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## **Legislative Chairman's Statement on the Inclusion of Election Cost Takeover and Alternative Fuel Pilot Program in the County Executive's 2015 Budget Proposal**

(Kingston, NY) In my brief time as Chairman, I find this very predictable, yet I am thrilled to see the County Executive has come on board and recognized these as County priorities by including them in the 2015 Budget proposal.

I twice attempted to pass County policy for the take-over of local election costs from the municipalities and twice, was rebuffed with concerns of no money in the budget to allow such take-over. Recently, I introduced a proposed Resolution encouraging the Executive to explore alternative fuels through pilot programs. The Executive's staff responded with a myriad reasons why that was not a viable option, including lack of funding.

I am ecstatic that the yearlong saga and a fairytale of budget crisis is finally over and that the rewards can go to the rightful owners – the taxpayers of Ulster County. In the words of my good friend, Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, I don't govern with spin, I govern with substance.

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