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August 12, 2024

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Committee Assignment	
<u>Memorializing Referral</u>	-L

RE: Memorializing in the United States Congress to Pass the High School Voter Empowerment Act of 2024

Honorable Legislators:

Voting is the central civic act of our nation. Throughout our county and others, chronically low voter registration is a blight on our communities, especially for our youth.

While we in Monroe County sit above the national average for general voter registration, there is still work to be done. Specifically, our youth (those aged 18-24) lag behind older demographics in registration, and sit below the youth national average. Voter registration is necessary to vote, and weaker registration numbers equals worse engagement in democracy. Voter engagement in our county bears out to roughly 41%. It is imperative we make that number rise, especially for our youth.

This Bill, H.R.8192/S.4211, sponsored by Representative Frederica S. Wilson and Senator Laphonza R. Butler, will amend USC-§20506 to designate all public high schools as voter registration agencies. This would place the necessary resources for quick and easy registration at the next generation's fingertips. It is well understood that our youth have fewer resources to travel to and seek out voter registration, and as a remedy, this bill removes the barriers that keep many from engaging with the civic process.

The natural next step in voting rights is making voter registration ubiquitous, and that starts with this bill. Not only does this bill create thousands more voter registration zones, but it also mandates that public high schools run voter registration drives annually. These drives are an integral piece of this bill, as they target an unregistered population (those who have just come of age to register to vote), and are therefore primed to make a large impact.

The way to secure our future is to secure the right to vote, for now and for coming generations. When we do that, we perform a great service to both our community, and the Constitution. We encourage the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate to empower our youth and pass this bill. We also implore President Biden to bolster our rights, and sign it into law.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mercedes Vazquez Simmons
Vice President



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Subject: Memorializing the New York Legislature to Pass and Governor Kathy Hochul to Sign Bills S04060/A02285, Establishing the Hire a Vet Grant Program

Honorable Legislators:

Transitioning from active duty to civilian life has been notably difficult for our veterans. Companies often have difficulty recognizing the value of the skills veterans gain while serving. While it is true that the skill set veterans possess may not be suitable for all jobs, the discrimination they face is disproportionate. Research has found that employers are generally favorable towards hiring veterans. However, their concerns and biases often interfere with this intention. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the veteran unemployment rate was 3.5% in 2022, down from 6.5% in 2020, but certain veteran demographics, such as younger veterans, still face higher unemployment rates. Despite this improvement, veterans still face significant challenges adjusting to regular society.

The Hire a Vet Grant Program would encourage public employers to hire veterans. This program would help veterans assimilate back into civilian society and honor their service. As President Lincoln said, "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan," reflecting the country's dedication to caring for our veterans after their service. Although grant programs should not be necessary to encourage employers to hire veterans, societal priorities often favor different skills and traits than those veterans offer. The Pew Research Center reports that 31% of veterans say they have had trouble paying their bills, and 27% have borrowed money from friends or family in the past year. Veteran unemployment rates remain a contentious issue, with many employed veterans still living at or below the poverty line. Obtaining a job with a county, city, town, village, or school district can provide veterans with a good chance of employment shortly after leaving the military.

Here in Monroe County, we are blessed to be home to so many veterans. This Act can significantly improve the lives of veterans in Monroe County and further our recognition and gratitude towards their service to our country. Veterans possess a range of valuable skills, including leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving, which are highly transferable to civilian jobs. However, a study by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) found that 68% of employers recognize the difficulty in translating military skills to civilian job requirements. The passing of bills S04060/A02285 by the New York State Senate and the

Assembly is a crucial step in supporting veterans in New York. These bills, once signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul, would provide veterans with the assurance of employment and a fulfilling life after their service. By decreasing the unemployment rate for veterans in New York, these bills also aim to prevent veterans from falling into the "working poor" category of living at or below the poverty line.

Hiring veterans not only benefits the veterans themselves but also strengthens the community. Veterans bring discipline, a strong work ethic, and a sense of duty to their roles, contributing to the overall productivity and morale of the workplace. Programs like the Hire a Vet Grant Program align with federal initiatives such as the Department of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Employment Program, which provides resources and support to help veterans transition to civilian employment.

Therefore, we urge you to join us in calling upon the New York State Legislature to Pass and Governor Kathy Hochul to sign bills S04060/A02285 to establish The Hire a Vet Grant Program, ensuring that our veterans receive the support they need to secure employment and lead fulfilling lives after their service to our nation.

