ASTORINO ANNOUNCES ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SPEAK-OUT FOR SENIORS ON JAN. 23
Westchester’s elected officials to engage senior community on federal, state and local agenda

Westchester County Executive Robert P. Astorino is urging seniors to attend the annual legislative speak-out and breakfast on **Friday, January 23**, whose focus this year is on “Affording Aging in Place.”

“The legislative speak-out is an annual tradition to engage our county’s seniors in the issues that most directly affect them,” Astorino said. “More and more of New York’s seniors are leaving the state because they simply can no longer afford to live here. This event will offer an open dialogue about the problems seniors face when trying to stay in their homes, and allow them to talk directly with their elected officials about solutions.”

This year’s event, taking place from **9am to 12pm at the County Center in White Plains**, will be hosted by Department of Senior Programs and Services Commissioner Mae Carpenter, County Legislator Bernice Spreckman, chair of the Board of Legislator’s Committee on Seniors and Constituencies, the Aging Network, and the Westchester Public/Private Partnership for Aging Services.

Issues and proposals raised at the legislative speak-out will be published in Westchester County’s “White House Conference on Aging Survey,” which will be submitted to the conference coordinators in Washington, D.C. The survey will also be sent to Westchester’s federal, state and local elected officials.

“Suggestions made at the speak-out will have a far-reaching and positive impact, and will be included in Westchester’s report to the White House Conference on Aging,” Carpenter said. “The White House conference is viewed by many people as a catalyst for developing aging policy. This program invites seniors to become VOCAL as Voices of Community Advocacy and Leadership.”

Officials who represent the county on all levels of government have been invited to attend. The event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required to speak.

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