

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

May 16, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

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The Public May Also Attend at 8862 Beach Road, Brewerton, NY 13029

7:20 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR: 7:19 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

Majority Leader Heppner made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Legislator Nolan to participate by Zoom, seconded by Deputy Majority Leader Uchitelle.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Ronk)
(Absent: Legislator Litts)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

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CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Hearing and Session.

MICROPHONES

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ROLL CALL: Present: 22 Absent: 1
(Legislator Litts)

7:26 PM – CALL OF THE 1ST PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: On Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2023: A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Establish The Department Of Budget

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no speakers signed up for public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:27 PM

Motion made by Minority Leader Ronk, seconded by Majority Leader Heppner to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative Website.

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Eric Stewart, May 5th
Legislator Abe Uchitelle, May 6th
Legislator Phil Erner, May 15th
Legislator Manna Jo Greene, May 26th

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minority Leader Ronk motioned, seconded by Majority Leader Heppner, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Legislative Chair, Tracey A. Bartels

Appt. Peter Criswell, Vice Chair, Ulster County Legislature

Appt. Peter Criswell, Ulster County Ways & Means Committee

UC Legislative Chair, Tracey A. Bartels

Appt. Peter Criswell, Ulster County Audit Committee

Appt. Gina Hansut, Chair, Ulster County Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee

Appt. Chris Hewitt, Deputy Chair, Ulster County Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee

Appt. Amanda LaValle, Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council Ulster County Representative

Appt. Elizabeth Corrado, Ulster County Public Defender

Appt. Toni Roser, Director of Ulster County Transportation Department

Appt. John Crispell, UC Planning Board

Appt. Adele Ruger, UC Planning Board

Appt. Margaret Colan, UC Planning Board

Appt. Michael Atkin, UC Community Services Board

Appt. Laura Walzer, UC Community Services Board

Appt. Helen Cano, UC Community Services Board

Appt. Laura Walzer, UC Community Services Board Persons With Developmental Disabilities (PWDD) Subcommittee

Appt. Helen Cano, UC Community Services Board Substance Abuse Subcommittee

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

UC Legislative Chair, Tracey A. Bartels

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Appt. Dan Ahouse, UC Community
Services Board Mental Health
Subcommittee

Appt. David McNamara, UC Community
Services Board Substance Abuse
Subcommittee

Appt. Michael Atkin, UC Community
Services Board Mental Health
Subcommittee

Appt. Deborah Franklin, UC Community
Services Board Mental Health
Subcommittee

Appt. Romero Duffy, UC Community
Services Board Mental Health
Subcommittee

Appt. Thomas Nash, UC Electrical
Licensing Board

Appt. John Dispensa, UC Electrical
Licensing Board

Appt. William More, UC Environmental
Management Council

Appt. Robert Fraser Cruickshank, UC
Environmental Management Council

Appt. James W. Easley, UC Environmental
Management Council

Appt. Heaven Torres, UC Youth Board

Appt. Kyle Fallaha, UC Youth Board

Appt. Stg. Robert Vedder, UC Traffic
Safety Board

Local Government Management Guide:
Reserve Funds, NYS Comptroller's Office

Press Release, Ulster County Legislature
Partners With Legal Services of the Hudson
Valley to Provide Eviction Counseling

Legislative News

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Legislative News

Comunicado de prensa, La Legislatura del Condado de Ulster se Asocia con los Servicios Legales del Valle de Hudson para proporcionar consejería de desalojo

Press Release, Ulster County Legislature Unanimously Approves Resolution Proclaiming April Parkinson's Awareness Month

Comunicado de prensa, La Legislatura del Condado de Ulster aprueba por unanimidad una resolución proclamando abril Mes de Concientización sobre el Parkinson

Press Release, Chair Bartels Appoints Peter Criswell as Vice Chair of the Ulster County Legislature and as a member of the Ways & Means Committee

Comunicado de prensa, La presidenta Bartels nombra a Peter Criswell como vicepresidente de la Legislatura del Condado de Ulster y como miembro del Comité de Medios & Arbitrios

Press Release, Ulster County Moves to Declare Drag and Other Forms of Gender Expression Protected Under Human Rights Law

Comunicado de prensa, El Condado de Ulster se mueve a declarar drag y otras formas de expresión de género protegidas bajo la Ley de Derechos Humanos

Ulster County Veteran Services Director Mark Cozzupoli

Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce

Veteran Related Communications

Grand Opening, Coldwell Banker

Ribbon Cutting, Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History

Ribbon Cutting, Moonburger – New Paltz

Ulster County Department of Public Works

Notice of Creekside Drive Embankment Repair in Town of Shandaken

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Ulster County Department of Finance

Ulster County Purchasing Department

Ulster County Tourism Department

Ulster County Personnel Department

New York State Department of State

Ulster County Public Defender, Elizabeth Corrado

Marist College

National Association of Counties

Ulster County Substance Abuse Prevention Board

Historic Huguenot Street

Empire State Development

New York State Public Service Commission

New York State Public Service Commission

UC Public Auction Brochure 2023

Notice of Funding Opportunity – Re-Opening of the Ulster County Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant

2023 Order of Succession

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Civil Service Announcements

Filing of Local Law No. 1 of 2023

2023 Order of Succession

Spring Newsletter

County News Vol. 55, No. 7

County News Vol. 55, No. 8

April Meeting Minutes

2023 Americana Corner Preserving America Grant Program Recipient Announcement

Historic Huguenot Street accepted the SUNY New Paltz Regional Impact Award

Mid-Hudson Regional Office Updates

Invitation to 5.19 Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council Meeting

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188, 2023.04.27 DOB Agenda

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188, IP TF DOB Presentation 2023.04.27

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188, NYS Oversight Updates 2023.04.27

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188, 2023.04.27 NRC Presentation

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188, 2023.04.27 EPA Presentation

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

New York State Public Service Commission	Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188, 2023.04.27 HDI Presentation
	Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188, Filing Letter – April 27, 2023 Meeting Video
Ulster County Department of Mental Health	Integrated Ulster: Resource Round Up
Ulster County Department of Mental Health	Integrated Ulster: May Agenda & 2023 Action Plan
Ulster County Planning Board	May Agenda & April Minutes
Catskill Watershed Corporation	Notice of Preliminary Decisions
New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation	EFC Accepting Grant Applications for Water Infrastructure Projects
A. Sarrantonio	Email, Support for Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2023
Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency	Compost Awareness Week Film Screening
	May Newsletter
Ulster County Attorney Clint Johnson	April 2023 County Litigation
Concerned Citizens (5)	Emails, Support for Qualified Elector Nomination of Majority Leader For Res. No. 216
M. Daly	Thank You
K. Panza	Letter, Opposition to Res. No. 79
AAR Auctions	Thank You
Ulster County Board of Health	April Agenda & Minutes
SUNY Ulster	Budget Request & Summary
Mayor of Kingston Steven Noble	Letter, Support for Resolution No. 79, Opt-Out Community Distributed Generation
Ulster County Association of Town Supervisors & Mayors	May Meeting Agenda
Ulster County Industrial Development Agency	Notice of Supplemental Public Hearing - Additional Taxable Bonds
New York State United Teachers	Notice of Claim Pursuant to Education Law §3813

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

The Bickford Family

Email, Support for Resolution No. 200

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger and Hudson Valley County Executives Demand that Holtec Abandon Plan To Dump Radioactive Water In Hudson

