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Subject: Thank you -- RE: Joint Legislative Budget Hearing - Local Government
Attachments: 2-4-20-email-to-fiscal-committees.pdf

TO: **Assembly Ways & Means Committee Chair Helene Weinstein, Esq.**
Assembly Ways & Means Committee Ranking Member Edward Ra, Esq.
Senate Finance Committee Chair Liz Krueger
Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member James Seward

Based on the complete lack of response to ANY of my prior testimony before the Legislature at its prior budget hearings – on February 6, 2013, January 30, 2017, January 31, 2017, January 30, 2018, and February 5, 2018 – ALL as relevant this year as then – it makes no sense for me to spend the time and go to the effort and expense of travelling to Albany to testify on Monday, February 10, 2020, for five minutes. It makes even less sense for me to do so if I harbor any thought of testifying, for five minutes, on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, as I have also requested.

I will prepare written testimony, much as I did last year. Meantime, I am yet awaiting your responses to my above attached February 4, 2020 e-mail pertaining to my March 1, 2019 e-mail about my February 19, 2019 written testimony, with its two sets of questions about the Legislative and Judiciary budgets for FY2019-20 and the Governor's combined Legislative/Judiciary budget bill.

For your convenience, the webpage for my February 19, 2019 written testimony, from which the substantiating evidence is accessible, is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2019-legislative/feb-19-2019-written-testimony.htm>

Thank you.

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From: Helene Weinstein <wamchair@nyassembly.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 4:53 PM
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Subject: Joint Legislative Budget Hearing - Local Government

We are pleased to advise that you have been chosen to be a witness for the Joint Legislative Budget Hearing on Local Government which will be held on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 11:00 AM.

It is difficult to ascertain a precise time when you will be speaking.

Please respond back confirming the Name of person(s) who will be testifying, **TITLE**, and a few bullet points listing what will be discussed in your testimony at the hearing to verify it's germane. Also, please provide a website for your organization, if applicable. When responding back, **list in the Subject Line at which Hearing** you will be testifying.

REMINDER:

- Witnesses scheduled by the committees to testify in person are required to send a copy of their prepared testimony **via email at least 48 hours in advance** of the hearing to both financechair@nysenate.gov and to wamchair@nyassembly.gov, and **must** provide **50 copies** of their testimony on the day of the hearing. Please indicate in the subject field of the email which hearing your testimony relates to.
Witnesses may not be permitted to testify if the above time frames are not adhered to.
- **Witnesses Have Only 5 Minutes Total Speaking Time.** Legislators will have your written testimony in advance, so witnesses are **strongly urged** not to read their written testimony when testifying. Instead, the presentation of a summary of your written testimony would be the best and most efficient use of your time.