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## **Wolfe Elected Chairman, Hood Returned As Vice Chairman**

### **Third Consecutive Year Legislators Named To Leadership Posts**

New City, NY (Jan. 5, 2016) – For the third consecutive year, Alden H. Wolfe of Montebello has been elected Chairman of the Rockland County Legislature and Jay Hood Jr. of Haverstraw has been elected Vice Chairman.

Rockland County Surrogate’s Court Judge Thomas E. Walsh II conducted the swearing-in Tuesday evening as Wolfe stood with his hand on the Bible and his daughter Morgan by his side.

“I’ll do my best to reward the trust that’s been placed in me, so that when we’re gone, Rockland County will be greater, better and more beautiful for us having been here,” Wolfe said.

Wolfe represents District 6, which covers part of Monsey, Montebello and Suffern.

Wolfe is a graduate of Ramapo High School and Syracuse University’s College of Law and the Maxwell School of Citizenship, where he received a master’s degree in Public Administration. He holds a bachelor’s degree in management/finance from Binghamton University. He is an attorney in private practice in New City.

Wolfe said he plans to maintain his “open-door” policy and is willing to meet with all Rockland constituents and all of his colleagues on the 17-member Legislature.

“We have our differences, but we are all Rockland,” Wolfe said. “I hope to find ways to bridge that which continues to divide us. To find areas of common ground. To develop strategies to foster discussion and debate, and put aside divisiveness and negativity.”

He pointed out several 2015 accomplishments that will continue to bring benefits in 2016. They include:

- A conservative budgeting approach that led to an operating surplus.
- The defeat of the costly and inappropriate Hudson River desalination project.
- New efforts to grow the local economy by working with governments and organizations in Western Ramapo to lure hikers and climbers to Rockland.
- The launch of the Rockland County Food Recovery Task, the first county in the nation to take such a step.

Wolfe also said he would not allow the increased cynicism toward government to sway him from championing county government's important contribution to the overall community.

"I will continue advocating for Rockland County government and the many services that it provides to our citizens," Wolfe said. "To show that what we as a county do matters, and affects all that live here, from public health to public safety, social services to road maintenance, consumer protection to criminal prosecution. I'll continue to champion this message and ask my colleagues to join me in sharing our pride for what we do as a government."

Hood represents District 3, which covers Haverstraw village and part of West Haverstraw. He is a former Haverstraw Town Councilman.

Hood also grew up in Rockland and is a graduate of St. Joseph's High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from St. Bonaventure University and is a graduate of Villanova School of Law. He is an attorney in his family's private practice in Haverstraw.

Hood said he wanted to serve as a bridge between all of his colleagues on the board no matter their political affiliation, government department heads and the County Executive and his staff.

"I hope that we come together and work together," Hood said. "We still have financial and other issues to work out but I know I am ready to put in the time and the effort and to do my part."

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