SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

3:00 p.m. NYCOM Registration Desk Opens

5:00 p.m. OPENING GENERAL SESSION

- Update on State Budget and Important Legislation
- Review of NYCOM's Legislative Program
- Open Discussion of NYCOM Priorities
  Speakers: Mayor Thomas M. Roach, NYCOM President, City of White Plains; Peter A. Baynes, NYCOM Executive Director; and
  Barbara J. Van Epps, NYCOM Deputy Director

6:00 p.m. Grammy Night!! Dinner Reception: Food and Entertainment

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 a.m. SOLUTION SESSIONS

- **Mayors' Roundtable**
  This session will provide mayors from across the State with the opportunity to share ideas and strategies to help address the many challenges they regularly face on the job. This relaxed and informal setting will allow for a healthy discussion on a variety of issues.
  Facilitator: Mayor Thomas M. Roach, NYCOM President, City of White Plains

- **Ensuring Effective Meetings: The Importance of Meeting Procedures and Minutes**
  Meetings can be incredibly frustrating for local government officials, yet they are an indispensable element of local governance. To operate effectively, public bodies must be able to function in an organized, civil, and efficient manner. This session will provide an overview of the proper conduct of meetings, why the adoption of written meeting procedures is so important, and how to handle public comment. The presentation will also include a comparison of public hearings and meetings, and what must and should be included in meeting minutes.
  Speakers: John Mancini, Rebecca Ruscito and Richard Sinnott, NYCOM Counsels

MUNICIPAL PERSPECTIVES FROM STATE LEADERS

9:00 a.m. State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli

9:30 a.m. Chair of the Public Service Commission Audrey Zibelman

10:30 a.m. Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan

11:00 a.m. NYCOM News Conference

11:30 a.m. Assemblyman John T. McDonald III

12:00 noon Lunch
Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul

1:30 p.m. SOLUTION SESSIONS

- **New York's 2016 Zombie Property and Foreclosure Prevention Law**
  2016 was a momentous year in New York for efforts to deal with distressed and abandoned properties. The State enacted new zombie property legislation that requires mortgagees to inspect and maintain properties that have been abandoned by the owner. This session will provide an overview of the changes to New York's Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law and the impact this law is likely to have on local efforts to address distressed and abandoned properties that are blighting communities across New York.
  Speaker: Wade Beltramo, NYCOM General CounselFederal Update: How the New Administration May Impact Local Governments

- **Federal Update: How the New Administration May Impact Local Governments**
  With the arrival of a new administration in Washington, this session will focus on what is currently developing and what we might expect from the federal government as it pertains to policies impacting local governments. Topics will include tax reform, infrastructure funding, "sanctuary cities" and the future of health care.
  Speaker: Michael Wallace, Interim Director - Federal Advocacy, National League of Cities

- **Getting Grants: State Funding Opportunities for Cities and Villages**
  There are various pots of State money available for environmental initiatives, water and sewer infrastructure and local government restructuring. The next step is figuring out how local officials actually get their hands on this much-needed money. At this session, representatives from State agencies will provide an overview of the various sources of funding and discuss the project criteria and eligibility standards associated with each of them.
  Speakers: Mark Pattison, Director, Local Government Services, NYS Department of State; Julie Tighe, Assistant Commissioner for Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation; and Audra Nowosielski, Deputy Director of Public Finance, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

- **Employee Discipline From A to Z**
  This presentation will address best practices for the effective discipline of public sector employees under Civil Service Law Section 75 and negotiated discipline procedures, including binding arbitration. Topics covered will include pre-hire considerations, counseling, progressive discipline, investigations and the conduct of discipline hearings and arbitrations.
  Speaker: Paul J. Sweeney, Esq., Partner, Coughlin & Gerhart LLP

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. SOLUTION SESSIONS

- **Counsel at Arraignment: Is Your Municipality Ready?**
  A criminal arraignment is an important first proceeding in the anatomy of a criminal case. This session will provide attendees with a historical review of the issue, as well as specifically address several important matters that may arise due to a new State law which could have a financial impact on your municipal budget. If your municipality operates a police department or justice court you will not want to miss this session.
  Speakers: Anthony C. Rossi, Esq., Assistant Deputy Counsel to the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Courts Outside of NYC and John A. Mancini, NYCOM Counsel

- **State and Local Responses to the Opioid Epidemic**
  The non-medical use of opioids has become an urgent public health crisis and local governments are struggling to address the impact that this crisis is having on their communities -- particularly as it

relates to public safety, facility management, emergency services, and community and economic development. This session will feature different strategies and initiatives undertaken by the State and local officials to try to combat, prevent and treat drug addiction.
Speakers: Mayor Timmy Currier, Village of Massena; Rob Kent, General Counsel, NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse and Holly Catania, Director of Policy and New Initiatives, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

- **Mixed-Use Commercial Corridor Development: How Communities are Revitalizing Their Downtowns**
  New York's cities and villages have long-struggled with how to revitalize their once thriving downtowns and main streets. State and federal grants, tax credits and tax exemptions, and myriad other incentives were tried as the solution. While those tools have proven helpful, lasting, long-term, revitalization has frequently proven elusive. This session will highlight how several municipalities have fostered mixed-use development and public events to create a community identity and places where people want to live, work, and play.
  Speakers: Mayor Frederick May, Village of Fairport; Mayor Gary McCarthy, City of Schenectady; and Mayor Paul Pontieri, Village of Patchogue

4:30 p.m. Networking Reception

Evening Dinner on your Own

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:30 a.m. NYCOM Lobby Day Breakfast Briefing

All Day NYCOM Lobby Day at the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building - Call your State legislators TODAY to schedule meetings.