Respectfully Submitted,



Steve Brew
Monroe County Legislature
Republican Leader



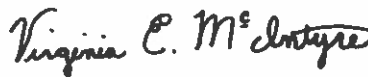
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Memorializing Kathy	-L

Subject: Memorializing the Governor Kathy to Veto A01489/S967A, An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Law, in Relation to Delinquent Tax Interest Rates

Honorable Legislators:

As elected officials, we have a duty to our constituents to aid them wherever possible. To do so, we often amend tax laws to provide necessary relief to homeowners and residents. Recently passed by both the State Assembly and the State Senate, bills A01489/S967A are legislation born out of good intentions – yet it could negatively impact both our taxpayers and municipal governments statewide through unintended consequences. This proposed bill seeks to tie the current interest rate for delinquent tax payments on real property to the prime interest rate, setting a minimum rate at two percent and an interest rate ceiling of sixteen percent. The purpose of this bill is to help residential property owners who have fallen behind on their taxes and are having a challenging time resolving their delinquency due to extremely high rates charged by municipalities across the State of New York. Under the current law, the lowest possible rate a municipality can charge is twelve percent, which hasn't changed since 1983.

While the concerns of our taxpayers come first and foremost, when amending tax law, we must take into account the capabilities of our municipalities in handling these sudden changes. This new legislation has the potential to become a complex issue for both property owners and tax assessors. Furthermore, potential errors and confusion can arise due to the need to update parcels each tax cycle. This creates an added expense for municipalities and opens the door to errors in property identification. By introducing separate interest rates based on the type of property, municipalities will need to adopt a new system to manage properties not covered by this amendment (vacant and abandoned), as well as residential property – requiring time to implement and develop at the cost of the municipalities.

Tying the interest rate to the prime rate every five years might seem like an effective way to combat inflation and protect property owners, this amendment would make it challenging for homeowners to determine their economic reality and further confuse them when the rate changes. The frequent updates to parcels each tax cycle could result in errors and confusion, both for municipal tax assessors and property owners, increasing the likelihood of mistakes and misunderstandings. Municipalities, in turn, would face a loss in tax revenue from this amendment, necessitating either tax levies to be increased, services to be reduced, or funds to be borrowed with a Tax Anticipation Note. Programs to support essential services may be

compromised due to reduced funding, adversely affecting our communities. By amending the tax code in this way, we place the burden of delinquent taxpayers down the line to those who pay on time.

Additionally, the administrative burden on municipalities will increase significantly. Municipalities will face increased administrative burdens and costs in updating their systems to handle varying interest rates for different property types. This could lead to significant implementation costs and operational challenges, diverting resources from other critical areas.

Please join us in calling upon Governor Kathy Hochul to veto this amendment to the real property tax law to avoid confusion and inefficiency for property owners and municipal tax assessors across New York State. While this amendment comes in good spirit, the broader implications will prove harmful for tax compliance, create fiscal challenges for municipalities, and further confuse and burden the taxpayers.

Respectfully Submitted,



Steve Brew
Monroe County Legislature
Republican Leader



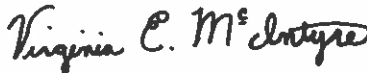
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Committee Assignment Memorializing Resolution -L

Subject: Memorializing United States Congress to Pass and President Joe Biden to Sign House Bill H.R. 8992 "Stop Fentanyl at the Border Act"

Honorable Legislators:

The opioid crisis has long afflicted neighborhoods and communities across the United States. Opioids kill an average of 70,000 Americans each year and are one of the leading causes of death among young adults. These drugs are often smuggled into the United States through points of entry (POE) along the southern border with Mexico. Of the fentanyl seized at the border, the vast majority, roughly 90 percent, were seized at POEs. In July 2023 alone, the Office of Field Operations (OFO) processed over 16.5 million pedestrians, passenger vehicles, and cargo trucks along the southern border, seizing over 176,000 pounds of illicit drugs. Between 2019 and 2023, fentanyl seizures increased by 860%, doubling between 2022 and 2023. Our CBP and Border Patrol agents work long hours and need as many resources as possible to mitigate the effects of these deadly opioids, which kill 150 Americans every day.

