



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

2026 JOINT BUDGET HEARING

February 11th, 2026 – 9:30 AM

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. City of New York	Honorable Zohran Mamdani Mayor
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Panel A:

2. City of Buffalo	Honorable Sean Ryan Mayor
3. City of Yonkers	Honorable Mike Spano Mayor
4. City of Rochester	Honorable Malik Evans Mayor
5. City of Syracuse	Honorable Sharon Owens Mayor
6. City of Albany	Honorable Dorcy Appling Mayor
7. City of Niagara Falls	Honorable Robert Restaino Mayor

Panel B:

8. New York City Comptroller's Office	Honorable Mark Levine Comptroller
9. New York City Council	Honorable Julie Menin Speaker

Panel C:

10. New York State Conference Of Mayors	Barbara Van Epps Executive Director
11. New York State Association of Counties	Stephen J. Acquario Executive Director
12. Association of Towns of the State of NY	Chris Koetzle Executive Director

Panel D:

13. NYS Elections Commissioner Association	Dustin Czarny Democrat Caucus Chair
14. Fair Elections for NY	Karen Wharton Democracy Coalition Coordinator
15. League of Women Voters	Erica Smitka Deputy Director
16. Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law	Marima Pino Counsel
17. Common Cause NY	Susan Lerner Executive Director
18. NYS Census Partnership/ Immigration Research Initiative	Shamier Settle Senior Policy Director
