In accordance with the City Charter, Albany is divided into (15) Wards. Each Ward is represented on the City’s Common Council by an elected member. The Common Council serves as the legislative branch of Albany’s government. Each Common Council Member functions to regulate and protect the interests of residents within their Ward, and is authorized to introduce, consider or adopt local laws, and make recommendations to and advise the Mayor in the exercise of executive power. Common Council Members are elected to represent protected groups and a community of interests, based on information from the 2010 Census survey.

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