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Notes/Comments:

Thank you for all of your comments and input you are giving to Steve, Alison, and myself regarding COAH. I wanted to share the following information with you.

I look forward to serving on this Committee and being your voice on these matters.

- Gary

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CHIUSANO APPOINTED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

- Assemblyman wants local voices heard on COAH fees & Regional Contribution Agreement legislation -

Assemblyman Gary R. Chiusano, R-Sussex, Morris, Hunterdon, was recently appointed to serve as one of the Republican members of Joint Committee on Housing Affordability.

"Since I became a Member of the Legislature in January, I have heard from a lot of concerned residents, business owners, and local officials concerning the new Council On Affordable Housing (COAH) Third Round Rules," Chiusano stated. "I am anxious to get working on this joint committee so my constituents' voices can be heard on this important quality of life issue in Northwest New Jersey."

In addition to the new rules, far-reaching legislation has been proposed to do among other things, eliminate Regional Contribution Agreements (RCA's).

"Municipalities in the district have had a lot of success with RCA's," Chiusano said. "Conservationists and local officials are frightened at the prospect of trying to comply with stringent and burdensome COAH regulations without the option of doing RCA's. They are fearful that this will shoot up property taxes and develop remaining open spaces.

Other issues which Chiusano would like to see discussed by the committee are low-income housing requirements in the Highlands, the impact of excessive, newly proposed fees on businesses and job growth, including the situation confronting ThorLabs in Sussex

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County, as well as the recent flawed study by COAH in Morris County. The study identified areas for potential court-mandated housing that included such things as people's backyards, Picatinny Arsenal, a rest area and the median on I-287, and permanently preserved open space.

"Confronting these issues and many others are important to get out in the open so taxpayers understand what is happening on housing issues in New Jersey," Chiusano said. "With my background in business and finance, as well as serving on local and county governments, I will bring my common sense points of view to this committee."

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