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**Democrat O'Brien gets Ricci's legislative seat**

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**Ted O'Brien**, the former chairman of the Monroe County Democratic Committee, has been appointed to the vacancy in the 17th District of the County Legislature created by the resignation of Democrat Jay Ricci.

The districts spans the southern part of Irondequoit. Legislature President Wayne Zyra, R-Sweden, made the appointment, which took effect Friday.

O'Brien, 47, of Irondequoit is a partner in the firm of Harris, Chesworth, O'Brien, Johnstone, Welch & Leone. He served as local party chairman from 2000 through 2002.

O'Brien said that he was recommended by the Irondequoit Democratic Committee, and that the recommendation was ratified by the Monroe County Democratic Committee's executive committee.

Ricci resigned to take a job in Connecticut.

O'Brien's appointment is for one year.