Last year, 81,083 Americans died from overdoses, marking the first decrease in deaths since 2018, down from 84,181 in 2022. This decline provides hope that recent border legislation passed by Congress, such as the FEND Off Fentanyl Act and the INTERDICT Act, has produced some results – but one lost life is too many. In New York State, 3,487 overdose deaths were reported, according to the CDC. Monroe County's most recent data shows that 333 opioid overdose deaths occurred in 2022, with 97.9% involving the presence of fentanyl. Just two milligrams of fentanyl, equivalent to a few grains of sand, is a lethal dose.

The Stop Fentanyl at the Border Act aims to reduce the flow of fentanyl into the U.S. and crack down on crime by providing much-needed funding, technology, and staffing increases at ports of entry along the border. This bill would enable law enforcement officers to significantly expand the capacity for scanning vehicles and cargo to detect contraband before it enters the country, cut off access to supplies that dangerous drug cartels use to commit violence and crime, and prevent illicit fentanyl and other drugs from entering the U.S. and harming American communities. Additionally, the bill would appropriate \$5.3 billion in funding to hire law enforcement, expand bonuses for CBP personnel and border patrol agents, support the deployment of Non-Intrusive Inspection Systems (NII), and create a structured outbound inspection program to increase the seizure of firearms and currency.

Please join us in calling upon the U.S. Congress to pass, and President Joseph Biden to sign, the bipartisan bill H.R. 8992, the "Stop Fentanyl at the Border Act." This legislation will ensure that our Border Patrol agents and CBP personnel have the resources they need to stop the dangerous and destructive opioid fentanyl at our borders, saving the lives of thousands of Americans. The effects of fentanyl reach into every corner and virtually every community in our nation, and we must do everything we can to stop it.

Respectfully Submitted,



Steve Brew
Monroe County Legislature
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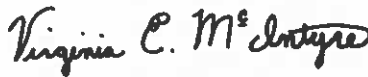
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TRACY DIFLORIO

LEGISLATOR – DISTRICT 3

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Memorializing Resolution	-L

Subject: Memorializing the United States Congress to Amend the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to Allow for Display of Unclaimed Artifacts

Honorable Legislators:

Artifact display and education are the primary purposes of many museums throughout the country. The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) was passed in 1990. Its stated mission was to “provide for the protection of Native American graves” and “address the rights of lineal descendants, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations to Native American cultural items, including human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony.” New regulations relating to NAGPRA call for all objects of Native American origin to remain undisclosed to non-card-carrying Native Americans and non-Native Americans without the express permission of a tribe that has demonstrated a preponderance of evidence that they were the origin of the object.

These regulations present a multi-layered problem. The first issue is the public’s education. Allowing unclaimed artifacts to be viewed would create a balance between respecting ownership and the public interest in learning. Second is the issue of ownership itself. As it currently stands, few people can see objects, specifically card-carrying Native Americans who expressly request to do so. By displaying unclaimed artifacts, all people- everyday card-carrying Native Americans, non-card carrying Native Americans, and non-Native Americans alike- could potentially help determine the origin of artifacts while at the same time appreciating their historical and cultural significance. Finally, there is the issue of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, where “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.” Burial is an inherently religious ceremony. According to anthropology professor Elizabeth Weiss and attorney James Springer in their book *Repatriation and Erasing the Past*, by providing favor to Native American graves, Congress is violating the Establishment Clause through NAGPRA. Should NAGPRA be amended to loosen restrictions on viewership, this potentially unconstitutional provision would be removed.

While it must be acknowledged that some items were acquired unscrupulously, a vast majority are in the possession of museums and other educational institutions for good reasons. If

a tribe makes a valid claim to an item, it should be returned like any other item to which somebody makes a verified claim of ownership. However, the public benefit of education through the display of artifacts and other culturally significant items is a fundamental mechanism in teaching the history of Native Americans to people who want to learn about it.

Therefore, I ask that you join me in calling on the United States Congress to amend the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to allow the display of unclaimed artifacts.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tracy DiFlorio
Monroe County Legislator
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Committee Assignment
AGENDA/CHARTER -L

Subject: Enact a Local Law Entitled “Opting Out of the Exemption from Taxation for Certain Energy Systems under Real Property Tax Law Section 487”

Honorable Legislators:

New York State Real Property Tax Law § 487 provides exemptions from taxation for certain energy systems, including solar, wind, farm waste, and micro-hydroelectric energy systems. Under subsection (8), municipalities may, by local law, remove this exemption; recently, Onondaga and Ontario Counties have done so. While well-meaning in its promotion of renewable energy, this law leads to significant revenue loss for local municipalities. By removing the exemption, Monroe County would ensure that all properties are taxed fairly, thus maintaining a stable revenue stream essential for funding local services, infrastructure, and more. This removal could help prevent the financial strain that tax exemptions might impose on the County’s budget, particularly in the face of the increasing demand for and cost of public services.

