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## Ulster County Legislature's Minority Leader Selects Members to Reapportionment Committee

Legislator Jeanette Provenzano, Minority Leader for the Ulster County Legislature has announced her choices for the Reapportionment Committee. She stated, "I am pleased to forward the names of two individuals that have made many contributions through years of service to their community. My choices are Vernon Benjamin and Cynthia Lowe."

Vernon Benjamin is a writer with a broad range of experience in government and public and private service. He worked for 15 years in various journalism pursuits for newspapers in Hudson, Saugerties, and Kingston, and as a freelance writer for AAA-New York and other publications. Vernon was a Legislative Aide to Assemblyman Maurice Hinchey from 1981-92. He served three terms as a UC Legislator representing Saugerties, 1982-89 and Saugerties Town Supervisor in 1990-91. Vernon has been working on a comprehensive narrative, History of the Hudson River Valley, for Overlook Press, which is scheduled for publication in summer 2011. He lives at home with his dog Nick Baker. Provenzano said, "As you can see Vernon has been removed from the political arena for a number of years, he brings a wealth of knowledge, both private and public, that will be invaluable to the Committee."

Cynthia Lowe is the Director of the Community Foundation of Ulster County. Cynthia is a CPA and was a banker in Orange County for 15 years. Prior to that Cynthia and her husband had an accounting firm in the City of Kingston. She is Treasurer for Friends of Historic Kingston, Chair of Finance for Health Alliance and is a member of the Kingston Sunrise Rotary Club. For the last 20 years Cynthia and her husband have made their home in the Town of Ulster. Cynthia is a very active member of our community and wants to continue to make a contribution to Ulster County. Provenzano said, "She is delighted to have someone of Cynthia ability and intellect to serve on the Reapportionment Committee."

Minority Leader Provenzano concluded "I have made every effort to abide by the intent of the Charter."