

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY
SUPPORT LEGISLATION
FEBRUARY 2, 2026

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Council Member Hoey introduced the following:

LOCAL LAW B OF 2026

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Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Albany as follows:

Section 1. Subsection (A) of section 333-36 (Application) of Article III (Senior Citizens Tax Exemption) of Chapter 333 (Taxation) of Part II (General Legislation) of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended to add a subsection (B) to read as follows:

- A. Application for such exemption must be made by the owner, or all of the owners, of the property on forms prescribed by the State Board to be furnished by the appropriate assessing authority and shall furnish the information and be executed in the manner required or prescribed in such forms and shall be filed in such Assessor's office on or before the appropriate taxable status date.
- B. Any person who has been granted exemption pursuant to this section on five (5) consecutive completed assessment rolls, including any years when the exemption was granted to a property owned by a married person or a married couple while both spouses resided in such property, shall not be subject to the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) of this subdivision provided the governing board of the municipality in which said property is situated after public hearing adopts a local law, ordinance or resolution providing therefor however said person shall be mailed an application form and a notice setting forth such person's rights. Such exemption shall be automatically granted on each subsequent assessment roll. Provided, however, that when tax payment is made by such person a sworn affidavit must be included with such payment which shall state that such person continues to be eligible for such exemption. Such affidavit shall be on a form prescribed by the commissioner. If such affidavit is not included with the tax payment, the collecting officer shall proceed pursuant to § 551-a of the Real Property Tax Law.

Section 2. This Local Law shall take effect upon final passage, public hearing, and filing with the Secretary of State and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on and after January 1, 2026.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS
30th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026**

Corporation Counsel

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Trey Kingston, Commissioner of Assessment**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **January 30, 2026**

Sponsor: **Council Member Hoey**

Local Law B of 2026

TITLE

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GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGSLATION

The City of Albany's senior citizen property tax exemption, codified at Code § 333-34 et seq., is authorized by and based upon section 467 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law. The renewal process, which is currently in place for the City of Albany, requires an annual renewal, including a State form, Federal Tax Returns, bank statements and Social Security documents. The required renewal paperwork is cumbersome to collect and important to remain protected for these property owners. State regulations require the removal of the exemption for those unable to satisfactorily submit the required documents, which would be catastrophic to the property owners' ability to age in their homes.

Adopting RPTL §467(6)(b) will allow the property owners who have received the Senior Citizen exemption for five consecutive years to forgo the formal renewal process and rather submit an affidavit of qualification which will be provided by the Department of Assessment.

The adoption of this local law into City Code will free up resources in the Department of Assessment and help Seniors receive the exemption in which they are legally entitled.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

This local law helps the City of Albany achieve in assisting seniors' ability to age in their homes. By alleviating the burden imposed by the renewal requirements, it will allow seniors to retain the exemption without multiple trips to City Hall, providing sensitive financial information, and in many cases, the loss of the exemption altogether due to potential confusion and inability to complete.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Council Member Keegan, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, Assessment and Taxation, introduced the following:

LOCAL LAW C OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 42-263 (ANNUAL SALARIES; ELECTIVE OFFICERS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO ADDING A MAJORITY WHIP POSITION FOR THE COMMON COUNCIL AND THE SALARIES OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Be it enacted, by the Common Council of the City of Albany, as follows:

Section 1. Section 42-263 (Annual salaries; elective officials) of Article XXXII (General Provisions) of Part 22 (Elective and Appointive Officers of the City of Albany) of Chapter 42 (Departments and Commissions) of Part I (Administrative Legislation) of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended as follows:

The following elective officers of the City of Albany shall receive an annual salary in the following sums, respectively:

Officer	Salary
Mayor	\$160,000.00
Chief City Auditor	\$125,000.00
Treasurer	\$125,000.00
President, Common Council	\$38,000.00
President Pro Tempore, Common Council	\$28,000.00
Majority Leader, Common Council	\$28,000.00
<u>Majority Whip, Common Council</u>	<u>\$28,000.00</u>
Member, Common Council	\$25,000.00

Section 2. This local law shall take effect upon final passage, public hearing, and filing with the Secretary of State.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Carly Johnson, Junior Legislative Aide**
Robert Wenner, Research Counsel

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **January 23, 2026**

Sponsor: **Council Member Keegan, o/b/o Finance Committee**

LOCAL LAW C OF 2026

TITLE

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GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

Per section 203 of the City Charter, “The salaries of elected officials shall be fixed by local law of the Common Council.” The Council has codified salaries for elected officials in the City Code at section 42-263, but the salaries reflected therein do not reflect the recently added leadership position, Majority Whip. This position was added in the Common Council’s Rules of Procedure that were adopted on January 5, 2026, and the position was filled by election on January 23, 2026. This legislation amends the Code to reflect the added position by amending section 1 of Local Law 9-2025.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

This legislation is necessary to comply with the City Charter, to enact the adopted Rules of Procedure, and to make updates to Code § 42-263.