Furthermore, opting out of this exemption could encourage a more balanced approach to renewable energy development. While promoting sustainability is crucial, ensuring that all property owners contribute to the local tax base is equally important. The current exemption may inadvertently create disparities, benefiting property owners with renewable energy systems at the expense of those without such installations. By opting out, Monroe County would provide a fairer environment where all property owners contribute equitably to the community’s financial standing, regardless of their energy choices.

Opting out of Real Property Tax Law § 487 would allow Monroe County to prioritize equitable tax policies for all residents and allow the County to avoid shifting tax burdens to homeowners who do not benefit from the current renewable energy installation exemption. By maintaining a more balanced tax structure, Monroe County can foster community-wide support for sustainable initiatives while preserving essential public services and infrastructure.

The specific legislative actions required are to:

- 1) Schedule and hold a public hearing on the proposed Local Law
- 2) Enact a Local Law entitled “Opting Out of the Exemption from Taxation for Certain Energy Systems under Real Property Tax Law Section 487”

This action will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget.

We recommend that this matter to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Respectfully Submitted,



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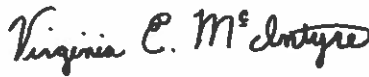
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By Legislators _____ and _____

Intro. No. ____

LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF 2024

ENACT A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED “OPTING OUT OF THE EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION FOR CERTAIN ENERGY SYSTEMS UNDER REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SECTION 487”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Intent. Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) § 487 provides that a solar or wind energy system, farm waste energy system, micro-hydroelectric energy system, fuel cell electric generating system, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment system, electric energy storage equipment and electric energy storage system, or fuel-flexible linear generator electric generating system shall be exempt from real property taxation to the extent of any increase in the value thereof by reason of the inclusion of such energy system. This local law is enacted to opt out of and remove said exemption, as provided for by RPTL § 487(8).

Section 2. Removal of Exemption.

1. No tax exemption under RPTL § 487 shall be applicable to Monroe County real property taxes with respect to any solar or wind energy system or farm waste energy system which began construction subsequent to the effective date of this local law.

2. No tax exemption under RPTL § 487 shall be applicable to Monroe County taxes with respect to any micro-hydroelectric energy system, fuel cell electric generating system, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment system, electric energy storage equipment or electric energy storage system, or fuel flexible linear generator electric generating system constructed subsequent to the effective date of this local law.

3. As defined in RPTL § 487(8)(b), “construction” of a solar or wind energy system or a farm waste energy system shall be deemed to have begun upon the full execution of a contract or interconnection agreement with a utility; provided however, that if such contract or interconnection agreement requires a deposit to be made, then construction shall be deemed to have begun when the contract or interconnection agreement is fully executed and the deposit is made. The owner or developer of an energy system is responsible for substantiating when such energy system began construction or was constructed.

Section 3. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 4. A copy of this local law shall be filed with the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and with the President of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

Section 5. This local law shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law and the Monroe County Charter.

_____ Committee; _____, 2024 - CV: _____
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ENACTED: Date: _____, 2024 Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LOCAL LAW: _____

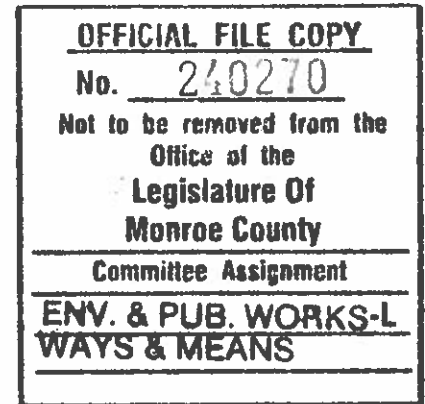


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Subject: Amend the 2024 Capital Budget and Bond Resolution 282 of 2018 to Provide an Increase in Funding for the Airport Building Improvements Project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend the 2024 Capital Budget and Bond Resolution 282 of 2018 to provide an increase in funding in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the Airport Building Improvements Project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport.

