

## Young Tompkins lawmakers to meet President

Elected officials from city, county, Caroline head to D.C.

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Ithaca -- Four elected officials from Tompkins County will visit Washington Friday to take part in an event facilitated by the Young Elected Officials Network, where they will meet with top federal officials, as well as the president and first lady.

County Legislator Nathan Shinagawa, who represents a district in the City of Ithaca, participated in a meeting of the same group May 3. Shinagawa will be among the group going to this meeting, which will include about 150 officials from across the country, he said.

Common Council members Eddie Rooker and Svante Myrick, both representing Ithaca's 4th Ward, and Caroline Town Board member and Deputy Supervisor Dominic Frongillo will also attend.

Frongillo said, "I'm looking forward to meeting with President Obama and administrative officials about creating jobs, transitioning to clean energy, protecting communities from unsafe shale gas drilling and dealing with the climate crisis."

Rooker said the roster of officials the young representatives will meet is not definite yet, but he expects several members of the president's cabinet.

"I think we're hoping to hear on a larger level from Obama's administrators the challenges they're tackling and get their take on the economic situation," he said.

"It will be a good opportunity to learn and hear from people who are seeing things on a macro level."