



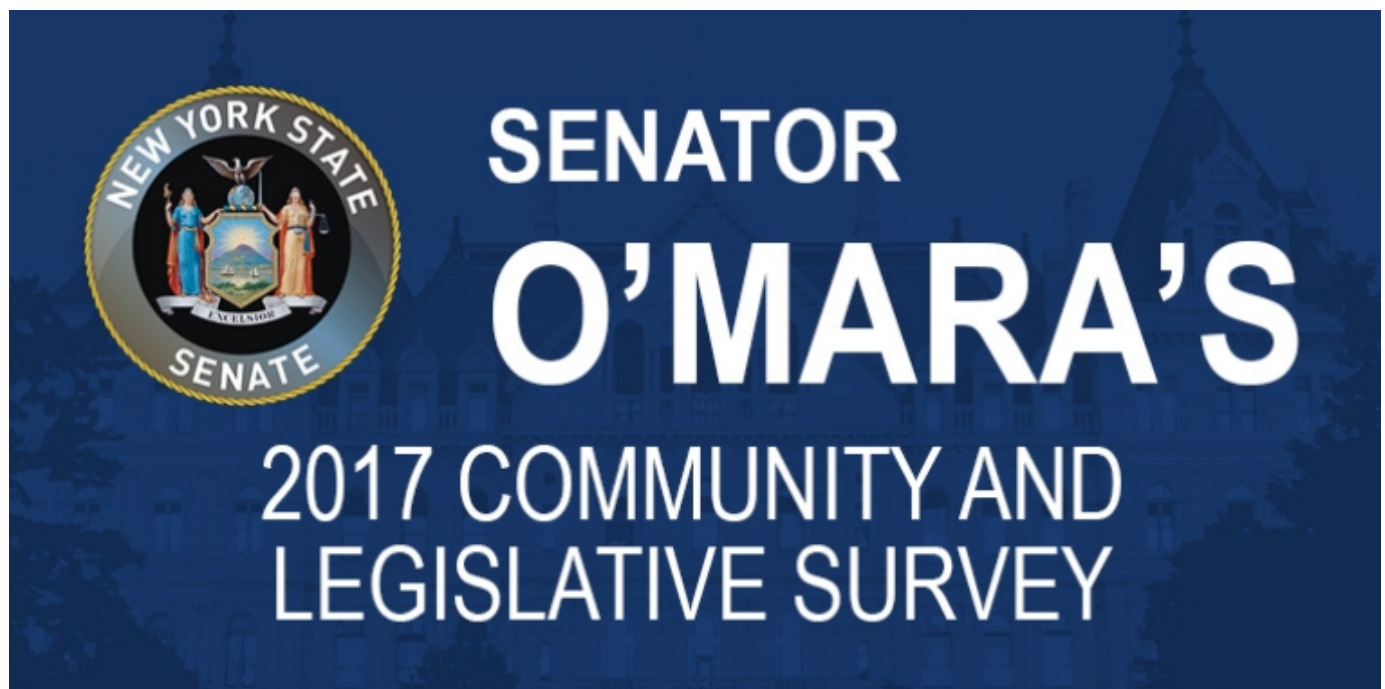
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O'Mara reminds area residents: '2017 Community and Legislative Survey' available online to share input on range of regional challenges and priorities as Legislature continues state budget hearings

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**Elmira, N.Y., February 2**—State Senator Tom O’Mara (R,C,I-Big Flats) today reminded area residents that they are invited to share their views on a variety of challenges and issues facing the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions, and all of New York State, through his “2017 Community and Legislative Survey.”

O’Mara launched his 2017 survey in January at the start of the State Legislature’s new session and as Governor Andrew Cuomo began delivering a series of “State of the State” messages around the state. The survey has drawn over 300 responses so far from throughout the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions.

“This annual online survey provides another avenue to encourage local input on a number of the key challenges and concerns facing our region and the state as a whole in 2017. I’m always grateful for the input,” said O’Mara, whose 58th Senate District includes all of Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben and Yates counties, and part of Tompkins County (the city of Ithaca, and the towns of Enfield, Ithaca, Newfield, and Ulysses).

The Legislature’s fiscal committees are also **currently conducting public hearings** on the Cuomo spending plan.

O’Mara’s online survey, which he has offered to constituents annually since being elected to the Senate in 2010, can be found **HERE**.

The survey offers an opportunity for local residents to share their own views and suggestions on private-sector job creation, government reform, education, public safety, transportation, health care and additional issues.

“It’s not a scientific poll in any traditional sense, but it does offer meaningful and useful snapshots of what’s on the minds of area residents paying attention to state government and willing to give some thought to the choices being debated at the Capitol,” said O’Mara.