







## Members of the Westchester County Board of Legislators 2008-2009 Term

	<p><b>District 5</b> <i>William J. Ryan</i> (D) <b>Board Chair</b></p>	<p>Bill Ryan is the current Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators. A Peekskill native, Bill has lived in White Plains for nearly 20 years. He was first elected to the County Board's 5th District's legislative seat in 1998.</p> <p>After working as a banker for ten years, Bill launched what would turn out to be a twenty-year career in state government. Initially he served as an elected member of the New York State Assembly representing parts of Westchester, Putnam, Orange and Rockland Counties. Later, Bill joined the managerial/confidential staff of the Assembly Speaker and handled policy matters involving intergovernmental relations, education finance and state aid to localities.</p>
<p><b>White Plains, Scarsdale</b></p> <p><b>Contact Info</b> Tel: (914) 995-2827 Fax: (914) 995-3884 Email: Ryan@westchesterlegislators.com</p>	<p>For six years as Chair of the County Board's Public Safety Committee, Bill was best known for action that protected our families. Bill was the force behind the creation of the Department of Emergency Services, the nerve center for the County's rapid response to fire, medical emergencies, hazardous materials spills, natural disasters, acts of terrorism and WMD's. Bill spearheaded the passage of legislation that prohibits the sale of dangerous laser pointers to minors; requires the "safe storage" of guns in homes to protect kids; and mandates a "graduated drivers license program" to make our teenagers safer drivers.</p> <p>Bill was first elected Chairman of the Board in January 2004. He had served as Vice Chairman for two years prior. As Chair, Bill has restored the Legislature as an independent, co-equal branch of County government. He has put great emphasis on the Board's oversight responsibility. He has made the streamlining and strengthening of the Board's committee system a priority.</p> <p>In January 2007, after service for more than a year as director-at-large, Bill was elected 2nd Vice-President of the New York State Association of Counties. Bill also serves as one of 35 members of the Large Urban County Caucus of the National Association of Counties. The Caucus represents over 130 million people living in 100 counties on matters before the federal government.</p> <p>Bill is a member of many community organizations including the White Plains Rotary Club, the White Plains Historical Society, the North Broadway Citizens Association, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the Antonio Meucci Lodge. He is a patron member of the Jewish War Veterans and serves on the board of the Westchester Arts Council.</p> <p>Bill earned his B.A. in Economics from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh. He and his wife JoAnn live on Seneca Avenue and have five grown children, three sons and two daughters.</p>	


	<p><b>District 4</b> <i>Michael B. Kaplowitz</i> (D) <b>Board Vice Chair</b></p>	<p>Michael B. Kaplowitz has lived in Somers since 1989 and has represented the 4th District since 1998.</p> <p>His education and expertise as an attorney and certified financial planner led to his appointment as Chair of the Budget &amp; Appropriations Committee in 2003. During difficult 2002 budget discussions, Kaplowitz found a way to cut over \$50 million in the proposed budget; in 2005, as Budget Chair, he was able to deliver a 0% tax levy increase. Kaplowitz is committed to preserving the County's last opportunities for open space and to conservation issues.</p>
<p><b>Somers, Yorktown, New Castle</b></p> <p><b>Contact Info</b> Tel: (914) 995-2848 Fax: (914) 995-3884 Email: Kaplowitz@westchesterlegislators.com</p>	<p>He is an aggressive supporter of tax fairness and has fought for and won relief for thousands of Northern Westchester homeowners who were paying sewer taxes despite never being hooked up to sewers. He has led the legislative effort to keep the sewage diversion/upgrade issue on the front burner. His concern for equity isn't limited to lowering taxes and cutting costs. Kaplowitz is leading the fight to convert Indian Point to a non-nuclear facility.</p> <p>Kaplowitz has a long history of involvement in a wide variety of community and civic organizations, including the Volunteer Center, the March of Dimes Walk America, the American Red Cross and the Partnership Fund for Aging Services.</p> <p>Legislator Kaplowitz earned his B.A. in history from the University of Pennsylvania and his J.D. from the Boston University School of Law. Mike and his wife Jayne have two daughters who attend the Somers Public Schools.</p>	


