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SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: New York State Office for the Aging's study on the benefits of creating an office of community living.

PURPOSE: To discuss the status of the State Office for the Aging's Office of Community Living study

New York City
Tuesday
October 20, 2015
10:00 AM
Assembly Hearing Room
Room 1923, 19th Floor
250 Broadway
New York, NY

Albany
Tuesday
October 27, 2015
10:00 AM
Hearing Room C
Legislative Office Building
198 State St
Albany, NY

The enacted 2015-2016 state budget included the Executive's proposal to study whether an Office of Community Living could provide value to older adults and persons with disabilities living in the community. If so, this study would also recommend what form such an Office could take. As a condition of approving this exploratory endeavor, the Legislature required a series of public forums across the State to ensure that providers and consumers of services would have their voices heard.

The first part of this study was a survey of providers and consumers that closed as of September 30, 2015. The series of public forums commenced September 21 and the last was held on October 7, 2015. The Committee on Aging seeks testimony from the communities impacted to better understand the level of public engagement thus far, the public's understanding of SOFA's Office of Community Living study, and the process being utilized to complete such study.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to the committee staff as early as possible. Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements. In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform interested parties and organizations of the Committee's interest in receiving written testimony from all sources.

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PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

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- I plan to attend the hearing scheduled for:
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