The Airport Building Improvements Project provides necessary improvements to airport buildings to maintain the required level of service and building code compliance. Many buildings have been constructed or obtained as part of property acquisitions for aviation purposes on the airport property over the past 20 years and need to be renovated to replace components and facilities that have reached the end of their useful life.

The present United States Customs and Border Protection facility located in the Airport Terminal was constructed over 25 years ago and does not meet current space regulations and requirements now mandated for all United States Customs and Border Protection facilities. A new location in an existing airport building will satisfy these new regulations and also permit cargo and general aviation aircraft requiring Customs and Border Protection services to park in close proximity to the new facility.

This project will be funded by a Federal Aviation Administration grant of approximately 30%, a New York State Department of Transportation grant of 5%, and a local share of approximately 65%.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend the 2024 Capital Budget to increase funding for the Airport Building Improvements Project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport in the amount of \$3,000,000 from \$2,250,000 to \$5,250,000, for a total project authorization of \$5,250,000.
2. Amend Bond Resolution 282 of 2018 to increase financing for the Airport Building Improvements Project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport, capital fund 1829, in the amount of \$3,000,000 from \$2,250,000 to \$5,250,000, for a total project authorization of \$5,250,000.

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This action is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1) (“maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility”) and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, will be available in capital fund 1829 once the additional financing authorization requested herein is approved and in any capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. The local funding for this project will be provided by the Monroe County Airport Authority from Airport generated revenues. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

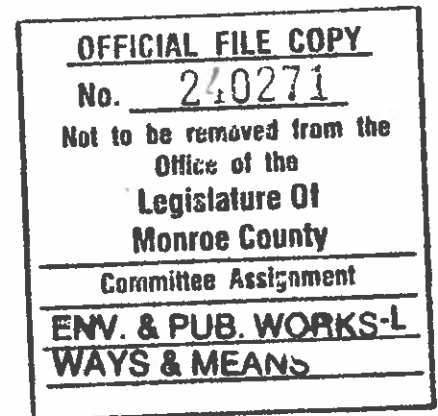

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Subject: Amend the 2024 Capital Budget and Bond Resolution 406 of 2023 to Provide an Increase in Funding for the Airport Safety and Security Project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend the 2024 Capital Budget and Bond Resolution 406 of 2023 to provide an increase in funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the Airport Safety and Security Project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport.

The Airport Safety and Security Project allows the Airport to maintain all elements of security at the Airport to the standards required by various federal agencies with security oversight for airports. These improvements include updated technology, repositioning security technology throughout the Airport property, updates to monitoring systems including cameras, new perimeter fence segments on the eight mile airfield perimeter, and other work that might be required.

The Airport is required to provide control of access to the property by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security. Security regulations are continually updated which require immediate action by the Airport.

This project will be funded by a Federal Aviation Administration grant of approximately 90%, a New York State Department of Transportation grant of 5%, and a local share of approximately 5%.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend the 2024 Capital Budget to increase funding for the Airport Safety and Security Project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport in the amount of \$2,000,000 from \$1,800,000 to \$3,800,000, for a total project authorization of \$3,800,000.
2. Amend Bond Resolution 406 of 2023 to increase financing for the Airport Safety and Security Project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport, capital fund 1944, in the amount of \$2,000,000 from \$1,800,000 to \$3,800,000, for a total project authorization of \$3,800,000.

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This action is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2) (“replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part”) and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, will be available in capital fund 1944 once the additional financing authorization requested herein is approved and in any capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. The local funding for this project will be provided by the Monroe County Airport Authority from Airport generated revenues. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

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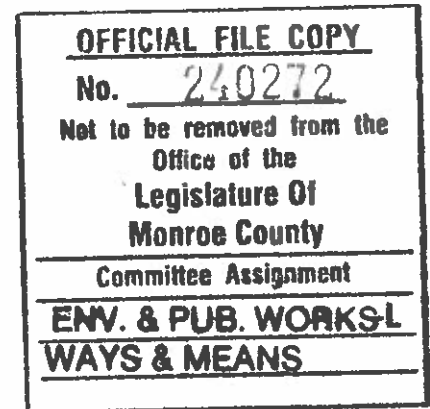

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Subject: Authorize a Contract with ICC Community Development Solutions, LLC for a NYS Uniform Code Enforcement Software Solution

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with ICC Community Development Solutions, LLC for a NYS Uniform Code Enforcement Software Solution in the amount of \$64,645 for the period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, with the option to renew for three (3) additional one year terms, with each additional term in an annual amount not to exceed \$25,000.