Appt. Esi Lewis, Interim Commissioner of Human Rights

Press Release, Ulster County CARES II Small Business Grant Awards Announced

Press Release, 'Ulster County Climate Corps' Internship Program Now Accepting Applications

Press Release, Ulster County Executive and Legislature Team Up to Tackle Affordable Housing Crisis With New Tools

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Calls for Halt to Emergency Housing Placements at Rodeway Inn, Citing DEC Violation and Other Concerns

April 2023 Budgetary Transfers

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Announces the Winners of the School Bus Driver of the Year Award

Press Release, Text-to-9-1-1 Service Launched by Ulster County Department of Emergency Services

Order of Succession

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Press Release, Ulster County Department of Mental Health to Host Opioid Community Forum on May 23, 2023

Appt. Roseann Daw, Commissioner of Finance

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Calls for State Regulators to Sanction Central Hudson, End Estimated Billing

Follow-up Letter to NYS Public Service Commission on Central Hudson's Billing System

ANNUAL REPORTS:

Ulster Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation

2022 Financial Statement, Investment & Management Letter

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Economic Development, Planning, Education,
Employment, Arts & Agriculture
Energy, Environment & Sustainability
Law Enforcement and Public Safety
Laws and Rules, Government Services
Health, Human Services & Housing
Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation

Ways and Means

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

DATE:

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April 26, 2023 Special Meeting
March 28, 2023

Hon. Tracey A. Bartels – Chair’s Address

PUBLIC COMMENT (on items currently before the Legislature): There were 5 speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Michael Lembo, Plattekill: Mr. Lembo spoke in support of Resolution No. 200.
2. Dean DePew Sr., Plattekill: Mr. DePew spoke in support of Resolution No. 200.
3. Rachel Gans, Bloomington: Mrs. Gans spoke in support of Resolution No. 126 and in opposition of Resolution Nos. 293 and 302.
4. Cheryl Schneider, Bloomington: Mrs. Schneider spoke in opposition of Resolution Nos. 293, 296 and 297.
5. Joe Malfa, Plattekill: Mr. Malfz spoke in support of Resolution No. 200.

RESOLUTION NOS: 554 of 2022; 123, 199, 200, 213, 217 – 298, 300 – 304, 306-308, 310 – 320; 486 of 2022, 5, 88, 124, 126, 127, & 133 – POSTPONED; 79, 86, 87, 155, 299, 305 – NO ACTION TAKEN; 309 – FOR JUNE INTRODUCTION; 134 – DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE; 200 of 2022 – WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

Resolution No. 200 of 2022 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2022, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Evictions, To Be Held On Tuesday, June 13, 2023 At 7:00 PM
WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

Resolution No. 486 of 2022 – Adopting The Ulster County Information Services/ Information Technology Security Policy – Department Of Information Services
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 5 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2022, A Local Law Providing For The Rights Of The Residents Of Ulster County To Clean Water, And For The Rights Of The Hudson River, Also Known As Mahicannituck, To Be Held On Tuesday, June 13, 2023 At 7:05 PM
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 79 – Urging New York State To Approve And Implement An Opt-Out Community Distributed Generation (CDG) Program In New York
NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 86 – Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Create Two Fully Reimbursable Full-Time Positions – Ulster County Industrial Development Agency
NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 87 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$430,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Industrial Development Agency
NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 88 – Amending The 2023 Budget To Provide Hudson River Watershed Alliance With Funding For Administrative And Program Support Services To Assist Various Agencies In Ulster County - Department Of Finance, ~~Division Of Recovery And Resilience~~ The Environment
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 124 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 3 of 2019, A Local Law Establishing The Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board And Providing For The Qualifications, Examination, Licensing And Regulation Of Electricians In Ulster County, New York, To Be Held On Tuesday, June 13, 2023 At 7:10 PM
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 126 – Dedicating Funding To Housing Justice
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 127 – Establishing A Policy To Prioritize Meals For Ulster County Residents Living In Emergency Housing
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 133 – Supporting New York State Senate Bill S182 and Assembly Bill A710 To End Qualified Immunity For Certain Defendants
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 134 – Supporting Freedom Of Choice In Relation To COVID-19 Shots
DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 155 – Setting A Public Hearing On The Sale And/Or Transfer Of Lands Owned By Ulster County Located At 701 Grant Avenue, Lake Katrine (Town of Ulster), To Be Held On Tuesday, June 13, 2023 At 7:15 PM

NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 299 – Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget - Authorizing Payment Of Retroactive COVID Pay – Ulster County

NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 305 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$37,509.50, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – C & S Engineers, Inc. – Department of Public Works

NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 309 – Placing A Spending Cap Of \$XX,XXX,XXX.00 On All Costs Related To The Proposed Government Operations Center At Paradies Lane In New Paltz

FOR JUNE INTRODUCTION

A motion was made by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, to move Resolution No. 289 out of the Consent Agenda and into the Non-Consent Agenda. All in favor.

	Consent
217	<p>Amending Capital Project No. 598 – Crisis Stabilization Center – Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget - Closing Costs For The Purchase Of 368 Broadway - ARPA - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>

218	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Marlborough, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Fund The Improvements And Expansion Of Sewer Treatment Plant – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
219	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Marbletown, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Fund Phase 1 Water Service Extension To Route 209 Corridor – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
220	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of New Paltz, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Fund Interconnection Of A Town Sewer District – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
221	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Village Of New Paltz, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Fund The Replacement Of The Village Water Main – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)

222	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Abilities First, Inc. – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
223	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Advanced Therapy, P.T., O.T., S.L.P., Psychologist, Registered Professional Nurse (RN), PLLC – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
224	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Caterina Agnello – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
225	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – AM Speech Services PLLC– Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)

226	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – NYARC, Inc. DBA The ARC Greater Hudson Valley – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
227	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – NYSARC, Inc. DBA The ARC Mid-Hudson – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
228	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Renata Basile Crimi – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
229	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Best Friends Services Inc. – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)

230	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Claudia Calaceto – Department Of Social Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
231	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Center For Spectrum Services – Department Of Social Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
232	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Communicate To Connect, Inc – Department Of Social Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
233	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Caryn Cornielle – Department Of Social Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>

234	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Sarah Corrigan – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
235	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Kristen Culjak – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
236	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Michelle Eckert – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
237	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Kelly Ann Ferrara – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)

238	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Frank M. Volz, Jr., PhD DBA Dr. Frank M. Volz, Jr. And Associates – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
239	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Gelsomino And Davis Speech, Occupational, Physical Therapy Services, PLLC – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
240	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Alexandra Hafner – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
241	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Inspire: Orange County Cerebral Palsy Association, Inc. – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)

242	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Katskill Kids PT, SLP, Psychology, RN, OT & LMSW, PLLC – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
243	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Laura Kochon – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
244	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Therese Lane – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (1 Abstention: Legislator Cahill) (Absent: Legislator Litts)
245	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Learning Together Inc. – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)

246	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Liberty Resources Psychology, Physical, Occupational & Speech Therapy, PLLC – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
247	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – LK Therapy PT, OT And SLP, PLLC – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
248	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Mid-Hudson Valley Early Education Center – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
249	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Carolyn M Machonis, O.T., PLLC DBA Milestones For Munchkins – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)

250	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Moving Mountains Occupational Therapy, P.C. – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
251	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Joanna Nadoolman – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
252	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Doreen O'Keeffe – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
253	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Family And Educational Consultants, LLC DBA Partnership For Education – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)

