



# Press Release

## Monroe County Democratic Caucus

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## Taxpayers: Brace for Republican Tax Increase

First October in 29 Years without County Budget Proposal

**Rochester, New York – October 10, 2006:** For 29 years the Monroe County Executive was required to submit budget proposals to the County legislature by the second Tuesday in October, but this year that information is being kept from the public for another month.

Last month, despite public opposition, the County Legislature's Republican majority voted to allow the County Executive to deliver a budget proposal later than usual. County Democrats voted against the measure.

Monroe County's taxpayers now join with only 3% of New York counties with elected executives in waiting until well into November to discover if their taxes are going up.

In the absence of any action from the County Executive to solve the County's looming fiscal crisis, the Monroe County Legislature's Democratic Caucus will reiterate their plan for a 2007 budget that doesn't raise taxes today at a press conference.

### **Facts:**

- **The last time the budget was proposed after October it contained a surprise 47% property tax increase**
- **Monroe County taxpayers must wait until November for any proposed tax increase from the County Executive**
- **Democratic legislators currently have a plan that solves Monroe County's fiscal crisis without *any* tax increase**

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