



League of Women Voters of Smithtown Township

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*The LWV is a non-partisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy*

April 2010

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## **House Finally Passes Comprehensive Health Care Reform "Monumental, Historic and Transforming,"**

**March 21, 2010 Washington, D.C.** – Statement from Mary G. Wilson, President of the League of Women Voters of the United States:

"Today's votes by the U.S. House of Representatives mark an historic milestone in American political history. The path that began with Social Security and continued with Medicare is reaching fruition with this health care legislation. Comprehensive health care reform will begin to undo decades of neglect and inaction that has left millions of Americans uninsured and at risk.

"This legislation is a monumental step in the fight for social justice.

"Too many citizens lack adequate health insurance coverage and rising costs threaten everyone. Passage of comprehensive health care legislation greatly expands coverage to include millions more Americans; protects the coverage that currently delivers care to most; reduces costs over the long term; and accomplishes these goals at a reasonable cost.

"It would be difficult to overstate the importance of today's actions, and we commend our elected representatives for standing up for Americans and having the courage to do what needs to be done to confront the health care crisis in our country. The League congratulates the House leadership on a closely-fought victory.

"We can expect transformational reform from these bills. Access to health care will be extended to all Americans. Mechanisms to control rising costs will be put in place. And the marketplace will be expanded and safeguards put in place to protect consumers.

"Truly, this legislation is monumental, historic and transforming.

"Today we took the critical step in dealing with the current health care crisis. Tomorrow, many Americans will wake up to a new week and a new future that looks a great deal more promising."

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## **Smithtown LWV**

- **board meeting**
- **consensus discussion**
- **program planning**

**Monday, April 12**

**Mills Pond House**

**12noon**

*bring your lunch  
coffee/tea will be served*

**Consensus questions and current LWV Smithtown program are included in this copy of the Voter.**

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, please fill out the consensus questions in this copy of the voter, and mail to Joyce Rosenthal, 3 Miami Ct. Hauppauge, NY 11788 before April 9.*

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## **The 2010 LWVSC**

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**President's Message**

New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) – projects population growth throughout the region. It anticipates that the Town of Smithtown will add nearly 20,000 residents by the year 2035. This projected population growth indicates that there will be pressure on the Town's natural resources with the need to accommodate the anticipated growth. The Nissequogue River Watershed covers over 40 square-miles within Smithtown. There are many diverse ecosystems that are home to a large variety of species that would be threatened by the encroachment of sizable population growth. Because of its unique ecological and recreation values, in 2005 the Long Island Sound Stewardship Initiative (LISSI) workgroup named the river and its watershed one of 33 Stewardship Areas. It was chosen as the location to initiate a pilot program to implement the general principles of LLSI through a Stewardship Action plan. The Nissequogue River Stewardship Plan was released to the public in November 2008. It was the culmination of the intensive work of the dedicated members of its Steering Committee, as well as funding from NEWFS and the NYS DEC.

The Nissequogue Implementation Committee recently held its first meeting. The scopes of the implementation plans follow the study plans. They will make a determined effort to implement the recommendations of the four subcommittees, Habitat, Water Quality, Land Use & Open Space and Education & Outreach.

*Joyce Rosenthal*

**Smithtown Town Board**

**Meeting Schedule**

**Tuesday: April 6**

**9:30 am** work session

**2:00 pm** regular meeting

*Smithtown Town Hall*

*Second Floor Board Room*

**Thursday: April 22**

**7:00 pm** regular meeting

*Eugene A. Cannataro*

*Senior Citizen Center*

*420 Middle Country Road,*

*Smithtown, NY.*



**STAC**  
Smithtown Township Arts Council



Mills Pond House

660 Route 25A, St. James, NY 11780

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**The League of Women Voters of Smithtown thanks Allison J. Cruz, Executive Director and the staff of the Smithtown Township Arts Council/ Mills Pond House Gallery for its support of the League.**

**We encourage all Town Residents to support the Arts Council, participate in its cultural programs, and visit the historic Mills Pond House in St. James.**

*For info: [www.stacarts.org](http://www.stacarts.org).*

## **LWV-Smithtown Program for 2009-2010**

*please read before attending the April 12 meeting*

### **A. Voter Service and Citizen Education**

Voter Service is a primary function of the LWV of Smithtown. We will serve as a non-partisan source of information and education for voters and take action by:

1. Conducting voter registration drives throughout the community and encourage all eligible citizens to vote
2. Organizing as needed and providing trained moderators to serve for candidates forums to give every citizen the opportunity to hear the candidates views on important issues
3. Conducting educational forums about the local government process in order to promote greater citizen awareness
4. Training speakers as needed
5. Developing ideas for community service projects for students and youth organizations

### **B. Library**

We will observe and report on the development of a long range plan for our public library and will help to inform the public about issues related to our library system.

