



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Andrea Stewart-Cousins

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and State Senator Shelley B. Mayer Hold Yonkers Town Hall: 2019 Legislative Session Wrap-Up

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YONKERS, NY – On Thursday, August 15, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and State Senator Shelley B. Mayer held a Town Hall at Yonkers Riverfront Library to share the achievements and challenges of the 2019 Legislative Session. Nearly 100 attendees had the opportunity to hear from the State Senators about laws passed this year in Albany and how they will impact Westchester communities.

Local residents shared their support of and concerns for a wide range of issues including:

Education

Environmental conservation

Criminal justice reform

Health care

Immigrant rights

Election law reforms

Animal welfare and rights

Despite a busy schedule, Leader Stewart-Cousins believes these Town Halls are vital. “I am honored to represent my Westchester constituents. Even with all of the technology increasingly available, there is no substitute for face-to-face meetings with the people whom I’m privileged to serve. My constituents are my number one priority, and I look forward to returning to Albany to fight for our most important shared values,” said Leader Stewart-Cousins.

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer (D-Westchester) said, “I am glad to co-host a series of Town Halls throughout Westchester with my dear friend and colleague, Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. The new State Senate Majority Conference led one of the most progressive and productive legislative sessions in state history, and it’s important to meet face to face with my constituents and discuss what we were able to get done and to hear from them about priorities for the upcoming session.”

Together with their colleagues, Leader Stewart-Cousins and Senator Mayer were able to deliver historic reforms that New Yorkers had been demanding for years, including tougher gun laws, affordable housing and tenant protections, voting and ethics reforms, action on climate change, and stronger protections for women’s rights.

Last week's Yonkers Town Hall kicked off Leader Stewart-Cousins' series of Town Halls, the next of which will take place on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at the Remington Boys & Girls Club in New Rochelle.

See the Fios 1 News video regarding the Yonkers Town Hall [here](#).

About New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins

In 2019, Andrea Stewart-Cousins made history when she became the first woman to lead a legislative house in New York's Capitol. Stewart-Cousins was elected by her colleagues to serve as Leader of the Senate Democratic Conference in December 2012, becoming the first female leader of a legislative conference in New York State history. She was first elected to the State Senate in 2006 and currently represents Greenburgh, part of White Plains, part of New Rochelle, part of Yonkers and Scarsdale. Learn more about Leader Stewart-Cousins [here](#).

About State Senator Shelley B. Mayer

Senator Mayer was elected to the New York State Senate to represent the 37th District in an April 2018 Special Election, and she was subsequently re-elected in November 2018. The 37th State Senate District includes the Cities of Yonkers, White Plains, Rye and New Rochelle; the Towns of Bedford, Eastchester, Harrison, North Castle, Mamaroneck, and Rye; the Villages of Bronxville, Larchmont, Harrison, Mamaroneck, Port Chester, Rye Brook, and Tuckahoe; and the unincorporated places of Katonah, Bedford Hills, and Armonk. Prior to her time in the State Senate, she served in the State Assembly for six years representing the City of Yonkers in the 90th Assembly District. Click [here](#) to read more about Senator Mayer.