

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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Welcome to the Albany Common Council!

The city's legislative body, the Common Council is comprised of 15 members elected from each of the city wards, and chaired by the Common Council President, elected city wide. It is charged with setting governmental policy for New York's capital city.

As President, I am committed to our council being open and accessible to city residents. Our meetings and caucuses, as well as meetings of the standing and ad hoc committees, are open to the public. Your input is welcome and encouraged during the public comment period at all council meetings and at most committee meetings. You can find information in this brochure about when meetings take place and how to contact me and each council member. Please feel free to share with us your concerns and ideas for improving city life.

Shawn M. Morris, President

Let us know what you think

Each Common Council meeting starts with a public comment period during which you may speak on any subject related to city government. Speakers are asked to keep their remarks to five minutes and will be called in the order in which they ask to speak.

Public hearings are held on some city ordinances and take place before the public comment period. Speakers are asked to sign up to speak at the beginning of the hearing and will be called in order. The public hearing ends when all have been heard.

Speakers are encouraged, but not required, to call the Clerk's Office at 434-5090 in advance of a meeting.

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The President Pro Tem and Majority Leader are elected by the Council members at the beginning of each term. The President Pro Tem appoints standing and ad hoc committees, assigns legislation and refers legislation and other matters to those committees. The President Pro Tem is assisted by the Majority Leader in these duties.

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On the Dais

At Common Council meetings, five people sit on the dais. They are, from left: Cashawna Parker, Legislative Aide, keeps minutes of the meeting and assists speakers; John Marsolais, Clerk of the Council (and City Clerk), keeps official records; Shawn Morris, President of the Common Council; Barbara Samel, Research Counsel and Parliamentarian; Patrick Jordan, Assistant Corporation Counsel.

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