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## **Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli and former Nassau County Exec Tom Suozzi are keynote speakers for “The Tax Cap Challenge”**

### ***Pattern for Progress announces agenda for Fall Conference on Local Government***

New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli will provide the luncheon keynote address at the Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress Fall Conference on Local Government, “The Tax Cap Challenge”, on October 3 at SUNY New Paltz. The morning keynote speaker is former Nassau County Executive Thomas Suozzi, who chaired the NYS Commission on Property Tax Relief charged in 2008 with developing the state’s tax cap proposal.

“Our goal is to help those in local government, along with planners and those in municipal finance, to tap into the best thinking possible as we face the reality of the tax cap,” said Pattern President Jonathan Drapkin. “Across the Hudson Valley there is a lot of wisdom to share on this topic, and now is a critical time to put it into action.”

The conference agenda includes a plenary session to discuss the tax cap itself, and four breakout panel discussions on police, assessors, schools and business functions. Panels include representatives of municipalities, school districts, and other organizations with experience in efficiency measures such as shared services, consolidation of functions and departments, joint purchasing and cross-regional collaborations.

Updates on the agenda, including speakers and panelists, will be available along with the region’s Local Government Efficiency News Tracker at [www.pattern-for-progress.org](http://www.pattern-for-progress.org).

The event is co-hosted by the SUNY New Paltz Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CRREO). Pattern thanks the Business Council of Westchester, Dutchess Regional Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Chamber of Commerce, New Paltz Chamber of Commerce, Rockland Business Association, Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce for their support. Pattern also thanks sponsors Advance Testing, Provident Bank, Construction Contractors Association of the Hudson Valley, M&T Bank, Rhinebeck Savings Bank, and Vanacore DeBenedictus DiGiovanni & Weddell.

The conference is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration is \$50 for Pattern members and \$60 for non-members. A discounted rate of \$30 is offered to elected and appointed officials and employees of local governments and school districts. More information on registration and sponsorship opportunities is available at [www.pattern-for-progress.org](http://www.pattern-for-progress.org).

Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress is an independent, not-for-profit policy and planning organization that promotes regional, balanced and sustainable solutions to enhance the growth and vitality of the Hudson Valley. Founded in 1965 by business, academic and civic leaders, and based in Newburgh, NY, Pattern works within the nine-county area including Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester.

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