



Annual Report 2025

New York State Senate Standing Committee on
Cities 2 (Other NYS Cities)

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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Temporary President and Majority Leader
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Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Cities 2 for the 2025 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

During the 2025 Session, this committee met once and reported six bills. The Committee also held a roundtable this past year with Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Senators Mayer and Fernandez, and Westchester mayors.

I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was done in the Committee this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the Committee's operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris J. Ryan'.

Christopher J. Ryan
New York State Senator, 50th District



2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIES 2

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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Cities 2 has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning cities outside of New York City. The Committee was established in 2022, recognizing that small and mid-sized cities outside the five boroughs face unique challenges, including: aging infrastructure, housing blight, municipal labor hiring, public safety policies, economic development, and access to transportation and broadband resources. The Committee is poised to foster opportunities for these municipalities to become agents of economic and population growth for the State as we compete with other states and global cities for workforce talent and investment.

During the 2025 Legislative Session, ten bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, six were reported from the Committee. Six were passed by the Senate, and six were passed in both houses. This work was conducted through one committee meeting. A list of all bills that were reported from the Committee is provided at the end of this report.

In addition to its regular meetings, the Committee held a roundtable meeting with Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Senators Mayer and Fernandez, and Westchester mayors. Topics of the roundtable included best practices around affordable housing, economic development, public safety, and infrastructure in New York's cities.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The following key bills were acted on by the Committee in 2025:

- S433 (Stewart-Cousins) – Chapter 136 – This bill extends certain provisions relating to bonds and notes of the city of Yonkers until June 30, 2026.
- S5403 (Ryan S) – Chapter 149 – This bill facilitates the marketing of any issue of serial bonds or notes of the city of Buffalo issued on or before June 30, 2026.
- S5758 (Cooney) – Chapter 376 – This bill provides that in the city of Rochester plumbing inspectors shall be citizens and residents of the county in which the city is located.
- S7157B (Cooney) – Chapter 527 – This bill authorizes an additional \$125 million for Phase 3 of the Rochester school facilities modernization program; extends phase 3 of the Rochester school facilities modernization program to 2033.
- S7744A (Fahy) – Chapter 333 – This bill authorizes the use of certain park lands alienated from a portion of the park commonly known as Lincoln Park, in the city of Albany for any school purposes.
- S8271 (Stewart-Cousins) – Chapter 337 – This bill authorizes the city of Yonkers to alienate and discontinue the use of certain parklands.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ROUNTABLES & NOMINATIONS

The Committee held a roundtable meeting on September 9, 2025, with Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Senators Mayer and Fernandez, and Westchester officials. Participating mayors included were Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert of New Rochelle, Mayor Thomas Roach of White Plains, Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard of Mount Vernon, Mayor Josh Cohn of Rye, and Deputy Mayor Susan Gerry of Yonkers. Participants shared experiences, discussed challenges, and identified opportunities to strengthen New York's cities. Topics of the roundtable included best practices around affordable housing, economic development, public safety, and infrastructure.

TWO HOUSE BILLS

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Act
S00433	Stewart-Cousins	Extends certain provisions relating to bonds and notes of the city of Yonkers until June 30, 2026.	Substituted By A5298 - Chaptered 136
S05403	Ryan S	Facilitates the marketing of any issue of serial bonds or notes of the city of Buffalo issued on or before June 30, 2026.	Chaptered 149
S05758	Cooney	Provides that in the city of Rochester plumbing inspectors shall be citizens and residents of the county in which the city is located.	Substituted By A6953A - Chaptered 376
S07157B	Cooney	Authorizes an additional \$125 million for Phase 3 of the Rochester school facilities modernization program; extends phase 3 of the Rochester school facilities modernization program to 2033.	Substituted By A7385A - Chaptered 527

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

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