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Westchester County Association Requests Candidates for County Executive and County Legislators to Answer Questionnaire on Issues Impacting Business Community

*Analysis of Results to be Made Public at WCA's Annual
Government Reception on October 21*

White Plains, NY (October 9, 2009) Responding to concerns of its members about the area's future economic vitality, The Westchester County Association (WCA) — the leading business advocacy membership group — has requested the candidates for Westchester County Executive and county legislators to answer a questionnaire about issues that impact the business community.

The questionnaire, developed by members of The WCA's Advocacy Committee, was distributed to the candidates on October 7 along with the request to complete and forward it by e-mail on October 14. An analysis of the candidates' responses will be made public at The WCA's 16th Annual Government Reception, to be held Wednesday, October 21 at The Ritz-Carlton, Westchester, White Plains.

Richard E. French, Jr., Chair of the Advocacy Committee, said the questions focused on issues of importance to the business community including property taxes, the cost of the HUD settlement, consolidation of services, compensation for county employees, real estate revaluation and the MTA payroll tax. "The questions are designed to elicit specific

actions the candidates will take to remedy these problems. Our analysis of their responses will serve as a report card for the voters on November 3,” said Mr. French.

William M. Mooney, WCA President, stated: “Our members want clear answers from the candidates about how they will deal with issues that are important to Westchester’s economic vitality. We trust that this will provide the information that the business community needs to make informed voting decisions. ”

The candidates who received the questionnaire are:

For County Executive:

Incumbent Andrew Spano (Democratic, Conservative and Working Families) and Rob Astorino (Republican, Independence)

For County Legislator:

District 1 (Cortlandt): Domenic Volpe (Democratic ,Working Families) and John G. Testa (Republican, Conservative, Independence)

District 2 (Northeast Westchester): Peter B. Harckham (Democratic, Independence, Working Families) Running unopposed

District 3 (Pleasantville): John M. Nonna (Democratic, Independence, Working Families) Running unopposed

District 4 (Somers): Michael P. Kaplowitz, Incumbent (Democratic, Independence) and Gregory P. Kane (Republican, Conservative)

District 5 (White Plains): William J. Ryan, Incumbent (Democratic, Working Families) and Bob Hyland (Republican, Conservative, Independence)

District 6 (Harrison): Martin L. Rogowsky (Democratic, Conservative) Running unopposed

District 7 (Mamaroneck): Judy Myers (Democratic, Working Families) Running unopposed

District 8 (Greenburgh): Alfreda A. Williams (Democratic, Working Families) and Thomas J. Bock (Republican, Conservative and Independence)

District 9 (Ossining): William E. Burton, Incumbent (Democratic, Working Families) and Susan B. Konig (Republican, Conservative, Independence)

District 10 (Tuckahoe): Vito J. Pinto (Democratic, Working Families) Running unopposed

District 11 (New Rochelle): James Maisano (Republican, Conservative, Independence, Working Families)

District 12 (Greenburgh): Thomas J. Abinanti (Democratic) Running unopposed

District 13 (Mount Vernon): Lyndon D. Williams (Democratic) and Dorothy Fiorillo (Republican, Conservative and Independence)

District 14 (Yonkers): Bernice Spreckman (Republican, Conservative and Independence) Running Unopposed

District 15 (Yonkers): Gordon A. Burrows (Republican, Conservative and Independence) Running unopposed

District 16 (Yonkers): Kenneth Jenkins (Democratic, Conservative, Independence, Working Families) Running unopposed

District 17 (Yonkers): Jose Alvarado, Independence, Incumbent (Democratic, Working Families) and Sandy S. Annabi (Conservative, Independence)

Founded in 1950, The Westchester County Association is the preeminent business membership organization in Westchester. It is committed to business advocacy, economic vitality, and to providing a strong and clear voice for the interests of Westchester businesses on a regional, national and international level. Its three major objectives are economic development of the region, business development, and to provide access and interaction with key public and private sector individuals, agencies and organizations.