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	<p><b>District 6</b> <i>Martin Rogowsky</i> (D) Majority Leader</p>	<p>Martin L. Rogowsky has lived in Harrison since 1985. He first served as the Sixth District's County Legislator from 1990-1993, returning in March 2002 after winning a special election.</p> <p>Mr. Rogowsky started his career in public service in the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs. He then headed to Washington, D.C. to become Chief of Staff for former Congressman Richard Ottinger. He eventually moved to the US Department of Energy where he held several jobs including Deputy Assistant General Counsel for the Environment and Acting Director of the Environment, Health and Safety in the Office of Fossil Energy. Rogowsky also spent three months on temporary assignment to the White House Domestic Policy Staff.</p> <p>In 1998 County Executive Andy Spano appointed Legislator Rogowsky Chairman of the Westchester County Public Utility Service Agency where he served until his election the the County Legislature.</p> <p>Rogowsky has served on the Boards of a number of local organizations, including: the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County, the American Cancer Society, the Port Chester Carver Center, the Port Chester/Rye Brook Chamber of Commerce, the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Community Center of Harrison. He coached soccer, basketball and softball for the Harrison Recreation Department.</p> <p>Rogowsky earned his BA Degree from the University of Rochester, his JD from Brooklyn Law School and his Masters Degree in Environmental Law from the George Washington University National Law Center. He is president of his own real estate management company located in Port Chester. He and his wife, Tobi, have two children.</p>
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	<p><b>District 7</b> <i>Judith A. Myers</i> (D) Majority Whip</p>	<p>Legislator Judy Myers has lived in the Town of Mamaroneck for 25 years. She was first elected the County Legislator for the 7th district in a special election in February 2005.</p> <p>Myers has accomplished a great deal in her first three years in office. As Chair of the County Board's Family, Health and Human Services Committee in 2006 and 2007, Judy turned the committee's attention to tackling a wide range of critical issues — from childcare to AIDS to saving the Westchester Medical Center. She succeeded in increasing access to quality childcare through a county scholarship program. Judy also represents the County Board on the 13-member Westchester County Board of Health, working to incorporate the public health concerns and initiatives of the Board of Legislators with those of the Board of Health and Department of Public Health.</p> <p>Myers has served on the County Board's Environment and Energy Committee, the Legislation Committee, and the Public Works, Transportation, Labor and Parks Committee. She has addressed the need for more open space by pushing forward the county's plan to clean up and acquire Davids Island in New Rochelle as a county park; helped to shape Rye Playland's new master plan and landscaping plans for the Jay Heritage Center in Rye; and, and is currently working with local advocates in their bid to open the Westchester Children's Museum at Playland. To ease the playing field shortage in Larchmont and Mamaroneck, Myers successfully secured \$2.5 million to help build a new athletic field that will open in 2008 in Larchmont's Flint Park. Following the devastating floods of March and April 2007, Myers was appointed to the County Executive's Flood Action Task Force to develop a \$10 million per year funding mechanism for municipal flood mitigation projects.</p> <p>For the current 2008-2009 legislative term, Myers was elected to serve as the Majority Whip for the Democratic caucus. In this leadership position, she will work with each of the legislature's committees, including the Budget and Appropriations Committee, to carry out the majority caucus' legislative priorities.</p> <p>As a proponent of greater regional planning, inter-municipal cooperation and open government, Myers has fought to keep taxes under control in the face of rising medical and retirement costs, both at the town and the county levels. During her six years on the Mamaroneck Town Council, Myers took on critical land use issues that threatened the Town's quality of life. These included preventing the mega-store Ikea from destroying residential areas; helping to develop commercial property design guidelines; placing limits on noisy blasting and rock removal; controlling the over-development of "McMansions"; and, passing legislation to protect wetlands and watercourses.</p> <p>In addition to serving as the 7th District's County Legislator, Myers serves on a number of community boards, including the United Way of Larchmont and Mamaroneck; the Mamaroneck CAP Center; and, the Community Advisory Board of the Junior League of Westchester on the Sound. She is also an active member of the Larchmont/Mamaroneck Summit; RADAR; the League of Women Voters; and, the Westchester Women's Agenda.</p> <p>Judy is married to Ira Schwartz, and has two grown children and a golden retriever.</p>
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	<p><b>District 1</b> <i>George Oros</i> (R) <b>Minority Leader</b></p>	<p>George Oros was born in Trenton, NJ and came to Westchester to attend college. He has been a resident of Cortlandt ever since. He was elected to the County Board in 1995 to represent the 1st District and was Chairman from 1996 to 1997. He is currently the Minority Leader of the Republican Caucus.</p> <p>George is known for his policies on fiscal reform and diligence when reviewing contracts and budgets. He is a determined tax-cutter and was instrumental in removing an unfair County sewer tax that thousands of Cortlandt and Yorktown residents were paying even though they had no sewers. George has also introduced a number of reform measures to increase budgetary accountability.</p> <p>Prior to serving on the Board, George was an active member of the Cortlandt community. He was a Town Councilman and Chair of both the Cortlandt's Zoning Board of Appeals and the Bi-Centennial Committee. He was Assistant to the Town Attorney, served on the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce's Executive Board and co-founded the Heritage Foundation, a historical organization in Cortlandt.</p> <p>For eight years, George was the Assistant to the Director of Pace's Michaelian Institute of Sub/Urban Governance and was involved with projects ranging from the creation of new villages to welfare reform. He still sits on the Board of Directors of the Hudson Valley Hospital Center.</p> <p>George earned his BBA degree from Pace University in Pleasantville and his JD degree from Pace University Law School. He and his wife, the former Marianne Baggini, have two lovely children, John and Christina.</p>
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	<p><b>District 11</b> <i>James Maisano</i> (R) <b>Minority Whip</b></p>	<p>Legislator James (Jim) Maisano has lived in New Rochelle since 1964, when his family moved from Brooklyn, NY. In 2005, Jim was elected to his fifth term on the Westchester County Board of Legislators, where he represents approximately 53,000 people in the City of New Rochelle and Town of Pelham.</p> <p>Since first being elected to the Board of Legislators in 1997, Jim has held various leadership positions, including: Republican Minority Leader (2003); Republican Minority Whip (2002); Co-Chair, Rules Committee (2003); Chair, Public Works Committee (2000-2001); and Chair, Intergovernmental Relations Committee (2004-2005). He has also been a member of the Committees on Legislation, Environment, Families and Labor during his service as a County Legislator.</p> <p>A regional leader on environmental protection issues, Jim has greatly enjoyed his service over the past decade as the Chair of the Subcommittee on the Long Island Sound. Jim has worked diligently to protect the water quality of the Sound and preserve open space and public access on the Sound's waterfront. Recently, while serving as Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Jim oversaw initiatives to improve the working relations between Westchester County and the federal, state and local governments. With Jim's leadership, this committee took action that helped stop the closing of the New Rochelle Family Court.</p> <p>Jim's legislative priorities include controlling taxes while maintaining high quality services, protecting the quality of life of the neighborhoods in New Rochelle and Pelham, ensuring clean air and clean water while preserving open space, and promoting open and responsible government with expanded citizen participation.</p> <p>Jim is a member of many civic and professional organizations, including: the New Rochelle Lions Club, Bronx-New Rochelle Elks Lodge #756, Marine Corps League, Irish Benevolent Society, Adirondack Mountain Club, Westchester Bar Association, and New Rochelle Bar Association. He is also a coach in the New Rochelle Little League.</p> <p>Jim is a counsel with the New York office of the prominent international law firm of Crowell &amp; Moring LLP. He is a member of the firm's litigation group, and also practices in the area of government relations. Jim has been a member of the Bar of the State of New York since 1992.</p> <p>Jim earned his B.A. in History and Political Science from the City University of New York at Hunter College in 1989. In 1992, Jim received his J.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law and was chosen to make the student commencement address at his law school graduation.</p> <p>One of his proudest accomplishments was from 1984 to 1988, when Jim served in the United States Marine Corps. He worked as a landing support specialist in embarkation and logistics, organizing the loading and unloading of helicopters, airplanes and ships. Jim also served as platoon sergeant and supervised and trained a platoon of Marines. He was honorably discharged as a sergeant.</p> <p>Married since 1996, Jim and his wife, Jean, live in New Rochelle with their son, Michael and dog, Oakley. Jean works as a fundraising and communications consultant for various nonprofit agencies in Westchester County and also does freelance writing for local newspapers.</p>
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	<p><b>District 2</b> <i>Peter B. Harckham</i> (D)</p>	<p>Pete Harckham is a lifelong resident of the Hudson Valley and has been a leader in the community since he and his wife Janet, moved to Katonah in the early '90 s. He was elected to the Board in November 2007. He is committed to protecting the fragile groundwater supplies that serve 85,000 residents of northern Westchester, building affordable housing for seniors and emergency first responders and easing the property tax burden on Westchester families.</p>
<p><b>Bedford, Lewisboro, Mt.Kisco, North Salem, Pound Ridge, Somers</b></p> <p><b>Contact Info</b> Tel: (914) 995-2810 Fax: (914) 995-3884 Email: Harckham@westchesterlegislators.com</p>		<p>Prior to his election, Pete served as President of A-HOME, a not-for-profit housing corporation that builds and manages affordable housing for seniors, emergency first responders and single parent families in northern Westchester. He has worked across party lines with local, county, state and federal officials to secure funding for housing, as well as building community based support for affordable housing in northern Westchester. He has also been a leader in protecting the environment, preserving open space and historic preservation in northern Westchester.</p> <p>From 1992 to 2005, Pete served as vice chair of the Clarence E. Heller Charitable Foundation, a national foundation that supports the sustainable management of natural resources, the reduction of harmful toxins from the environment, and promotes arts and environmental education.</p> <p>Pete has been a communications professional since 1983 when he started his career working for major advertising agencies in New York City. Today he is president of Harckham Media Group, LLC, a strategic partnership of advertising, communications and production professionals. With his wife Janet, he owns and manages K&amp;E Farms, a small horse farm in Katonah. He also volunteers his time for several area not-for-profit organizations as well as the Lewisboro Soccer Club, the Wolf Conservation Center and the Katonah-Lewisboro School District. He is a graduate of Dickinson College.</p> <p>He and Janet have two daughters, Emma and Kate, who attend the Katonah-Lewisboro Schools. As a family, they are active in animal rescue and enjoy horses, hiking and skiing.</p>

