



# 35 YEARS OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

## Reflecting on NYC's 1989 Comprehensive Charter Reform and the Creation of the Independent Budget Office

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Breakfast and lunch provided.  
Reception to follow.

New York Law School



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### Panelists include:

**Gale Brewer**, NYC Council Member

**Jennifer Jones Austin**, Executive Director, FPWA

**Brad Lander**, NYC Comptroller

**Mark Levine**, Manhattan Borough President

**Stephen Louis**, Counsel, Center for New York City and State Law, New York Law School

**Ruth Messinger**, Global Ambassador, American Jewish World Service; Former Manhattan Borough President

**Preston Niblack**, Commissioner, Department of Finance

**Pauline Toole**, Commissioner, Department of Records and Information Services

**Jumaane Williams**, NYC Public Advocate

Many other experts from IBO, NYLS, City government, and beyond.

In November 1989, New York City voters adopted an entirely new framework for City government. NYLS and the NYC Independent Budget Office (IBO) invite you to explore the legacy of New York City's 1989 Charter, which transformed City government and led to the establishment of the Independent Budget Office.

### Panels will address:

- Challenges the City government faced in 1989
- Transparency and effectiveness of the City's budget process
- Engaging communities in accessing services and shaping neighborhoods
- Empowering public participation in City governance

**Come discover the stories, impact, and future of these critical changes that continue to shape City governance.**