The addition of this position fills a role currently empty in Common Council Leadership. The Majority Whip will be responsible for managing intercommunications between Council Leadership and other Council members, including such communications as it relates to regular and special meetings of the Council, events, legislative items, and matters of public policy. The Majority Whip will also exercise the powers granted to the Majority Leader in their absence.

FISCAL IMPACTS

No impact. Due to position vacancies in the Common Council’s 2026 Budget, there is a surplus of funds in the Salary line that will cover this increase in expenditure.

Council Members Anane, Flynn and Keegan introduced the following:

ORDINANCE 1.21.26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 251 (PARKS AND RECREATION) AND CHAPTER 232 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO COMPREHENSIVELY PROHIBITING SMOKING PRODUCTS AND LIMITING THEIR PROXIMITY TO AT-RISK POPULATIONS

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Section 251-9 (Smoking in City parks and recreational areas) of Article I (Public Grounds Designated as Parks; Government and Care of Parks and Parkways) of Chapter 251 (Parks and Recreation) of Part II (General Legislation) of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 251-9 Smoking in City parks and recreational areas.

- A. Smoking is responsible for the premature deaths of over 440,000 Americans each year from lung cancer, heart disease, and other smoking-related diseases. It kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, crack, homicide, suicide, accidents, fires and AIDS combined. Eighty percent of smokers started smoking before the age of 18, and the average initiation age is 12 years old. Each year in the United States alone, secondhand smoke is responsible for an estimated 42,000 deaths from heart disease in people who are current nonsmokers; about 3,400 lung cancer deaths in nonsmoking adults; worse asthma and asthma-related problems in up to 1,000,000 asthmatic children; between 150,000 and 300,000 lower respiratory tract infections (lung and bronchus) in children under 18 months of age, with 7,500 to 15,000 hospitalizations each year; and making children much more likely to be put into intensive care when they have the flu; they stay in the hospital longer, and they are more likely to need breathing tubes than kids who are not exposed to SHS. Cigarette butts also cause litter problems in the parks and ruin the natural atmosphere.
- B. No person shall smoke engage in smoking, vaping, or use of any combustible or electronic tobacco, nicotine, or cannabis products upon or within 50 feet of the City's parks, recreation centers, sport fields, swimming pools, or playgrounds. For purposes of this section, to "smoke" means to burn a lighted cigar, cigarette, or pipe or to use any other substance which contains tobacco.
- C. Violation of this section shall be an offense punishable by a fine of \$50. "No Smoking" or "Smoke Free" signs or the international "No Smoking symbol", or both, Appropriate signage shall be posted designating tobacco-free zones; however, the presence or absence of signs shall not be a defense to a violation of this section.

Section 2. Article VI (Smoking Near Health Care Facilities and Inside Bus Shelters) of Chapter 323 Streets and Sidewalks of Part II of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended to read as follows:

Matter in ~~strike~~~~through~~ to be deleted. Matter underlined is new material.

§ 323-96 Legislative intent

- A. The City of Albany Common Council finds that scientific studies have proven that cigarette smoking causes chronic lung disease, coronary heart disease, stroke, and cancer of the lungs, larynx, esophagus, mouth, and bladder and contributes to cancer of the cervix, pancreas, and kidneys. The use of cigars is also known to cause lung, larynx, esophageal, and oral cancer. More than 440,000 people die in the United States from tobacco-related diseases every year, making it the nation's leading cause of preventable illness. Furthermore, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has found secondhand smoke to be a risk to public health and has classified secondhand smoke as a Group A carcinogen. Exposure to secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in this country.
- B. The City of Albany Common Council further finds that as health care facilities have prohibited smoking in their facilities and directly adjacent to their building doorways, there has been a large increase in people smoking on the public streets and sidewalks adjacent to these facilities. These streets and sidewalks at times are difficult to pass through because of the number of people congregating and the clouds of smoke that fill the air. It has also become unsightly as cigarette butts are thrown all over the ground, causing a litter problem in the area. Bus shelters are also being used by smokers as shelters during inclement weather. As the area above the sidewalk is enclosed by the shelter, the smoke is dangerous to those individuals with breathing difficulties.

