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Crystal Peoples-Stokes - Assembly District 141

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- *Assembly Majority Leader*
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 - *Committee on Rules*
 - *Committee on Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, & Asian Legislative Caucus*
 - *Legislative Women's Caucus*
 - *Task Force on Women's Issues*

In December 2018, Speaker Carl Heastie elevated Assemblywoman Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes to the position of Majority Leader of the New York State Assembly and she simultaneously became the first woman and African American (since the Assembly's inception in 1777) to do so. Peoples-Stokes has served Buffalo's 141st Assembly District since 2003.

An advocate with clear and principled service, she has always put people and policy before politics. She was appointed as Chair of the Assembly's Committee on Governmental Operations in 2015. This committee

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Party Affiliation:
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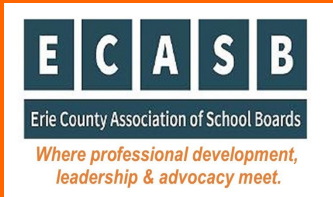
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maintains oversight on ethics reform and FOIL requests, state police, homeland security, disaster and emergency preparedness, MWBE, crime victims, human rights, and military and naval affairs. In June 2017, she was voted by her colleagues to be Chair of the New York State Legislative Women’s Caucus which is a bi-partisan and bi-cameral group. Her other memberships included serving as an inaugural member of the New York State Women’s Suffrage Commission and the New York State Women & Girls Council. She also is a member of the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian (BPRHA) Legislative Caucus.



Crystal continues to fearlessly fight for diversity in our state. She has been an integral part of ensuring that Minority and Women Owned Businesses have a fair chance in obtaining state contracts. Her Diversity in Medicine initiative has promoted entry into the medical field with academic and financial supports for promising students of color. Through a pilot program in Buffalo, a similar Teacher Diversity Pipeline initiative is currently working with teachers’ aides to help bridge the gap between their existing credentials and those required to teach in NYS.



The Majority Leader’s commitment to social justice is evident in her advancement of the community school model which provides both its students and its wider community with a wide array of vital and supportive wrap around services by maximizing existing school space. She has championed criminal justice reforms, particularly in the sealing of records for certain low level marijuana offenses. Assemblymember Peoples-Stokes sponsored and successfully passed the “Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act” (MRTA) in the NYS Assembly legalizing cannabis and repairing the disproportionate harm of drug policing in communities of color by ending marijuana prohibition.



She is a former Educator, Administrator, Community Organizer, and Erie County Legislator whose vision is to uplift, nurture and protect her constituents, the City of Buffalo, and the western New York region.