

**Statement from Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro**

Following announcement of the selection of Frank Castella Jr. as next Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce President & CEO

*“Congratulations to Frank Castella Jr. on his selection as the next Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce (DCRCOC) President and CEO! Dutchess County is fortunate to have a tradition of strong and passionate leadership at the helm of the DCRCOC continue as reins of this vital economic development organization pass from Charlie North to Frank.*

*As a local business owner, Frank understands firsthand the needs of our area businesses and has been an important advocate for the business community. As a dedicated volunteer for numerous non-profit and community organizations, Frank also knows the critical role these organizations serve in the economic health of our community.*

*A driving force in the creation of the Hudson Valley Young Professionals organization, Frank has been a passionate champion for our area’s young professionals. As Dutchess County seeks to leverage our “Staying Power”, Frank Castella will help us to harness the energy of those who have chosen to establish their careers or build their businesses here in our community as part of a coordinated strategy for entrepreneurial development and young professionals’ retention and attraction.*

*A very high standard has been set by outgoing DCRCOC President Charlie North. While no one can ‘replace’ the incomparable Charlie North, we know Frank will bring new passion and vision to the DCRCOC and continue to raise the bar for economic excellence in Dutchess County.”*

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