



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

John E. Brooks

Senator Brooks Memorializes Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. Brooks Begins His Work Groups for Long Island

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(Long Island, NY) - In his first ever press conference, and to honor the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Senator John E. Brooks announced the planning of his Work Groups. These, work groups will allow Senator Brooks to be directly in contact with residents of the district and will allow them to participate in their government. Each person involved with a work group will aid Senator Brooks in his efforts to serve the people of Long Island.

"I believe that community engagement is the cornerstone of democracy and a key to opening doors to neighborhoods. I chose today to publicly announce the planning of my work groups to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a person who put the community first. Each of these work groups will help to produce reports, which will identify an issue in the district, and provide a solution to the problem. These volunteers will have an opportunity to be the soul to most of the legislation I will introduce while in Albany," **stated Senator Brooks.**

One of the volunteers for Senator Brooks' work group is a popular village mayor. Mayor Robert T. Kennedy, of Freeport, who recently announced plans to address flooding issue on the south shore of Long Island, will lead the mitigation work group.

"I gladly accept the chair position of Senator Brooks' mitigation work group, and I look forward assisting the Nassau County waterfront community. A successful flood mitigation program will result in lower insurance rates and increased home / property values," **stated Mayor Kennedy.**

While these work groups will address a series of issues, Senator Brooks will begin his focus on - fixing the assessment problem and cutting property taxes, elections reform, emergency management, employment/job fairs, the environment, fire services, protecting Long Islands' ground water, hunger and humanitarian, law enforcement, mass transit (LIRR/MTA), mitigation, the opioid epidemic, and veterans affairs.

Senator Brooks' District Director Tammie Williams will be assisting the Senator in this effort.

"I am honored to be here today with Senator Brooks, Mayor Kennedy, and Patrick Yngstrom. Pat, a veteran who served our country with honor, and served Veterans in the past as director of Veterans Service Agency for Nassau County will lead Senator Brooks' Veteran work group. We are fortunate to have such leaders volunteer their time. These work groups are starting from scratch as no records were left from the previous Senator from the 8th Senate District. That is why today I want to be certain that every resident in the district knows we are here for him or her. You can email the Senator at Brooks@NYSeante.gov or call his office at 516-882-0630," **Stated Ms. Williams.**

Senator Brooks represents the South Shore of Eastern Nassau and Western Suffolk counties of Long Island, including Freeport, Merrick, Roosevelt, Bellmore, Wantagh, Jones Beach Island, Seaford, East Massapequa, Massapequa, Amityville, East Farmingdale, Wyandanch and Lindenhurst. Ranking Member on the Senate's Agriculture Committee and Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. He is also a Member of Housing, Construction and Community Development Committee, Insurance Committee, Local

Governments Committee, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Committee, and the Education Committee. His district office is located at 5550 Merrick RD, Suite 205, Massapequa, NY 11758,