254	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Jennifer Prue – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
255	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Gina Pugliese – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
256	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Allyson Shannon – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
257	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Judy Shapiro – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)

258	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Sharon Jolly & Associates Audiology, Speech Language Pathology, Psychology, LMSW, PT & OT, LLC – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
259	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – SLP Communication Foundations, PLLC – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
260	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Jesse Smith – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
261	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Social Circle Speech And Language, LLC – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)

262	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Therapy Partners In OT, PT And Speech-Language Pathology, PLLC DBA Thrive By 5 OT, PT, And Speech-Language Pathology – Department Of Social Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
263	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Mary M. Wilsey – Department Of Social Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
264	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Wraparound Services Of The Hudson Valley, Inc. – Department Of Social Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
265	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$72,500.00 Entered Into By The County – James McGuinness & Associates, Inc. – Department of Social Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>

266	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement For The Preschool Special Education And Related Services Program With The Kingston City School District – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
267	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement For The Preschool Special Education And Related Services Program With The Onteora Central School District – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
268	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement For The Preschool Special Education And Related Services Program With The Rondout Valley Central School District – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
269	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement For The Preschool Special Education And Related Services Program With The Tri-Valley Central School District – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)

270	Confirming Reappointment Of Members To The Community Services Board's Persons With Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
271	Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Community Services Board's Substance Abuse Subcommittee ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
272	Appointing Member To The Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc., Board Of Directors ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
273	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$797,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Samadhi Center Inc. – Department of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
274	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$74,985.00 Entered Into By The County – Ellenville Regional Hospital – Department of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (1 Abstention: Legislator Gavaris) (Absent: Legislator Litts)

276	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract And Any Amendments To The Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue The WIC (Women, Infants And Children) Program – Department Of Health</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
277	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$25,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Jewish Family Services Of Ulster County Inc. – Office For The Aging</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
278	<p>Authorizing The Department Of The Environment To Submit An Application To The U.S. Department Of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Charging And Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program – Department Of The Environment</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
279	<p>Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 131, Vehicles, County, Article I, Sustainable Green Fleet Policy, In Relation To Strategies And Goals, To Be Held On Tuesday, June 13, 2023 At 7:00 PM</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>

280	Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Environmental Management Council ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
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285	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With SUNY New Paltz To Provide Entrepreneurial And Business Recruitment And Support</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (1 Abstention: Legislator Uchitelle) (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
286	<p>Scheduling A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law, On The Addition Of Lands To Agricultural Districts, To Be Held June 13, 2023 At 7:20 PM, Or As Soon Thereafter As The Public Can Be Heard, And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities – Department Of Planning</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
287	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Call Public Hearings As Necessary To Satisfy The Public Participation Requirements Of The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
289	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,750,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department of Planning</p> <p>MOVED TO NON-CONSENT</p>
290	<p>Confirming The Appointment Of Valerie Naccarato As Director Of Probation</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>

291	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Division Of Criminal Services - Department Of Probation ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
292	Amending The 2023 County Budget To Create A Full-Time Mental Health Specialist (Social Worker), A Full-Time Paralegal, And Establish A Full-Time Family Court Bureau Chief With A Salary Increase – Public Defender’s Office ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
295	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature And The Ulster County Sheriff To Execute An Application For DOJ FY 2023 Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams - Community Policing Development Solicitation Grant - Ulster County Sheriff ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
298	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An MOU Between The Onteora Central School District And The Sheriff’s Office For Access To Onteora’s Closed Circuit TV – Ulster County Sheriff ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)

300	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For Participation In The Crimes Against Revenue Program – District Attorney ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
301	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For Participation In The Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant – District Attorney, Department Of Probation, Sheriff ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
306	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation To Accept The New York State Share For Mass Transportation Projects For Federal Fiscal Year 2023 - Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit) ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
307	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Power Authority Of New York (NYPA) - Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure Project Phase 2.2 - Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit) ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)

308	<p>Appointing Member To Fill Vacancy On The Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
311	<p>Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Ulster County Board Of Ethics</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
312	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$10,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Naviant Inc. – Department of Information Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
313	<p>Establishing A Policy To Waive All Exam Fees For Ulster County – Amending The 2023 County Budget – Department Of Personnel</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
314	<p>Adopting Updated Procurement Manual Pursuant To General Municipal Law Section 104-b – Department Of Purchasing</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>

315	Authorizing Distribution Of Mortgage Tax Receipts Pursuant To Section 261 Of The Tax Law ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
316	Approving Home Rule Request For Senate Bill No. S6446 And Assembly Bill No. A6688 Authorizing Ulster County To Continue The Additional 1% Rate Of Its Sales And Compensating Use Tax For Twenty-Four Additional Months ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
317	Adopting A Revised Ulster County Investment Policy ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
318	Adopting The Ulster County Debt Management Policy ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
319	Setting A Public Hearing On The Tentative Budget Of Ulster County Community College For The Year 2023 – 2024 To Be Held On Tuesday, June 13, 2023 At 7:05 PM ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)

	Non-Consent
554 of 2022	<p>Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2022, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Construction Apprenticeships</p> <p>Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Heppner, to amend the Local Law as presented.</p> <p>MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Maloney) (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p> <p>ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Maloney) (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>
123	<p>Establishing A Policy To Formalize Procedures Relating To Future Hiring Freezes</p> <p>POSTPONED IN WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE</p>
199	<p>Establishing A Policy To Provide Healthy, Locally Sourced Food To Those Facing Food Insecurity, Through Community Supported Agriculture</p> <p>POSTPONED IN WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE</p>
200	<p>Opposing A County Wide Landfill <u>On Two Specific Parcels Of Land</u> In The Town Of Plattekill</p> <p>DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 10 NOES: 12 (Ayes: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Fabiano, Gavaris, Hansut, Hewitt, Lopez, Petit, Roberts, and Ronk) (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>

213	Adopting Revised Ulster County Fund Balance Policy Legislator Heppner motioned, seconded by Legislator Uchitelle, to amend the Fund Balance Policy as presented. MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts) ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
275	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Health, Bureau Of Immunization – Department Of Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Hewitt) (Absent: Legislator Litts)
288	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,500,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department of Planning ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 19 NOES: 3 (Noes: Legislators Maloney, Roberts and Ronk) (Absent: Legislator Litts)

289	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,750,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department of Planning ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 19 NOES: 3 (Noes: Legislators Maloney, Roberts and Ronk) (Absent: Legislator Litts)
293	Amending The 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program -Establishing Capital Project No. 670 – UCSO Bearcat G3 - Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget - Ulster County Sheriff ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Erner) (Absent: Legislator Litts)
294 BOND	Authorizing The Purchase Of A Bearcat G3 Armored Vehicle, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$357,061.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$357,061.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Erner) (Absent: Legislator Litts)
296	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Rondout Valley Central School District To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 18 NOES: 4 (Noes: Legislators Bartels, Bowen, Erner, and Uchitelle) (Absent: Legislator Litts)

297	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Onteora Central School District To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 18 NOES: 4 (Noes: Legislators Bartels, Bowen, Erner, and Uchitelle) (Absent: Legislator Litts)
302	Amending The 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program - Amending Capital Project No. 595 Courthouse Fascia, Exterior Repairs & Roof Replacement For Construction Services – Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds) ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Erner) (Absent: Legislator Litts)
303 BOND	Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$5,850,000 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of Improvements TO The County Courthouse, In And For Said County ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Erner) (Absent: Legislator Litts)
304	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$4,881,900.00 Entered Into By The County – Milcon Construction Corp. – Department of Public Works ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Erner) (Absent: Legislator Litts)

