



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Michael Gianaris

In Historic Vote, Senate Elevates First Woman to Lead a Legislative Chamber; Senator Gianaris to Serve as Highest Ranking Senator from NYC

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ALBANY, N.Y. – In an historic vote, the New York State Senate elected Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins to lead the Senate as Majority Leader, the first woman to lead a legislative chamber in New York State history. Senator Michael Gianaris will serve as Deputy Majority Leader, the second-highest ranking officer in the Senate.

“I am honored to be selected for this role by Leader Stewart-Cousins and look forward to working with her to deliver a more progressive New York,” said **Senator Michael Gianaris, Deputy Majority Leader**. “I am eager to dive into our agenda and deliver results for western Queens and all New Yorkers.”

Senator Gianaris will be the highest-ranking member of the State Senate from New York City and the second-highest ranking member of the Senate. In his new role, Senator Gianaris will play a critical role in crafting policy in the Senate leadership and will be responsible for managing the legislative agenda on the floor of the Senate.

Photos of today’s swearing-in and vote on the Senate floor will be available at gianaris.nysenate.gov.

A video of Senator Gianaris’ floor speech nominating Leader Stewart-Cousins is available here: https://youtu.be/Ur9PZT_XsvY