ICC Community Development Solutions, LLC will provide a software solution to the Department of Environmental Services (“DES”) for the administration of the NYS Uniform Code in accordance with Local Law No. 1 of 2024, as adopted by Your Honorable Body. The New York State Department of State has specific and rigid record keeping, program review, and reporting requirements that will be effectively maintained with this software solution. The software will allow DES’s Code Enforcement Officers to issue, monitor, and archive documents such as building permits, operating permits, annual inspections, and condition assessments.

A request for proposals was issued for this contract and ICC Community Development Solutions, LLC was selected as the most qualified to provide this service.

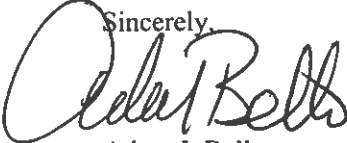
The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with ICC Community Development Solutions, LLC, 781 Elmgrove Road, Rochester, New York 14624, for a NYS Uniform Code Enforcement Software Solution in the amount of \$64,645 for the period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, with the option to renew for three (3) additional one-year terms, with each additional term in an annual amount not to exceed \$25,000.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(25) (“official acts of a ministerial nature involving no exercise of discretion, including building permits and historic preservation permits where issuance is predicated solely on the applicant’s compliance or noncompliance with the relevant local building or preservation code(s)”) and (26) (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”) and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this contract is included in the 2024 operating budget of the Department of Environmental Services, general fund 9001, funds center 8301010000, Engineering Administration.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither ICC Community Development Solutions, LLC, nor its principal officer, Daniel S. Foster, General Manager, owe any delinquent Monroe County Property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

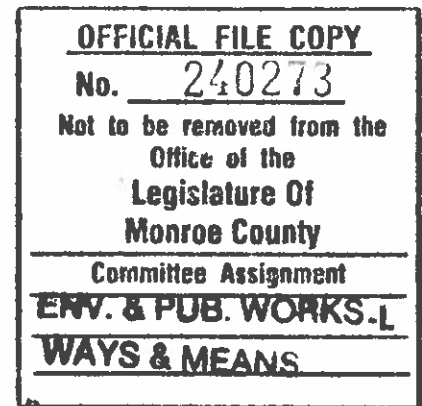
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Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive



August 9, 2024

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
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Subject: Authorize Contracts with Villager Construction, Inc. and Invictus Electrical, LLC for Construction Services for the Genesee Valley Pump Station Project

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize contracts with Villager Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$6,598,000 for general construction and Invictus Electrical, LLC in the amount of \$427,000 for electrical construction for the Genesee Valley Pump Station Project.

The Genesee Valley Pump Station Project will provide relief to the Rochester Pure Waters District's ("District") Wilson Boulevard trunk sewer and restore capacity in the Districts' collection system. Additionally, this project will allow the University of Rochester ("UR") to expand its emergency medical facilities and permit future development in the Wilson Boulevard trunk sewer's sewershed south of the UR Medical Center. The improvements will include a new 3.5 million gallon per day sanitary sewer pump station and force main consisting of a diversion and wet well structure with submersible pumps; valve and meter vaults; a small building to house electrical, instrumentation, and control components; and a 1,500± linear feet force main that will cross under the Genesee River approximately 900 feet south of Elmwood Avenue. By Resolution 294 of 2021, Your Honorable Body approved contracts with MRB Group for professional engineering services and with the UR for financial participation in and the conveyance of interest in real property for the Project. By Resolutions 159 and 160 of 2023, Your Honorable Body adopted Home Rule Messages for New York State Senate and Assembly Bills that allowed the District to acquire permanent easements from the City of Rochester through Genesee Valley Park.

The following bids were received on July 2, 2024:

<u>General Construction</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Rochester Pipeline, Inc. (bid withdrawn)	\$5,245,000
Villager Construction, Inc.	\$6,598,000
Blue Heron Construction Co., LLC	\$6,845,611
<u>Electrical Construction</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Invictus Electrical, LLC	\$427,000
Hewitt Young	\$429,000

Rochester Pipeline, Inc. withdrew their bid for the General Construction contract pursuant to General Municipal Law § 103 (11). Villager Construction, Inc. and Invictus Electrical, LLC have been determined to be the lowest responsible bidders pursuant to General Municipal Law § 103.

