



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 Applyrs Mayor
7. City of Niagara Falls	Honorable Robert Restaino Mayor

Panel B:

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

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| 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 |
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Panel D:

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| 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 |
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