



## **ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON REAL PROPERTY TAXATION**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY**

**SUBJECT:** Real Property Taxation Budget Implementation Hearing

**PURPOSE:** To discuss changes in the 2019-2020 New York State Budget regarding the STAR Program.

#### **NOTE NEW DATE AND TIME**

**ALBANY  
Tuesday  
January 14, 2020  
9:30 A.M.**

**Hearing Room C  
Legislative Office Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

The 2019-2020 New York State Budget includes several changes to the School Tax Relief (STAR) program. The purpose of this hearing is to examine these changes, including: capping the annual growth of the STAR exemption benefit at zero percent, lowering the basic STAR income limit to \$250,000 from \$500,000 (exemption program only), amending the Income Verification Program to include age and residency verification for the Enhanced STAR Program, allowing disclosure of STAR-related information to assessors, adding STAR check notices to property tax bills, and improving the STAR administrative process to be more responsive to taxpayer needs.

Persons invited to present testimony at the above hearing should direct their testimony to the issues set forth in this notice and complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. Oral testimony will be limited to ten 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 Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten (10) copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

Attendees and participants at any legislative public hearing should be aware that these proceedings are video recorded. Their likenesses may be included in any video coverage shown on television or the internet.

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**Hon. Sandra R. Galef  
Member of Assembly  
Chair  
Committee on Real Property Taxation**

PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons invited to present testimony at the public hearing are requested to complete this reply form by January 9, 2020, and mail or fax it to:

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- I plan to attend the Real Property Taxation public hearing on January 14, 2020.
- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to ten minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement. I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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- I do not plan to attend the above hearing.
- I would like to be added to the Committee mailing list for notices and reports.
- I would like to be removed from the Committee mailing list.
- I will require assistance and/or handicapped accessibility information. Please specify the type of assistance required:

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