

## **“Timely issues... tangible benefits”**

“Our community continues to benefit greatly from the ongoing dialogue generated by the Onondaga Citizens League. Their research and in-depth analysis of important issues facing Onondaga County provide elected officials and the community with key insights and suggestions on how to best move forward.”

**Joanie Mahoney**

Onondaga County Executive

“The Onondaga Citizens League study process, with contributions from every facet of our community, not only identifies critical issues and educates our citizens, but also contributes to informed debate and creates a context for thoughtful solutions to our most vexing issues.”

**Larry Bousquet**

Bousquet & Holstein Attorneys

“Citizen education and participation are essential elements of our democracy. The Citizens League has a long tradition of bringing together community members, with differing perspectives, to study and recommend solutions to community concerns. Civil discourse is alive and well!”

**Bea González**

Dean, University College of Syracuse University

“The Onondaga Citizens League has a strong history of taking the pulse of the community. Their study process encourages forward-thinking community engagement, constructive dialogues, and creative recommendations that contribute valuable input to timely, relevant community issues.”

**Rob M. Simpson**

President, CenterState Corporation for Economic Opportunity

“In Syracuse and Onondaga County we have an influx of new Americans from diverse cultures. These new communities must adapt educationally, socially and economically in order to become part of an integrated society. I believe OCL is helping through research to identify the issues and to provide recommendations for long-term solutions.”

**Jai Subedi**

InterFaith Works Center for New Americans

## **Onondaga Citizens League**

The Citizens League is a unique membership organization, open to all citizens, able to look at any issue that affects the community's economic health and quality of life. OCL seeks to advance its study recommendations, working with other groups toward implementation. The timely and relevant reports are often used as a resource by government, business, nonprofit organizations, and others. OCL study reports spur community conversations, and influence public policy considerations.



Visit the Past Studies archive on the web site, [onondagacitizens.org](http://onondagacitizens.org), to review past reports.

Recent study topics include:

- How CNY Moves
- Understanding the Employment Skills Gap in Central New York
- Early Childhood and School Readiness
- The World at our Doorstep
- Community Image: Valuing Our Public Spaces
- What Does It Mean to Be Green?
- Rethinking I-81
- How Inequality Makes Us Sick: Disparities in Health and Health Care
- Leveraging Better Outcomes for Downtown
- Strategic Government Consolidation

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# OCL

## We've Got Issues!

### **Join**

in promoting citizen  
involvement in public affairs.

### **Participate**

in study committees and  
become an informed citizen.

### **Contribute**

to a nonprofit, nonpartisan  
organization that  
further understanding of  
community issues  
and promotes change.

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**Citizens  
League**

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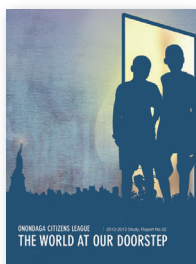
# Onondaga Citizens League

## COMMUNITY THINK TANK

OCL was organized in 1978 by a group of concerned citizens who saw the need for a "community think tank." OCL members discuss and propose solutions to issues facing Central New York, generating reports offering specific recommendations to better our community.

The topic of each year-long study is selected by the OCL Board of Directors based on members' suggestions. Study committee members develop an in-depth understanding of the topic from presentations by experts and stakeholders, by reading related reports, and through discussion and debate of relevant issues.

The product is a report used by community partners to implement recommendations for change.



## BECOMING A MEMBER

Any citizen, business, or organization in Central New York may become a member of OCL. Membership can be as simple as financial support, but members are encouraged to participate on study committees and in study sessions. OCL relies on the contributions of its members to produce its study reports.

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Meet other engaged citizens and community leaders
- Have your name, or your company name, listed in the OCL Study Report
- Be informed on key public policy issues
- Contribute to thoughtful public policy analysis and recommendations for action
- Receive a complimentary copy of the OCL Annual Study and the Annual Report
- Receive special invitations to OCL events
- Enjoy a discount to the OCL Annual Meeting Luncheon
- Make a tax-deductible contribution

### Our Mission:

The Onondaga Citizens League fosters informed public discourse by identifying and studying critical community issues, developing recommendations for action, and communicating study findings to interested and affected groups.

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# Join us!

## ONONDAGA CITIZENS LEAGUE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

This is my: ☐ Business address ☐ Home address

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to join the OCL at the following level:

### Individual or Family

- |   |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 Lifetime | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Contributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Sustaining | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Basic         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Supporting | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Student       |

### Organization or Corporation

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 Patron   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Supporting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Sustaining | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Basic      |

Contributions to the OCL are tax deductible.

### TYPE OF PAYMENT

☐ Check (Make checks payable to: OCL)

- OR -

**PayPal**™ (Visit [onondagacitizensleague.org](http://onondagacitizensleague.org), click on "Join" tab for PayPal payments)

I am interested in these community issues:

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\_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in serving on an OCL committee:

☐ Yes ☐ No

I would be interested in serving on the OCL Board of Directors:

☐ Yes ☐ No

### Return membership form to:

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