310	Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 5 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending Chapter 216 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Human Rights, In Relation To Gender Expression, To Be Held On Tuesday, June 13, 2023 At 7:25 PM ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Litts)
	Late Resolutions
320	Requesting Authorization To Commence The Process Of Direct Sale Of The Property Located At 701 Grant Ave., Town Of Ulster – Department Of Finance ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 17 NOES: 5 (Noes: Legislators Fabiano, Hewitt, Maloney, Roberts, and Ronk) (Absent: Legislator Litts)
321	Approving Home Rule Request For Senate Bill No. S6896 And Assembly Bill No. A7200, In Relation To Hotel And Motel Taxes In Ulster County ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 15 NOES: 7 (Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Fabiano, Hansut, Lopez, Nolan, Roberts, and Ronk) (Absent: Legislator Litts)

PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature):

1. Cheryl Schneider, Bloomington: Mrs. Schneider spoke about a personal experience in a county building and a conversation in a Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee meeting, requesting more law enforcement oversight, mental health resources and cultural sensitivity training.
2. Rachel Gans, Bloomington: Mrs. Gans spoke about the importance of discipline alternatives for minor students and county cultural sensitivity resources, as well as the immediate necessity for safe housing for underhoused people.

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:

Stanley Strath, Kingston, NY
Michael Caponero, Rosendale, NY
Peter Legg, Glasco, NY
Phyllis Gurwitz, West Hurley, NY
MaryAnn Mesquita, Highland, NY
Lindsey Vona, Highland, NY
Rosemary Sinagra, Highland, NY
Lillian Murphy, Saugerties, NY
Robert Boughton Sr., Kingston, NY
Gerard Nocton, Kingston, NY
Carl Ponesse, New Windsor, NY
Regina Johnson, Saugerties, NY
Louisa Clarke, Wallkill, NY
Jon DeGondea, Kingston, NY

Ali Naghsh, Kingston, NY
George Eason, Modena, NY
Charles Silverberg, Kingston, NY
John Lynch, Fishkill, NY
Geremia Maio, Highland, NY
Peter Vona, Highland, NY
Florina Ferraro, Glasco, NY
Peter Rakov, Hurley, NY
Pauline Wyre, Kingston, NY
Eleanor Spagnola, Marlboro, NY
Alexis Aldourian, New Paltz, NY
Kyle VanDuser, Plattekill, NY
Michael Calderone, Gardiner, NY
John Fitzgerald, Kingston, NY

Motion by Legislator Cahill, seconded by Legislator Ronk to adjourn Legislative Session. All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:40 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on **Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is **Friday, May 19, 2023 at 12 Noon.**



ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC HEARING: ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2023: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE ULSTER COUNTY CHARTER, (LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2006), AND AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR THE COUNTY OF ULSTER, (LOCAL LAW NO. 10 OF 2008), TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

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Public Hearing

Proposed Local Law Number 4 Of 2023

County Of Ulster

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BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Ulster, New York, as follows:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

Pursuant to § C-11 of the Ulster County Charter, the Ulster County Legislature has the power and duty to “*make appropriations, levy taxes, incur indebtedness and adopt a budget, including a capital program.*” Further pursuant to § C-11, the Legislature shall, “*fix the compensation of all officers and employees paid from County funds or, for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, to establish salary ranges within which the appointing authority shall have discretion to set the actual salary within the range.*” To carry out its fiduciary responsibility most effectively, and for the maximum protection to the taxpayers of Ulster County, the Legislature has determined that that it is necessary to establish and maintain a Department of Budget, separate and distinct from the Department of Finance. The Ulster County Legislature finds that the adoption of this law is an appropriate exercise of its powers under Municipal Home Rule Law §10[1][ii][a][1].

The Department of Budget shall be responsible for preparation of the proposed county budget, maintaining the adopted county budget, and monitoring and analyzing revenues and expenditures throughout the year. Additionally, the Department of Budget shall be responsible for working with all departments to evaluate performance, streamline operations and deliver improved outcomes for County residents.

SECTION 2. Article XXIX Department of Residential Health Care Facilities, which is no longer in use by Ulster County, shall be repealed and replaced, and the Ulster County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

Article XXIX Department of Budget

§C-99 Director of Budget.

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A. There shall be a Department of Budget under the direction of the Director of Budget, who shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. The Director of Budget shall ~~report directly to the County Executive and Ulster County Legislature and~~ serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. The Director of Budget shall be appointed on the basis of his, her or their professional training and experience and other qualifications for the responsibilities of that office.

B. Powers and duties. The Director of Budget shall be the chief administrative officer of the Department. Except as may otherwise be provided in this Charter, he or she shall have all the powers and perform all the duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed by law upon him or her, including but not limited to:

- (1) Provide guidance in the form of budget forecasts to all departments and units of County government for the purpose of assisting in the preparation of budget requests, copies of all such forecasts shall be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature;
- (2) Assist the County Executive and County Legislature in exercising budget control and checks on program performance;
- (3) Perform the encumbrancing function for the County government through purchase orders and service contract commitments;
- (4) Analyze through encumbrancing departmental spending rates and adherence to authorized budget commitments;
- (5) Provide comment on all financial reports required pursuant to this Charter;
- (6) Initiate the planning and budgeting phases of the County's Capital Improvement Program;
- (7) Perform such other and related duties required by the County Executive ~~and/or~~ the Ulster County Legislature.

SECTION 3. Article XXIX Department of Residential Health Care Facilities, which is no longer in use by Ulster County, shall be repealed and replaced, and the Ulster County Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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C. Reports. On or before March 1 of each year, the Director of Budget shall make an annual report to the County Legislature and County Executive for the immediately preceding calendar year, covering generally the work of the department. The Director of Budget shall make such other reports at such times as may be required by the County Legislature, County Executive or any applicable law. Copies of all reports shall be filed with the Clerk of the County Legislature and the County Executive.

§ A-29-2 Deputy Director of Budget.

A. The Director of Budget shall have the power to appoint one or more Deputy Directors of Budget, within the limits of appropriations therefor. Every appointment shall be in writing and filed in the Office of the County Clerk and the Clerk of the Legislature.

B. The term of office of any deputy not classified as competitive under the County's civil service rules, appointed hereunder, shall coincide with that of the Director of Budget, provided that such appointment may be revoked at any time by the Director of Budget by written revocation filed with the County Clerk. Positions of Deputy Director may be in the exempt class of civil service; or in the alternative, the deputy may also be an additional title which may be designated by the Director for a department staff member.

C. Deputy Directors shall perform such duties pertaining to the Department of Budget as the Director may direct and shall act generally for and in such place of the Director and perform such other and further duties as the Director may assign.

D. The designation of an order of succession for the position of Deputy Director shall be filed with the County Clerk and the Clerk of the County Legislature by the Director of Budget and may be revoked at any time by the Director of Budget filing a new written designation of order of succession.

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SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

In the event that any portion of this local law is found to be invalid, such finding will not have any effect on either the remaining portions or applications of this local law or any provisions of the Ulster County Charter or Code, all of which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.



ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

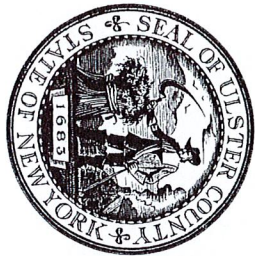
PUBLIC COMMENT: (ON SUBJECTS CURRENTLY BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE)

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	CONTACT	TOPIC(S) TO BE DISCUSSED
1. Michael Lembo	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Plattekill EMAIL: msg.michael3@gmail.com	Solid Waste Facility in Plattekill
2. Dean DeBevoise	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	Town of Plattekill Landfill Site
3. Rachel Gans	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Bloomington EMAIL: rachellegans@gmail.com	housing bearcat
4. Cheryl Schneider	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Bloomington EMAIL: cheryl.schneider@bloomingtonny.gov	beard Mental Health
5. Ruben Cash not present	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL: rubencash@icloud.com	GENDER
6. Joe Melfi	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	Plattekill Landfill Site

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TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

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1. Cheryl Schnedden	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	Mental Health
2. John Lafferty	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	Profiling me
3. Rachael Gans (info on 1 st public comment)	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	
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TRACEY A. BARTELS

CHAIR'S ADDRESS

May 16, 2023

Good evening, members of the Legislature, Majority Leader Heppner, Minority Leader Ronk, Vice Chair Criswell, Executive Metzger, Comptroller Gallagher, Sheriff Figueroa, District Attorney Clegg, esteemed guests, and residents. It is a privilege to stand before you today as the elected Chair of the Ulster County Legislature.

Traditionally, the Chair's address is made in February and lays out a vision for the coming year. A series of circumstances and conflicts have brought us to May. Most certainly, a February address would have been different — in both tone and, to some degree, content. But with the delay, we gain information and insight. While in some regard, the message is the same, the urgency is different.

I'd like to touch on just a few key topics tonight.

The housing crisis presents an acute and very painful challenge. Fewer and fewer of our neighbors can afford to live here. Both homeowners and renters struggle with housing insecurity. Market rate and affordable housing stock are inadequate, leaving people with nowhere to go.

On any given day, we place between 300 and 350 people in temporary emergency housing. Denied the security of a certain home — quality of life, including physical and mental health, suffer. We are in the midst of a national public health emergency — the painful reality is evident right here in Ulster County.

Last month, through Local Law Number 2 of 2023 introduced by Deputy Majority Leader Uchitelle, we declared affordable housing a county purpose, paving the way for a significant investment, along with a shift in thinking.

Yet, this Legislature has been far from silent on the issue. We dedicated \$6.02 million of ARPA funds to housing initiatives — fully 18% of our total award. Additionally, we are moving to

contract on the Affordable Tenant Upgrade Program and the Accessory Dwelling Unit Program — both of which will either improve or create affordable housing rentals.

Through the Community Development Block Grant we have invested in rehab, home ownership and rental assistance. The Planning Department is actively engaged in multiple studies. A staff position was created in planning dedicated fully to housing. Additionally, a Housing Smart Communities Initiative was launched through Planning to support long term solutions to housing supply and affordability challenges through a certification process that works directly with the municipalities. All made possible with an approximate \$400,000 allocation, over the course of three years.

This list is far from exhaustive, but it is also far from enough. Earlier this year, Legislators Maloney and Erner raised concerns over our emergency housing conditions. After a site visit, Executive Metzger called for an immediate cessation to placement at that site. I want to thank the Executive for acting. The final relocation of our residents is expected to be completed before Thursday.

Together, we must work to transform our approach — to be proactive, rather than reactive, and to deliver on the promise to treat our most vulnerable with respect and dignity. Housing First is a model that must become part of our conversation. Like the RUPCO project that will turn the former Quality Inn into supportive permanent housing, I believe that we must prioritize those community members that are most vulnerable — the unhoused and at risk.

To do that, we will look to a steady stream of funding and an initial dedication. Legislator Maloney's resolve in reengaging the conversation regarding the County's bed tax has resulted in a resolution for consideration this evening with bill numbers from the state.

We will consider a Housing Trust or Action Fund along with a countywide Land Bank – about which we continue to have discussion with Kingston City Landbank to determine if there is a way to proceed together.

Under the leadership of Deputy leaders Uchitelle and Lopez, this Thursday, May 18th, there will be a special meeting of Health, Human Services and Housing Committee for a presentation on the proposal of an Ulster County Housing Action Fund.

And we will be called to evaluate, prioritize, and appropriate. While our county finances remain in a strong position — we must plan for a future that may not be as bright.

Let's take a moment to talk about Finance.

On March 1st, then Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick resigned amid allegations of financial wrongdoing in his capacity as treasurer for a local non-profit. The effects were sweeping. The Office of the State Comptroller mobilized and is on site conducting forensic audits here at the

county building. The District Attorney along with the State Police are investigating the allegations of substantial theft at the nonprofit. There is significant cause for concern.

Regardless of the outcome of the multiple investigations, parts of our systems of internal control were broken. The Comptroller's office repeatedly expressed frustration over a lack of access to the financial systems. Explanations varied, often blame was laid on technologies that didn't communicate to one another or were antiquated. Warning signs existed.

As legislators, too often we have been told that it is outside our purview, that it's being handled, that our questions infringe on operations, that a standard operating procedure somehow trumps enacted policy — or forestalls the need for policy.

The Metzger administration has approached governance with genuine collaboration. Together, we are turning this challenge into opportunity — to improve upon our internal controls, to modernize all our financial systems and to ensure full transparency — for the comptroller, the legislature, and the public.

Before the Legislature tonight, we consider three resolutions addressing aspects of Ulster County finance.

First, an amendment to the Investment Policy, co-sponsored by Legislator Petit, that requires the duty of deciding on the County's investment portfolio be shared with an independent board, a task that up to this point fell on the shoulders of a single individual.

Next, an amendment to the Fund Balance Policy that will further strengthen the County's Fund Balance position, clarify the roles and responsibilities of those involved in the financial statement and budgetary process, and protect the Legislature's role as the government's highest decision-making body.

Finally, the County's first Debt Management Policy, sponsored by Legislator Gavaris. This proposed policy follows best practices, establishes roles and responsibilities, segregates duties, and memorializes the County's obligation to fully comply with the provisions of State and Federal laws governing its debt. Our lack of a debt management policy has appeared on the County's management letter for a several consecutive years. This policy will further aid in the decision-making process for the financing of capital projects.

I want to thank Comptroller Gallagher, Financial Analyst Feaster, and Financial Analyst Kelder for their invaluable input on all three policies.

Additionally, we are holding a public hearing on the charter amendment that will separate the duties of the Commission of Finance and the Director of Budget. This will ensure and require a clear separation of duties — long held best practice.

But that is not all — the Legislature working in collaboration with the Executive departments will deliver a Foreclosure and Disposition Policy that began nearly a year ago under the leadership of former Vice Chair Walter and Deputy Executive LaValle. The proposed policy will codify a procedure for every step of the foreclosure process. It will be fully transparent, ensuring that the legislature is aware of and can weigh in on all decisions made. Millions of taxpayer dollars have been squandered in the failure to foreclose — all without the Legislature’s knowledge.

In advance of the policy’s submission, I have requested an updated list of all foreclosure eligible properties that have not been foreclosed upon, including justification. In addition, we will be provided a list of properties foreclosed upon but not included in the tax sale. This documentation will be a regular requirement once the policy is adopted and I will share it with the full legislature upon receipt.

