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Statewide Poll on Local Governments

February 25, 2015—Olean—On Thursday, February 26, 2015, New York Council of Mayors sent William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean, the results of Siena College Research Institute’s statewide poll of registered voters. The poll on Local Governments was conducted February 9-12; and it highlights that the public rates New York’s Local government significantly higher than their State government on a number of issues.

“In selecting whether Local government or State government does a better job at three fundamental governmental tasks, New York voters, by a substantial margin, chose Local government,” Mayor Aiello said. “Those three tasks include: protecting and managing tax dollars, understanding and responding to the needs of residents, and getting important things done.”

Mayor Aiello continued, “In addition, the respondents believed that public infrastructure should be given top priority when allocating the state’s one-time surplus of \$5 billion. And by nearly a 2-to-1 margin, voters feel local infrastructure should be given funding precedence over state infrastructure.”

“The results of this poll dropped into my e-mail shortly after I had reached-out and offered Olean’s assistance to Tom Riel, Mayor of the City of Bradford, following their catastrophic water main break. Bradford’s plight is a stark reminder of the vulnerability of Olean’s aging infrastructure,” Mayor Aiello said. “I hope that the authorities in New York State review this poll and take note of the respondent’s preferences.”

Mayor Aiello added, “In addition, I would like to take this time to remind residents that my door is always open. I have said this before and I will say it again, I’m open to suggestions and I’d like to hear from people. If we’re doing something you think is right, I’d like to know. If we’re doing something you think is wrong, I’d like to know. If you have suggestions for me, I beg you to pass them along.”

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