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NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF CITY & VILLAGE CLERKS

NYSACVC PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

JUNE 14, 2023

Yesterday NYCOM sent out the attached News Release announcing the upcoming retirement of Executive Director Peter Baynes and the selection of Barbara Van Epps as NYCOM's next Executive Director.

Please welcome me in thanking Peter for his years of service and leadership with NYCOM and wishing all the best to him and his family.

As Barbara prepares for her role as Executive Director we wish her much success and look forward to working with her and the NYCOM staff.

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- Registration is still open for the NYS Municipal Clerks Institute 2023 Program. The Summer New York State Municipal Clerks Institute (NYSMCI) and Academy is from July 9-13 in person at UAlbany Downtown Campus and July 17-20 online via Zoom. The NYSMCI and Academy is conducted by Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, University of Albany, in cooperation with the New York State Town Clerks Association (NYSTCA) and the New York State Association of City and Village Clerks (NYSACVC) and is approved for CMC and MMC certification by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). Visit our website at: nysclerks.com for more details.
 - 2023 NYCOM Fall Training School is from September 18-22, in Lake Placid. This year the Fall Training School will be using both the Grand Adirondack Hotel and the Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort for accommodations. Conference sessions and main meals will be held at the Lake Placid Conference Center. Check the NYCOM website for registration and agenda/class information.

As always, I look forward to seeing you all at the various training and conferences held throughout the year.

I hope you have a wonderful summer!

Liz Dreaper/NYSACVC President

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NYCOM Announces Upcoming Retirement of Executive Director Peter Baynes and Selection of Barbara Van Epps as NYCOM's Next Executive Director

(Albany, NY) New York State Conference of Mayors Executive Director Peter A. Baynes – who has served on the NYCOM staff since 1985, including 18 years as Executive Director – this spring informed the NYCOM Executive Committee that he will be retiring from NYCOM in the fall of 2023. At a subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee, Barbara J. Van Epps, currently NYCOM's Deputy Executive Director, was unanimously chosen to serve as NYCOM's next Executive Director, effective September 1, 2023.

“Our city and village members have benefited greatly from Peter Baynes's many years of work and leadership at NYCOM,” said NYCOM President Kathy M. Sheehan, Mayor of the City of Albany. “He has successfully unified a diverse set of member municipalities to help our organization become the preeminent voice on all matters impacting local governments in New York. Peter has also developed a team at NYCOM that is unsurpassed among statewide associations in Albany.”

“My dream coming out of college was to find a career and job that I loved and was eager to tackle each and every day. At NYCOM – and serving city and village officials from across our great State – that dream came true,” said Peter Baynes. “I thank our Executive Committee for their support of me and our staff throughout my tenure, and I will leave knowing that NYCOM is a strong organization with the wind at its back.”

“NYCOM is also very fortunate to have a current member of our staff as capable and experienced as Barbara Van Epps ready to step in and lead our organization forward,” said President Sheehan. “Through her seventeen years of financial and legislative guidance, our membership know and trust Barbara. Her dedication to the mission of city and village governments is unparalleled and will serve us well in her new role as our Executive Director.”

“I am truly honored by our Executive Committee's selection of me as the next leader of NYCOM,” said Barbara Van Epps. “I have big shoes to fill but have every confidence that I and the entire NYCOM staff will continue to excel at serving and representing our cities and villages through the daily challenges of being public servants at the municipal level.”

Barbara Van Epps came to NYCOM to serve as Director of Intergovernmental Finance in 2006 after 13 years working for the New York State Division of the Budget's Local Government Unit. In 2009, she was promoted to Deputy Executive Director, where she has assisted with the overall administration of the association, directed NYCOM's legislative advocacy team, and served as a trusted resource to cities and villages on all finance-related issues. She holds a B.A. from Binghamton University and an M.P.A. from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy at the University at Albany, where she also serves as a member of the Rockefeller Advisory Board.

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The New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) is an association of, and for, cities and villages in New York. Since 1910, NYCOM has united local government officials in an active statewide network focused on the singular purpose of finding the most effective means of providing essential municipal services. Through the active participation of our membership, which represents more than 12 million New Yorkers, NYCOM is an aggressive advocate for city and village interests before the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of state government, as we seek to ensure local home rule for the government closest to the people.