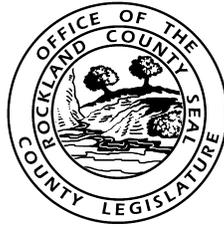


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## Wieder: ‘The People’s Budget’ Reduces Taxes By 3.2 Percent While Addressing County’s Needs

New City, NY (Nov. 28, 2016) – Rockland County Legislator Aron B. Wieder proposes an amended 2017 County Budget that will reduce property taxes by 3.2 percent while maintaining vital services and addressing issues raised by the state Comptroller’s Office.

“We must act to protect our residents by keeping these services while also addressing the need to pay down the deficit, as the Comptroller has noted in his report on the County Executive’s proposed version of the budget,” Wieder said.

Under Wieder’s proposal:

- Property taxes reduced 3.2 percent
- Cuts 9 new positions
- Restores 9 positions proposed to be cut, including HIV/AIDS clinic staff & petroleum storage tank inspectors
- Restores \$1.3 million in funding for vital nonprofit organizations
- Dedicates \$500,000 to deficit reduction
- Includes sale of Sain building to aid deficit reduction
- Conservatively and more accurately adjusts sales tax projections to about \$195 million
- Eliminates \$50,000 set aside by County Executive for mailings in 2017 – the first time a county executive is believed to have ever set aside such funding, especially troubling in a re-election year.
- Restores “inadvertently abolished” job cuts in County Executive’s budget concerning Sheriff’s Department and District Attorney’s Office.

“My proposal will ensure that we keep funding the vital services so many of our residents rely upon while also providing relief to our taxpayers,” Wieder said. “This is ‘The People’s Budget’ and that is exactly who it is meant to serve.”

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