



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Statement from Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins on NYS Budget Talks and Three (or Four?) Men in a Room

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“As we discuss ways to clean up Albany and reform state government, a perfect place to start is the much maligned three/four men in a room budgetary process. In the past we had been led to believe that membership was based on constitutional roles and not simply the whims of the Governor. Since membership has now been expanded I would hope all Legislative Conference Leaders will be included, giving all New Yorkers a voice in the budget. The more diversity and light we can shine on this process the better it is for everyone.”