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The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract with Villager Construction, Inc., 425 Old Macedon Road, Fairport, New York 14450 in the amount of \$6,598,000 for general construction for the Genesee Valley Pump Station Project, and any amendments necessary to complete the project within the total capital fund(s) appropriation.
2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract with Invictus Electrical, LLC, 1939 Bennett Road, Suite 7, Victor, New York 14564 in the amount of \$427,000 for electrical construction for the Genesee Valley Pump Station Project, and any amendments necessary to complete the project within the total capital fund(s) appropriation.

This action is a Type I Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"). Pursuant to Resolution 292 of 2021, the Monroe County Legislature issued a Negative Declaration for this action. No further action under SEQR is required.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, is included in capital fund 2009 and any capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Villager Construction, Inc., nor Invictus Electrical, LLC, nor any of their principal officers, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes. The principal officers of the firms are:

Villager Construction, Inc.
Timothy O. Lawless, President, Treasurer
Michael O. Lawless, Secretary

Invictus Electrical, LLC
Christine Hand Dertinger, President
Michael Dertinger, Secretary
Jon Hand, Treasurer

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive



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To The Administrative Board of the
Rochester Pure Waters District
407 County Office Building
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Subject: Authorize Contracts with Villager Construction, Inc. and Invictus Electrical, LLC for Construction Services for the Genesee Valley Pump Station Project

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I recommend that this matter receive favorable action by the Administrative Board of the Rochester Pure Waters District.

Sincerely,



Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

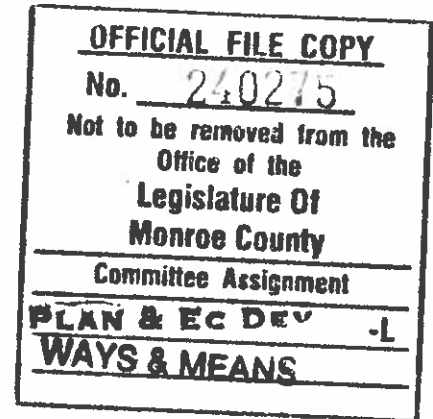
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To The Honorable
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Subject: Authorize a Contract with the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation for Reimbursement of Economic Development Activities in Monroe County

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation ("MCIDC") in the amount of \$90,000 for reimbursement of economic development activities in Monroe County for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, with the option to renew for one (1) additional one-year term.

These funds will be used to support economic development activities in the County. The Department of Planning and Development provides staff services to MCIDC, conducts a business outreach program, provides financial packaging, technical assistance to businesses and municipalities, and marketing and data to the public. This is the 35th year the County has received funding from MCIDC for these services. This year's funding represents the same amount as last year.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation for reimbursement of economic development activities in Monroe County in the amount of \$90,000 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, with the option to renew for one (1) additional one-year term.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for the services provided under this contract is included in the 2024 operating budget of the Department of Planning and Development, general fund 9001, funds center 1403010000, Economic Development. Funding for the additional one-year term will be included in future years' budget.

This contract is revenue generating and no net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely

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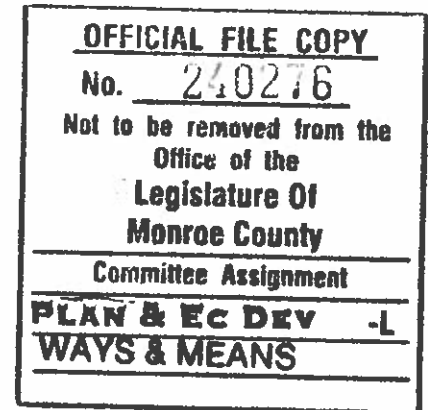
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To The Honorable
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Subject: Authorize a Contact with the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency for Reimbursement of Economic Development Activities, Staff Services, and Office Expenses

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency (“COMIDA”) in the amount of \$474,000 for reimbursement of economic development activities, staff services, and office expenses for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, with the option to renew for one (1) additional one-year term.

Pursuant to this contract, the Monroe County Department of Planning and Development (“MCDPD”) supports activities to encourage the growth of jobs and businesses in the County. In addition to providing staff services to COMIDA, the MCDPD conducts a Business Outreach Program, provides financial packaging and technical assistance to businesses and municipalities, coordinates planning and employment and training activities, and provides marketing and data to a wide variety of local businesses.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency for reimbursement of economic development activities, staff services, and office expenses in the amount of \$474,000 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, with the option to renew for one (1) additional one-year term.

