



## Dear Neighbor,

This September marks 20 years since the attacks on September 11, 2001. It was a very solemn day for me as I attended memorial events throughout the Assembly District. We remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice on that fateful day and their display of the utmost courage and heroism. Although two decades have gone by, the magnitude of their sacrifice will not be forgotten nor that of the first responders we have lost since due to related illnesses. I will forever share my gratitude and offer my support to the first responders and veterans who have devoted themselves to defending this great nation and helped us prevail over this devastating tragedy. I wish the affected families peace during this very difficult time.

**NEW YORK STATE HURRICANE IDA RESOURCES:**

Please refer to <https://www.ny.gov/ida>, which has links to resources with FEMA, NYS, and local governments. This page can be translated into many different languages if needed.

- NYS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES:** Constituents looking to reach out to the NYS Department of Financial Services for questions about their current insurance policy and coverage, can use the DFS Hotline at (800) 455-6439.
- A link to the GIS flood and disaster resource page can be found here:** [https://www.dfs.ny.gov/assessments/faq\\_for\\_homeowners/disaster\\_flood](https://www.dfs.ny.gov/assessments/faq_for_homeowners/disaster_flood). This page has links to brochures and other helpful resources for constituents.
- FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FROM FEMA:** Constituents seeking financial assistance from FEMA, can apply directly for assistance through the FEMA website and find other FEMA resources here: <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/individual>. They can also register for assistance by calling 1-800-425-3332.

Individuals may apply for this disaster assistance whether they have insurance or not. Registering online is the fastest way to access FEMA assistance. Not only can you register here, but you can also check the status of your claim and upload the requested documents.

**CONSTITUENTS SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AVAILABLE WHEN THEY REGISTER:**

- Name and SSN of the primary applicant.
- Name and SSN of dependent applicants (encouraged but not required).
- Current and pre-disaster address.
- Name of all occupants of the pre-disaster household.
- Current contact information.
- Type of insurance held by the household.
- Household pre-disaster annual gross income.
- Banking information for direct deposit of financial assistance, if requested.

KEITH P. BROWN

### What we worked on over the summer:

I am still working every day to have the voices of our families heard over the bureaucratic noise in Albany and look to continuing this momentum right through to the beginning of the new legislative session this January.

I have been working on drafting amendments to the poorly-written Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act, which passed last session, to further protect our community and our children. I'm continuing to urge our local towns and cities to "opt out" until further research and data is shown on how this legislation will affect our communities.

The Long Island Delegation also remained steadfast in our commitment to putting the pressure on Tom Falcone and the LIPA Board of Trustees regarding rewriting and extending the current contract with PSEG-Long Island.

More recently, my colleagues and I worked to secure FEMA emergency disaster funding for affected areas by Hurricane Ida in both Nassau and Suffolk counties this past August.

### Committee Meetings Attended:

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, I attended Judiciary Committee meetings regarding the Impeachment of former Gov. Andrew Cuomo and continue the investigation into the Nursing Home Deaths and the Book Deal.

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, I attended the Special Session of the Assembly called by the Governor regarding the extension of the eviction moratorium in New York State. I advocated and voted *against* the extension for a variety of reasons. Go to my Facebook page to see the video of the Floor Debate.

I submitted questions for the August 9th Assembly Energy Committee meeting regarding the extension of PSEG-LI's contract with LIPA.

I attended the Minority Conference Roundtables discussing the impact of the Climate and Community Investment Act on the future of both our district and New York State as a whole. Here in our district, I've continued to attend meetings of the Heroin Prevention Task Force and the Northport Drug and Alcohol Task Force to address and work to rectify the opioid crisis on Long Island.

### Press Conferences:

On July 16th, I attended a press conference held by Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio to advocate against mandatory vaccines for SUNY and CUNY students, raising concern for worried parents and guardians.

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, I attended a press conference held by Congressman Lee Zeldin to advocate against the Governor's plan to fire unvaccinated health care workers, despite the impact on our healthcare system.

### Co-Sponsoring New Legislation:

This summer, I became a co-sponsor on A8057, an act to standardize Public Charging Stations for electric vehicles.

### Letters Written and Co-signed:

I signed on to a letter to then Gov. Andrew Cuomo regarding the disproportionate rate Long Island electric ratepayers would pay to cover the cost of the offshore wind turbine installation and for a new payment structure to be created.

