



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Kevin Thomas on Proposed 2023 One-House Budget Resolution

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### **SENATOR KEVIN THOMAS ON PROPOSED 2023 ONE-HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION:**

*Sen. Thomas Successfully Fighting for ALL Long Islanders*

(ALBANY, NY) - New York State Senator Kevin Thomas (D-Nassau County) is proud to announce details of the one-house budget resolution that is a clear win for Long Island.

Recognizing the importance of local input and the need to listen to those who know their communities best, Senator Thomas worked with local leaders to come up with a housing plan that works for Long Island. To address the State's housing affordability crisis, Senator Thomas successfully negotiated a plan giving local municipalities the control they need to make decisions on zoning, and allocating \$500 million as a starting point to incentivize our towns and villages to make the necessary improvements to build.

**Senator Kevin Thomas said,** "I believe these modifications will reduce costs, improve our quality of life and keep Nassau County residents safe. After hearing from constituents, we are instead proposing an increase in State assistance to incentivize municipalities to achieve realistic target housing goals."

Senator Thomas and the Senate Democratic Majority are also working to reduce fiscal stress on Nassau County residents by:

- **Omitting the proposed “Payroll Mobility Tax” that would unfairly burden residents of Long Island.**
- **Scrapping mandatory housing requirements and overrides of local zoning.**
- Rejecting tuition increases for CUNY/SUNY schools.
- Funding the Universal School Meal Program to allow more students to qualify for free school meals.
- Increasing State aid to localities and school districts.

Senator Thomas will continue advocating for more investments that boost Long Island businesses and protect local resources, including moving forward with plans to build a new Belmont Park, increasing Long Island South Shore Estuary funding to \$5 million, and allocating an additional \$100 million for Clean Water Infrastructure Act.

*The one-house budget resolution serves as the Senate’s proposal for the state budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which will be finalized in the coming weeks.*

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