COLLECTION II — CIVIC PARTICIPATION & VOTING

How to Find Your Elected Officials

A guide to identifying and contacting your representatives at every level of government.

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You have more representatives than you think

Most New Yorkers are represented by:

- **Federal:** the President, two U.S. Senators, and a member of the House of Representatives.
- **State:** the Governor, a State Senator, and a State Assembly member.
- **County:** a county executive and a county legislator.
- **Town or city:** a supervisor or mayor and a town board or city council, plus a village board if you live in a village.
- **School district:** an elected school board.

How to find them

Enter your street address in Civest Sphere's **Contact Your Rep** tool to see your federal and state representatives in one place. Suffolk County and Town of Huntington residents also see their county legislator and town board.

You can also look up:

- members of Congress at congress.gov;
- State Senators at nysenate.gov and Assembly members at nyassembly.gov;
- county, town and village officials on their government websites.

Pick the right office for the issue

- **Federal:** Social Security, Medicare, immigration, federal taxes, foreign policy.
- **State:** state law, state taxes, school aid, DMV, criminal law, elections law.
- **County:** county police, social services, the county legislature's budget.
- **Town, city or village:** zoning and building permits, local roads, parks, garbage, local property taxes.
- **School board:** school budgets, curriculum decisions, school taxes.

How to make contact count

1. Say you're a constituent and where you live.
2. Name the issue, and the bill number if there is one.
3. Say exactly what you want them to do.
4. Add one sentence on why it matters to you.
5. Keep it to three or four sentences.

Calls to the local district office are often logged faster than email. Speaking during public comment at a meeting puts your view on the public record.

Follow up

If you don't hear back in two or three weeks, call and ask for the staff member who handles your issue. Be polite and persistent.

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