

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

## Kevin Thomas

## Lawmakers Announce Legislation to Expand the Nassau County Senior Tax Exemption

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NASSAU COUNTY, NY (March 15, 2022) — New York State Assembly Member Michaelle Solages (AD-22) held a press conference on Wednesday, March 16th with State Senator Kevin Thomas (SD-6) to announce bipartisan legislation, that would increase the allowable income for the county Senior Property Tax Exemption (S.8388/A.5100).

"It isn't unusual for a Nassau County Resident to owe \$15,000 a year in property taxes alone. We must provide relief for our seniors who struggle to make ends meet while living paycheck to paycheck on social security or disability insurance. That is why I have introduced a piece of legislation with my colleague Senator Kevin Thomas that will lower property taxes for residents who are eldery or have disabilities. This property tax relief is available to the residents of Queens who live just a few miles away, so I see no reason why it should not be available to the residents of Nassau County," **stated Assemblymember Michaelle C. Solages, Assembly Deputy Majority Leader.** 

This piece of legislation will provide a 50% property tax assessment reduction for seniors and people with disabilities who earn less than \$50k per year. Additionally, the bill would provide relief to over 8,000 households in Nassau County who are paying ever-increasing property taxes while living on social security benefits or disability insurance.

"With higher than average health expenses and steady increases in the cost of living, senior and disabled homeowners are fighting harder than ever to make ends meet and still pay their property taxes. Our seniors deserve meaningful relief, NOW," **said Senator Kevin Thomas.** "The Senior Property Tax Assessment Reduction Bill will bring needed property tax relief for thousands of seniors in Nassau County. I am proud to sponsor this legislation in the Senate, and I thank Assemblymember Solages for her dedicated advocacy on behalf of our seniors."

The legislation was first introduced in 2019 with bipartisan support from Assemblyman Ed Ra (AD-19). Currently, the bills are in the Aging committees of the respective chambers.

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