	<p><b>District 3</b> <i>John M. Nonna</i> (D)</p>	<p>John Nonna is a newly elected legislator representing District 3, which includes all or part of the towns of Greenburgh, Harrison, Mount Pleasant and North Castle and the Villages of Briarcliff Manor and Pleasantville. He has been a resident of the Town of Mount Pleasant and Village of Pleasantville for more than 30 years during which he has been active in many community organizations. John served as mayor of Pleasantville from 1995-2003. Prior to his tenure as mayor, John served as a village trustee from 1990-1995 and acting village justice from 1982-1989. He began his career in public service as a law assistant to the Honorable Domenick L. Gabrielli , Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals, the highest court in the state.</p>
<p><b>Briarcliff Manor, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasantville, Greenburgh, Harrison, North Castle</b></p> <p><b>Contact Info</b> Tel: (914) 995-2847 Fax: (914) 995-3884 Email: Nonna@westchesterlegislators.com</p>		<p>John brings to the County Board extensive experience as a leader in local government. As mayor of Pleasantville, he became known for his ability to build bi partisan consensus and engage residents in the decision making process. He was also recognized for improving communications between government and citizens and ensuring a transparent and open decision-making process. Under John's leadership and the help of residents who answered his call to participate in the governing process, Pleasantville's downtown was revitalized, parks and ball fields renovated and a senior citizen housing and community center constructed. The quality of life in Pleasantville was improved and preserved in a fiscally responsible manner. At the conclusion of his tenure as mayor, Westchester Magazine named Pleasantville one of the most affordable places to live in the county and CNN/Money Magazine named Pleasantville one of the best three places to live in the metropolitan area. . John expects to bring to his service as a county legislator the same values and principles that made him a successful mayor. He is especially interested in greater sharing and consolidation of services between the county and municipal governments to reduce the overall property tax burden on the taxpayer.</p> <p>John has practiced law for over 30 years in the area of dispute resolution. He has represented Fortune 500 companies in major litigation and arbitration and is a fellow of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers. He is also a trustee of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law founded by President Kennedy in 1963. John serves as a mediator for the United States District Court and the New York State Supreme Court. He has a BA degree from Princeton University and a JD degree from New York University where he was elected to the Order of the Coif, the national legal honor society. John was born and raised in the Bronx. He attended parochial schools in the Bronx and Regis High School in Manhattan. John was a member of the 1972 and 1980 U.S. Olympic Teams in fencing and was a medalist in the 1979 Pan American Games. He is married to Jean and they are parents of four children, Elizabeth, Caroline, Marianne and Timothy.</p>


