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Joel Friedman Appointed To Rockland County Legislature

Chestnut Ridge Resident Fills Vacant Seat In District 15

New City, NY (Jan. 19, 2023) – Rockland County Legislators voted 9-5 Thursday to appoint Joel Friedman of Chestnut Ridge to fill the District 15 seat left vacant by a former legislator elected to state office.

“I have long admired the work the County Legislature does for all residents of Rockland, so I am honored and humbled to serve alongside great public servants,” Legislator Friedman said. “I look forward to serving the residents of Rockland County with all my ability, strength, and passion, now and for years to come.”

Legislator Friedman was nominated for the post by Rockland County Legislator Aron Wieder.

“District 15 is a vibrant, family-oriented community that not only demands but deserves an engaged public servant as its representative,” Legislator Wieder said. “That is why Joel Friedman - husband, father of four and a hard-working businessman - is the appropriate and qualified choice.”

Legislator Friedman has lived in Chestnut Ridge since 2016 and has been involved in local issues, regularly attending village government meetings, and voluntarily assisting residents during election season. He currently oversees operations for a multi-location retail bakery operation.

Legislator Friedman fills the seat previously held by John McGowan, who now serves in the New York State Assembly. District 15 currently includes parts of Chestnut Ridge, Pearl River and Nanuet. After new districts go into effect on Jan. 1, 2024, it will be wholly located in Ramapo, including Chestnut Ridge and most of Airmont.

Rockland County Legislator Toney Earl seconded Legislator Friedman’s nomination.

“It’s obvious that Joel Friedman cares deeply for the community and has worked hard to get to this point,” Legislator Earl said. “He’s demonstrated the passion and commitment one needs to be able to serve the public.”

Rockland County Legislature Chairman Jay Hood Jr. welcomed Legislator Friedman to the 17-member Legislature.

“I look forward to working with Legislator Friedman as he begins his legislative journey,” Chairman Hood said. “My door is always open and I’m happy to assist however I can.”

Legislator Friedman and his wife are parents of a daughter and three sons. He was sworn in by County Clerk Donna Silberman.

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