



Assemblymember  
**Ellen Jaffee**  
 Assembly District 97

Dear Friends,

On July 18th, [Nelson Mandela Day](#), we celebrated the centennial of Mandela's birth. It was also a day to honor his remarkable legacy, and to ask, "What can I do to make a difference?" President Barack Obama delivered the [Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture 2018, encouraging young people to take up the mantle of leadership](#).

The [Nelson Mandela Foundation](#) is passing on his legacy and the torch of public service. As Mandela said, "It is in your hands to make of our world a better one for all."

~Ellen~

### Cease and Desist Registration List

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**New Department of State Regulation-Cease and Desist Zones**

On July 1, 2018, a new regulation will go into effect to address aggressive real estate solicitation in the Village of Chestnut Ridge in Rockland County, NY. The regulation, which will expire on July 1, 2023 prohibits the solicitation of a real estate listing from any homeowner whose name appears on a Department of State issued cease and desist list. Real estate brokers, real estate salespeople and other persons regularly engaged in the buying and selling of real estate are prohibited from soliciting a listing from homeowners included on the cease and desist list.

**Rockland Map:  
 Incorporated Village of Chestnut Ridge**

Homeowners may add their names to the cease and desist list by registering on the Department of State website, <https://www.dos.ny.gov/licensing/realestate/cdform.asp>. Forms are also available in our office or from CUPON Chestnut Ridge.

**What is the Purpose of a Cease and Desist Order?**

The cease and desist regulation is designed to protect homeowners who do not wish to receive real estate solicitations.

**Are All Areas of the County Covered Under the Cease and Desist Zones?**

Only homes located in the municipality of the Village of Chestnut Ridge, NY are covered under the cease and desist order. A map of covered areas can be found on the Department of State's website. <http://www.dos.ny.gov/licensing/ceaseanddesist>

**What Forms of Solicitation are Outlawed by the Cease and Desist Regulation?**

Listings may not be solicited from a homeowner whose name appears on a cease and desist list. This includes solicitation by telephone, mail, door-to-door communication, e-mail, text message or any other direct means.

**How Can Homeowners Register to be Included on the Cease and Desist List?**

Homeowners may add their names to the cease and desist list by registering on the Department of State website, <https://www.dos.ny.gov/licensing/realestate/cdform.asp> or by requesting and completing a registration form. The cease and desist list is updated on a monthly basis. Registration will begin on July 1, 2018 and the first list will be published

on September 1, 2018. The list will be updated on a monthly basis thereafter. The Department of State will begin enforcing the cease and desist list after October 1, 2018.

**Can Penalties be Assessed for Violating the Cease and Desist Regulations?**

Yes, the Department of State may impose penalties for violations of the cease and desist regulations. Depending upon the severity of the offense, the penalty for sending an unlawful solicitation may range from a reprimand to a fine up to \$1,000, to license suspension and license revocation. To file a complaint with the Department of State, please complete and return a Preliminary Statement of Complaint ([www.dos.ny.gov/licensing/complaint\\_links.html](http://www.dos.ny.gov/licensing/complaint_links.html)).

**How are Areas Selected for Cease and Desist Zones?**

After a public hearing and investigation, the Department of State determines whether homeowners within a defined geographic area are subject to repeat and intense solicitation to sell their property. If so, a cease and desist order may be issued.

**If a Homeowner is Included on the Cease and Desist List, May They Still Sell Their Home?**

Yes. The fact that a homeowner is on a cease and desist list does not prevent a homeowner from selling or listing his or her home for sale with a real estate broker.

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## Join Me: Community Events

### Leadership Workshop for Youth



#### Free Leadership Workshop for Youth

Thursday, July 26, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Rockland County Legislative Chambers  
11 New Hempstead Road in New City

**THEME: "HOW TO SET GOALS"**

*Learn how to set priorities & how to make the best use of your time and talents to achieve your goals*

Speakers

Kristin Ruggiero, 4-H Resource Educator  
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland

Ben Chun, Nanuet High School Student Council President &  
Class Valedictorian

Tahinah Lamour, NAACP Spring Valley Youth Council President

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**Date:** Thursday, July 26, 2018

**Time:** 1:30 pm - 4pm

**Location:** Rockland County Legislative Chambers

11 New Hempstead Road, New City

### **O&R WARNS CUSTOMERS OF GREEN DOT BILL PAYMENT SCAM**

O&R is warning the public about a phony-bill payment scheme in which imposters pose as utility company representatives and call customers, demanding immediate payment for what they fraudulently claim are delinquent electric and gas bills.

Unsuspecting utility customers across the nation, most recently at in O&R's service territory, have been bilked by these bogus claims by crooks who insist on payment the day of the contact.

Here is how the scam works:

- A Spanish or English-speaking individual posing as a utility company employee calls customers saying their service would be disconnected if they do not make an immediate payment using a prepaid debit card. In some cases, the call is pre-recorded.
- Customers are told to purchase a Green Dot MoneyPak at a pharmacy or convenience store, use cash to put money onto the card, and then provide the number on the card to the person who called them.
- Customers are advised that if they do not immediately call back and provide the MoneyPak information, their service will be turned off that day.
- Typically, after the customer provides the MoneyPak number, the scammer steals the customer's money by transferring the funds from the MoneyPak to a prepaid card and then cashing it in at an ATM.

O&R urges anyone who is contacted in this fashion to break off contact with the crooks and call O&R Customer Service at 1-877-434-4100.

If you are contacted by someone who says they represent O&R and you wish to verify their identity, either ask for their photo ID card, if they are at the door, or call O&R at 1-877-434-4100 to verify their identity and the nature of their business with you. O&R employees are trained to cooperate with this request and happy to comply with an identity verification request.

Remember, when in doubt, hang up the phone or break off contact, and call O&R at 1-877-434-4100 to verify that the person you are dealing with is an O&R employee conducting legitimate business.

## **MWBE OPPORTUNITIES EXPO**

To register for the event or for more information please contact my district office or email me.

### **Meet, Connect, Promote**

Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018

Location: SUNY Rockland (SCCC)

Student-Union Building-Multipurpose-Room #3214

Suffern, NY, 10901

NY Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee, along with with Rockland Economic Development Corporation's Procurement Technical Assistance Center (RDEC, PTAC) Rockland SCORE, Workforce Development Institute and SUNY Rockland Community College is hosting an opportunities expo event on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, for minority and women-owned small businesses to discuss potential contracting opportunities, face-to-face procurement and procurement marketing tips and processes. Businesses will have the opportunity to meet with the procurement and companies' Diversity officers to discuss access.

Keynote speaker will be Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte, Chair of the Oversight of Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) Subcommittee.

Other Speakers include:

**Lin Simeti**, REDC PTAC Program Director

**Bob Janesvak**, Chair, Rockland SCORE

**Mary Jane Bertram**, Regional Director, Workforce Development Institute

