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**MAYOR MINER ANNOUNCES SYRACUSE TO LAUNCH OPEN
DATA POLICY, OPENS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON
MONDAY**

Residents Will Be Able to Comment Online Through April 28

*Miner: Open Data Policy is the Latest Step In Efforts to Innovate City Government,
Use Data-Driven Decision Making*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner today announced the city of Syracuse would launch its first-ever open data policy, enabling residents to have unprecedented ease of access to public information about the work of city government. The policy, which will be enacted by Mayor Miner in May, will be open to input from members of the public for two weeks, beginning on April 17, 2017.

“Our open data policy is the latest step in our effort to innovate city government, using data-driven decision making to craft better public policy to deliver more efficient results for Syracuse residents and businesses,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “Anyone will be able to access the data we release to learn more about what their city is doing. For example, academics can use this data to develop solutions for creative solutions to urban challenges. Citizens will have a better frame of reference to engage their government. We are all very excited about the possibilities this policy brings.”

Community members may read and comment on the policy using the My Madison portal here: <http://bit.ly/2oz5Coq>. Comments will be accepted from Monday, April 17 through Friday, April 28.

The city of Syracuse’s new policy will be implemented under the city’s first Chief Data Officer, Sam Edelstein. Working across departments, the city will find relevant data and release it in accordance with this new policy and applicable public records law.

The city’s open data policy was crafted with assistance from the Sunlight Foundation and the Center for Government Excellence at Johns Hopkins University. Syracuse is a member of What Works Cities, a Bloomberg Philanthropies’ coalition of cities working to implement new data-driven strategies to solve historic problems.

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