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Bethlehem City Council Candidate Michael Recchiuti Announces Plan to
Help City Residents Hurt By Recession

BETHLEHEM, PA: Bethlehem City Council Candidate Michael Recchiuti announced a plan today that would make it easier for city residents who have lost their jobs to pay their utility bills on time.

Recchiuti's proposed plan would allow unemployed city residents to set up payment plans with the City of Bethlehem to pay their water and recycling bills. The plan calls for the City of Bethlehem to allow residents who lost their jobs to arrange payment plans to pay their water and recycling bills over a period of time on a monthly basis rather than on a quarterly basis.

"Knocking on doors during my campaign, I see the devastation that a job loss can cause for a family everyday," says Recchiuti, a Democrat, "and this is just a small way to help our city's residents when they are in need of our help the most."

"This is a win-win situation for the City. First, it helps the people who have been hurt by the economy and allows them to budget their money on a monthly basis. Second, it helps the City collect funds that may not have been collected. If these individuals are forced into bankruptcy, the City would collect pennies on the dollar, if not nothing at all," says Recchiuti.

Recchiuti also proposed that City set up a system to accept water and recycling bills online.

"We need to make it easier for residents to pay their bills. By creating a system enabling residents to pay their water bills online we would be embracing technology and helping to create a modern 21st Century city," says Recchiuti.

For more information on Michael Recchiuti, please visit www.mikeforcouncil.com