Statement from Councilman Zabed Manir

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Statement Regarding the Town of Clifton Park's Reserve Funds

There has been considerable recent discussion concerning the size of the Town's reserve funds, how those funds are allocated, and how they have been spent.

I firmly believe that these funds belong to the residents of Clifton Park. Before any decisions are made regarding their future use, I believe the following steps are necessary.

First, I believe we need an accurate accounting of the reserve funds currently held by the Town. I have requested that Town Comptroller Mark Heggen provide this information to the entire Town Board by its next meeting.

Second, once this information is received, I intend to request that the New York State Comptroller review the Town's reserve balances and provide guidance regarding appropriate reserve levels for a municipality of Clifton Park's size and financial circumstances. While such guidance would not dictate the Town Board's decisions, it would provide valuable professional insight from the office responsible for overseeing municipal finances in New York State.

Once this information has been received and reviewed, I intend to work toward developing a plan for the responsible management and potential use of the Town's reserve funds. That plan must include meaningful opportunities for community participation. I believe residents should be invited to share their perspectives and priorities before any final decisions are made regarding how these funds are used.

My objective is to ensure that decisions concerning these public funds are informed, transparent, fiscally responsible, and guided by the priorities of the Clifton Park community.

These are the residents' tax dollars, and their voices must be part of the decision-making process.

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