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Ulster County Legislature's Majority Leader Paul Hansut Announces His Choice Of Members To Reapportionment Commission (revised 12/10/10)

Legislator Paul Hansut, Majority Leader of the Ulster County Legislature has announced his choices for the Reapportionment Commission. He stated, "I am pleased to announce the names of two individuals, William West and Michael E. Catalinotto as my choices for the Reapportionment Commission. I trust these two choices based on their knowledge, wisdom, experience and their ability to maintain the integrity of this most important process."

William West is a *former* member of the Town of Woodstock Town Board and has served as Woodstock Town Supervisor. He *formerly* served on the Ulster County Legislature as Majority Leader and as Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature. During his time on the Ulster County Legislature, he was involved in several reapportionments of the Ulster County Legislature and has knowledge of the process and its importance to the people of Ulster County and to the effective functioning of the County Legislature. He has been active in numerous local and county-wide civic endeavors.

In the private sector, William West has been a member of the Board of Directors of several large and diverse businesses. He is currently an officer of family business that has existed for over 60 years. He is also a graduate of SUNY Oswego and served in the United States Army.

Michael E. Catalinotto, Esq. was a member of the Charter Commission. He was deeply involved with the creation of the concept for reapportionment which as now become part of the County Charter.

Michael E. Catalinotto is an attorney and a partner in the law firm of Maynard, O'Connor, Smith & Catalinotto with offices in Albany and Saugerties. He is a former Town Justice in the Town of Saugerties and has been active in a number of civic activities. He is a *former* member of the SUNY New Paltz College Council and is a former Chairman of the Kingston Hospital Board of Trustees and a former member of the Board of Directors of the Kingston Regional Health Care System.

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After studying applications from nearly 100 eligible residents, Ulster County Legislative Majority Leader Paul Hansut and Minority Leader Jeanette Provenzano announced today the individuals they picked to serve on the Reapportionment Commission.

The Reapportionment Commission's mission is to create 23 single-member legislative districts in Ulster County. The Charter directs the Legislature's minority and majority leaders to each pick two candidates from the pool created by the County Executive. Those four individuals will pick the last three members from the same pool, creating a seven person Reapportionment Commission.

Majority Leader Hansut reminds everyone that pursuant to the Charter and Administrative Code, "The Commission will reapportion in accordance with a process that allows timely input from the County Legislature and its members and the maximum of public participation and comment, and in accord with a calendar it adopts for itself after consideration of New York State Election Law that assures that elections in newly apportioned districts will be held in the ending in "1" in every decade."