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County Executive Blocks Legislators From Obtaining Information From County Government Department Heads

New City, NY (Sept. 25, 2015) – Rockland County Executive Ed Day has ordered County government department heads not to respond to e-mails, letters or telephone calls from County Legislators seeking information about issues concerning their departments.

Day has instead sent an e-mail to County government department heads ordering them to directly contact him or Deputy County Executive Guillermo Rosa to obtain a response to any inquiries.

“This new policy eliminates openness and transparency, restricting the flow of unfiltered information to Legislators and the people we represent,” Rockland County Legislature Chairman Alden Wolfe said. “Members of the public who come to our meetings and who call seeking information about actions that can impact their daily lives deserve access and transparency.”

Legislators are unable to proceed on matters before them without the proper information and Day’s policy could delay action on important government business, Wolfe said.

“In the absence of unfiltered information, the Legislature will be required to expand its review of all referrals. Important items of County government business will undoubtedly be delayed,” Wolfe said.

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