

# Press



# Release

11 New Hempstead Road, New City, NY (845) 638-5100 Fax: (845) 638-5675 Email: [legclerk@co.rockland.ny.us](mailto:legclerk@co.rockland.ny.us).

**For Immediate Release**

## **County Executive Manufactures ‘Fiscal Emergency’ In Attempt To Put Political Pressure On Legislature**

**New City, NY (June 20, 2016)** – Rockland County Legislature Chairman Alden H. Wolfe said a “fiscal emergency” has been manufactured by the County Executive to put political pressure on Legislators to approve the sale of the Sain building to a private developer.

“We have requested information from the County Executive that is germane to the proposed sale of the Sain building and those requests have been unanswered since February,” Wolfe said. “He agreed to give us information and then changed his mind when he decided he wanted to sell the Sain building to a private developer.”

As of June 15, 2016, the county is ahead of budgeted revenues by \$4.3 million due to strong showings in various revenue categories, but mostly due to solid sales tax revenues.

Additionally, the county expects new state and federal reimbursements of about \$400,000 in 2016, reducing the local share already budgeted for 2016 for various programs.

There are currently 69 vacant positions in county government. A specific estimate on the resulting salary savings is not yet possible as some posts will likely be filled. But if all remained vacant through the rest of the year, a salary savings of about \$1 million would result.

Wolfe said any action proposed by the County Executive will receive a full discussion at the Legislature’s Budget and Finance Committee.

“This Administration has gone back on its commitment to provide the Legislature with answers to reasonable questions about the property, which has caused an otherwise unnecessary delay in our deliberative process,” Wolfe said. “In order to make sure that Legislators have the necessary information we will be asking the Administration to be providing us with documents and answers to related questions in advance of a committee discussion at the end of the month. We will be asking that the County Executive personally appear to tell us about the plans, to answer questions and to work through the issues.”

###

Visit us: <http://www.rocklandgov.com>  
Like us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/rockleg>