§ 323-97 Definitions

BUS SHELTER

Any covered structure at a bus stop, placed upon a sidewalk in the City of Albany, providing protection against the weather for people waiting for a bus.

HEALTH CARE FACILITY

For purposes of this article, the term "health care facility" shall be deemed to include a hospital as defined in § 2801 of the Public Health Law and shall also include such facilities related to the hospital as laboratories, outpatient departments, training facilities, central service facilities and staff offices.

PUBLIC PLACE

Shall mean any place open to the general public, including, for example, streets, sidewalks, playgrounds, or bus stops. For sidewalks and driveways, this shall include the curb or, if no curb, the edge of the pavement.

§ 323-98 Smoking prohibited

- A. It shall be unlawful to ~~smoke or possess burning tobacco, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, tobacco smoking devices, or any other lighted smoking equipment~~ engage in smoking, vaping, or use of any combustible or electronic tobacco, nicotine, or cannabis products within 100 feet of any building structure of a health care facility, upon any public place adjoining a health care facility, and inside of any bus shelter.

Matter in ~~strikethrough~~ to be deleted. Matter underlined is new material.

- B. Health care facilities and bus transportation providers shall post "No Smoking" or "Smoke Free" signs or the international "No Smoking" symbol, or both, in conspicuous places on their properties sufficient to provide public notice of this prohibition; however, the presence or absence of signs shall not be a defense to a violation of this section.

§ 323-99 Penalties for offenses

The presence or absence of signs shall not be a defense to a violation of this article. A person found to be in violation of § 323-98 is subject to a fine up to \$50 per violation.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days from final passage.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS
20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025**

Corporation Counsel

Matter in ~~strike~~^{through} to be deleted. Matter underlined is new material.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Alyssa Kamara, Junior Policy Analyst**

Re: **Request for Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum**

Date: **August 21, 2025**

Sponsor: **Owusu Anane, 10th Ward
Jack Flynn, 8th Ward
Meghan Keegan, 9th Ward**

ORDINANCE 1.21.26

TITLE

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GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

This ordinance clarifies existing language throughout the code to more comprehensively address tobacco, vaping, and marijuana products. Further, it further mitigates exposures to secondhand inhalation of these products for at-risk groups by limiting the proximity to which certain spaces may be smoked nearby.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND CHANGES TO EXISTING LAW

The prior language did not encompass marijuana and new products like vapes or reflect the need for distance away from parks and health care facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT(S)

Not yet determined; costs of signage on City property.

Council Member Williamson introduced the following:

ORDINANCE 2.21.26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GRANT OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 5 MILL ROAD (TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 75.00-2-8) TO NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION FOR UPGRADES TO THE NORMANSKILL GAS REGULATOR STATION PROJECT

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The City of Albany is hereby authorized to grant a permanent easement to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation for the purposes of improving its gas regulator station, over a portion of City-owned property at 5 Mill Road (tax map parcel number 75.00-2-8, also known as the Normanskill Farm) in the City of Albany, as described more fully in the proposed easement included herewith.

Section 2. The form, content, terms and conditions of such permanent easement shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Section 3. The Grantee shall not hinder, interfere with, prevent, delay, obstruct or adversely affect the Grantor in the reasonable exercise of its governmental operations or function.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS
22ND DAY OF JANUARY, 2026**

Corporation Counsel

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Martha Moscowitz, Esq., Assistant Corporation Counsel**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **January 22, 2026**

Sponsor: **Council Member John Williamson, 1st Ward**

ORDINANCE 2.21.26

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GRANT OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 5 MILL ROAD (TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 75.00-2-8) TO NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION FOR UPGRADES TO THE NORMANSKILL GAS REGULATOR STATION PROJECT

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation proposes upgrades to its Normanskill Gas Regulator Station in the City of Albany. The easement is over approximately 0.020 acres, necessary for the installation and improvement of the existing gas regulator system for the safe delivery of natural gas within Niagara Mohawk's Eastern New York gas service territory.

