

Catherine T. Nolan

Catherine T. Nolan, Democrat, represents the 37th Assembly District in Queens County, which includes the historic New York City neighborhoods of Sunnyside, Ridgewood, Astoria, Woodside, Long Island City, Maspeth, Queensbridge, Ravenswood, Dutch Kills and Blissville. She was first elected to the Assembly in 1984. A resident of the district for most of her life, she is a graduate of St. Aloysius R.C. School and Grover Cleveland High School. Ms. Nolan graduated from New York University cum laude with a B.A. degree in Political Science. In the Legislature, Ms. Nolan was appointed to Chair the Committee on Labor in January, 1994 and currently is Chair of the Banks Committee. As Chairwoman of the Labor Committee, she led the Committee's ongoing review of workers' compensation, worker safety, protection and privacy laws. She successfully passed legislation in the Assembly to raise the minimum wage, strengthen sweatshop enforcement, tighten enforcement of unpaid wage violations, protect innocent bystanders involved in strikes and to create a special fund to investigate prevailing wage violations. Ms. Nolan also continued to focus on occupational safety and health and worker education and retraining, securing funding for several programs, including the first ever occupational safety and health clinic in Queens. She has also held hearings on such important issues as raising the minimum wage, wage and hour violations, workers' compensation, the understaffing of nurses and age discrimination in the workplace. In addition, she serves on the Ways and Means Committee, the Veterans' Affairs Committee and the Corporations, Authorities and Commissions Committee. She also serves on the Assembly Majority Steering Committee, the Rules Committee and the Human Services Budget Subcommittee. Ms. Nolan is the Assembly's representative to the MTA Capital Program Review Board, where she successfully signed the third MTA Capital Plan, driving millions of dollars to mass transit. Assemblywoman Nolan previously chaired the Real Property Taxation Committee, where she was successful in passing important legislation to save taxpayer dollars by consolidating assessing units and a bill allowing the United Nations Development Corporation to expand its New York City-based operation for UNICEF. Prior to that, she chaired the NYS Assembly Commission on State-Federal Relations, where she focused on fighting for more federal aid for public transportation. From 1987 until 1994, Ms. Nolan chaired the Subcommittee on Mass Transit; she was successful in passing laws increasing the public's participation in MTA decisions, extending the arbitration provisions for MTA's labor unions and requiring fire safety training for Triborough Bridge and Tunnel employees. She was honored by the Coalition of MTA Employee Unions and cited by the NYS Environmental Planning Lobby as a rising star for her efforts on behalf of public transit. Ms. Nolan is also the past chairperson of the Subcommittee on Women Veterans; she has worked for better medical care for women vets. She has also served on the Aging; Insurance; Consumer Protection; and Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry Committees. She obtained funds to establish a Queens Displaced Homemaker's Program. Ms. Nolan is a past chair of the New York State Legislative Women's Caucus. A Democratic District Leader since 1978, Ms. Nolan is a member of the Ridgewood Democratic Club and the West Queens Independent Democratic Club. Ms. Nolan is a member of the Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce and the Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association. She

received the Martin Luther King, Jr. award from the Long Island City/Astoria Chapter of the NAACP and has been honored by Sunnyside Community Services, Ridgewood Senior Center, Ravenswood Senior Center, the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council, Jacob Riis Settlement, NYS Jewish War Veterans, the Queens County VFW, the Residential Treatment Program at Creedmoor, the Steuben Society, Grover Cleveland High School, the Cuite Residence in Woodside, the Peter Della Monica Senior Center in Astoria, the Sunnyside Kiwanis, New York City Firefighters, the Mt. Sinai Occupational Clinic Network and New York State Public Employees. She received the David B. Kriser Medal from the NYU School of Dentistry for her support of NYC's largest dental clinic and the President's Medal from LaGuardia Community College for her support for education. Standing Committee Assignments 2001: Labor; Banks (Chair); Corporations, Authorities and Commissions; Correction; Rules; Veterans' Affairs; Ways and Means.