I signed an additional letter to Gov. Hochul demanding a more robust program for electric vehicle charger installation along all major roads, especially upstate.

I signed on to letter to Gov. Hochul and then Gov. Cuomo regarding the healthcare worker vaccine mandate, and raising alarm for the already strained industry.

I followed up on a letter sent to all towns and villages on Long Island urging them to "opt-out" of the MRTA legislation by December 31.

### Meetings:

July 7th: Zoom with LIPA President Tom Falcone for further questions regarding the upcoming contract negotiations with PSEG-Long Island.

July 13th: Attended a Zoom webinar regarding anti-Asian discrimination, which has been on the rise since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

July 15th: Spoke with Stephanie Marquesano, who testified against the proposed combining of the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports and the NYS Office of Mental Health.

July 28th: Attended a Zoom meeting regarding the proposal of a rail removal waste system and construction of new comprehensive recycling plant in Yaphank to combat the ever growing problem of proper waste disposal on Long Island.

August 11th: Attended the LIPA Board of Trustee Zoom meeting to continue to advocate for a termination of its current contract with PSEG-Long Island and work towards becoming a public utility.

August 19th: Attended the Save the Great South Bay meeting to address the current environmental issues surrounding the bay.

August 24th and 25th: Attended a meeting with the Empire Center, an independent research center, who released a series of three reports regarding the investigation into former Gov. Cuomo and the nursing home death scandal following the March 25, 2020 mandate.

September 15th: Attended a Zoom meeting with Town of Huntington Supervisor Chad Lupinacci regarding various legislation to assist the Town of Huntington.

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, called for the resignation of embattled Commissioner of the State Department of Health, Dr. Howard Zucker.

**AVAILABLE RESTAURANTS AND BARS**

GOVERNMENTS ON EVERY LEVEL FROM LOCAL TO FEDERAL ARE OFFERING RELIEF PROGRAMS AND GRANTS THAT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO UTILIZE.

**FEDERAL RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND**

- Restaurants, bars and taverns are eligible to apply
- \$2.4 billion in available grants
- Maximum award of \$50 million per business
- Applications accepted until January 15, 2021

LINK: [www.dhs.gov/restaurants](https://www.dhs.gov/restaurants)

**SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

- Restaurants that provide meals for distressed or underrepresented communities
- \$25 million in grants

LINK: End of year (Grants will be published soon)

**RESTAURANT RETURN TO WORK TAX CREDIT**

- \$55 million in state tax credits for restaurants

LINK: End of year

**SUFFOLK COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

- Restaurants, bars, taverns, pubs, bars, bars with fewer than 50 employees in the towns of Riverhead and Southold or in parts of East Hampton, Southampton, Southampton and Shelter Point
- \$100,000 in available grants with a maximum of \$25,000

LINK: [suffolkcounty.ny.gov](https://suffolkcounty.ny.gov)

**FEDERAL RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND**

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?** Restaurants, food trucks/stands, catering, bars, licensed beverage facilities, bakeries, wineries, breweries

**HOW DO YOU APPLY?** Online application portal. Documents required: Verification for tax identification, IRS form 1099-T, Gross receipts documentation

**WHAT IS SET ASIDE?** \$5 billion for applicants with 2019 gross receipts not more than \$10M. \$4 billion for applicants with 2019 gross receipts from \$10M - 1.5M. \$300 million for applicants with 2019 gross receipts not more than \$10M.

**WHAT CAN YOU USE THE FUNDS FOR?** Payroll, mortgage obligations, rent payments, debt service, utilities, maintenance, construction of outdoor seating, supplies, food and beverage expenses, operating expenses.

**STATE BAR RESTAURANT RECOVERY FUND**

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?** Full-service restaurants and bars that engage in providing food services and meals prepared on premises to patrons who traditionally order and serve while seated. Franchises are not eligible. Current have \$1 million in 2019 revenue.

**HOW DO YOU APPLY?** Available online at [recovery.fund.ny.gov](https://recovery.fund.ny.gov). Documents required: government issued photo ID for every owner 20 percent or more federal business tax return, 2020 YTD income statement, copy of U.S. business, last and proof of COVID related expenditures.