The proposed easement, together with a drawing provided by National Grid to the City, are included herewith. The proposed easement is attached only for reference. It must still be reviewed and approved by the relevant City departments and finally approved by Corporation Counsel's Office.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Common Council approval is required for land transactions, such as the granting of a permanent easement over municipal property.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Council Members Anane, Adams, Balarin, Brodie, Farrell, Flynn, Hoey, Johnson, Jones, Keegan, Lumpkin, Powell, Robinson, Williamson, and Zamer, with the Support of Council President Kimbrough, introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 8.21.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO RAISE THE PAN-AFRICAN FLAG ON CITY HALL ANNUALLY IN SOLIDARITY

WHEREAS, the origin of Black History Month began in 1926, over half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States, growing out of “Negro History Week,” the creation of noted historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans; and

WHEREAS, many African Americans lived, toiled, and died in obscurity, never achieving the recognition they deserved, and yet paved the way for future generations to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the celebration was born of a need to both highlight the important roles that African Americans have played in shaping American history and acknowledge the sacrifices and struggles of African Americans in the ongoing fights for civil rights, equality, justice, and racial justice; and

WHEREAS, with the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of Black identity, Black History Month or National African American History Month evolved to an annual celebration encouraging all Americans to educate themselves about the rich history and contributions of African Americans as artists, scientists, educators, business people, thinkers, faith leaders, athletes, and governmental representatives—roles that reflect the diversity and distinction of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Pan-African flag was designed to represent people of the African diaspora with its symbolism—red for both the blood shed by Africans who died in their fight for liberation and the shared blood of the African people, black for Black people, and green for growth and the natural fertility of Africa—and to symbolize Black freedom; and

WHEREAS, of its nearly 101,000 residents, 27.9% of the City’s residents are African American;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany does hereby adopt this resolution honoring Black History Month and the contributions of African-Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Albany shall raise the Pan-African flag on City Hall each February in solidarity and in recognition of Black History Month.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Bryan Jimenez, Legislative Director**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **January 13, 2026**

Sponsors: **Council Members Anane, Adams, Balarin, Brodie, Farrell, Flynn, Hoey, Johnson, Jones, Keegan, Lumpkin, Powell, Robinson, Williamson, and Zamer, with the Support of Council President Kimbrough**

RESOLUTION 8.21.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO RAISE THE PAN-AFRICAN FLAG ON CITY HALL ANNUALLY IN SOLIDARITY

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

To honor Black History Month and the contributions of African Americans and to direct the Mayor to raise the Pan-African Flag on City Hall annually in solidarity.

FISCAL IMPACTS

None.

Council Members Farrell, Adams, Anane, Balarin, Brodie, Flynn, Hoey, Johnson, Jones, Keegan, Lumpkin, Powell, Robinson, Williamson, and Zamer introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 9.21.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR AND RECOGNIZING ITS CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year falls on the second new moon after the winter solstice, landing this year on February 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, celebrations of Lunar New Year traditionally last fifteen days, ending this year with the Lantern Festival on March 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year is one of the most important celebrations among East and Southeast Asian cultures, with its origins tracing back 4,000 years ago in China; and

WHEREAS, the Asian diaspora has expanded the Lunar New Year celebration into a worldwide event, celebrated by millions of Asian-Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, preparations for Lunar New Year festivities begin with tying up loose ends in anticipation for a fresh start in the New Year with businesses balancing their books, paying off old debts, and collecting on loans and charges due; and

WHEREAS, individuals take time to reflect on misfortunes of the past and examine personal mistakes and failures to address their bad luck and negative attitudes, arriving at an optimistic approach for the future; and

WHEREAS, while celebrations of Lunar New Year are diverse, they traditionally include gatherings with friends and family for cultural performances, such as dragon dances and lantern shows, and the exchange of gifts and money to wish others good fortune, health, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Asian-Americans in Albany have generously shared their culture, allowing Albany to become a more diverse and vibrant city; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Albany Common Council joins in the celebrations of Lunar New Year and recognizes its cultural and historical significance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Albany Common Council highlights the important social, economic, and cultural contributions that Asian-Americans have made to this city; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that in observance of this Lunar New Year, the Year of the Snake, the Common Council of the City of Albany wishes all who observe this holiday a happy and prosperous year.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Bryan Jimenez, Legislative Director**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **January 24, 2025**

Sponsor: **Council Member Farrell, 13th Ward**

RESOLUTION 9.21.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR AND RECOGNIZING ITS CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

This resolution seeks to recognize the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Council Member Farrell introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 10.21.26R

