

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR Andrea Stewart-Cousins

Senate Democratic Majority Unanimously Re-elects Andrea Stewart-Cousins As Senate President Pro Tempore And Majority Leader

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(Albany, NY)- Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins was today unanimously reelected by her Democratic Conference colleagues as Senate President Pro Tempore and Majority Leader. Senator Stewart-Cousins has served as Leader of the Senate Democratic Conference since December 2012, and was the first woman and African American woman to be elected as a Conference Leader in New York State history. Following the 2018 Elections and the strong Democratic Majority elected by New York voters, Andrea Stewart-Cousins became the first woman and African American woman to lead a New York State Legislative Majority.

"I am honored and humbled to be re-elected by my Democratic colleagues to continue my service as Majority Leader of the New York State Senate," Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said. "During our first session as the Democratic Majority, we enacted historic legislation to protect and expand New Yorkers' rights and build a stronger and fairer state for all residents. The voters clearly supported our efforts and agenda as they elected the largest majority in Senate history and the first modern Democratic supermajority. We will use this mandate to help lead New York State forward as we address the ongoing pandemic and rebuild from this economic crisis."

Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins has kept her Leadership team together and reappointed Senator Michael Gianaris as Deputy Majority Leader and Chair of the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee.

Majority Leader Stewart Cousins also reappointed Senator Jose M. Serrano as Chair of the Majority Conference.