



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Rachel May

## Senator Rachel May Appointed Chair of Cities 2 Committee

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Albany, NY – Senator Rachel May (D-Onondaga, Cayuga) has been appointed Chair of the Cities 2 Committee in the New York State Senate, which focuses on issues affecting Upstate residents.

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*"Upstate New York's cities have a proud history of innovation, industry, progressive social movements, and vibrant culture. Our urban centers also have many shared challenges,*

*notably concentrated poverty, racial segregation, food deserts, and scarcity of affordable housing and public transportation. In 2020, at my suggestion, the Senate created a new standing committee to address the needs of the many diverse cities across Upstate, and I'm honored to assume the Chair position this session. Since entering the Senate in 2019, I have been a fierce advocate for Syracuse, championing legislation on housing and environmental justice and securing investments in county-wide STEAM school, bus rapid transit, and job training for a diverse workforce. I look forward to working with my colleagues to turn a spotlight on building and celebrating healthy, safe, thriving urban communities across the state," said Senator Rachel May.*

Senator May has been appointed a member of several committees, included Aging, Agriculture, Elections, Environmental Conservation, Health, and Housing, Construction & Community Development.