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UPDATE: KEY ISSUES AND EVENTS IN RAMAPO

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ORANGE & ROCKLAND RATE INCREASE HEARING – I was in Albany for two days last week testifying before Judge Lynch in opposition to the proposed 10.8% O&R rate increase proposal to be implemented this coming July. Last year, we were successful in reducing the utilities proposed increase and I anticipate that we will do likewise this year. I am proud of the fact that Ramapo has been the only municipality in Rockland County to fight for local ratepayers for two consecutive years in Public Service Commission Hearings. Rising property taxes, gas prices, food costs, etc. make it imperative that we hold the line on excessive utility rate increases. I will provide you with weekly updates on this important matter.

UNITY FORUM II – Will take place on Tuesday, March 4th at the Ramapo Cultural Arts Center, located at 64 North Main Street in Spring Valley, starting at 7:30 PM. We will review the progress we have made since our first meeting, share mutual concerns, and once again discuss ways to enhance communication between our diverse constituencies in the Town of Ramapo. I urge all Town residents to participate in this discussion.

6TH ANNUAL BIG SCREEN CLASSICS – Over twenty thousand classic movie fans from throughout the metropolitan area have attended this popular Saturday morning program at the Lafayette Theater in Suffern. Our Spring 2008 movie series begins on March 8th and next week I will provide the full schedule of outstanding films to be presented. A new era of Live Entertainment begins at the historic Lafayette Theater on Sunday, March 30th, when the first in a series of Oldies Concerts takes place. “Rocking Rockland I” features performances by the Duprees and Kenny and the Planetones. Call the Lafayette Theater for further information.

ROCKLAND COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY – I have discussed this idea with my fellow Town Supervisors and representatives from the Empire State Development Corporation, Governor Spitzer’s Office, and Morgan Stanley. With the closure of the

power plants in the North Rockland area and the devastating economic impact on the surrounding communities, I am convinced that we should pursue municipal ownership of these facilities. Local control over the production of electricity will generate revenue, stabilize taxes for North Rockland residents, reduce local electric cost and attract private sector investment in Rockland County.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL!