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Legislature to Investigate Executive's Proposal for Golden Hill Chairman Announces Creation of a Special Committee

Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature, Frederick J. Wadnola, has announced the creation of the Special Committee to Study the Viability of Selling and/or Transferring the Golden Hill Health Care Center to a Local Development Corporation (LDC). "It is imperative that we take a close look at the Executive's proposal to ensure that it is, in fact, the best option for the residents of Ulster County," said Chairman Wadnola. In order for the County Executive's plan to move forward, the Legislature must adopt a resolution authorizing the transfer to occur.

LDCs can be created in New York State for the purpose of lessening the burdens of government and acting in the public interest. Residents and elected officials alike have questioned whether or not the use of an LDC will allow for transparency and protection of public funds. Legislator David Donaldson is concerned about the ability of an LDC to avoid competitive bidding and fair procurement practices. "During the time I served as Legislative Chairman, we worked hard to enact thorough and reasonable procurement policies. Not abiding by these practices is a step backwards," said Legislator Donaldson.

Two former Legislative Chairmen will Co-chair the Special Committee, Legislator Donaldson, (D), Kingston and Legislator Richard Gerentine, (R), Marlboro. Other Legislators appointed to the Special Committee include Wayne Harris, (R), Clintondale, James Maloney, (R), Ulster, Alan Lomita, (D), Rosendale, and Susan Zimet, (D), New Paltz.

The first meeting of the Special Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 3:00 PM in the C.O.B., Library Conference Room, 6th Floor.