Together we turn the page, and we strengthen County government and County Policy. Yesterday Executive Metzger submitted an appointment for the Commissioner’s replacement. Roseann Daw brings with her a wealth of experience and a fresh set of eyes.

I look forward to meeting Ms. Daw and her interview before the Ways and Means Committee.

It should be noted that with the anticipated passage of today’s amendments to the Fund Balance Policy, the County will exceed the policy’s recommended 20% limit on unrestricted fund balance.

To bring ourselves into compliance we will need to consider and prioritize how to restrict or spend the excess funds.

Reserve funds are a tool, whose specific intended purposes and requirements are set forth in General Municipal Law. Like the Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund, they require Legislative Board approval for creation. There is a finite list of allowable reserve funds, each with specific requirements and limitations.

I suggest that we consider the possible creation of two new funds.

First, a Capital Reserve Fund. For years, we have reported a Capital Reserve Fund when, in fact, no such fund existed. I propose the consideration of a Capital Reserve Fund with the express purpose of financing all or part of the cost of construction, reconstruction, or acquisition of a specific capital project, in this case the Government Operations Center.

There is no dispute that Ulster County has long deferred addressing inadequacies in our PSAP/911 Emergency call center. Cramped quarters, outdated technology, inadequate common space, and the absolute inability to expand are today’s reality. Add to that, a disconnect in emergency response as it relates to a command center for operations in a crisis — natural or otherwise.

Billed as a Government Operations Center to house both the County's Emergency Operations and the PSAP/911 Call Center, there has been expanded discussion about broader county use of the 16,000 sq ft facility, along with a 4,000 square foot storage facility. This represents a more than 10-fold increase in the space currently occupied and, significantly, the first major new construction undertaking since the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center.

We all know how that turned out. The roof is still leaking — allegedly from opening day.

While some may not want to hear it, it needs to be said. Only three of us remain. Legislators Cahill and Fabiano were here for the investigation into the cost overruns, the subpoenas, the report, the recommendations, the subsequent grand jury convening, its recommendations, and dust that settled.

For my part, I joined the Legislature amid an already unfolding controversy and I chaired the bipartisan investigation into the overruns and all the thousands of mistakes — small and large — that contributed. My concern is informed by that experience.

What I know is that once the train leaves the station, it is very difficult to say no. To anything. You are told that so much has already been spent, that it costs more to stop than to continue, and that it's just this one thing. Death by a thousand cuts. Or change orders.

I am assured that Executive Metzger and the Executive team take this very seriously. I understand that they are reviewing the design and cost proposal to deliver efficiency.

At the same time, Legislator Stewart has submitted a resolution for discussion, considering a cap on total project costs. It's an interesting approach. The Legislature controls the appropriation. One would argue that we don't need a resolution empowering us with power we already hold. And yet, it's an attempt to draw a line in the sand, to set a limit and live by it.

Both the Legislative Committee and the Grand Jury recommended formal, adequate oversight of future capital projects. I propose a formalized process for Legislative inclusion in the oversight of the project, including most critically, regular briefings on project change orders and condition changes. This will be a major test and one for which I hold grave concern.

Additionally, and back to my original point. I propose the establishment of a Project Specific Capital Reserve Fund for the construction of the Government Operations Center. If bonded at today's rates, the full cost of the estimated \$34 million project, will require an annual debt service payment of roughly \$2.7 million. For the next 18 years. This represents a 3.77% increase to the tax levy, exceeding the tax cap, and likely requiring a reconsideration of expenditures.

Eyes wide open.

We dedicated little, if any, of our ARPA allocation to Emergency Response. This is an opportunity to contain the cost to taxpayers and effectively draw down on our unrestricted fund balance.

Ulster County Resource Recovery Association – the agency that seems unable to escape controversy. On tonight’s agenda, we consider a memorializing resolution asking us to weigh in on landfill siting, not yet undertaken in earnest.

As I have previously stated, it is critical that we site a local or regional landfill. Our current operations are not sustainable and put us at the mercy of markets, capacity and other municipalities regulations and standards. We must control our own destiny. The only way to do that is to maintain local responsibility for the whole cycle of our waste.

Only by siting a landfill, we will be vested in not filling it.

Another allowable reserve fund is a Solid Waste Management Facility Reserve. This fund is used to pay for the design, construction, and operation of solid waste management facilities.

We must start the conversation in earnest about long-term solutions to disposition of our residual solid waste and to modernize and upgrade facilities related to recycling, composting and all other methods of waste diversion.

I suggest that we consider investing in a Solid Waste Management Facility Reserve Fund, cementing our commitment to doing the real work. I want to assure the people of Plattekill and all of Ulster County, that any actual siting endeavor will involve the community. The Supervisors and Mayors Association need to be brought to the table and proactively engaged in this work. Our failure will impact the localities most acutely. We must work together, be wholly transparent, and have a meaningful conversation about host community benefits.

We are at a crossroads.

For several years we have approved Capital Plans that are simply not realistic. It is therefore critical that we address issues of capacity.

We must understand the scope of our infrastructure needs, including bridges and work deferred (something I know that Legislator Fabiano is very vested in), before making assignments. I urge caution and assessment of the full picture of all our obligations when allocating any funds.

There is much good ahead, from formalizing our arts funding mechanism by Vice Chair Criswell, food security through initiatives by Legislators Sperry and Hewitt, Agriculture initiatives from Legislators Nolan and Litts, continued transportation expansion by Legislators Erner and Petit, ongoing Charter and Rules work suggested by Leaders Heppner and Ronk, as well Legislators Roberts and Levine, and greening the county through the work of Legislators Greene and Hansut.

I want to also acknowledge Legislator's Corcoran ARPA initiative incentivizing municipal solar and EV charging infrastructure. There is simply too much to include.

I want to acknowledge and thank our incredible staff. Our financial analysts Feaster and Kelder who do amazing work. They provide us with critical information and professional expertise. How far we have come.

Our entire office works to make each of us better, from Deputy Clerk Mahler to Legislative Staff and the Chairs Confidential — again, we, and the County profoundly benefit from the good work that they do.

Clerk Fabella, who does not like to be recognized, must be. Her institutional knowledge and fierce advocacy for the legislature makes all our jobs not only easier but more meaningful. It cannot be overstated how difficult having twenty-three bosses can be.

To my fellow legislators, once again, I extend to you my respect, my commitment to listen to your concerns, and my gratitude for giving me the opportunity to serve as your chair.

And to all the Countywide Elected Leaders, thank you, truly. This form of government is so very young. We are improving as we go. In just a little over four years, we have had five county executives. I'm comforted knowing that Executive Metzger will be here for a while, and I am grateful for the open spirit of collaboration that each of you demonstrate.

I am optimistic for our future. Together, we must succeed. Our residents are counting on us.

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Hi, my name is Rachel Gans, I've owned a home in Bloomington for about 25 years.

This county has a long history of displacing people. I learned from Dr. A.J. Williams-Myers, who did the research from census documents and other primary sources, that Ulster county had more enslaved people than other counties in NYS. So people were displaced from Africa to build the buildings, work on the farms and be buried in the ground that we have here today. Of course this was after and alongside of displacing many Algonquin people (not all).

There was the urban renewal in the 1970s that wreaked havoc on families here. That as well as redlining that goes on has forever changed the trajectory for many BIPOC and poor families.

