

**THIS ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011,  
IS THE MOST IMPORTANT IN DECADES  
FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.**

Think about a co-worker who was on the layoff list last year; or someone laid off on December 28, 2010 by the Astorino administration. Was it you? Even if you escaped last year, you may be on a new list this year. Imagine the embarrassment if you lost your job, and had to get in line for public assistance or food stamps.

Now think about your co-worker friends, who you eat lunch with, probably share similar ideas with. He, she, or you yourself might not be there in 2012 due to the potential loss of the “checks and balances” protection we now have.

**What is this protection?**

An explanation is needed: **IN NOVEMBER 2009 ONLY 30% OF ALL REGISTERED WESTCHESTER COUNTY VOTERS ACTUALLY VOTED FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE.** Because of this low turnout, in a county where registered Democrats are the majority, we got Robert Astorino as County Executive (a Republican), and County employees’ jobs have been threatened ever since.

CSEA Unit 9200 represents over 3,200 middle class, taxpaying members. If every one of the members spoke to and brought along all eligible family members to vote for the candidates that the CSEA Political Action Committees have endorsed, we can ensure that the Democratic majority in the Board of Legislators is maintained.

Each member potentially could influence 3 or 4 votes, for a total voting power of 10,000 to 12,000 votes. If all of the over 14,000 Members in CSEA Local 860 in all Westchester cities, towns, municipalities and school districts did likewise, we would be talking about 42,000 to 56,000 votes. Now also consider our brothers and sisters in other unions in Westchester County (and their families), such as the Correction Officers Benevolent Association (COBA), Correction Department Superior Officers Association (SOA), and the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA), just to name a few, who are also taxpayers in Westchester and who support this initiative. **That is our power on Election Day; BUT ONLY IF WE ALL VOTE.**

**Why is this important?**

The fair and balanced functioning of a representative government is based on the “checks and balances” of opposing parties to prevent unilateral and dictatorial rule by one representative or one political party. The Republicans, headed by Astorino, Mooney, McCormack and Plunkett, working with Republicans on the Board of Legislators, and appointees in the departments of Law, Budget, and Finance, have publicly stated they intend to cut as many of the middle class taxpaying jobs of our co-workers as they can. And they use the threat of inflated deficits to attempt to legitimize this agenda.

The “check and balance” is the Democratic majority in the Westchester Board of Legislators. If they do not keep (or increase) the 12 elected seats they have now, their ability to prevent large scale job loss will be gone. **THAT is our protection. BUT ONLY IF WE ALL VOTE.**

Last year Astorino proposed a 2011 Budget with over 250 layoffs - the final budget approved by the Democratic majority of the Board of Legislators saved over 150 of those jobs. Our voting for the CSEA endorsed candidates will ensure we continue to have the needed “check and balances” in Westchester County government.

**IF WE DON'T VOTE WE STAND TO LOSE EVERYTHING.**