

The Legislature of Rockland County



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Legislator – District 11

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Dear Neighbor,

The last two months have been a whirlwind of activity for me since becoming your County Legislator in May. I want to update you on the issues I have been working on, but first I would like to tell you a little about my background and experiences.

I was born and raised in the Bronx, where I graduated from Cardinal Spellman High School, and then attended Pace University. In 2012, I completed a thirty-year career in state government with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. I served as liaison with local and state government representatives, law enforcement officials, and served on a multitude of committees and advisory teams.

I have been a resident of Rockland County for over 28 years, and live in Congers with my wife Nancy and our two sons. Like you, I have always valued the importance of community, and have held various positions with many key organizations, including:

- Board Member, Veterans Memorial Association of Congers
- Volunteer Coach and Moderator, St. Paul's Athletic League
- Annual Volunteer with the VVA Chapter 333 Memorial Watchfires
- Formerly a volunteer with the Congers Little League, Clarkstown Sports Club, and Ramapo Basketball Association

My family, community and work experiences have helped me understand the importance of leadership, education, fairness and caring for others. As your County Legislator, in just two months, I have been hard at work partnering with fellow legislators from across Rockland. Here are just some of the important pieces of legislation that I sponsored and co-sponsored on your behalf:

- A bill that would combine our Presidential, Congressional, State, and Local Primary Elections together to save taxpayers \$289,000 in 2016 alone;
- Opposing the licensing renewal of the Indian Point nuclear power plant;

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- The hiring of additional investigators for the Department of Social Services to uncover fraud in Medicaid and other Social Service programs;
- The Rockland Codes Initiative to uncover illegal housing and fine slumlords appropriately, so that we can put an end to illegal subdivisions and protect residents and firefighters;
- Urging State and Federal authorities to require Indian Point to develop an emergency notification system for Rockland residents at no cost to taxpayers;
- Flood mitigation for the Cranford Drive area to protect residents and property from Demarest Kill.

Additionally, I worked to support other important measures introduced by my colleagues, including:

- Continued support for a state monitor to provide oversight and relief to the troubled East Ramapo Central School District;
- Working to ensure the safety of CSX railroads through better technology, lower speed limits, and other means to lessen volatility levels in the shipments of crude oil through Rockland.

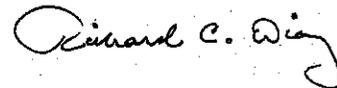
As I move forward as your legislator, I will continue to advocate on behalf of important taxpayer issues in our county. Whether it's advocating for East Ramapo, preserving our parkland and community spaces, or working on public safety issues, I am spending every day in office as your tireless advocate.

I also pleased to inform you that I have been working with the Rockland County Highway Department to ensure that needed road work in our area gets completed promptly. Keep your eyes out for paving and other work on the following roads:

- Lake Road
- Route 303
- Congers Road
- Old Route 304
- Kings Highway

Shortly, I will begin working with my colleagues in county government on our budget for the upcoming year. Ensuring that the budget includes matters of importance to you as my constituent will continue to be my top priority. That is why I want you to feel free to reach out to me any time you want to express your thoughts, suggestions, or ideas on how to make our district and county better. You can contact me anytime at (845) 638-5751 or DiazR@co.rockland.ny.us, and I will be glad to discuss and work on any issue with you.

Sincerely,



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