### **C. Natural Resources Preservation**

Under the Natural Resources position for preservation of open space and wetlands of the LWVNYS, we will continue action in support and enforcement of measures for preservation of the waterfront, wetlands, bird sanctuaries and open space usage of properties within Smithtown township, including the former Kings Park Psychiatric Center property and others as they become available.

### **D. Township Development**

1. We will support an updated Master Plan to provide for controlled growth within the Township and revitalization of downtown Smithtown within the context of our present and projected economic conditions.
2. We will explore and address other items of concern relating to the welfare of the Township and its residents as they may arise.

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## **Library Report**

The ground breaking for the Nesconset branch has been rescheduled to Friday 3/19/10 at 3 PM. All are welcome to attend. As of now the Nesconset branch is fully contained by a fence and there should be no problem with groups using the field. The Commack branch is now completely emptied and it is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy by October 2010.

The special Library District has applied for a \$17,000 grant for records management and expects to be able to relocate all the records to a single site. Hopefully, in spite of NY State difficulties, the construction grant will be continued.

For the Summer Reading program, a software program is available, which will allow on line registration and reporting.

### ***Library Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule***

Regular meeting:

***Thursday: April 20***  
Smithtown Main Library at 7pm

All members are invited and encouraged to attend the April 12, 2010 combination board and membership meeting. The meeting at the Mills Pond House will begin at 12:00 noon. Please bring lunch, the league will supply coffee and tea.

Last spring the delegates to the LWVNYS convention adopted a two year study item entitled "Government Consolidation/Shared Services State Study." At this time, the end of the first year of the study, the LWVNYS wants input from the local leagues concerning what direction the second year of the study should take.

We as members of the LWV of Smithtown will have to, as a group, decide what we want to do. See below for an introduction to the subject and the questions from LWVNYS to be answered. For background information check your February Smithtown Voter.

Joyce Rosenthal

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## **Consensus Questions**

### **Government Consolidation/Shared Services State Study: PART ONE**

*New York State has among the highest local property taxes in the nation and among the largest number of governmental entities spread over counties, cities, towns, villages, districts and authorities.*

*At the LWVNY 53rd Biennial convention, the delegates adopted a new study of up to two years on the topics of government modernization through dissolution, consolidation or the pursuit of shared services to reduce costs and taxes.*

***The League currently has no comprehensive position that would enable it to lobby for or against recommendations to consolidate governmental entities or services, nor to comment on current or future legislation at the state level which impacts the consolidation or dissolution of governmental entities and/or pursuit of major shared services proposals.***

*To be able to deal with these issues at both the state and local levels, the League must first reach some understanding of what common standards should be employed by state and local Leagues in assessing the wisdom of various initiatives to rearrange how governmental services are provided. The two main areas to be covered are to determine what standards should apply*

- 1. ...when the League evaluates current and future legislation or constitutional amendments that apply to the dissolution/consolidation of governmental units or pursuit of major shared services and*
- 2. ...when local Leagues evaluate a specific consolidation or dissolution of a governmental entity or a major shared services proposal.*

**For an overview of the main terms and their interrelationships, as used in the questions below, as well as some pros and cons of these topics, visit the LWVNY website for the consensus discussion guide.**

[www.lwvny.org/consolidation/DiscGuide011010.pdf](http://www.lwvny.org/consolidation/DiscGuide011010.pdf)

#### **SECTION I**

##### **Standards for Judging State Legislation or Constitutional Amendments**

**What standards should the League apply when evaluating statewide legislation or constitutional amendments concerning the implementation of local government dissolution/consolidation/major shared service proposals (answer affirmatively all that you would support):**

**A. Does the legislation or constitutional amendment encourage a process that [is]:**

- 1. Cooperative and collaborative?: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_**
- 2. Transparent?: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_**
- 3. Contain well defined channels for citizen input and review?: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_**
- 4. Provide affected citizens with sufficient and timely information necessary to make informed decisions?: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_**
- 5. Other?: (add any additional process standards you support)**

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## Consensus Questions *continued*

**B. Does the legislation or constitutional amendment contain operational standards that, taken as a whole:**

1. Promote administrative efficiency in the decision/process to dissolve, consolidate, or share services: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
2. Promote fiscal efficiency in the decision/process to dissolve, consolidate, or share services: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
3. Other minimum operational standards we should support when evaluating state legislation/amendments affecting dissolution/consolidation/major shares services proposals.

