

**Frank Russo**

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**Subject:** FW: Veterans Property Tax Exemption Hearing Scheduled

Dear Friends -

As you may know, along with my colleagues in the City Council, I have introduced legislation that would expand the Alternative Veterans' Exemption for real property tax to include the school district portion. **I am pleased to announce the City Council has scheduled a hearing for this important legislation, Intro 1304-2016, to be held on December 8 at 1 p.m. in City Hall.**

I know that many of you who have served our country bravely and proudly now face difficult financial challenges as the cost of live in New York City continues to skyrocket. This legislation would provide you with some additional property tax relief that you certainly deserve and need.

This City Council hearing is a big first step toward making that tax relief a reality, but we will need your help to get there. **Prior to the Dec. 8 City Council hearing, we plan to hold a press conference on the steps of City Hall at 12 p.m. to let the Mayor and the Council know that we are determined to pass this bill. *We need you to be there in attendance to show our strong support.***

I will provide more details as we complete our plans. Please contact other veterans and veterans groups and let them know that if they want additional property tax relief, they, too, should be at City Hall on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Below is a link to the hearing information:

<http://legistar.council.nyc.gov/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=517884&GUID=A61F2E86-28DF-4FFE-9B51-C40A37A76C43&Options=info&Search>

Thank you again for all you have done and all you continue to do to protect our freedom and our way of life, and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Steven Matteo

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