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### **Onondaga County Comptroller Robert E. Antonacci continues to answer questions regarding the Consensus Draft Report**

“In the short time since we announced this initiative, I am excited by the number of questions submitted,” Antonacci said.

A wide range of topics have been covered so far. “I can only hope people continue to submit questions. If we don’t readily have an answer, we will do our best to research the matter,” continued Antonacci.

The most recent question submitted concerned required referendums. “New York State Municipal Home Rule Law spells out when you need a referendum. For many of the areas covered by the Draft Report, it is our belief you would need a mandatory referendum. But we cannot say for sure until we have a concrete proposal on how to implement the powers,” Antonacci explained.

Comptroller Antonacci cited one recent example from the Town of DeWitt on how a referendum is needed. “The Town of DeWitt Board voted to turn their elected town clerk into an appointed position. Since it affected the powers of an elected official, the local law was subject to mandatory referendum,” said Antonacci. The DeWitt proposal was defeated by a nearly 2-1 margin.

Questions can be asked, and answers will be posted on the Consensus/Consolidation FAQ page at: [http://www.ongov.net/comptroller/ConsensusFAQ\\_000.html](http://www.ongov.net/comptroller/ConsensusFAQ_000.html).

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