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	<p><b>District 8</b> <i>Lois T. Bronz</i> (D)</p>	<p>Legislator Lois Taplin Bronz moved to Greenburgh in 1966 and was first elected the 8 th District's County Legislator in 1993. Bronz' election to serve as Chair of the Board for the 2002-2004 term was historically significant because she was the first woman and the first person of African descent to lead the Board of Legislators.</p> <p>Bronz' political career began in 1973 when she ran for the Greenburgh Town Board and served for sixteen years.</p> <p>Ms. Bronz' childhood in the volatile times of Huey Long's Louisiana stirred in her a healthy curiosity in politics. She became an avid advocate for citizen participation. She became active in voter registration and founded the League of Good Government in New Orleans. She maintains her hallmark style of open, accessible representation and welcomes hearing from all Westchester constituents.</p> <p>Legislator Bronz is most proud of her leadership in helping to get the landmark legislation passed that created the Westchester County Human Rights Commission. She is also gratified by her work in several important areas: her service for families addressing such issues as child abuse, domestic violence and childhood trauma in violent homes; her strong support for County acquisition of open spaces and parks; and her consistent advocacy for affordable housing and adult day care.</p> <p>Legislator Bronz, a former math teacher in Greenburgh's public schools, received her bachelor's degree from Xavier University and a master's degree in education from Wayne State University. Ms. Bronz is married to Chuck Bronz and has three grown children and four grandchildren.</p>
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	<p><b>District 9</b> <i>William Burton</i> (D)</p>	<p>Bill Burton moved to Ossining in 1985 and quickly became involved in the community, coaching youth sports and attending village and town board meetings. He was elected Ossining Town Supervisor in 1991. During his tenure, he cut taxes in five of six budgets and managed to eliminate overlapping government departments by consolidating services with the Village of Ossining. His leadership led to the purchase of Cedar Lane Park, the first acquisition of recreational land by the town in nearly 20 years. His ideas on how to resolve septic problems along the town's North State Road commercial corridor spurred economic development.</p> <p>Bill retired from the Supervisor's position at the end of 1997. In 1998, he joined Westchester County's Taxi and Limousine Commission as an assistant to the Chair. He helped develop the rules and regulations for the industry-requested regulatory body and went on to serve as the Commission's first violations prosecutor.</p> <p>Late in 1999, Bill left Westchester government to found a community and government relations consulting firm. He considers his election as the 9th district's County Legislator an opportunity to pursue his passion of making government work for the people.</p>
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	<p><b>District 10</b> <i>Vito J. Pinto</i> (D)</p>	<p>Vito Pinto, a Tuckahoe native, was the first Democrat to be elected to represent the 10th District in 1997. Prior to his election as a County Legislator, Mr. Pinto served on the Tuckahoe Village Board from 1983-1985 and the Eastchester Town Council from 1985-1997.</p> <p>During his tenure on the Board, Legislator Pinto has chaired the Committee on County Officers and Departments, Public Works Committee, Parks Committee and Legislation Committee. A Vietnam veteran, Pinto who flew over 200 combat missions as a Naval Flight Officer in the F4 Phantom, is an outspoken advocate for veterans. He's also a staunch supporter of issues related to senior citizens, youth, the disabled, the County's parks and public safety. Pinto sponsored legislation to keep guns out of the hands of kids and has successfully urged the County to upgrade its emergency response services.</p> <p>In his current position as Chair of the Public Safety &amp; Security Committee, Pinto guides the committee's work that focuses on the public's safety. "I have a personal appreciation for those who protect the public. My late father, Michael Pinto, Sr. was a volunteer firefighter for 75 years and served as an elected Fire Commissioner for fifteen years. I have family, friends and former students working as public safety officers in all the services. In short, I've acquired the insights into the kind of support that these units need to ensure the safety of our citizens."</p> <p>Vito is also currently serving on the Community Services Committee, Generational, Cultural &amp; Ethnic and Diversity Committee and the Government Operations Committee.</p> <p>Pinto, a 1958 graduate of Tuckahoe High School, enjoyed a 32-year career in education, retiring from the Tuckahoe School District in June 2002. Vito lives with his wife, Sally, in Tuckahoe and has four children and four grandchildren.</p>
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 <p><b>District 12</b> <i>Thomas J. Abinanti</i> (D)</p>	<p>Thomas J. Abinanti was first elected County Legislator for the 12th District in 1991.</p> <p>Since his election to the County Board, Tom has held a number of important leadership positions. He served as Majority Leader for two terms---the first Democratic Majority Leader in the history of the Westchester legislature. He served as chair of various committees including the Committees on Rules, Legislation, Health and Community Affairs. He presently chairs the Committee on the Environment and the Committee on Solid Waste and Recycling.</p> <p>Tom brings to the Westchester Legislature extensive experience in the legislative process and the enforcement of local laws, as well as a deep concern for the quality of life in our community.</p> <p>Previously, Tom served two terms as a Greenburgh Town Councilman. He was legislative counsel to a member of Congress and staff counsel to the New York State Assembly Speaker. He served as a prosecuting attorney for the Villages of Ardsley and Dobbs Ferry. He represented the Greenburgh Housing Authority and served as pro bono attorney for the Westchester Coalition for Legal Abortion. He was president of the Orchard Hill Civic Association and a member of the governing board of the Greenburgh Council of Civic Associations.</p> <p>In over 30 years of public service and community activity, Tom has gained a full understanding of how government works and a broad knowledge of Greenburgh and Westchester.</p> <p>Tom earned his B.A. in Political Science from Fordham College and his J.D. from New York University Law School. He lives with his wife and their children in the Orchard Hill section of Greenburgh, where he also has his own private law practice.</p>
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 <p><b>District 13</b> <i>Lyndon Williams</i> (D)</p>	<p>Lyndon Williams was elected County Legislator for the 13th Legislative District in Mount Vernon in November 2007 by over seventy-two percent of the electorate in a contested election. Prior to taking office as County Legislation, Mr. Williams was a member of the Mount Vernon City Council. He was first elected to the City Council in 1993 and was re-elected in 1997, 2001 and again in 2005 by the overwhelming majority of Mount Vernon voters.</p> <p>Mr. Williams played a central role in the re-building of the Mount Vernon having served three terms as President of the City Council. He also held major leadership positions in City Council chairing several major committees including the Finance and Planning Committee, Legislation and Public Works, and Public Safety and Codes and he sponsored major legislative initiatives in the areas of economic development, housing, and crime-prevention, recreation, etc.</p> <p>Lyndon's civic involvement in the Mount Vernon community includes former member on the Board of Directors of the Boys &amp; Girls Club where he volunteered his legal expertise and co-chaired the Club's fund raising effort to fund quality programs for our young people. He volunteered his legal expertise to establish the Levister Towers Community Development Corporation for resident-tenants to have representation in future plans for the Levister complex. He is member of the Mount Vernon NAACP.</p> <p>In addition to his civic and political accomplishments, Lyndon has an impressive educational background. He is a graduate of Bernard M. Baruch College where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree with concentration in accounting. After graduating college, Lyndon obtained the professional designation as a Certified Public Accountant. While working full-time for a major Wall Street firm, he pursued graduate studies and obtained his Master Degree. Understanding that education is a key to success, Lyndon complimented his business education and experience by pursuing a law degree, earning a Juris Doctor from Pace University School of Law.</p> <p>Lyndon is admitted to practice law in various courts including the United States Supreme Court; the Courts of the State of New York; Courts of the State of Connecticut; Federal District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York; and the United States Tax Court. Lyndon has a wide range of legal and professional experience. He is a corporate lawyer. Lyndon is also President of the Westchester Black Bar Association, and is actively involved in several other professional organizations and affiliations. He has received numerous honors and awards. Through the bar association, he organized programs to encourage high school students in around the county to take an interest in the law.</p> <p>Lyndon and his wife June has three children.</p>
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	<p><b>District 14</b> <i>Bernice Spreckman</i> (R)</p>	<p>Bernice Spreckman is a longtime resident of Yonkers. She was first elected in 1995 to the 14th District's County Legislative seat. Prior to becoming a County Legislator, Bernice served in several posts in Yonkers city government, including three terms as 2nd Ward Councilmember, Councilmember-at-Large, Vice Mayor and Chair of the City Council's Committees on Rules and Real Estate. Bernice was also elected the first female president of the New York State Councilman's Association.</p> <p>Bernice is currently Chair of the Board's Committee on Generational, Cultural and Ethnic Diversity and serves as a member of the Committees on Budget and Appropriations, Housing, Planning and Government Operations, and Public Safety and Security.</p>
<p><b>Mount Vernon, Yonkers</b></p> <p><b>Contact Info</b> Tel: (914) 995-2815 Fax: (914) 995-3884 Email: Spreckman@westchesterlegislators.com</p>		<p>A tireless advocate for senior citizens, Bernice was the Chair of the Board's former Committee on Seniors. In that role, she has initiated several successful and innovative programs, including the Shopper's Shuttle and the Adopt-a-Senior Citizen Center Program. HMO reform, expanding the EPIC program to the disabled and lowering prescription drug prices remain Bernice's top priorities. She leads an annual lobby day in Albany for Westchester citizens to express their concerns to state lawmakers. She also organized an information drive to make seniors aware of the "Balanced Billing" law, which protects them from being overcharged by their doctors. Bernice works closely with the New York State Attorney General's office on other ways to combat elder fraud and abuse.</p> <p>Bernice was inducted into the Westchester County Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in 2002 and designated "Woman of the Year" by the Westchester County Federation of Women's Clubs in 2003. She was selected as the 2004 recipient of the Rose Kryzak Advocacy Award by the NYS Senior Action Council.</p> <p>Legislator Spreckman and her husband Harry have been married for over 40 years. They have three adult children and seven grandchildren.</p>