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING DEIRDRE BRODIE AS
A BOARD MEMBER OF THE LARK STREET AREA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to §980-m (b) of the NYS General Municipal Law, the Common Council is authorized to make one appointment to the Board of Directors of a business improvement district management association;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Deirdre Brodie be, and hereby is, appointed as a board member of the Lark Street Area Business Improvement District Management Association to replace Richard Conti as the Common Council appointee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, unless sooner terminated, this appointment shall expire and the appointee's term shall end at such time as she shall no longer be the Council Member representing the Sixth Ward in the City of Albany.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**
From: **Carly Johnson, Junior Legislative Aide**
Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum
Date: **January 13, 2026**
Sponsor: **Council Member Farrell, 13th Ward**

RESOLUTION 10.21.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING DEIRDRE BRODIE AS A BOARD MEMBER TO THE LARK STREET AREA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

To make a Common Council appointment to the Board of Directors of the Lark Street Area Business Improvement District Management Association.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXSITING LAW

Pursuant to §980-m(b) of the NYS General Municipal Law, the Common Council is authorized to make one appointment to the Board of Directors of a business improvement district management association (a/k/a “BID Board of Directors”). Under past practice the Council has deferred such appointment to the recommendation of the Common Council Members representing the applicable BID. The current boundaries of the Lark Street BID are contained entirely within the 6th Ward represented by Council Member Brodie who has requested appointment to the Lark Street BID Board of Directors. This resolution is necessary to effectuate that request and formally appoint Council Member Conti to the Lark Street BID Board.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Council Member Derek Johnson introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 11.21.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL COMMENDING ASSEMBLYMEMBER GABRIELLA ROMERO FOR HER ADOCACY THROUGHOUT HER FIRST YEAR WITHIN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, Gabriella Romero's public service career began in 2021 when she was elected to represent the 6th Ward for the Albany Common Council after serving as a public defender; and

WHEREAS, during her time as a Council Member, she championed tenant rights, criminal justice reform, and youth recreational opportunities—unwaveringly advocating for Albany's most vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, due to her tireless efforts as a Council Member, Gabriella Romero was elected to the New York State Assembly in 2024 where she has continued to center the needs of the Albany community; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Romero has had an incredible first year in office, with both the Holocaust Memorial Bill (S.5784/A.7614) and Crime Victim Notification Bill (S.7546/A.6332A) signed by the Governor during 2025; and

WHEREAS, her advocacy within the State Legislature helped secure a historic \$400 million to revitalize downtown Albany—funding that will be used to modernize the state museum, improve public safety, and more; and

WHEREAS, Gabriella Romero championed \$136 million in funding for Phase One of the Empire State Plaza Decarbonization Plan which will support cleaner air and good-paying jobs to Sheridan Hollow; and

WHEREAS, the Assemblywoman's dedication to the City of Albany was well illustrated by her allocation of discretionary funds to uplift organizations and programs that directly serve those most in need; and

WHEREAS, she provided \$10,000 in operating funds to the Sweet Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church Soup Kitchen to support their mission of providing hundreds of hot meals to food-insecure Albany residents weekly; and

WHEREAS, she also provided United Tenants of Albany with \$20,000 to support a new initiative that she championed which will provide housing assistance to tenants who have been displaced by Unsafe Unfit (USUF) designations; and

WHEREAS, through collaborating with Senator Patricia Fahy, Assemblymember Romero was able to secure \$300,000 in capital investment grants for the City of Albany to purchase necessary equipment for the Albany West Community Center; and

WHEREAS, alongside all her legislative and budgetary accomplishments, Assemblymember Romero has continued to prioritize meeting her constituents where they are—from attending community events to hosting her Fall Frolic series, she remained a presence within all of Albany’s neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Gabriella Romero continues to speak directly to the needs of her constituents—displaying transparency, attentiveness, and persistence throughout her governance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany does hereby commend Assemblymember Gabriella Romero for her advocacy and accomplishments throughout her first year within the state legislature.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Alyssa Kamara, Junior Policy Analyst**

Re: **Request for Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum**

Date: **January 22, 2025**

Sponsor: **Council Member Derek Johnson, 2nd Ward**

RESOLUTION 11.21.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL COMMENDING ASSEMBLYMEMBER GABRIELLA ROMERO FOR HER ADOCACY THROUGHOUT HER FIRST YEAR WITHIN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

To commend Assemblymember Gabriella Romero for her many accomplishments throughout her first year within the state legislature.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.