MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

“Welcome to the Albany Common Council which serves New York’s capital city!”

“I and the fifteen members of the Common Council are proud to represent the citizens of Albany. As elected officials, we are humbled by the trust vested in us to serve our constituents to the best of our ability, as well as to preserve, protect and improve the quality of life for city residents.”

“As president I place a great deal of importance on governing in a manner that is both open and transparent. My goal is to facilitate discussion that results in good governance. Broadly defined, good governance includes the ability to bring innovative solutions to long-standing challenges and create effective partnerships with all communities in our diverse city. Effective partnerships are characterized by government empowering individuals and groups to step forward and solve the challenges we may face now and in the future. Your participation is vital to accomplishing our goals. I hope you will work with your Common Council by attending our meetings and as a committee meetings. Join us in ensuring that balance exists; one that has at its core the best interest of residents, businesses, and all who have a reason to be here.”

We need to hear from you.

Each Common Council meeting starts with a public comment period during which you may speak on any subject related to city government. Speakers are limited 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 518-434-5090 in advance of a meeting.

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

On the Dais

At Common Council meetings, free people sit on the dais. They are, from left: Michele Andre, Legislative Aide; Leah Johnson, Legislative Aide; and other speakers. Cassandra Bury, Acting Clerk of the Council, and Patricia Clark, Acting Clerk, call the meeting to order and call on speakers. Corey Ellis, President of the Common Council; Jared Orsborne, Research Council and Parliamentarian; and others, serve on the Council.

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### 2019 COMMON COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Orange shaded dates are official meetings of the Common Council. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM in the Common Council Chamber. (A 6:30 PM Caucus precedes each meeting in the courtroom.) Gray shaded dates are Common Council Caucuses. These are also open to the public, but there is no public comment period. Caucuses begin at 5:30 PM and are held in the city courtroom.

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### COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2019

Standing and ad hoc committees meet as needed to discuss legislation before the council and to review governmental policies and procedures. You can find the time and location of meetings by contacting the Common Council office at 518-434-5087 or on the city website at www.albanyny.gov.

Committees are appointed biennially. The first named person in the appointment is the Chair.

### Council Operations and Ethics
**Chair:** Fahey  
Members: Igoe, Doesschate, Balarin, Hoey

### Law, Buildings and Code Enforcement
**Chair:** Fahey  
Members: O’Brien, Applyrs, Anane, Farrell

### Finance, Taxation and Assessment
**Chair:** Doesschate  
Members: O’Brien, Applyrs, Farrell, Robinson

### Public Safety
**Chair:** Applyrs  
Members: Igoe, Kimbrough, Balarin, Hoey

### Planning, Economic Development and Land Use
**Chair:** Flynn  
Members: Doesschate, Balarin, Farrell, Johnson

### Parks, Recreation and Family Services
**Chair:** Flynn  
Members: Fahey, Anane, Love, Hoey

### Human Resources and Human Rights
**Chair:** Kimbrough  
Members: Conti, Flynn, Johnson, Robinson

### General Services, Health and Environment
**Chair:** O’Brien  
Members: Fahey, Flynn, Johnson, Love

### Housing and Community Development
**Chair:** Kimbrough  
Members: Conti, Balarin, Love, Robinson

### STAY INVOLVED!

There are several important city boards that meet regularly to make decisions about city issues. These meetings are also open to the public. Below are the schedules of some of them, where they meet and a contact person if you would like more information.

#### Board of Contract & Supply
**Meet:** At 1:30 PM on the day following regular Common Council Meetings  
**Purpose:** To open and award city contracts  
**Contact:** Cassandra Brun, Acting City Clerk - 518-434-5092

#### Board of Estimate and Appropriation
**Meet:** At 6:00 PM on the first and fourth Wednesdays of each month  
**Place:** Community Room at 200 Henry Johnson Boulevard  
**Purpose:** Reviews and makes changes to the city budget  
**Contact:** Susan Rizzo, Chief City Auditor - 518-434-5023

#### Board of Zoning Appeals
**Meet:** At 5:30 PM on the first and third Wednesdays of every month  
**Place:** Mayor’s Conference Room, 1st floor of City Hall  
**Purpose:** Reviews and makes changes to the city zoning ordinance  
**Contact:** Lauren Alpert - 518-434-5294

#### Historic Resources Commission
**Meet:** At 5:30 PM on the first and third Wednesdays of the month  
**Place:** 200 Henry Johnson Blvd  
**Purpose:** Reviews changes to buildings in and near historical districts  
**Contact:** Erin Clement - 518-434-7714

#### Planning Board
**Meet:** At 7:45 PM every third Thursday  
**Place:** Community Room at 200 Henry Johnson Boulevard  
**Purpose:** Approves aspects of large scale projects  
**Contact:** Brandon Glass - 518-434-6754

#### Water Board
**Meet:** At 6:30 AM on the fourth Friday of each month  
**Place:** 10 North Enterprise Drive, 1st floor conference room  
**Purpose:** Oversees the administration of the city’s water supply  
**Contact:** Charles G. Houghton, III, Vice Chairman - 518-434-5300

### 2019 Calender

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