	<p><b>District 15</b> <i>Gordon A. Burrows</i> (R)</p>	<p>Gordon Burrows is a lifelong Yonkers resident. He became the 15th District's County Legislator after winning the February 15, 2005 special election, called to fill the seat vacated by Lou Mosiello upon his election to the NYS Assembly. With a little over two months notice, Gordon took on the challenge of organizing his successful campaign for County office.</p>
<p><b>Yonkers, Bronxville</b></p> <p><b>Contact Info</b> Tel: (914) 995-2830 Fax: (914) 995-3884 Email: Burrows@westchesterlegislators.com</p>		<p>Gordon has a long history of working in public service. Prior to his election to the County Board, he spent ten years serving on the Yonkers City Council. For seven years, he was the Council's Majority Leader. He chaired the Committees on Education and Municipal Operations and served on the Budget Committee. Having run for office a total of six times, Gordon has always won with over 70% of the votes.</p> <p>Gordon's success as an elected official and dependability as a public servant is complemented by nearly twenty years of practicing law. When he is not at his County office, he's usually at one of our County's courthouses or working at his law office in White Plains.</p> <p>Legislator Burrows received his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Ithaca College. In 1984, he graduated from St. John's School of Law. He attended Roosevelt High School, Walt Whitman Junior High and School 28 in Yonkers, as well as the Chapel School in Bronxville.</p> <p>Gordon has five wonderful children. He lives with his wife, the former Christine Tavolilla, in the Colonial Heights section of Yonkers.</p>

