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Date: March 10, 2015

To: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Hon. Michael B. Kaplowitz
Westchester County Board of Legislators

Re: Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy an Agreement with Mount Vernon United Tenants, Inc., pursuant to which Mount Vernon United Tenants will provide a homelessness-prevention and re-housing program for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, for an amount not to exceed \$41,200, pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures.

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy a contract with Mount Vernon United Tenants, Inc., pursuant to which Mount Vernon United Tenants will provide a homelessness-prevention and re-housing program for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$41,200.

Ordinarily, under Section 6 of the Procurement Policy, the County is required to issue a Request for Proposals for such services. It is proposed that compliance with the Procurement Policy would not be in the best interests of the County with respect to this procurement because Mount Vernon United Tenants is a not-for-profit organization which has been dedicated to providing intensive case management services for over 30 years to those low and middle-income tenants who are at imminent risk of losing their housing.

Mount Vernon United Tenants is recognized by the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal as a provider of Community Based Housing Services. Mount Vernon United Tenants will provide intensive case management services to those low and middle income tenants who are at imminent risk of losing their housing. These services will include a broad range of eviction prevention and re-housing services.

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that Mount Vernon United Tenants is uniquely qualified to provide this service to the County and that an exemption to compliance with the procedures of the Procurement Policy be granted by your Honorable Board in accordance with section 3(a)xxi of said Policy.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators and the Deputy County Executive, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting proposals, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and accordingly, not in the best interests of the County in connection with the procurement of an agreement with Mount Vernon United Tenants, Inc., pursuant to which Mount Vernon United Tenants will provide a homelessness prevention and re-housing program for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$41,200.00.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/09/2015 - JUMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY