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**NINA POSTUPACK ANNOUNCES CANDIDANCY FOR ULSTER COUNTY  
CLERK**

Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk announces that she will seek reelection to the position of Ulster County Clerk in the upcoming November 2009 election at a press conference on January 6, 2009 at 12:15 p.m. at the Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York. Ms. Postupack, presently is serving her first term as County Clerk taking office in January, 2006. Prior to becoming County Clerk, Ms. Postupack was Chief Deputy County Clerk for fifteen years and has been employed for a total of twenty-nine years in the County Clerks Office.

During her three years in office many new initiatives have been implemented. County Clerk Postupack states, "When I was elected to the position of Ulster County Clerk my promise to the residents of the County was to meet the demands of the public through more convenient access of records and services." This community outreach was accomplished through such programs as County Clerk Passport Nights throughout the county and County Clerk Passport Photo Processing. During the high demand time, for passports with the implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative the County Clerks Office established convenient after hours processing of passports at town hall sites throughout the county with the added service of passport photo processing on site. The success of these programs and the efficient processing of the applications ensured every individual who applied to the Ulster County Clerk's Office during this peak period received their passport and did not miss their trip.

The accessibility of documents begins in the Clerk's Office with the recording and filing process. This process does not stop there. In the past three years, the recording department has not only scanned and made available all current filings and recordings, approximately 392,000 images a year, but has done back scanning of over 4800 Civil Cases and hundreds of court records with current staffing levels and at no additional cost to the county. For easy access, an individual coming into the Ulster County Clerk's

Office today can search land records from 1950 to present and Court Records from 1987 to present and access the digitized image on the computer.

A personal goal of Ulster County Clerk, Nina Postupack was to return the Citizenship Ceremony to Ulster County. After being discontinued 16 years ago, the Citizenship Ceremony returned on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 through the joint efforts of Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey, Supreme Court Justice Karen Peters and Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk. On that day seventy five new citizens were sworn in at the Ulster County Courthouse. The Ulster County Clerk's Office will continue scheduling of these ceremonies twice a year for the residents of Ulster County.

As the Custodian of the Records the Ulster County Clerk's Office has strived for public accessibility of our historical documents. A Records Donation Program was established in May of 2006 to encourage the rightful return of official county records, especially those of historical value, and to recognize the donor. Public viewing of our historical documents have been available through exhibits such as "The Bluestone Industry: Once Upon A Time" held at the Kingston Library which featured archival records filed in the Ulster County Clerks Office during the bluestone period. "The Kingston Patent, from King James to Kingstowne: Records of the Trustees 1687-1816" held at the Senate House historic Site featuring historic documents created during the administration of the "Corporation of the Freeholders and the Commonalty of the Towne of Kingston." As co-chairman of the Ulster County Quadricentennial Committee, Clerk Postupack is collaborating on a three-site exhibit and a series of special events relating to the diverse historic, cultural and ethnic themes prevalent in the archival holdings of each institution. Presently available for viewing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Ulster County Office Building, is the exhibit entitled "Portraits of the Past: Commemorative Biographical Record of Ulster County." Featuring digital reproductions of all the portraits included in the book and summaries of their associated biographies.

"Customer service in the Department of Motor Vehicles is the top priority of the office." says Nina Postupack. In 2006, her first year in office, the DMV office hours were expanded from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. This allowed additional 5 hours of service time to the public without any additional costs incurred by the County. In October of this year, a queing system was installed in the DMV through a grant. This system is a computerized numbering system that allows you to manage your lines and handle customers in the most efficient manner. This system measures the length of time for each customer and allows them seating as they wait to complete their transaction. It is a managerial tool to allow for quick processing of routine transactions or routing of more difficult transactions. It provides valuable data concerning productivity, staffing, and transaction times. With the implementation of a Queing System the County Clerk's Office will be able to maintain processing cost, give efficient customer service and increase employee productivity. Tours and information in regard to the new and improved DMV processing will be available after the press conference on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

In 2009, as County Clerk, Nina Postupack is looking at the challenges facing government today. In answer to this, she has launched a campaign to “Keep your Tax Dollars in Ulster County.” Her goal is to inform residents of the county to renew their licenses and registrations locally at the DMV in Kingston or at one of the five Motor Vehicle bus locations. If every resident of the County renewed locally over \$300,000.00 of our tax dollars would remain in Ulster County. According to Clerk Postupack, “To face the challenges of 2009, we must work together: government employees, elected officials and the residents of the County for the betterment of the community.”

Press Kits with information on all the Ulster County Clerk’s Office will be available at the Press Conference. For further information or questions please contact (845) 388-3330.