	<p><b>District 16</b> <i>Kenneth W. Jenkins</i> (D)</p>	<p>Ken Jenkins, a leader in Democratic politics for nearly 15 years, won his 16th District legislative seat with 81% of the vote in a special election held on February 13, 2007. Ken is the current Chairman of the Yonkers Democratic Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Black Democrats of Westchester. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Westchester County Democratic Committee for several years.</p>
<p><b>Yonkers</b></p> <p><b>Contact Info</b> Tel: (914) 995-2829 Fax: (914) 995-3884 Email: Jenkins@westchesterlegislators.com</p>		<p>A familiar face on Cablevision News since 1998, Ken appeared regularly as the Democratic political analyst on News 12 Westchester on the Newsmakers and Point/Counterpoint programs. He has also made guest appearances on CNN, BET, WABC, WCBS, and WNBC. As comfortable behind the camera as in front of it, Ken was executive producer and host of Insights &amp; Updates, a public access cable show discussing issues relevant to the African-American community in Yonkers.</p> <p>Ken's many years of public and community service includes service on the boards of many distinguished community groups and organizations such as the Greyston Foundation; the United Way; the Westchester County District Attorney's Community Advisory Committee; Westchester County Crimestoppers; the Community Planning Council of Yonkers. He was President for over five years of the Yonkers Branch of the NAACP and today continues to serve on the organization's Executive Committee. He is the current President of the Yonkers Community Action Program.</p> <p>Ken, a proud former boy scout and Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scout Troop 32, is an alumnus of Fordham Preparatory School and Iona College, where he earned a B.S. in Computer Science and Information Systems. After a 20-year career in the telecommunications field, he is now co-owner/broker of ERA Gem Realty in Yonkers.</p> <p>Ken and his wife, Deborah Hudson-Jenkins, have resided in Yonkers since they were married in 1982 and have three children Alana, Jamal, and Terrell.</p>

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


	<p><b>District 17</b> <i>José I. Alvarado</i> (D)</p>	<p>Legislator José Alvarado moved from his native Honduras to Yonkers in 1982. He was first elected to represent the 17th District of Southwest Yonkers in 2001, becoming the County's first Hispanic legislator.</p> <p>When he came to the United States, Alvarado knew little English and had a background of very little formal education. To support himself and to assist in the support of his mother and his five siblings, he worked at minimum wage jobs. He eventually earned a high school equivalency degree and went on to study business at Mercy College. At Mercy, he became an English tutor in the school's bilingual program. This experience inspired Alvarado to pursue more community volunteer positions and ultimately, a career in public service.</p>
<p><b>Yonkers</b></p> <p><b>Contact Info</b> Tel: (914) 995-2846 Fax: (914) 995-3884 Email: Alvarado@westchesterlegislators.com</p>		<p>Enhancing other peoples' lives is what drives Alvarado's legislative agenda. He attributes fellow Honduran, the poet Roberto Sosa, with raising his consciousness about helping the poor and the disenfranchised. "The poor are so many, it is impossible to forget them."</p> <p>Mr. Alvarado is involved in a variety of community organizations including CLUSTER, his parish, Iglesia San Andres, the Boy Scouts of America and the Yonkers-So.Broadway B.I.D.</p> <p>Mr. Alvarado holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Mercy College and a master's degree in Public Administration/Health Care. He and his wife Karla have two daughters. He is currently employed as the Special Advisor to the President of White Plains Hospital Center for Outreach to the Hispanic Community and for the promotion of the hospital and as an adjunct Political Science professor at Mercy College.</p>

# WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

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## Committees of the Westchester County Board of Legislators 2008-2009 Term

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>OVERSIGHT AREAS</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>
 <b>Budget and Appropriations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget</li> <li>Finance</li> <li>Tax Commission</li> <li>A&amp;C</li> <li>Contract Agencies</li> </ul>	José Alvarado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thomas Abinanti</li> <li>William Burton</li> <li>Peter Harckham</li> <li>Ken Jenkins</li> <li>Michael Kaplowitz</li> <li>Judith Myers</li> <li>George Oros</li> <li>Martin Rogowsky</li> <li>Bernice Spreckman</li> <li>Lyndon Williams</li> </ul>
 <b>Legislation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Law</li> <li>Consumer Affairs</li> <li>Appointments</li> <li>Waivers</li> </ul>	William Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thomas Abinanti</li> <li>Lois Bronz</li> <li>Peter Harckham</li> <li>Ken Jenkins</li> <li>James Maisano</li> <li>Judith Myers</li> <li>George Oros</li> <li>John Nonna</li> <li>Martin Rogowsky</li> </ul>
 <b>Community Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health</li> <li>Community Mental Health</li> <li>Social Services</li> </ul>	Lois Bronz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thomas Abinanti</li> <li>José Alvarado</li> <li>Gordon Burrows</li> <li>William Burton</li> <li>Ken Jenkins</li> <li>Judith Myers</li> <li>Vito Pinto</li> <li>Bernice Spreckman</li> <li>Lyndon Williams</li> </ul>
 <b>Public Safety and Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Safety</li> <li>Emergency Services</li> <li>Correction</li> <li>Probation</li> <li>District Attorney</li> <li>Labs &amp; Research</li> <li>Courts</li> <li>Taxi &amp; Limousine Commission</li> </ul>	Vito Pinto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>William Burton</li> <li>Gordon Burrows</li> <li>Peter Harckham</li> <li>Ken Jenkins</li> <li>Judith Myers</li> <li>John Nonna</li> <li>George Oros</li> </ul>
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## About the Westchester County Board of Legislators