Attach separate page if necessary.

**C. Possible State Funding of Government Dissolution/Consolidation/Shared Services (answer unsure if you do not have an opinion):**

1. Should the state provide grants or loans to local governmental units that wish to consider dissolution/consolidation/major shared services to enable them to do all or any of the items specified below? Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
2. Specifically, should the grants or loans be available to:
  - a. Conduct a feasibility study: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
  - b. Implement the mechanics of dissolution/consolidation/major shared services (e.g. legal, accounting, consulting fees and costs of referenda(if any)) : Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
  - c. Pay employee expenses related to the integration of staff, early retirement, buyouts: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
  - d. Provide an incentive (thru municipal aid) to dissolve/consolidate/share services: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
  - e. Other? (Please list any other costs of consolidation/dissolution/shared service, if any, that you believe should be funded by state grants, in whole or in part)
3. Should the aid consist primarily of:
  - a. Grants or \_\_\_
  - b. Loans? \_\_\_
4. Should grants, if any, cover 100% of the costs, be limited to matching grants (ie 50%), be limited to some other percentage, or you are unsure? (please indicate the consensus, if any)

## SECTION 2

**Standards for evaluating a specific local proposal for the dissolution or consolidation of a local governmental entity (county, city, town, village, district, authority) or major shared service.**

Answer affirmatively all that you would support as one of multiple standards for evaluation of a proposal, not necessarily as a prerequisite for supporting a proposal.

**A. Is the process with respect to the proposal:**

1. Cooperative and collaborative?: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
2. Transparent?: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
3. Containing well defined channels for citizen input and review?: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
4. Providing affected citizens with sufficient and timely information necessary to make informed decisions?: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
5. Other?: (add any additional standards you support)

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## Consensus Questions *continued*

**B. Operational standards in deciding whether to support a proposal (vote for as many as you feel should apply):**

### *Costs/Tax Impacts*

**Whether or not the proposal:**

1. Results in overall cost savings/positive effect on taxes in the short term?:  
Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
2. Results in projected cost savings/positive effect on taxes over the long term? : Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_  
U\_\_\_
3. Results in cost savings/positive effect on taxes for citizens of both/all entities? : Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_  
U\_\_\_

**If cost savings for all are not possible for both/all:**

4. Results in the governmental entity(s) with higher projected costs/taxes having those costs/taxes phased in over time or otherwise mitigated?:  
Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
5. Relies on increases in state aid to show an economic benefit from the transaction or does it stand on its own merit?: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
6. Requires any governmental entity affected by higher costs/taxes to accept such increased costs/taxes by means of a majority vote of the governing board? Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_

### *Impact on Service Standards:*

**Whether or not the proposal:**

7. Results in increased quality and/or efficiency of services?: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
8. Results in, at a minimum, a maintenance of services?: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
9. Results in diminution of services but ones that could be purchased more cheaply in the private sector?: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
10. Requires any governmental entity to accept any plan where residents would see a diminution of services by means of a majority vote of the governing board? Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_

### *Other Items to be Evaluated*

**Whether or not the proposal:**

11. Fairly addresses disparities in employee contracts?: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
12. Results in increased social/economic justice? : Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
13. Results in a reduction in the number of governmental entities?:  
Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_
14. Maintains sense of community?: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_ U\_\_\_

**C. Other? (list on back) (any other areas of inquiry that you believe should be evaluated in any study of a dissolution/consolidation/major shared service proposal)**

*Don't forget to bring these consensus pages with you on April 12,  
or mail your answers and comments to Joyce Rosenthal before April 9..*

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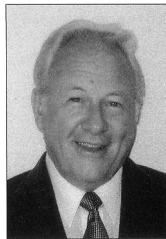


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Household (2 at same address)	70.00
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Additional Contribution	_____
Total	\$ _____

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **April 2010**

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|---------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>Tues.</b>  | <b>April 6</b>  | <b>Town Board Meetings, 9:30am-Work Session; 2pm-Regular Meeting, Town Hall</b>                            |
| <b>Mon.</b>   | <b>April 12</b> | <b>LWV Smithtown board meeting , consensus discussion, and program planning, Mills Pond house, 12 noon</b> |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | <b>April 20</b> | <b>Library Board Meeting, Smithtown Main Library, 7pm</b>  |
| <b>Wed.</b>   | <b>April 21</b> | <b>LWVSC Board Meeting, Riverhead Library, 9:15am-12:15pm</b>  |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | <b>April 22</b> | <b>Town Board Meeting, Senior Citizens Center, 7pm</b>   |

#### **May 2010**

- |             |               |   |
|-------------|---------------|---|
| <b>Wed.</b> | <b>May 5</b>  | <b>“Albany on the Record” 11am-4pm</b>  |
| <b>Mon.</b> | <b>May 17</b> | <b>LWVSC 42nd Annual Convention, and Gala Dinner and Celebration<br/>Bellport Country Club, 5pm</b> |



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April 2010

Wed. April 21

LWVSC Board Meeting, Riverhead Library

9:15 am - 12:15 pm

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**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention** ★  
**Gala Dinner and Celebration**

★ **Monday, May 17, 2010** ★  
**Bellport Country Club, Bellport, NY** ★

## *How to Fix Albany Now?*

### Blair Horner

**Legislative Director, NYPIRG**  
**New York Public Interest Research Group**

**4:45 – 5:00 Registration**

**5:00 – 6:00 Business meeting**

**6:00 – 7:45 Dinner, Speaker, Awards**

**7:45 – 8:30 Celebration of LWV 90th Birthday**

**League Members \$42 in advance**

**Non-members \$45 in advance**

*(make checks payable to LWVSC)*

**\$50 at door for all not prepaid**

*(price includes three course dinner; cash bar will be available)*

***Please RSVP with check before May 7 to Marilyn McKeown,  
 15 Mott Lane, Brookhaven NY 11719 or call (631) 286-1169***

### Directions:

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 Take Rt. 112 South to end: Montauk Hwy. Go left (east) for 1 mile.  
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March 2010

Wed. March 17    LWVSC Board Meeting, Riverhead Library    10:00 am - 12:00 noon

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## Fund for Modern Courts and LWVSC Seeking Volunteers for Court Monitoring at Family Courts in Suffolk County

The Fund for Modern Courts is an independent nonpartisan statewide court reform organization committed to improving the court system for all New Yorkers. It supports a judiciary that provides for the fair administration of justice, equal access to the courts, and that is independent, highly qualified and diverse.

### Why Family Court?

Family Courts are woefully under-funded and yet have the greatest number of cases of any court. Problems include frequent delays and adjournments, inadequate legal representation for the poor, overcrowded court rooms and substandard court facilities. These problems affect the most vulnerable members of society, including children who have suffered abuse or neglect, and victims of domestic violence. We need to bring citizens and community members into the family courts to observe and provide a much needed tool to inform the public and effect change.

### Volunteer Service Activities:

- Observe Suffolk County Family Court proceedings over several months, 1+ days a week, and complete Monitoring Forms documenting findings and recommendations for improvements.
- Attend in person or via phone regular status update meetings with FMC.
- Provide follow-up monitoring, 6 months—1 year after project to report on implementation (or lack of) of recommendations.

### Accomplishments As a Result of Court Monitoring:

- Based on our court monitors reports, The Fund for Modern Courts will publish a detailed report on the monitors' findings and recommendations for improvement.
- FMC will distribute the findings and recommendations to the FMC Board of Directors and the administrators of the state court system, state & local legislators, new media and other interested parties, for action.
- Provide follow-up to ensure actions recommended result in improvements to the Suffolk County Family Courts.

### Timing:

Orientation and Training for Court Monitors  
**April**  
(locations to be announced)

Court Monitoring  
**May-June**  
Central Islip and Riverhead Family Courts

### Interested?

Send your contact info ASAP

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or call 631 523-1653

### Why Citizen Monitoring?

We believe that those who administer justice should always act under the sense of public responsibility, and that every citizen should be able to satisfy, with their own eyes as to the mode in which a public duty is performed.

Modern Courts has sponsored court monitoring programs around the state, through which ordinary citizens observe and evaluate their courts, report their findings, and issue public recommendations for improvement.

[www.moderncourts.org](http://www.moderncourts.org)



# State News

The League of Women Voters of New York State

March 2010

## Upcoming Events

**April 11-14**

Students Inside Albany Conference  
Albany

**April 20, 2010**

Fair Pay Summit and Advocacy Day  
LOB, Albany

**May 5**

“Albany On the Record” in Albany

**May 14-16**

Spring Fling Weekend in NYC

**June 11-June 15**

LWVUS Convention  
Atlanta, GA.