Now you are hearing from generations of black, indigenous, people of color who are getting displaced, evicted, moving out of the county. Of course this also impacts many with low and moderate income. This is unconscionable. Gentrification is colonization.

Ulster County has the money and we know a multitude of solutions that could address the housing crisis now, if only the evictions & homelessness were a priority by the govt and the private sector. Instead billions have been spent on new homes and renovations with huge tax breaks handed out to the wealthy. Tonight you are voting to spend over 5 million \$ to renovate the court house as well as other projects that can wait. (303)

As a homeowner, I get more from the govt in tax handouts than my friends that rent here. They also have no control over when their rents will rise too high and they will be forced to move or be evicted. I say "when they will be", not if, because the data and the experiences all point to this truth.

What is going on in this county is inhumane and illogical. Finish the public housing projects you have been working on for years now (on 28 and Elizabeth manor) and get more built and renovated now, before the end of the year. This can happen if you make it happen, you have the power to do it. (local law 2)

Also, we have to move away from endangering our community with over policing and over militarization, please vote no for additional SROs, no for an armored vehicle and other military grade equipment, vote yes on the resolution to end qualified immunity. (294)(296)
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Remember Monica Goods and the lynching in Buffalo and the rampant racism that caused these deaths.

Thank you for listening.

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Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 3:41 PM

To: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>

Cc: mayor@villageofnewpaltz.org <mayor@villageofnewpaltz.org>; Alexandria Wojcik <alexandriawojcik2028@gmail.com>

Subject: County Legislature

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi Vicky

Please share this with the legislature?

--Tim

Tricia Bowen will do an excellent job and should be appointed to this seat by Ulster County Government legislators to complete the term in the county legislature with Eve Walter's departure.

Thank you,

Mayor Tim Rogers

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Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 9:31 AM
To: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>
Subject: Public Comment - Hector Rodriguez

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello -

I can't be there for the in-person public comments on the decision re: who to select to fill Eve Walter's vacancy in the district 20 legislative seat. But I feel called to be in touch. I've lived in New Paltz for 10+ years. It feels just totally wild to me that a known sexual harasser would be considered for any position of power and/or service, especially one that requires people who were abused by him to work with him. I hope you can all see why it's fully nuts that this is even on the table.

I'll be paying attention to this decision and will vote against anyone who supports this move; if you think this is okay, you cannot be trusted to represent our community.

Thanks for considering this feedback.

Samantha Gloffke

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Subject: UC Legislature - New Paltz

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello

I am SUNY New Paltz Graduate and an Ulster County business owner. I am writing to demand that Hector Rodriguez be removed from consideration for the position of Ulster County Legislature. It is unsafe and inappropriate to elect Mr. Rodriguez into a community-based leadership role when there are 7+ known survivors of his abuse of power in a similar leadership role.

As a reminder, we've already been through this — "Disgraced County Legislator [Hector Rodriguez] Asked to Resign" ([The New Paltz Oracle](#), October 2019)

"County Executive Pat Ryan released a statement on Oct. 4, revealing a private investigation had been completed on Rodriguez. Ryan urged the Ulster County Legislature to "take immediate action to publicly condemn Legislator Rodriguez's behavior and use any and all other means available to them to ensure he is held accountable for his actions."

In his place, I would like Tricia Bowen to represent until the end of the year.

If the decision to move forward with Mr. Rodriguez continues, I request a response from my representative with the reasoning and understanding for this decision (especially after considering Mr. Ryan's above recommendation) so I can be fully informed when amplifying this decision to our community.

Thank you,

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Subject: Public Comment re: Hector Rodriguez

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi there,

I am reaching out to DEMAND that Hector Rodriguez be ineligible to run for the position he is being considered for. This man is a KNOWN ABUSER and there is documentation that he abused someone who is currently doing EXCELLENT WORK for the county, Alex Wojcik. To allow Hector a seat is to actively and intentionally harm a queer, low income, woman and community member. If Hector is admitted, I will vote against all who were in favor of him next election cycle and will be relentlessly contacting any bystanders who allowed this obviously toxic behavior to occur.

Solidarity with Alex. Shame on a system that let's abusers be considered.
J. Sanin

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To: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>
Cc: VB <VB@villageofnewpaltz.org>
Subject: Public Comment regarding the filling of Eve Walter's Vacancy

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Ulster County Legislators:

My name is Alexandria Wojcik, most of you know me as Alex, the Village of New Paltz's Deputy Mayor and wearer of many hats throughout our community. It has come to my colleagues and my attention that the legislature is considering Hector Rodriguez as a candidate to fill the vacancy to be left by Eve Walter in the wake of her resignation; I know that Tricia Bowen is also another candidate being considered. I wish to urge the legislature to please choose Tricia Bowen. She's smart, should run for something someday (I always tell her this), already has a great working relationship with our Village Board and is known and respected throughout our village.

Furthermore, as one of the 7 women in the Hector Rodriguez investigation, I cannot fathom being forced to work with my longtime sexual harasser, who was already censured from the legislature for these reasons. The great working relationship between the Village of New Paltz board and the Ulster County legislature that Eve has built in her two terms thus far will absolutely fall apart if Hector is to take her place. I'm appalled that any decision making body would force a victim of such gross behavior to work with her abuser, especially when it's all already "out there" and there are other great options.

Hector has done nothing to right any of the wrongs he has done to our community. There has been no justice. He has no relationship with the Village Board nor any stakeholders within the Village, and if he were to attempt to build such relationships now while reinstated into a position of power against the will of the people, I personally do not think I would be safe enough to do my elected role to the best of my ability. My constituents will not be safe either. We all deserve so much better than that.

I urge you to reflect upon my public comment delivered in 2019 the night of the vote to censure Hector Rodriguez, attached here. Everything in that comment should be enough reason to vote for anyone but Hector. Please include the attached as a public comment in addition to this note. I have BCCed the full legislature as well as members of the press. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Alex Wojcik

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Alexandria Wojcik, Village of New Paltz Trustee

Public Comment

Ulster County Legislature

November 19, 2019

Subject: Ulster County Legislature must censure Legislator Hector Rodriguez due to sexually harassing (at least) 7 women during his tenure

Thanks to Hector Rodriguez and his many years of service as my Ulster County Legislator, much of what many of our colleagues, neighbors, friends, and *I* know about the Ulster County Legislature, as well as much of what I know volunteering with my town Democratic committee, is grounded in that so-called “grey area” that I am sure has contributed to this body’s silence and regrettably slow action regarding Mr Rodriguez’s abhorrent (and illegal!) behavior.

I want to talk to you today about that so-called grey area, because I want the Legislature to at least consider the great harm Mr Rodriguez has done to our community — a harm from which we cannot heal until the legislature (this body) calls it by its name and levies a censure against Mr Rodriguez, a minor consequence relative to the great harm he has caused.

Back to that grey area, and why this body must hold Hector accountable for his abuse of power in the form of sexual harassment:

that so-called grey area silences survivors of sexual harassment; why put oneself through the hell of outing oneself as a victim or survivor of sexual harassment, of putting words on such a wrong, when nothing but stress and self-doubt will come of it?

That so-called grey area dissuades women from running for public office. I'm standing here tonight and telling you these chambers are not a safe space for someone like me. The fact that Mr Rodriguez has yet to be removed sends a clear message that in order to make it in this body, I'd have to be okay with being subjected to sexual harassment and gender-based discrimination. You may see it as a grey area, but I see it (and survivors see it) as a black and white situation.