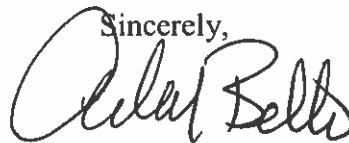
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Funding for the services provided under this contract is included in the 2024 operating budget of the Department of Planning & Development, general fund 9001, funds center 1403010000, Economic Development. Funding for the additional one-year will be included in future years' budget.

This contract is revenue generating and no net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

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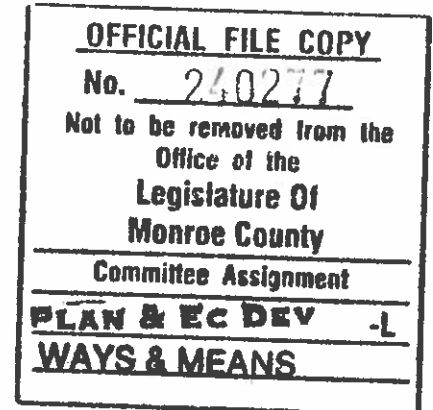
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To The Honorable
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Subject: Authorize a Contract with Greater Rochester Enterprise, Inc. for General Operating Expenses

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with Greater Rochester Enterprise, Inc. ("GRE") in the amount of \$50,000 to fund the County's share of general operating expenses of GRE for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

GRE is a public/private partnership established to professionally market the Rochester Metropolitan Area as a competitive, high profile region for business location and growth. The primary focus of GRE is on business attraction, including prospect handling and marketing. GRE will promote Monroe County and the City of Rochester to targeted businesses, encourage existing businesses to retain and expand locally, seize opportunities to attract and retain intellectual capital, and support existing economic development partners. This will be the 22nd year the County has contributed to GRE. This year's funding represents the same amount as last year.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with Greater Rochester Enterprise, Inc. to fund the County's share of general operating expenses in the amount of \$50,000 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

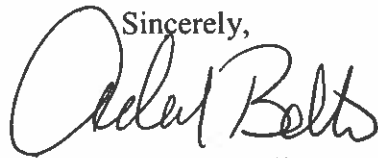
This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this contract is included in the 2024 operating budget of the Department of Planning and Development, general fund 9001, funds center 1403010000, Economic Development. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

Greater Rochester Enterprise, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that it does not owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

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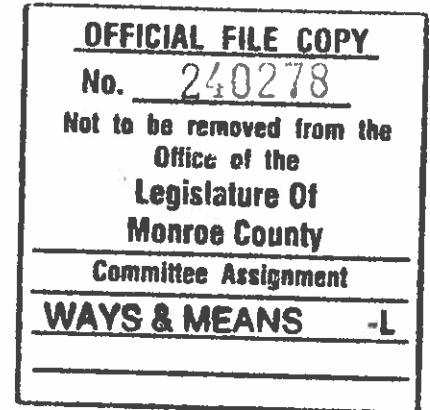
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County Executive



August 9, 2024

To The Honorable
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Subject: Authorization to Enter into a Settlement and Release of Claims Agreement with Christa Construction, LLC and Monroe Roadways Contractors, Inc.

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a settlement and release of claims agreement with Christa Construction, LLC ("Christa Construction") and Monroe Roadways Contractors, Inc. ("Monroe Roadways") pursuant to which Monroe Roadways will pay \$60,102.87 to the County. This settlement arises out of an incident that occurred on January 4, 2024, in which Monroe Roadways, subcontractor of Christa Construction, allegedly damaged a County-owned fiber optic cable and conduit.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the settlement and release of the County's claims against Christa Construction and Monroe Roadways arising from the January 4, 2024 incident in which Monroe Roadways allegedly damaged the County's fiber optic cable and conduit in exchange for \$60,102.87.
2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute and deliver any and all documents necessary to effectuate such settlement.

The legislative action requested in this referral is not an "Action," as that term is defined in 6 NYCRR § 617.2(b), and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This settlement is revenue generating and no net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committees for favorable action by Your Honorable Body. I request that this referral be considered in Executive Session, pursuant to Public Officer's Law § 105(1)(d).

Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive