

Ted O'Brien, 17th District

(October 27, 2005) — In less than a year as a county legislator, **Ted O'Brien** has proven himself to be a real fiscal watchdog. Voters in southern Irondequoit should send him back to the legislature for a two-year term.

It was O'Brien who blew the whistle earlier this year when the county was going to buy an airport parking lot for \$1 million more than a Republican developer had paid for it in 2004. After O'Brien, 48, brought it to the Democratic caucus' attention, they were able to block the sale. That kind of attention to detail will save taxpayers.

O'Brien, who was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Jay Ricci last November, is running on the Democratic, Independence and Working Families party lines. He clearly understands the need for regional unity on economic development and countywide planning.

O'Brien raises reasonable questions about the wisdom of granting COMIDA tax breaks to businesses that create jobs that can't be relocated, like dentist offices and retail outlets. His suggestion that county leases ought to be approved by the legislature deserves debate.


Republican and Conservative party candidate Phil Miglioratti has a lot to offer local government. A retired police sergeant with the Irondequoit Police Department, Miglioratti, 43, currently runs a property management and security consulting business. His commitment to public safety, especially that of children, is clear.

But O'Brien's experience and dynamic debut in the County Legislature earned him the *Democrat and Chronicle's* endorsement to continue representing the 17th District.

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