



**New York State Commission on
Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness
Hearing Announcement**

July 24 & July 25

Hofstra University - Monroe Lecture Center Theater
California Avenue, South Campus, Hempstead, NY

SUBJECT: Successful strategies to improve the efficiency and competitiveness of local government entities in New York State, including counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, fire districts, other special districts and local public authorities.

PURPOSE: This hearing will examine approaches to local government efficiency issues including merger, consolidation, regionalized government, shared services and smart growth. It will focus on Long Island communities. Additional hearings will be held in Buffalo and the lower Hudson Valley.

SCHEDULE: The hearing and meeting will take place over two days.

Tuesday, July 24 - 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

The hearing will begin with presentations from Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi and Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy, followed by a dialogue with Commission members. This will be followed by a panel discussing school issues and answering questions from Commission members. There will also be time for testimony and responses from the audience. No pre-registration is required.

Wednesday, July 25 - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The hearing will begin with a panel that will address questions on the many layers of local government on Long Island – counties, towns, villages, school districts, fire and other special districts. Members of the audience will be invited to offer testimony, responses and questions to the Commission. Time constraints may not permit an opportunity for all to testify. However, all persons will have the opportunity to submit written testimony. Written testimony should be submitted by e-mail to:

localgov@empire.state.ny.us

Following a break for lunch, the Commission will hold its deliberative session, which will be open to the public to observe.

TESTIMONY: Testimony should be directed to:

- The most effective means for achieving the Commission's goals of improving local government efficiency and competitiveness.
- Strategies for advancing merger and consolidation of outdated local boundaries and structures.
- New approaches for service sharing, including local initiatives and changes in state law and assistance programs.
- Effective models for regional government, including methods of promoting smart growth and regional economic development.

To meet the needs of those who may have a disability, the Commission, in accordance with its policy of non-discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), has made its facilities and services available to all individuals with disabilities.

HOST: The Hofstra University Center for Suburban Studies is sponsoring the event.

WEB CAST: The proceedings will be available by August 1 on the Commission website at www.nyslocalgov.org. They may also be streamed live. Please check the Commission site for details.