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The First Legislative District is comprised of the Incorporated Villages of Rockville Centre and Hempstead.

Supporting Wildfire First Responders

On Super Bowl Sunday, Legislator Davis partnered with the Village of Rockville Centre, the Rockville Centre Fire Department, Rockville Centre PBA, American Legion Post 303 and the Rockville Centre Chamber of Commerce to support Operation ReSupply with a successful food, toiletry and clothing drive at the Associated supermarket.

Spearheaded by Nassau Detectives' Association Sergeant at Arms Joe Philbin, Operation ReSupply was launched to support first responders and military families affected by the devastating California wildfires – and Rockville Centre came through, packing a van with donations in support of this important cause.



Commemorating MLK Day in RVC

Legislator Davis joined with the Rockville Centre community and his colleagues in village government on Monday, Jan. 20 to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at Rockville Centre's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. The standing-room-only event included inspiring speeches from a multigenerational roster of speakers, performances in honor of Dr. King's legacy, and a community meal. Legislator Davis currently serves as Vice President of the RVC Friends of MLK, a not-for-profit organization which is dedicated to supporting and fostering youth, adult, senior, and community programming for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center.



Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

Legislator Davis proudly marched in the Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 22 - marking the culmination of many months of fundraising in support of SIBSPlace, the Remember Nolan Project, and the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust. Congratulations to Grand Marshal Suzanne Murphy Sullivan for leading this tradition into a new year!



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 \$117,652 For New RVC FD Ambulance

In February, Legislator Davis and Alternate Deputy Minority Leader Debra Mulé visited the Rockville Centre Fire Department to present a \$117,652 grant to the Incorporated Village of Rockville Centre for the purchase of a new ambulance. The Legislature voted unanimously on Monday, Dec. 16, in favor of releasing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in support of this investment in public safety.



“As a Rockville Centre resident, I am committed to ensuring the brave men and women who serve and protect our community are optimally equipped to respond to emergencies,” Legislator Davis said. “I was proud to support our first responders with these resources and am grateful to Alternate Deputy Minority Leader Mulé for her partnership in this vital endeavor. Thank you to Floodlight Company No. 1 Captain and Paramedic Dave Schowerer and Rockville Centre Fire Chiefs Scott Mohr, Tony Rugolo, and Pat Healey for your continued service to the community!”

“Scott Davis stepped up to the plate with Debra Mulé to deliver these funds for our Village,” Mayor Francis X. Murray, who additionally serves as a volunteer firefighter and EMT, said. “The residents and business owners of Rockville Centre are grateful for this grant and the hard work that the Legislators are continuing to put forth to secure additional resources for our first responders.”

“For a small village, Rockville Centre gets a tremendous number of calls – the fire department answered over 3,700 calls and EMS got 2,300 calls, so we’re always looking for ways to better service the community,” Captain Schowerer, a paramedic who leads Floodlight Company No. 1, said. “We’ve been very inventive in Rockville Centre, and we plan to use that inventively on the new ambulances to improve patient care for our Village residents.”

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.



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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.”

\$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.

