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## Roy Hochberg Appointed To Fill Legislative District No. Three Vacancy

Kingston, NY - The Ulster County Legislature voted Thursday evening to appoint Roy Hochberg to fill the vacancy of former Ulster County Legislator Peter Kraft (D-Hurley). Kraft resigned from the Legislature effective January 1<sup>st</sup> with one year of his term remaining. Hochberg was recommended by Democratic committee members from the Towns of Hurley, Olive, and Marbletown.

Under the new Ulster County Charter, the County Legislature has the option of appointing an elector from within the district within thirty days. All three town committees endorsed Hochberg as several qualified candidates attended question and answer sessions last weekend.

Hochberg noted his years of participation in the community and his work as a volunteer in numerous local organizations, "I hope to continue helping the community and the district. My focus will be on job creation and lowering taxes. In addition to maintaining a Democratic majority in the Legislature, I want to help create a more efficient and effective County government under the new Ulster County Charter."

Fellow District Three Legislator Robert Parete (D-Olive) whole-heartedly supports Hochberg to replace his longtime friend, Peter Kraft. "I can think of no one better suited to fill this important seat than Roy Hochberg," stated Robert Parete.

Legislator Richard Parete (D-Marbletown) looks forward to working with Roy Hochberg in the Legislature and during the coming 2009 campaign. "Roy will be an important member of the team as we move ahead."

All County Legislators are up for election in November 2009 in the current districts. After 2010 census, the legislative districts will be redrawn into single member districts by an independent commission in preparation for the election in 2011.