



New Rochelle Confederation of Neighborhood Associations

September 26, 2011

Mayor Noam Bramson and City Council Members
Louis Trangucci, Albert Tarantino, Jared Rice,
Richard St. Paul, Barry Fertel, and Marianne Sussman
New Rochelle City Hall
515 North Ave.
New Rochelle, NY 10801

Re: Town Hall meetings

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

On behalf of New Rochelle Confederation of Neighborhood Associations, I am writing to request that the City Council schedule a minimum of two (2) Town Hall meetings per year, at times and on dates that do not interfere with Citizens to be Heard (CTBH). We would recommend one meeting in September and one in April or May, where the Mayor and City Council members would collectively take no more than 20 minutes at the beginning of the meeting to summarize current government activities and finances and articulate the Council's agenda for the next year, and then take questions from the audience. The advantage of a Town Hall meeting over a CTBH session is that citizens get immediate feedback from their representatives in the Town Hall format. They do not get any feedback with the CTBH format. Also, many people are intimidated by standing at a microphone and speaking for 3 minutes, but they are not so afraid to stand up in an audience and ask a question.

Please get back to us as soon as possible with your thoughts on scheduling a Town Hall meeting soon.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A. Joyce Furfero, Co-Chair
New Rochelle Confederation of Neighborhood Associations

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