



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Community Update: Election Reforms & Coat Drive

SHELLEY B. MAYER January 15, 2022

Dear Friends,

On Monday, we will reflect on the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. During these tumultuous times, let us find strength in his words – “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

My heart goes out to all those affected by the devastating fire in the Bronx last week that claimed the lives of 17 people. This week, I collected donations from many of you to organizations assisting the victims. The generosity of our community continues to be overwhelming! If you would like to donate, please consider contributing to the [Bronx Fire Relief Fund](#) or [The Bronx Community Foundation](#).

The legislative session is officially underway. On Monday, we held the first Senate Education Committee meeting of 2022. The Senate, as is traditional, passed important election reforms on the first day of session, which are described below. Next week, Governor Kathy Hochul will present her proposed State budget to the legislature. I look forward to seeing the details and discussing the proposals with you, my constituents, and with my colleagues.

On Saturday, January 29, my Youth Advisory Council will hold its 2nd Annual Coat & Diaper Drive at Port Chester Village Hall. This event will benefit The Sharing Shelf. Needed items include new or gently used coats, diapers, baby wipes, and face masks. I hope you will consider stopping by!

As always, if there is anything my office can assist you with, please email me at [smayer@nysenate.gov](mailto:smayer@nysenate.gov) or call (914) 934-5250.

Warm regards,

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