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LOCAL RESIDENTS NAMED TO ORDA BOARD

*Ulster County Legislator John Parete and Coalition to Save Belleayre Chairman Joe Kelly
Both Unanimously Approved by the State Senate*

Two residents from Ulster and Delaware Counties were confirmed yesterday by the New York State Senate to sit on the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) Board. Ulster County Legislator John Parete and Joe Kelly, Chairman of the Coalition to Save Belleayre, were both nominated last week by Governor Cuomo to sit on the Board. Both were unanimously confirmed by the State Senate today.

Both Parete and Kelly had strong local support for the posts. The Ulster County Legislature, in April, unanimously sought to have Governor Cuomo appoint Parete to represent Ulster County on the Board.

Earlier this year, the State Legislature transferred the management of Belleayre Mountain to the Olympic Regional Development Authority. The State Legislature at the same time added two new Board members to ORDA - one must reside in Ulster County and the other in Delaware County.

“I am extremely thankful to my friends and colleagues on the Ulster County Legislature,” ORDA Board Member John Parete said, “and I appreciate the unanimous support of the Senate. We need to put Belleayre back on the map and I know ORDA is interested in growing that mountain successfully. Along with my fellow Catskills ORDA Board Member Joe Kelly, I know we will work with our new

colleagues to prioritize how we can enhance all the State's ski areas in New York." Parete said. "Now it's time to get to work!"

Ulster County Legislature Chairman Terry Bernardo attended the confirmation proceeding in Albany, along with Legislator Robert Parete, John's son.

"John Parete owns a hospitality business – a restaurant." Bernardo beamed, "He is respected by all his colleagues in the County Legislature as demonstrated by the unanimous support for his position; and today he received the unanimous support of the State Senate for the ORDA Board, after being nominated by our nation's most popular Governor, Andrew Cuomo. The breadth of his support speaks volumes and I know he will do a tremendous job on the ORDA Board."

Other ORDA Board Members include the DEC Commissioner; the Commissioner of Economic Development; the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation; as well as other individuals appointed at the request of the Governor, Assembly Speaker, and Senate Majority Leader.

06/20/12: Senator John Bonacic Discusses ORDA Board Appointees

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