My generation calls that grey area "rape culture." More on that in a moment.

And so the harm done by Mr Rodriguez escalates— not only has he sexually harassed multiple women and gotten away with it, but my county legislature basically condones it & sends a clear message to women that we do not belong in public office, which further perpetuates the unjust distribution of power in our community. Thus the harm transcends the original transgressions — that harm will become a part of the system of oppression that I thought this body was elected to alleviate.

Here's the other thing I'm here to tell you:

I literally can't imagine what a healthy line of communication with my elected County Legislator looks like. None of my friends, neighbors or constituents in the village of new Paltz under a

certain age can. For twenty years getting an update on what this body has been up to required getting a drink with a gross older guy. I implore you to condemn that behavior.

Final point:

Rape culture is when a man refuses to resign after being called-out for sexual harassment and declared unfit for public office by multiple political committees and public figures.

Rape culture is the fact that we even need to spell it out, but here's the bottom line: while Hector Rodriguez remains in office in any capacity without a formal call-out in the form of a censure, civic engagement remains synonymous with being subjected to sexual harassment.

Rape culture is when a legislature doesn't respond to sexual harassment by leaders within its organization with a censure, at minimum. It could be announced on his final day in office for all I care, but it has to be done. It must be a part of the public record, our community's healing requires that censure is written into our shared history.

Rape culture is when my fellow women, my fellow Democrats, and others I thought were my friends and allies keep making excuses for misconduct, even after seven (7!!!) women spoke out.

We clearly have work to do; women's work is never done, is it?

I am grateful to my colleagues, friends, and fellow New Paltzians in particular with whom I work and organize — namely my fellow Village of New Paltz Board members, the New Paltz Democratic Women, and the New Paltz Democratic Committee — for standing with women by issuing thoughtful statements condemning our longtime County Legisltor Hector Rodriguez' misconduct and calling for his immediate resignation from all of his positions of power, the only appropriate path forward following the release of the County's independent investigation into myriad allegations of sexual harassment committed by Hector over the years.

Hector's resignation and full censure would not only be the right thing to do under these circumstances, but would also give voice to victims of harassment, create a precedent compelling our community's leaders to do a better job of holding individual perpetrators accountable, and send a strong message to all that sexual harassment will not be tolerated.



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Please consider these comments in regards to the Legislature's consideration of Resolution 79, endorsing Opt-Out Community Distribution Generation CDG.

Ulster County Legislature Resolution 79

Urging New York State to Approve and Implement an Opt-Out Community Distributed Generation (CDG) Program In New York

Community Distributed Generation

On July 17, 2015, the Public Service Commission (Commission) authorized Community Distributed Generation (CDG) in New York State, enabling customers for whom rooftop solar was not a viable option to directly participate in and enjoy the benefits of renewable energy programs.¹

Quoted from the July 17, 2015 PSC Order:

"The purpose of Community Distribution Generation (CDG) is to open opportunities for participation in solar and other forms of clean distributed generation to utility customers that would not otherwise be able to access that generation directly."

"Many utility customers lack control over sites that can be configured into a location for a clean generation facility, even for solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, the most common form of small on-site clean distributed generation. Those customers nonetheless support the financing of clean generation facilities at other customer locations, because those facilities are generally funded in part through grants supported by the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) surcharges added to the electric utility bills customers pay. A program whereby these customers can obtain the benefits of the clean generation they help fund is both equitable and would promote New York's clean energy policies."

Opt-Out Community Distributed Generation (CDG)

As Opt-Out CDG is designed, a municipality signs up its entire population, leveraging the collective buying power at a scale large enough to secure better terms through a single competitive bidding process with solar providers.

¹ Case 15-E-0082, Community Net Metering, Order Establishing a Community Distributed Generation Program and Making Other Findings, issued July 17, 2015

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Steven T. Noble
Mayor



May 12, 2023

Ulster County Legislature
244 Fair Street
Kingston, NY 12401

Dear Members of the Ulster County Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong support for Ulster County Resolution No. 79 which urges the New York State Public Service Commission to approve and implement an Opt-Out Community Distributed Generation (CDG) Program. The Common Council of the City of Kingston recently adopted a similar resolution with my full support.

Opt-Out CDG is an innovative way for local governments to give residents and businesses access to clean energy by automatically enrolling them in community solar through their municipality's Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program. It empowers communities to advance state and local clean energy goals and save money on electricity, especially for households living in state-designated Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) who may otherwise not have access to the benefits of clean energy.

First and foremost, I want to assure you that Kingston's proposed Opt-Out CDG program is designed to expand access to community solar, not diminish it. There are dozens of CDG projects planned in Central Hudson service territory and Kingston's program will only require a small portion of that pipeline. With new federal and state incentives, there will be more than enough solar capacity to accommodate both opt-out and opt-in CDG programs in communities throughout the county.

I encourage your support for Resolution No. 79 and the Opt-Out CDG program. Together, we can make significant progress towards a sustainable and resilient future for Ulster County.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven T. Noble", is written over a horizontal line.

Steven T. Noble
Mayor

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From: Kevin Roberts <roberts7663@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:24 AM
To: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>
Subject: Fwd: May 16 Ulster County Legislative Meeting - landfill opposition

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From: <dlbickford@optimum.net>
Date: Tue, May 16, 2023 at 10:19 AM
Subject: May 16 Ulster County Legislative Meeting - landfill opposition
To: <roberts7663@gmail.com>

To address the members of our Ulster County Legislative Board and the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency:

Our names are David and Deborah Bickford. We live on Camp Sunset Road in the southern tier of Ulster County. We purchased our property, which features DEC regulated wetlands, in 1998 and we alone manually and gradually cleared the land for the next 2 years in preparation for our new home. Our homestead was formed with our own hands, and was a labor of love. We have grown very fond of our homestead and are proud of the sweat equity we put into our sole place of residence.

Have you ever been to Camp Sunset Road? It is a very quaint, small, town-owned country road, only 1.25 miles in length. It is a lovely road to raise your family on or to simply drive down.

Since the 1930's over 300 undeveloped acres have served both scouting camps and other recreational-type businesses such as paintball sports. These unobtrusive operations have kept Camp Sunset road especially rural, naturally beautiful and attractive for many decades. Now, that is all being threatened; to be forever destroyed.

Most importantly, Lake Sunset - in the middle of it all - serves as the influent head water source for the estuary Black Creek, which flows north in the Hudson River. Black Creek flows through the towns of Highland, Lloyd and West Park. Scenic Hudson organization established Black Creek Preserve over 15 years ago in the town of West Park where Black Creek flows into the mighty Hudson.

Please - we implore you - DRIVE DOWN Camp Sunset Road, and experience it for yourselves. You will then most likely feel compelled to vote against the development of a landfill on this small, country road. **You will then understand why a massive, destructive operation such as a landfill has no place on such a small rural road.**

Camp Sunset cannot handle this type of imposing commercial operation.

We thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
The Bickford Family

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From: Ann Sarrantonio <annsarrantonio@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 11:46 AM
To: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>
Subject: Important Law

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I am writing to ask your support for the Drag is Not a Crime bill that is before the Ulster County Legislature. This law will protect those who are becoming more vulnerable every day.

Thank You.

Ann Sarrantonio
105 South St.
Rosendale, NY 12472

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