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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM CHAIRMAN CALLS FOR REEVALUATION OF CURRENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRUCTURE

As everyone knows, Economic Development is paramount in today's competitive business environment. At present time, Ulster County Economic Development is defined by a multifaceted matrix that interacts on a daily basis.

The Ulster County Development Corporation, a 501C3 Corporation, The Ulster County IDA, a public authority under New York State, and the Ulster County Planning Department, governed by Ulster County's Charter, interact on a daily basis. The current relationship between the IDA and the UCDC needs to be redefined and made seamless.

These three organizations must redefine their relationships to ensure future sustainability and more accountability to Ulster County's taxpayers. As Chairman, I'm calling for a complete reevaluation and a new game plan for business attraction and job creation to be developed.

"I'm calling for the leadership of the IDA and of UCDC, who I have met with several times, to present a formal recommendation no later than the next Committee meeting, which will take place on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 on the 6th Floor of the Ulster County Office Building," said Ulster County Legislature's Vice Chairman James Maloney.