



NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION ON
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
EFFICIENCY &
COMPETITIVENESS**

Public Hearings

The Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness is holding public hearings across the State. The dates and locations are:

June 13 – Saratoga Springs
July 25 – Long Island
October 24 – Buffalo
November 28 – Hudson Valley

The first hearing will be held at the Saratoga Springs Public Library from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 13. This hearing will open with a presentation from nationally renowned scholar David Rusk, author of *Cities without Suburbs*, and will include both scheduled testimony and testimony from the audience (as time permits). At 2:00, testimony will cease and the Commission will begin its deliberative session, which will also be open to the public.

Further information on the June 13 hearing is available on the Commission website (URL below, see *News & Events*). Persons interested in testifying should submit a request by e-mail, fax or mail. Additional details about future hearings will be posted on the website.

Issue Briefs Available

A series of issue briefs were prepared for the Commission and are now available on the website. They include:

Number of Local Governments
Local Government Finances
Prior Local Government Commissions
Shared Services
Special Purpose Governments
New Jersey Consolidation and Shared Services Efforts
Indianapolis Efficiency Commission

Local Initiatives

A month ago the Governor asked local governments to forward initiatives in the areas of local government merger, consolidation, regionalization, shared services and smart growth. These initiatives are due to the Commission by June 15. Many have already been sent in and are being reviewed. At least one from each county will be selected to serve as a model project, and will receive extraordinary assistance from the Commission and state agencies. Requests received to date include initiatives such as municipal mergers, special district consolidation, regional policing, and countywide assessing. More information about these initiatives will be in our next message.

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