**GRANT INFORMATION** Maximum of \$10. Majority and women owned business enterprises are encouraged to apply. Grants are applied on a reimbursement basis. Improvements/equipment that will help allow social distancing guidelines, expand take-out, accommodate outdoor dining, improvement for water runoff.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?** Businesses up to 50 employees, up to \$5M. Businesses with 11-50 employees, up to \$10M. Gyms, hair salons & barbers, nail salons, restaurants and taverns.

**HOW DO YOU APPLY?** Posted on 8002 page of Suffolk website. Reviewed on first come, first serve basis. Incomplete applications are ignored and resound to the end of the line.

### Events Around the District:

Attended the June 27th renaming of Dix Hills Park in honor of Toni and Phil Tepe, prominent members of the Town of Huntington.

Attended the June 28th dedication of the Huntington Town Recycling Center for the late Ernesto Chea.

On July 24 and 25th I completed a "bar and restaurant walk" in the district to inform owners and managers of the available programs and funding they could benefit from as we rebuild from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Continued to meet with constituents, both in person and through four "Coffee with Keith" Zoom events, this past summer to talk about various issues they wanted to raise.

Introductory meeting with the President of SUNY Farmingdale, Dr. Nadar, and took a tour of the campus to learn further about the future of the university.

Attended multiple districtwide 9/11 memorial ceremonies to commemorate and honor those lost on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

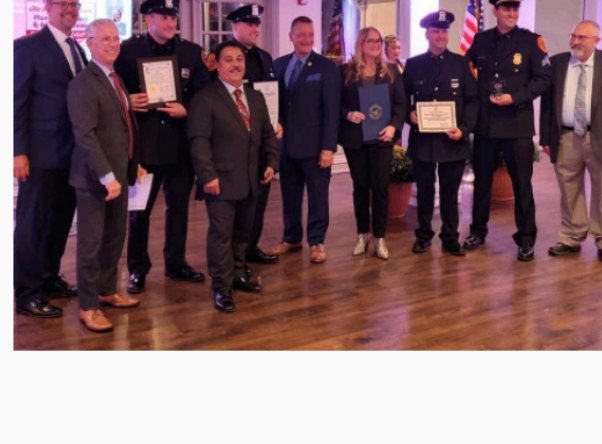
On September 14th, awarded Brentwood Library with \$25,000 grant to utilize for improvements and the creation of more programs for the community, while receiving a tour.

On September 18th held a sports equipment drive at the Moose Lodge in Greenlawn.

On September 21st and 22th testified at the Northport Village Board and the Town of Smithtown, respectively, to urge them to "Opt-Out" of the MRTA legislation until we learn more about how the legislation will affect our communities.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, attend a ceremony renaming a street in honor of my friend and community activist Dolores Thompson to "Dee Thompson Way".

Awarded certificates to students who went above and beyond this summer for reading for 600+ hours.



### Look out for upcoming events hosted by our office in your community this fall:

October 16th Local Food Drive: Saturday, in front of Northport Meat Farms (395 Fort Salonga Road).

November 6th Women of Distinction Brunch and Ceremony.

### SEEKING HIGH SCHOOL HEROES: Do you know a high school student in our district who goes above and beyond on behalf of their community?

You can nominate them for special recognition from Assemblyman Brown and the NYS Assembly. We are accepting nominations for outstanding students for two awards. Eligible nominees for the Perseverance Award for a student that has overcome a struggle in their life and prevailed and the Civic Pride Award for a student that has demonstrated an example of pride in their community.

Please send a small paragraph and a photograph of the student via my Assembly email at [brownk@nyassembly.gov](mailto:brownk@nyassembly.gov) or mail to my office! Two students will be selected from time to time to be featured on the New York State Assembly website.

### SEEKING HOMETOWN HEROES: Do you know a current member of the armed services or former veteran from our community?

You can nominate them for special recognition from Assemblyman Brown and the NYS Assembly. We are accepting nominations for any current or former serviceman or woman for their outstanding sacrifice to our country.

Please send a small paragraph and a photograph of our Hometown Hero via my Assembly email at [brownk@nyassembly.gov](mailto:brownk@nyassembly.gov) or mail to my office! They will be selected from time to time to be featured on the New York State Assembly website.