



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Andrea Stewart-Cousins

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

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**NEW ROCHELLE, NY** – On Thursday, Sept. 12, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and State Senator Shelley B. Mayer held a Town Hall at Remington Boys & Girls Club in New Rochelle to share the achievements and challenges of the 2019 Legislative Session.

"This past Legislative Session saw historic and transformative action in the State Senate, and I want to make sure my constituents have every opportunity to learn about what we accomplished in Albany," Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said. "This Town Hall gave Senator Shelley Mayer and me the opportunity to hear directly from local residents about their concerns and priorities, and to share what actions we took to improve the lives of Westchester and New York residents this past Session. I will continue discussing the issues that matter to my local communities and working to ensure the State Senate addresses these priorities over the coming Legislative Session."

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer (D-Westchester) said, "I am always glad to see a room full of engaged and vocal community members. A critical part of our job as legislators is to routinely meet with constituents, get feedback from them about the most important issues impacting their lives, and identify the state's role in finding a solution. I know both Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and I deeply value these Town Hall events and use the feedback we gather to inform our path forward on issues that we will prioritize in the upcoming session."

The New Rochelle Town Hall was the State Senators' second one in a series scheduled in Westchester County. Nearly one hundred 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:

**Gun safety legislation**

**Education**

**Vaccines**

**Affordable housing**

**Con Edison natural gas moratorium**

**Economic development**

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.

### **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.](#)