



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Crafting a State budget is never just about numbers. It is about people.

In her first Executive Budget as the first woman elected Governor of New York, Governor Hochul set bold priorities for the State, and the Division of the Budget went to work developing a Budget to best meet the needs of the people it serves.

This Executive Budget considers every resident: senior New Yorkers, looking to age with independence and respect; parents, seeking affordable housing and accessible childcare; workers, needing increased protections and higher wages; veterans, needing care and support; children, who for generations to come, need sustainable solutions to mental health services, gun violence, enriching education and professional opportunities; and so many more.

This is a Budget that invests in today as well as for future generations, for years to come. This is a proposal to build a stronger, safer New York that is accessible for all.

It is government's responsibility to provide quality, affordable access to mass transit and transportation; education and job opportunities; clean air and healthy foods; physical and mental health care; and healthy environments in which every New Yorker can work, live, and play.

After what has been a tumultuous period of uncertainty, government must work more effectively and above all, deliver on its promises. Governor Hochul has identified key areas to support all New Yorkers as we collectively face global economic and civil concerns, yet maintain a strong desire to live well, safely, and vibrantly in our beautiful State.

Governor Hochul's Executive Budget proposes a convergence of renewal and reservation; a budget that expects to see the State's best days while ensuring there are plans for economic uncertainty.

Heading into its 97th year delivering the Executive Budget, and in lockstep with Governor Hochul's vision and our partners around the State, the Division of the Budget is taking an innovative approach; a deep dive into what matters most for every New Yorker – Senior New Yorkers, New York's Households, New York's Young Adults, New York's Business Owners and Employees, the Future of New York, Marginalized New Yorkers, New York's Veterans, and everyone in between – this Executive Budget meets New Yorkers where they live, work and enjoy; to ensure no New Yorker is left behind.

Because it is every New Yorker, as they are, that makes New York great.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra L. Beattie".

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