



New York City Advisory Commission on Property Tax Reform Virtual Public Hearing on 10 Preliminary Recommendations for Staten Island + Brooklyn

In 2018, Mayor Bill de Blasio and City Council Speaker Corey Johnson established an advisory commission to develop recommendations to make the City's property tax system simpler, clearer, and fairer, while ensuring there is no reduction in revenue used to fund essential City services. In early 2020, the Commission released a Preliminary Report, which included 10 initial recommendations for reform. The Preliminary Report also included a brief history of New York City's property tax system, the current methods that the Department of Finance uses to calculate property tax bills, and challenges with the existing tax system. The Commission initially planned in-person hearings on this report for March 2020 in Staten Island, but these were postponed due to COVID-19.

We are now seeking input from the public on the initial 10 recommendations at two borough-based Zoom hearings for Staten Island (May 11) and Brooklyn (May 27) beginning at 6:00pm. We urge all New Yorkers to read the report, attend a public hearing and make your voice heard. Your feedback will be critical to the Commission as it develops its final recommendations.

To testify, you must sign up on the Commission's website no later than 24-hours in advance. All hearings will be broadcast to the NYC Council's virtual hearing rooms, with a link on the Commission's website: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/propertytaxreform/index.page>. The Preliminary Report can also be viewed on this website.

To ensure the Commission hears from all those interested, speakers should plan to speak for no more than two minutes. Commission members may use additional time to ask the speaker questions. Elected officials will be given the opportunity to speak first; all other participants will be heard in the order in which they sign up.

Speakers may (but need not) submit their testimony ahead of time by emailing it to PropTaxInfo@propertytaxcommission.nyc.gov, or uploading it to the Commission's website. The Commissioners will read all testimony submitted both online and in person at the hearing. The Commission will be holding public hearings in all five boroughs and will be scheduling hearings in other boroughs soon. You can testify at any borough hearing, not just the borough where you reside.

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