



# Village of Scarsdale

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### **Mayor Samwick Invited to Speak at Isaias NYS Joint Public Hearing**

Mayor Marc Samwick has been invited to present oral testimony at the NYS Legislature's Joint Public Hearing to Address the Emergency Storm Response and Customer Communication by Utilities in the wake of Tropical Storm Isaias. The legislative hearing will evaluate ConEd's storm preparation and response to the power outages and related issues.

The Joint Public Hearing will be streamed live online on Thursday, August 20, at 11:00 AM, from the [NYS Senate](#) and [NYS Assembly](#) webpages, with more viewing information available [online](#).

In his [written comments](#) submitted to the NYS Legislature on behalf of the Village Board and entire Scarsdale community, Mayor Samwick related, "As a community leader, I have experienced a high level of frustration in connection with being virtually powerless in helping our residents, local businesses, and other important members of our community to get their electric power restored and return their lives to some semblance of normalcy amidst the continuing COVID-19 pandemic."

Mayor Samwick added, "I am incensed by ConEd's failure to develop, manage, and maintain the electric grid in such fashion that our community can count on it for delivery of reliable, cost-effective energy through an efficient and resilient network capable of reasonably-paced recovery following a severe weather event."

Village officials are aggressively pursuing accountability for utility storm response failures, calling for impactful change in the manner in which ConEd operates during and in the wake of emergencies, and demanding appropriate investment to storm-harden our electric infrastructure and enhance its resiliency.

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