the project, which includes the immediate demolition of the existing water meter shop to make way for a state-of-the-art water treatment facility.



After months of delays by the Blakeman administration, the vote for Hempstead water came to fruition last fall after the administration pursued borrowing permission to fund proposed amendments to Nassau’s 2023 infrastructure plan. Because bond authorization resolutions require a 13-vote supermajority to pass, one Democratic vote was needed - and the Minority Caucus refused to provide that vote until the Blakeman administration agreed the water funding. Faced with this ultimatum, the County Executive relented.

Since that time, the people of Hempstead Village received more good news - the Legislature’s seed money was a catalyst for New York State’s award of more than \$37.2 million for the Village of Hempstead to apply toward the water infrastructure upgrades, greatly easing the burden that would have otherwise been placed upon Village business owners and residents.

“Some things should never be clouded by partisanship, and the availability of clean, safe drinking water – the most basic of human needs – must undoubtedly be atop that list,” Legislator Davis said. “It is a fight I would take on again without hesitation because all 1.4 million residents of Nassau County deserve fair, equitable and responsive representation.”

Legislator Davis Joins Rules Committee - A Key Government Oversight Platform

At the start of 2025, Legislator Davis was named to the Nassau County Legislature’s influential Rules committee.

In his new role, Legislator Davis will call upon his more than 30 years of experience as an attorney and litigator, as well as his past tenures as a Commissioner for the Nassau County Civil Service Commission and the Nassau County Assessment Review Commission, to vet proposed legislation and contracts that are critical to the County’s operations.

“By analyzing the most consequential actions that come before the Legislature, the Rules committee provides a vital service to the 1.4 million residents of this County,” Legislator Davis said. “I am committed to closely scrutinizing the contracts that are presented to ensure they are the best use of taxpayer dollars, and I will continue to advocate for the enactment of sound legislation and the preservation of our crucial role as a coequal branch of government. I thank Minority Leader Delia DeRiggi-Whitton for giving me the opportunity to serve the residents of Nassau County through this new assignment.”

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Suing to Disband Blakeman’s ‘Militia’

Democratic lawmakers on the Legislature’s Public Safety committee - led by Legislator Davis and Alternate Deputy Minority Leader Debra Mulé - sued County Executive Blakeman on Feb. 4 to challenge his creation of an illegal taxpayer-funded civilian militia.

Represented by Kelner & Kelner, Esqs. and the Free and Fair Litigation Group, Legislator Davis and his colleagues are seeking to block the Blakeman administration from deputizing private citizens as “special sheriff’s deputies” and using public funds for a program that lacks transparency, oversight, and legal authority.

Specifically, the suit alleges that County Executive Blakeman does not have the power to create an armed civilian force under New York County Law §655 and accuses Blakeman of violating the Freedom of Information Law by ignoring formal requests by Democratic legislators for basic information about the controversial program.



Fighting to Repeal, Refund Illegal Red Light Camera Fees

In December, Legislator Davis joined his Democratic colleagues in unveiling the “Fair Fees and Accountability Act,” which would permanently repeal excessive and illegal red-light camera fees and create a blueprint for refunding drivers.

Spearheaded by Legislator Seth Koslow, the Fair Fees Accountability Act would ensure Nassau County drivers receive justice by creating a dedicated fund in the budget. Upon enactment, drivers would receive reimbursements for the excessive fees they were forced to pay, and an independent oversight committee would manage the refund process to ensure transparency and prevent political interference. Unfortunately, to date, County Executive Blakeman and the Republican Majority have refused to consider the proposal.



\$50K Grant Secured For The Interfaith Nutrition Network

Legislator Davis and former Legislator Siela A. Bynoe - now a New York State Senator - secured a \$50,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant to support the Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN) and its ongoing philanthropic mission of serving the most vulnerable residents of Nassau County and the greater region. The Legislature voted unanimously on Wednesday, Nov. 20 in favor of awarding the grant to the not-for-profit organization, which started as a small soup kitchen in 1983 and has since grown to become a regional network of soup kitchens to feed, clothe and shelter Long Islanders in need.