The seventeen-member Westchester County Board of Legislators is the legislative, policy-making branch of county government. It is to Westchester County what Congress is to the United States. Each legislator represents a district of approximately 50,000 residents and is elected every two years.

The County Board meets at least once a month, usually on Monday evenings in the legislative chambers located on the 8th floor of the Michaelian Office Building. All Board meetings are open to the public.

The powers of the County Board of Legislators are enumerated in the County's charter. A key power of the Board concerns finances: appropriating funds, approving the budget and levying taxes. It also approves appointments by the County Executive and passes local laws, acts and resolutions, all requiring nine votes for passage except for bond acts that require twelve. Laws and acts are then sent to the County Executive for his signature or his disapproval. A veto by the County Executive can be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the Board.

The Board of Legislators operates under a committee system. Currently, there are nine committees, each of which is charged with overseeing particular policy areas. For example, if the matter involves a bond act, it will need to be reviewed and signed out by the Committee on Budget & Appropriations before the full Board can vote on it. If a public works project needs approval, the Commissioner of Public Works will present the details to the Committee on Public Works. And so on. The Chair of the Board appoints each committee's membership as well as its chair.

## A Brief History of the Westchester County Board of Legislators

The County Board has been functioning as the voice of the people of Westchester County in one form or another since the days when Westchester was still a British colony! The first step toward a formal legislative body came in 1682 when the Governor of the Province called for election of a "general assembly of freeholders with legislative powers." One of the first orders of business for the General Assembly was the creation of ten counties, one of which was Westchester. During the remainder of British rule, the county was not an important unit of government except as a judicial district, and had extremely limited self-governing powers, vested in a Board of Justices, consisting of five or more justices of the peace.

In 1703, the title of supervisor replaced the office formerly known as town treasurer. When it became necessary to do something countywide, like building a county court house and jail or transacting other business for the general benefit of the towns in a particular county, all of the town supervisors customarily assembled for the purpose of apportioning expenses. This assemblage constituted the origin of the County Board of Supervisors.

Beyond apportioning expenses and auditing county accounts, the Board of Supervisors had few powers until after the Revolution when the Board of Justices was abolished. The Board of Supervisors took over the Board of Justices and inherited their limited powers of legislation.

Until the mid 1800's, most local legislative issues were handled at the state level. The necessity for a modernized form of county government, closer to home, that could better manage the needs of a burgeoning population became apparent. In 1846 and 1892, the state constitution was amended to expand the role of county government and the authority of the state's county boards was significantly expanded.

Recognizing that they had to reform government to accommodate the principles of "home rule," the state legislature appointed a commission in 1914 to study the whole question of county government. Westchester's Board of Supervisors, in turn, appointed the "Westchester County Government Commission" to formulate a county charter.

A series of commissions met between 1915 and 1937 and recommended various versions of a county charter. All were either vetoed by the governor or defeated by voters in a countywide referendum. Finally, in the general election of 1937, voters approved the Westchester County Charter which defined and expanded the powers and duties of the Board of Supervisors and established the office of the County Executive.

By the late 1960's, population patterns in the County had changed significantly; rapid population increases in the cities and suburbs of the southern section of the county dramatically outpaced the still sparsely settled northern areas. For example, in 1966, the Town of Greenburgh, with 83,000 people, had the same representation on the Board of Supervisors as North Salem, with 3,000 people. The Town of Greenburgh brought the matter to the courts to resolve. Greenburgh argued that the current makeup of the Board of Supervisors was unconstitutional because it violated the "one man, one vote" principle established by the United States Supreme Court in a previous decision.

The courts agreed with the Town of Greenburgh. As a result, the 45-member Board of Supervisors was abolished by court order and replaced in 1970 with our current legislative body, the County Board of Legislators, composed of 17 members elected every two years. Each legislator represents approximately 50,000 people and after every federal census, each of the legislative districts must be adjusted to maintain the balance of power in accordance with the 'one man, one vote' principle.

**Resources:**

***Westchester County Archives***  
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## Chapter 107 WESTCHESTER COUNTY CHARTER

### COUNTY BOARD



#### **Sec. 107.01. The County Board of Legislators; general powers.**

The legislative body of Westchester County shall be known as the County Board of Legislators and, except as otherwise provided by law, shall be vested with all the powers and duties of the county and with all the powers and duties which now are, or may hereafter be, conferred or imposed by law on boards of supervisors or other governing bodies of counties. Wherever the term "County Board" or "Board of Supervisors" appears in any provisions of this act or of the Westchester County Administrative Code, it shall be deemed to mean and refer to the County Board of Legislators. (Added as § 5 by L.L. No. 1-1970)\*Editor's note-Local Law No. 1-1970 repealed former § 5, as adopted by the Laws of 1937, Ch. 617, and amended by the Laws of 1942, Ch. 624, which provided for a referendum vote on creation of a County Board.

