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## HUDSON VALLEY

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WITH SUNY NEW PALTZ CRREO  
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## THE TAX CAP CHALLENGE

### The 2011 Fall Conference on Local Government



October 3, 2011  
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
SUNY New Paltz Student Union

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## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The goal of the Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress Fall Conference on Local Government is to help elected officials, school district management, and those who work with them in finance and planning roles, to tap into the best thinking possible as they contend with shrinking revenues and increased demand on services. Among many Pattern initiatives in Local Government Efficiency and Effectiveness, it is more critical than ever to share ideas and resources across the region, and support collaborations that help local government innovate as they face **The Tax Cap Challenge**.



## AGENDA

### 8:00 Registration and Networking

### 8:30 Welcome

*Gerald Benjamin*, Director  
SUNY New Paltz CRREO

### Conference Overview

*Jonathan Drapkin*, President & CEO,  
Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress

### Opening Remarks

*Hon. Sandy Galef*, Chair,  
Assembly Committee on Real Property Taxation

### 9:00 Morning Keynote

**Thomas Suozzi**



*Tom Suozzi was a four-term mayor of Glen Cove before he was elected Nassau County Executive in 2001, and re-elected in 2005. Known for effecting a dramatic financial turnaround in Nassau, he was named one of Governing Magazine's Public Officials of the Year in 2005. In 2008 he became chairman of the NYS Commission on Property Tax Relief, which was tasked with developing a fair and effective school property tax cap.*

### 10:00 The Real Property Tax Cap Law: Overview

*Nora McCabe*, Assistant Director, Policy & Research  
Div. of Local Government & School Accountability  
Office of the State Comptroller

### 10:30 PLENARY PANEL:

#### SHRINKING REVENUES, GROWING IDEAS

*Hon. Michael Hein*  
Ulster County Executive

*Hon. Alexander Gromack*  
Supervisor, Town of Clarkstown

*Hon. Jon Wagner*  
Supervisor, Town of LaGrange

*Ray Bryant*  
Superintendent, Warwick Valley School District

**Moderator:** *Gerald Benjamin*, Director  
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### 11:15 Break

### 11:30 BREAKOUT SESSION 1

#### POLICE: SAFETY IN NUMBERS?

*How can we maximize public safety while lightening the tax burden?*

*Hon. Greg Helmsmoortel*, Supervisor  
*Louis Barbaria*, Chief of Police  
Town of Saugerties

*Hon. Steve Neuhaus*, Supervisor (invited)  
Town of Chester

*Hon. Catherine Borgia*, Supervisor  
Town of Ossining

*Hon. Brian Maher*, Mayor  
Village of Walden

**Moderator:** *Jonathan Drapkin*, President & CEO  
Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress

### BREAKOUT SESSION 2

#### SCHOOLS: MAKING THE GRADE

*School Districts can have a major impact on the tax bill.*

*Terrence Olivo*, Chief Operating Officer  
Orange-Ulster BOCES

*Susan Schmidt*, Assistant Superintendent,  
Management and Finance Services  
Sullivan County BOCES

*David Little*, Director of Gov. Relations  
NYS School Boards Association

*R. J. Smith*, R. J. Smith Realty and  
Pine Bush Board of Education

**Moderator:** *John Clarkson*, Former Exec. Director  
Commission on Local Gov. Efficiency

### BREAKOUT SESSION 3

#### ASSESSORS: CREATING EFFICIENCY

*Tom Frey*, Executive Director  
NYS Assessors' Association

*Hon. Joan Pagones*, Supervisor  
Town of Fishkill

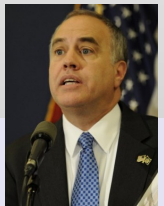
*John Wolham*, Regional Director (invited)  
NYS Off. of Real Property Tax Services (ORPS)

**Moderator:** *John Tully*, Deputy Executive  
Putnam County

### 12:45 Lunch

### 1:00 Luncheon Keynote

**Hon. Thomas DiNapoli**  
New York State Comptroller



*As New York's chief fiscal officer, Thomas DiNapoli is responsible for auditing all State agencies and local governments, managing the State's \$132 million pension fund, reviewing State and NYC budgets, and administering retirement, payroll and central accounting systems. He states his goal as "instilling reforms to make government more effective, efficient and ethical." Previously he served Nassau County in the State Assembly for 20 years, and had also been a manager in the telecommunications*

### SPECIAL WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY

### 2:00 The Nuts and Bolts:

#### Implementing the Tax Cap

*with Nora McCabe, State Comptroller's Office*

### 3:00 Adjourn