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DUTCHESS COUNTY GOP CHOOSES EXPERIENCE OVER “BUSINESS AS USUAL” FOR COMPTROLLER RACE

The Dutchess County Republican Committee voted unanimously last week to nominate Jim Coughlan as the Republican candidate for this Fall’s Dutchess County Comptroller’s election.

“Jim Coughlan is the breath of fresh air this County needs,” said Mike McCormack, Dutchess County GOP Chairman. “Jim is a non-political guy with world class experience in both finance and law. He will bring private sector know-how and a fresh approach to an office that is currently locked in the old ways of doing business.”

A resident of Rhinecliff, New York, Mr. Coughlan has a law degree from Rogers Williams University and years of international and domestic experience in finance, tax and corporate law. Mr. Coughlan currently works as an attorney on anti-fraud cases arising from the sub-prime housing crisis.

“No more business as usual from the Comptroller’s office,” stated Dutchess County Vice-Chair Ken Stenger. “In today’s economic environment we can no longer accept the status quo from this crucial position. The time for change and a new direction is now!”

“I thank the Dutchess County GOP Committee for their trust and confidence,” stated Mr. Coughlan. “I will bring my experience and skills sets to this office and be your advocate... your fiscal watchdog. We will remake this office to better serve the residents of Dutchess County.”

The County Comptroller is the chief accounting and auditing officer for all County Departments and agencies and provides primary oversight for all related federal, state and local laws.

Jim, 41, and his wife Sharon were married in 2008. He is a graduate of Providence College with a B.A. in history. Jim is fluent both Mandarin and Japanese and is a member of both the New York and Massachusetts state bars.

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