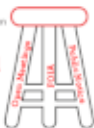


# Why Public Notice Should Remain in Newspapers

Along with open meeting and freedom of information laws, public notice is an essential element of the

**three-legged stool** of government transparency



**Newspapers** remain the primary vehicle for public notice in all 50 states



This is *not* about “newspapers vs the internet”. It’s **newspapers and newspaper websites vs government websites**

and newspaper websites have a much larger audience. Moving notice from newspapers to government websites would **reduce the presence of public notices on the internet**

Since the first U.S. Congress, public officials have understood that newspapers are the best medium to notify the public about official matters because they contain the

**essential elements of public notice:**



Accessibility



Independence



Verifiability



Archivability

**Publishing notices on the internet is neither cheap nor free**

