

**PETITION IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FOR CORNING**

I hereby support the adoption of the following participatory budgeting amendment to the City Charter, to be approved by a vote of the City Council or a citywide referendum.

**PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING AMENDMENT:**

No later than March 1, a form shall be distributed by mail to all city residents who will pay city taxes that year, either directly through home ownership or indirectly through rent. The form shall have the list of city departments with a empty box or space next to each one. Each department listing shall also include at least three examples of public services overseen by that department. **Taxpayers shall be instructed that they will have the ability to choose where 30% of their subsequent individual tax payment of that year shall go in the city budget among the departments listed.** Taxpayers shall be instructed to write in the empty boxes or spaces what part of that 30% they wish to be allocated, and they will be notified that they have the option to leave boxes or spaces empty. If taxpayers do not allocate all of the 30%, then the remainder shall be allocated by the City Manager in the rest of the budget formation process. Taxpayers will have until April 1 to return the forms, and the allocations made by taxpayers shall be considered binding in the overall budget formation process. The forms shall be designed by the City Council or by a committee designated by the City Council.

**In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, the day and year placed opposite my signature.**

Name of Signer (Signature Required)                      Date                      Residence (Street Address, Town or City)

- 1. ....,..... 2012 .....
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- 13. ....,..... 2012 .....
- 14. ....,..... 2012 .....
- 15. ....,..... 2012 .....

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS:**

I, (name of witness).....state: I am a duly qualified voter of the State of New York. I now reside at (residence address) ..... New York.

Each of the individuals whose names are subscribed to this petition sheet containing (fill in number).....signatures, subscribed the same in my presence on the dates above indicated and identified themselves to be the individual who signed this sheet.

I understand that this statement will be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit and, if it contains a material false statement, shall subject me to the same penalties as if I had been duly sworn.

Date.....,2012

Signature of Witness.....

**WITNESS IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

The following information for the witness named above must be completed prior to filing with the board of elections in order for this petition sheet to be valid.

Town or City.....County.....