

MY PLAN TO  
HELP TAKE  
BACK STATE  
GOVERNMENT  
FOR THE PEOPLE!

## New York State Government is Broken.

Are you ready to join with me to take back your state government and demand true reform in New York State?

Find out how with this special message from



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*It is no secret that New York State government is in desperate need of reform. Due to the concentration of power in the leadership, opportunities for true reform have been thwarted. These are reform initiatives I have proposed to give power back to the people.*



## REFORM MEASURES ASSEMBLYMAN SALADINO IS STANDING UP FOR

**Here's how Assemblyman Saladino proposes redesigning state government to make it more affordable and responsible to the people:**

- A two-thirds majority requirement for any and all tax increases;
- Budget Reform;
- **Property Tax Reform;**
- Debt Reform;
- Medicaid Reform;
- Government Consolidation;
- State Spending Cap.

# ASSEMBLYMAN SALADINO'S PLAN FOR REFORM



## BUDGET REFORM

The New York State budget process is irresponsible to taxpayers and must be transformed. I have created sweeping reforms to fix this broken system, including:

- ★ Much more transparency;
- ★ Operating under realistic projections for available state funds;
- ★ Requiring two-thirds majority approval for tax or spending increases and unfunded mandates; and
- ★ Empowering the public with the "People's Veto" legislation to erase the out-of-control tax-and-spend mentality that the people of New York are completely fed up with.

## PROPERTY TAX REFORM

Rising property taxes have forced many from their homes, increased the cost of doing business and decreased New York's ability to compete with neighboring states. I have introduced a bill to exempt Nassau County from the MTA tax and fought to secure more state funding for education, to put an end to school property tax increases. By adopting measures like the New York State Property Taxpayer Protection Act, of which I am a main sponsor, property tax reform should include:

- ★ A circuit breaker provision that adjusts property taxes based on a homeowner's ability to pay.
- ★ Restoring the Middle-Class STAR Tax Rebate Program.
- ★ Unfunded state mandate relief by allowing for resource sharing among schools and lowering red-tape measures that school districts are currently required to abide by.

## DEBT REFORM

New York currently has over \$50 billion in state-supported debt. This figure is expected to increase dramatically due to a slumping economy and poor budget decisions. Every dollar added to this debt increases the burden passed onto our taxpayers and our children, all while Albany avoids making the necessary tough decisions. My plan for debt reform would:

- ★ Ban backdoor borrowing as a way to fund operations and pay for state government; and

- ★ Commit part of a budget surplus to paying down debt.

## MEDICAID REFORM

The state has been losing billions of dollars due to waste and abuse in the Medicaid system. We can no longer stand by while so much of our taxpayer dollars are being misused. New York State spends more on Medicaid than the states of Texas and Florida combined! Medicaid costs have skyrocketed in recent years, partially due to the fraud and abuse practiced by patients and providers alike. My plan to get Medicaid spending under control is important to delivering a balanced budget and limiting cuts to vital programs and services, such as education and essential health care:

- ★ In 2006, my Conference and I voted to establish the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General – an independent entity of government – to tackle the issue of fraud, waste and abuse within the state Medicaid program. In 2008, we succeeded in saving the state \$1.66 billion through cost-savings activities. Much more needs to be done.
- ★ Creation of the Assembly Minority Task Force on Medicaid Waste, Fraud and Abuse (of which I am a member) in 2009; this task force creates and provides solutions that respect taxpayers.
- ★ Allow counties to decide which Medicaid optional Services they want to provide.
- ★ Enable local governments to combat Medicaid Fraud - Create a grant to reimburse counties for Medicaid fraud investigation software.
- ★ Create sweeping unfunded State Mandate Relief. A mandate is a program or service that the state government requires local governments to provide, but they do not provide funding to pay for it.

## GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATION

One of the most devastating problems impacting New York State is the size and cost of state government. All too often, duplicative state agencies are put in place to perform tasks that should be done by a single department. This is a waste of taxpayer dollars that has gone on for too long. Consolidating these agencies will save New York State money that can be put to far better use.

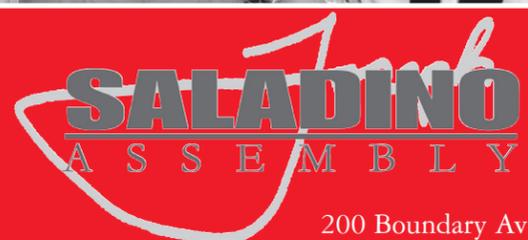
Examples of overlapping state agencies that should be administratively consolidated:

- ★ Department of Transportation and Thruway Authority;
- ★ Department of Correctional Services, Department of Criminal Justice Services, and Probation and Parole;
- ★ Office of Real Property Services and Department of Taxation and Finance;
- ★ Office of Mental Hygiene, Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, and Commission on Quality Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities; and
- ★ Department of Environmental Conservation and Environmental Protection Fund.



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