**May 20-22, 2011**

LWVNYS State Convention, Albany

## “Albany On the Record”

On May 5, 2010, the League will co-sponsor Albany on the Record, an educational event in which it will bring citizens to Albany to hear the positions of the state's leading political figures on how they will reform Albany. The League is organizing busses to this event from around the state; locations will be determined based on registrations received. Travel is free, and lunch will be provided. Sign up on the state League website, [www.lwvny.org](http://www.lwvny.org), by email to [may5@lwvny.org](mailto:may5@lwvny.org), or call the state office.

## Spring Fling Weekend in NYC

Experience the wonder of Manhattan in the spring! Come to the League's Spring Fling, with activities scheduled for Friday, May 14 through Sunday, May 16. The kick-off will be a Friday evening cocktail party at the lovely Manhattan home of Sally Robinson, state League Director of Issues and Advocacy, followed on Saturday with tours of Ellis Island, the King Tut exhibit, attendance at *South Pacific* at Lincoln Center, and more. Reservations for the Cocktail Party will be received until May 1, but after March 26, reservations for the tours and theater may be limited. Call the state office to make a reservation.

## Georgia DeGregorio Appointed “Ruth Shur Fellow”

LWVNY VP of Membership Georgia DeGregorio was selected to part of the first class of Ruth Shur Fellows. Georgia is one of 12 league members from around the country selected for this program to promote membership and leadership in the League. Georgia recently met with the other Shur fellows in Washington, D.C. to launch the program with three days of training. Congratulations Georgia! We have no doubt that New York will benefit from your experience.

## Fair Pay Summit & Advocacy Day

Join the NYS Pay Equity Coalition at the Legislative Office Building on April 20 for action on Fair Pay for all. The coalition is working to pass job-title pay equity legislation in fields where women and people of color are the majority of the workforce. This is a free event and a good opportunity to learn more about this issue.

## Growth in MAL Units

The LWVNYS Board recently approved establishment of three new MAL Units in NYS: Hamilton County, St. Lawrence County, and Orange County. And, we have interest and activity for creating units in Wayne County and Westbury. The MAL Unit in Warren County is also preparing to become a full-fledged local League later this year. Let's keep growing!

## LWVNYS President in DC

Betsy Swan, LWVNYS President was invited by Oxfam of America to attend a Sisters on the Planet conference earlier this month in Washington, D.C. and to become one of approximately 100 Ambassadors of the organization. During the conference they learned how women in developing countries are the hardest hit by the effects of climate change and lobbied Congress for cap and trade legislation and a commitment to allocation of resources to women in developing countries to enable them to adapt to their lives to the realities of climate change.

## 1919 Society

In celebration of the League's ninetieth birthday, the New York League is happy to announce creation of the 1919 Society. To join the 1919 Society, all you have to do is include the LWVNYS in your will. If you already have included the League in your will, just let us know and we'll add you to the members of the Society. We will not ask for either proof of the bequest or its amount - we just want to honor your future support. As a member, your name will be engraved on a plaque in the state League office, listed in the *State Voter*, and on the website.

You have worked so hard for the League for so many years. Why not help to ensure the future of the League by including support for the League in your will? Call the state office and become a member.

## LWVNYS 2010 Council

In April all local Leagues will be receiving a packet of information and forms as part of the 2010 Council. The packet will include the proposed 2010-2011 state budget and program proposals. At its March meeting the board recommended an amendment to League program to include a four-month concurrence with the LWV Maine position on marriage equality. In the event that the concurrence on the same issue being presented at the national convention in June is adopted by the delegates, it will be unnecessary for us to undertake this at the state level. Watch for more information and the packets and be sure to have your local League respond by June 2.

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**GET INVOLVED!**

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# Come Demand Legislators Take Action for Reform "Albany On the Record"

May 5, 2010  
11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Albany, New York

***New Yorkers are fed up! Scandals have driven from office Governor Spitzer, Comptroller Hevesi, Senate Majority Leader Bruno and a growing number of state legislators. Some elected officials - including Governor Paterson - are currently under investigation. Many of these abuses of power were rooted in the absence of effective and independent ethics and fiscal watchdogs, tough ethics laws and adequate transparency in government.***

***Come join people to hear from the state's leading political figures on how they will reform Albany.***

***Buses (no charge) will be provided if minimum number of people reserve a space!***

***Lunch will be provided!***

***Time after to lobby your legislator, if you wish!***

## SIGN UP TO ATTEND NOW!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Will provide own transportation and join you there!

Bus Preference (Confirmation of bus locations will depend on number of people):

Rochester       Buffalo       Syracuse       Binghamtom

Ithaca       Suffolk Co.       Nassau Co.       Westchester Co.

NYC       Other: \_\_\_\_\_       Crossgates Mall, Albany  
(to avoid parking downtown)

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