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FIGHTING FOR A MORE AFFORDABLE WESTCHESTER

The Westchester County Board of Legislators took decisive action to oppose Con Edison's proposed double-digit rate hikes, partnering with County Executive Ken Jenkins to become a party in the rate case before the New York State Public Service Commission. The proposed increases—11.4% for electricity and 13.3% for gas by 2026—would place a heavy burden on working families, seniors, and small businesses already struggling with exorbitant utility bills. Legislators made clear they will not allow Con Ed to pass excessive costs onto residents under the pretext of infrastructure upgrades. By gaining a voice in the proceedings, the County is demanding greater accountability. We will continue demanding greater accountability advocacy at hearings and are hosting a series of Public Input Sessions across the County throughout the summer and will be pursuing similar actions with NYSEG. ■



Rallying against Con Edison's proposed rate hikes with colleagues
Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker & Senator Mayer.



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Summer 2025 Newsletter

David J. Tubiolo

District 14 ~ Yonkers, Mount Vernon
Chair, Committee on Parks & Environment



Dear Neighbor,

It is my pleasure to serve you as your Westchester County Legislator for District 14, comprised of the great cities of Yonkers and Mount Vernon. I hope this letter finds you well as we continue to keep Westchester County affordable, safe, and an amazing place to live. We are almost at the half-way point of 2025, and I'm delighted to update you on some exciting initiatives we have undertaken at the County Board of Legislators thus far:

As the Chair of the Committee on Parks and Environment, I'm delighted to announce that this year, the iconic Playland Park is open. I know that many of you in our district have questions about the ongoing issues surrounding Playland and its separation from Standard Amusements. At this juncture, we are working diligently with the County Executive, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, and amusement ride manufacturer Zamperla Inc., to ensure that Playland is safe and accessible for all.

During this current legislative term, I was honored to co-sponsor a meaningful piece of legislation to ensure that residents of our County who are Veterans of the United States Armed Forces are eligible for free passes to all of the beautiful parks in our County-wide Park system. This Board-led initiative extends previous benefits that covered only active duty and disabled veterans, now reaching approximately 100,000 local veterans. The Act specifically aims to help senior veterans overcome financial barriers to enjoying natural spaces while promoting health, wellness, and community engagement. It is an honor and privilege to be able to advocate for those who have served our country.

One of my main priorities as your elected representative on the County Board is to help keep our communities safe. With this in mind, I was delighted to work with the County Executive's office to implement the Blue Envelope Program for Westchester County. This innovative initiative provides our dedicated Westchester County Police officers with an additional resource to facilitate safe traffic stops when they encounter motorists with autism or other special needs. The envelope signals to officers that the driver may require communication accommodations, and it also includes tips for both drivers and officers to ensure clear, respectful, and calm interactions. Drivers are encouraged to keep their blue envelopes visible and easily accessible, such as in the glove compartment or visor.

In our efforts to keep Westchester affordable, my colleagues and I voted to join the rate case against Con Edison. As I'm sure you have seen, our community has been hit with exorbitant delivery charges by Con Edison. It is simply not right that Con Edison operates as a monopoly by balancing its checkbook on the backs of the hard-working taxpayers of our County. As a party to the rate case, we are making it clear that we will not allow Con Ed to pass excessive costs onto residents under the pretext of infrastructure upgrades. By gaining a voice in the proceedings, the County is demanding greater accountability. Should you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office. It is my honor to serve the public trust.

Respectfully,

David J. Tubiolo

Hon. David J. Tubiolo,
Legislator, 14th District



PROTECTING OUR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

COMBATING AI-GENERATED DEEPFAKES: To better protect residents against this and other increasingly common fraud tactics, the Board passed an innovative local law prohibiting the distribution of digitally deceptive material with the intent to harm. The measure strengthens the County's ability to keep residents free from harassment, extortion, identity theft and sexual exploitation using content created with AI. Specifically, the use of images, audio and videos created with AI and without consent, including those mimicking a person's voice, are now considered a crime. ■

With County Executive Ken Jenkins & Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace as we sign into law protections against AI deepfakes



COUNTY EARNS HIGHEST POSSIBLE BOND RATINGS

Westchester County once again earned the highest possible AAA credit rating from both S&P Global and Fitch Ratings, with Moody's upgrading the County's outlook to positive. As the only county in New York State with top ratings from all three agencies, this exceptional financial position reflects the Board of Legislators' strategic budget oversight. These achievements enable prudent investments in essential services while maintaining fiscal stability for sustainable economic growth. ■



Fortunate to work with Westchester County Budget Director Lawrence Soule

HONORING VETERANS WITH FREE COUNTY PARK PASSES



Memorial Day 2025 at VFW Yonkers City Post 1666

To honor the service and sacrifice of U.S. military veterans, the Board of Legislators approved an Act providing free County park passes to all veterans living in Westchester. This Board-led initiative extends previous benefits that covered only active duty and disabled veterans, now reaching approximately 100,000 local veterans. The Act specifically aims to help senior veterans overcome financial barriers to enjoying natural spaces while promoting health, wellness, and community engagement. ■

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Standing proudly with our wonderful seniors at 2025 Senior Advocacy Day in Albany



Honoring Frank O'Keefe for his community service, with Charman Vedat Gashi, at the Board's 2025 Irish American Heritage Month Celebration



Support SIEU/CIR union members rallying for a fair contract at the Westchester Medical Center with my colleagues



Meeting with members of The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Myles Scully Division 1



Celebrating St. Patrick's Day 2025 with our amazing Irish community on McLean Avenue, "The Emerald Mile"



Joining Yonkers Finest at 2025 "Coffee with a Cop" at the Cross County Shopping Center



Celebrating with the Coyne Park Seniors at the 2025 Westchester County Salute to Seniors Expo



Joining with Honorees & Dignitaries at National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Westchester Chapter's 2025 Awards Ceremony



Commemorating 2025 National Police Week in Yonkers at the 2nd Precinct Open-House Tour



Congratulating Promotees of the Yonkers Fire Department with Yonkers Fire Commissioner Fitzpatrick



Celebrating the great honorees at the 2025 East Yonkers Kiwanis Nurses Appreciation Gala



Having a great time with friends and colleagues at the 2025 Yonkers Puerto-Rican Hispanic Day Parade



With Mr. Devlin and his amazing civics students at Yonkers Montessori Academy



2025 Westchester County Albanian American Festival at Kensico Dam Plaza



Sons of Italy John D. Calandra Lodge 2025 Installation of Officers