



News From

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DINOLFO'S FIRST MONTH HONORS COMMITMENT MADE TO TAXPAYERS

*Major Strides Enacting a Forward-Looking Integrity Agenda;
Top-To-Bottom Review of County Operations Already Underway;
Listening to Community Concerns and Engaging with Residents*

Just over one month ago, County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** was sworn into office on January 2, 2016 as Monroe County's sixth County Executive. The days since have been a vigorous start with strong actions dedicated to upholding promises made to local taxpayers.

*"During my inaugural address, I laid out a bold and aggressive timeline to implement and enact the promises I made to the residents of Monroe County," said **Dinolfo**. "Now over one month later, I'm proud to say we have hit the ground running and already taken great strides towards fulfilling those promises. I entered this office with the mindset that County government can do better and I will remain steadfast in my commitment to deliver a County government that local families and businesses can take pride in."*

Implementing a Forward-Looking Integrity Agenda

Within her first week in office, Dinolfo took decisive action beginning to implement her forward-looking integrity agenda aimed at transforming Monroe County. As a part of her pledge to address Local Development Corporations (LDCs), Dinolfo wasted no time and took immediate action to begin the elimination of Upstate Telecommunications Corporation (UTC) and Monroe Security & Safety Systems (M3S) LDCs. At Dinolfo's direction, both Boards adopted Resolutions to dissolve and guarantee an efficient transition of all functions and assets to the County.

On January 12th, Dinolfo submitted a Local Law to the Monroe County Legislature creating an Office of Public Integrity by amending the County Charter. Under the proposed Local Law, the Office of Public Integrity is charged with the responsibility to conduct financial and operational investigations/audits of County departments and submit recommendations to improve accountability and efficiency. Additionally, the Office of Public Integrity will be responsible for addressing concerns about County government received from residents.

*"I am committed to take the necessary steps to uphold the trust and support of residents. Our families and our taxpayers deserve nothing less," said **Dinolfo**. "As County Executive, my singular focus is on the needs of our residents and that is my guiding principle as I lead this community into the future."*

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In the coming months, Dinolfo's plans include implementing another part of her forward-looking integrity agenda by having all County contracts posted online for public review. This action will ensure an unprecedented level of transparency in County government that will save taxpayer dollars.

Top-To-Bottom Review of County Operations

Dinolfo also spent the first month initiating a top-to-bottom review of all policies, procedures and operations by meeting with the heads of all County Departments as well as the many dedicated County employees who serve the public each day.

*"In my top-to-bottom review of County Government, I have started meeting with Department Heads to identify efficiencies and improvements," said **Dinolfo**. "These meetings have reinforced my belief that good ideas reside everywhere and that candid conversation is key to ensuring that the most beneficial path forward for our families and businesses is pursued."*

A Collaborative Approach to Governing

Dinolfo has spent time meeting with many community organizations and boards including the Rochester-Monroe County Anti-Poverty Initiative, Genesee Transportation Council, Monroe County Farm Bureau, Airport Authority Board, the Monroe County Legislature's Organizational Meeting, the New York State Association of Counties, and the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council. The County Executive has also participated in community events including the Monroe County Fire District Officers Association installation and awards banquet, the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce Policy Matters Event where she was the featured speaker, Town of Greece Police Headquarters Groundbreaking, Athena Awards, the Greater Rochester Partnership for the Elderly Town Hall, Starry Nites Café Ribbon Cutting, Camp Good Days and Special Times Teddi Dance for Love, the Electrical Association of Western New York Annual Luncheon, Governor Cuomo's State of the State Address, Nurse Family Partnership Graduation, Susan B. Anthony Celebration, and PathStone's Winter Social.

*"I stand dedicated in my effort to ensure that every family, child, individual and business knows that greater opportunity exists here in Monroe County," said **Dinolfo**. "Fulfilling this promise will be the hallmark of my administration. However, it will take more than County government acting alone. It will take the commitment of all levels of government to join with local business, not-for-profit and community leaders to act together. I plan to work collaboratively to tackle the challenges our community, families, and businesses face in order to ensure that brighter days are ahead."*

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