

# 2010 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

➤ **PROVIDE CRITICAL DATA AND FACTS REGARDING THE RAMIFICATIONS OF COUNTY ASSESSING OPTIONS**

The NYSAA will gather facts and figures as well as any other educational data to inform the legislative bodies that will be making assessment administration options, including local government, county government and the State government.

➤ **AMEND RPTL SECTION 581 and RPL 339-y**

Support legislation that will require, at local option, market-based assessments of real property owned or leased by a cooperative corporation or on a condominium basis, which is converted or constructed on or after January 1, 2010.

➤ **AMEND RPTL SECTION 581a**

Support legislation that will allow, at local option, market-based assessments of residential affordable housing units and remove the restrictions as currently applied in this section of RPTL.

➤ **REMOVE THE MANDATORY USE OF BANK CODES**

Support the amendment of RPTL §518 and §953 to remove the mandatory use of bank codes by the Assessor's office for escrow accounts.

➤ **REQUIRE BASIC CERTIFICATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ALL SMALL CLAIMS HEARING OFFICERS**

Support amendments to RPTL §731 that will require SCAR Hearing Officers to obtain the equivalent training as required by appointed assessors and to maintain their status with equivalent continuing education requirements.

➤ **SUPPORT A STATUTORY CYCLE OF REASSESSMENT AT 100% OF MARKET VALUE**

The Association will also support a statutory cycle for the valuation of real property that is tied to a statistical trigger. It should establish a multi-year cycle for the valuation of real property. The Association recommends a 3 or 4 year cycle. Assessed values would be based on the "Valuation Date" of the roll and other than physical changes to the property and exemption administration, the assessment rolls would remain the same during the multi-year cycle. There should also be some type of statistical benchmark that would be required to trigger a reassessment, such as the COD or a reasonable Sales Ratio measure.