

# REPRESENTATION

Through the office of State Senator Brian A. Benjamin, we are a representative voice for the young adult community in our district on local and state matters.

## "S.O.S. (Save Our Selves) Millennial Leadership Conference" December 16, 2017

Through the "Millennial Power", "Community Organizing 101," and "Dream Chasers" panel discussions; a concert; local art; and a conversation with Senator Brian Benjamin, the Task Force **inspired and empowered young adults to participate in civic engagement, create positive change in their lives and their neighborhoods, and to shift the status quo in local government.**

*"S.O.S. Millennial Leadership Conference was successful because it allowed for the community to engage in their civic duty as well as indulge in the creativity of their community."*

- **Margarita Cruz, Task Force Next Member**



*"The Millennial Leadership Conference was a refreshing civic engagement experience. From the thoughtfulness of the questions asked to the opportunity to build new relationships with community members, it was a welcoming space and has inspired me to work towards making a deeper impact in my community."*

- **Carmen Dixon, Community Organizing 101 Panelist**



*"I want to thank NYS Senator Brian Benjamin and his staff for having the vision to engage the millennial population through artistic expression, engaging panelists and showcasing their leadership in the community. Millennials are the largest voting population and the new generation of entrepreneurs who are looking for panels that speak to their experience. Senator Benjamin and his Millennial Task Force should be the model for others to engage this generation's leaders' to progress our community forward."*

**- Martha Ayon, Dream Chasers Panelist**



## **"What Happens Next?" Immigration Information Panel**

**June 23, 2018**

*"The panel was an open discussion on the current state of America's political immigration climate with an immigration lawyer (from CUNY Citizenship Now!) and an undocumented youth (from Atlas DIY)."*

**- Kaira Batiz, Task Force Next Member**

Preceding the panel event, Senator Brian A. Benjamin led a **#KeepFamiliesTogether** rally against the separation of immigrant youth from their families by the Trump administration.