#### **Sec. 107.11. Members: term, vacancies, vote.**

(a) The County Board of Legislators shall consist of such number of members elected from each County Board district as shall be set forth in section 107.31 of this act. The term of office of members of the County Board shall be two years and shall begin on the first day of January next following their election. Members of the County Board shall be known as county legislators and shall be county officers.

(b) (1) Whenever a vacancy in the office of County Legislator shall occur more than seven months prior to expiration of his or her term of office, such office shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term at a special election in the legislative district of said vacated office, to be called by the County Board as soon as practicable and, in any event, to be held no later than 90 days from the date of such vacancy. Notice of a special election called hereunder shall be in the manner provided for in the Election Law for notice of a general election. To the maximum extent feasible, the provisions of the Election Law governing the conduct of a special election shall apply. It shall be the duty of the Board of Elections to prepare ballots, voting machines and other matters so that such election may be properly held and conducted. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the expenses of a special election conducted pursuant to this law shall be borne by the county.

(2) Whenever a vacancy in the office of County Legislator occurs within seven months prior to expiration of his or her term of office, such vacancy may be filled by an appointment made by the remaining members of the board of an individual otherwise qualified to hold such office. The appointee shall not be a candidate for any public office. In the event that the appointee becomes a candidate for a public office to be filled at an election to be held within the same calendar year as his or her appointment, the appointee will automatically forfeit the position of County Legislator. For the purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed a candidate for public office upon: failing to decline designation as a candidate for nomination or failing to decline a nomination, within the times set forth in the Election Law; or by becoming a candidate by prevailing in an opportunity to ballot. Otherwise the appointee shall serve as County Legislator until an individual is certified by the Board of Elections to be County Legislator-elect for that legislative district as a result of the general election scheduled in November. Upon such certification, the County Legislator-elect shall take office and thereby shall replace the appointee, if any, for the remainder of the unexpired term. The determination of the Board of Legislators as to an appointee's qualification or forfeiture of office shall be conclusive.

(c) Each County Legislator shall be entitled to one vote. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act or in the Local Finance Law, action of the County Board shall be by a majority vote of all members of the board, provided that a vote to adjourn or to take action regarding the attendance of absent members may be taken by a majority of the members present.

(Added as § 6 by L.L. No. 10-1970; amended by L.L. No. 21-1993; L.L. No. 26-1998)\*

\*Editor's note-Local Law No. 10-1970 repealed former § 6, as adopted by the Laws of 1937, Ch. 617, which established the general powers of the County Board; Local Law No. 21-1993 was submitted to the people by reason of a mandatory referendum and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the general election held on 11-2-1993 and it took effect on 1-1-1994; Local Law No. 26-1998 was submitted to the people by reason of a mandatory referendum and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the general election held on 11-3-1998.

### **Sec. 107.21. Specific powers.**

In pursuance of and in addition to all powers specified in the preceding section, the County Board shall have power, subject to the provisions of this act, to:

- (1) Create, organize, alter or abolish departments, commissions, boards, bureaus, offices and employments and/or transfer their functions and duties;
- (2) Exercise all powers of local legislation and administration as provided for counties in Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of New York;
- (3) Provide by act for the compensation of appointive officers and employees;
- (4) Fix the number of deputies, assistants, clerks and other persons to be employed in the several departments, offices and commissions of the county;
- (5) Provide for the creation of offices other than those required by the constitution and laws of the state, and by this act;
- (6) Provide for officers hereafter created by law or for the allocation of their duties to existing officers;
- (7) Provide for the assumption and discharge by county officers of such functions of cities, towns, villages and special districts as may devolve on the county by this act or by contract or by transfer or be conferred otherwise by law;
- (8) Fix the amount of all bonds and approve the sureties of all county elective and appointive officers and county employees;
- (9) Employ such legal, financial or other technical advisers as may be necessary from time to time, in relation to the performance of any of the functions of county government;
- (10) Enact such acts and make such reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this act and of general law applicable to the county, and provide for the enforcement of such acts by appropriate penalties;
- (11) Make appropriations, levy taxes and, except as otherwise provided by the Local Finance Law, incur indebtedness for the purpose of carrying out any of the powers and duties conferred or imposed on the county or any officer, department, board, commission or other authority thereof, by this act or otherwise by law;
- (12) Investigate the official conduct and the accounts, receipts, disbursements, bills and affairs of any office or officer of the county, or of any office or officer of any special county district or other unit of county government, and make such studies or investigations as it deems to be in the best interests of the county, and for such purposes may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and require the production of books, papers and other evidence, and in case any person fails or refuses to obey any such subpoena, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to such penalties as the County Board, by act, may prescribe;
- (13) Determine and make provision for any matter of county government not otherwise provided for, including any matter involved in transition to the form of government provided by this act.

(§ 7 of the Laws of 1937, Ch. 617; amended by the Laws of 1942, Ch. 624; Laws of 1943, Ch. 710; Laws of 1951, Ch. 345)

Cross references-Powers of County Board; Ch. 209, Art. II.

Sec. 107.31. County Board districts: nomination and election of members; number and qualification of members.

(a) For the purpose of electing county legislators, the County of Westchester shall be divided into 17 districts, from each of which one county legislator shall be elected. Nominations for the office of county legislator shall be made at the primary election held in the respective districts from which they are to be elected in the same manner as other county officers are nominated in accordance with the provisions of the election law.