

Statement of the Tompkins County Legislature Demanding NYS Government Ethics Reform

The resolution approved by the Legislature, by unanimous vote, on May 17, 2016, may be found here: http://tompkinscountyny.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_LegiFile.aspx?Frame=&MeetingID=2412&MediaPosition=&ID=6293&CssClass

Information related to the resolution at the link above:

Details of the NYC matching funds program can be viewed here:

<http://www.nyccfb.info/program/how-it-works>

Information about the proposed transparency legislation can be found here:

<http://blog.timesunion.com/tedisco/truth-in-spending-to-see-who-ordered-the-pork/1909/>

A table at the National Conference of State Legislators website, www.ncsl.org, shows the various contribution limits.

A review of the Joint Commission On Public Ethics conducted in 2014 by the New York City Bar Association and Common Cause can be found here:

<http://www2.nycbar.org/pdf/report/uploads/Hope-for-JCOPE-Report.pdf>

A description of the judicial nominating process for various New York state courts can be found here: <http://www2.nycbar.org/pdf/report/uploads/20072672-GuidetoJudicialSelectionMethodsInNewYork.pdf>

Here is a link to a story about the Iowa system for redistricting.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=9750943>

The Brennan Center in New York City has a lot of information on New York State ethics issues.

<http://www.brennancenter.org/issues/new-york-reform>

The Capital Connection, a weekly radio program has useful programming on New York ethics issues. <http://wamc.org/programs/capitol-connection#stream/0>

Common Cause is a good government organization with a New York chapter that is involved in trying to reform Albany. <http://www.commoncause.org/states/new-york/>

The League of Women Voters of New York is also involved in trying to address New York State ethics problems. <http://lwvny.org/>

NYPIRG, the New York State Public Interest Research Group is another organization that does a good job in tracking the Albany ethical issues. <http://www.nypirg.org/>

Information on the Constitutional Convention process can be found at the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government. http://www.rockinst.org/NYS_ConCon2017/ There are many websites related to this issue with the Rockefeller Institute being one.