

# NEWS RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Democratic County Legislators think citizens should be able to track the progress of legislation on the county website. In conjunction with Sunshine Week, Legislators Flora Fasoldt and Peter Grimm have introduced a resolution calling for more information to be available on the legislative website.

According to Fasoldt, "New York State's Freedom of Information Law acknowledges every citizen's right to know how government operates and provides rights of access to records reflective of governmental decisions and policies that affect their lives."

"In keeping with the spirit of the Freedom of Information Law, we are recommending that information be added to [www.rensselaercounty.org](http://www.rensselaercounty.org) including:

- (1) The name of the legislator sponsorship each resolution filed;
- (2) The status/action taken on all resolutions presented in committee as well as information that identifies how each legislative committee member voted;
- (3) A complete record of the final determination of action that was taken on each resolution at Legislative Meetings and how each Legislator voted; and
- (4) The text of each resolution filed

"We are committed to 'the public's right to know' and believe that adding this information to our website will give the public details that are necessary to follow the progress of legislation and actions of the County Legislature."

According to Grimm, "We are committed to making government as open and responsive as possible to ensure public trust. That requires us to make ongoing improvements that will encourage greater openness, accessibility and accountability to increase public participation and engage citizens in the process of government."