

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 know it is our duty 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 established 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 dedicate themselves and their ideas to wrestling with and solving the challenges we may face now and in future. Your participation is vital to accomplishing our goals. I hope you will work with your Common Council by attending our meetings as well as 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 experience what Albany offers. Should you have questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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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 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 518-434-5090 in advance of a meeting.

ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL MEMBERS - 2020

President Pro Tempore Majority Leader

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Ward 13



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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.

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On the Dais

At Common Council meetings, five people sit on the dais. They are, from left: Michele Andre, Senior Legislative Aide, keeps minutes of the meeting and assists speakers; Danielle Gillespie, Clerk of the Council (and City Clerk), keeps official records; Corey Ellis, President of the Common Council; and John-Raphael Pichardo, Esq., Research Counsel and Parliamentarian. On the dais, you will also see a member of the Corporation Counsel's legal team.

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Ward 9



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COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2020

Standing and ad hoc committees meet as needed to discuss legislation before the Council and to review governmental policies and procedures. You can find out 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

Members: Conti, Igoe, Kimbrough, Hoey, Frederick

Law, Buildings and Code Enforcement

Members: Igoe, O'Brien, Farrell, Anane, Frederick

Finance, Assessment and Taxation

Members: Farrell, O'Brien, Doesschate, Robinson, Balarin

Public Safety

Members: Kimbrough, Igoe, Balarin, Hoey, Frederick

Planning, Economic Development and Land Use

Members: Fahey, Doesschate, Balarin, Love, Hoey

Parks, Recreation and Family Services

Members: Flynn, Fahey, Anane, Love, Johnson

Human Resources and Human Rights

Members: Robinson, Conti, Flynn, Johnson, Farrell

General Services, Health and Environment:

Members: O'Brien, Fahey, Flynn, Johnson, Anane

Housing and Community Development

Members: Doesschate, Conti, Kimbrough, Robinson, Love

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

Meets: At 1:30 PM on the day following regular Common Council Meetings
Place: Mayor's Conference Room, 1st floor of City Hall
Purpose: To open and award city contracts
Contact: Danielle Gillespie, City Clerk 518-434-5092

Board of Estimate and Apportionment

Meets: At 1:30 PM on the day following regular Common Council Meetings
Place: Mayor's Conference Room, 1st floor of City Hall
Purpose: Reviews and makes changes to the city budget
Contact: Dr. Dorsey Applys Chief City Auditor

Board of Zoning Appeals

Meets: At 6:00 PM on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month
Place: 200 Henry Johnson Blvd
Purpose: Reviews and considers exceptions to the city zoning ordinance.
Contact: Luis Roldan - 518-465-6066

Historic Resources Commission

Meets: 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 historic districts.
Contact: Erin Glennon - 518-242-7714

Planning Board

Meets: At 6:00 PM on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month.
Place: Community Room at 200 Henry Johnson Boulevard
Purpose: Approves aspects of large scale projects
Contact: Zach Powell - 518-434-5271

Water Board

Meets: At 9:30 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

2020 COMMON COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Blue 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). Orange 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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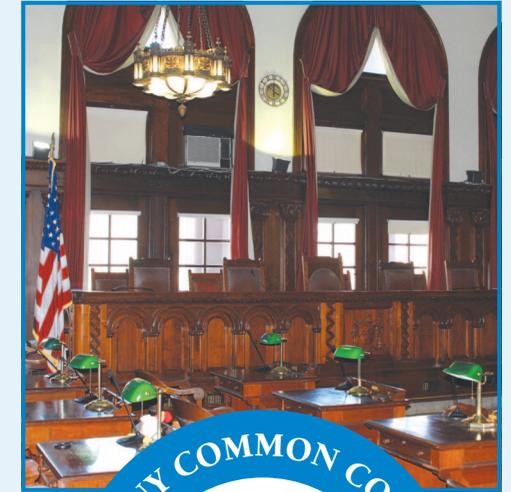
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