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TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Honorable Catherine Borgia
Chairwoman, Westchester County Board of Legislators

SUBJECT: Authority to exempt the procurement of an agreement with Latino U College Access, Inc. to provide financial aid and community information sessions for students at seven local school districts for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures (the "Policy"), pursuant to Sec. 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement with the Latino U College Access, Inc. ("Latino U") to provide financial aid and community information sessions for students at seven local school districts for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$100,000 (the "Agreement").

The proposed Agreement would provide low-income first-generation Latino students coaching and culturally relevant programming to assist them in navigating higher education and enrolling in schools that meet their financial and academic needs. The Latino U program provides college guidance and assistance services to low-income, first-generation Westchester County Latino youth and will benefit the whole community, by enabling those who might not otherwise do so, attend college.

Ordinarily, pursuant Section 6 of the Policy, the County is required to issue a request for proposals for the provision of these services. However, because the unique qualifications of Latino U to provide these financial aid and community information

sessions will empower students on their journeys to and through college so they can fulfill their remarkable potential. Latino U will guide students, who have demonstrated academic aptitude, through individualized coaching and culturally relevant programming to ensure they enroll in schools that meet their financial and academic needs. Accordingly, it would be in the best interests of the County for Latino U to provide these services.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Policy, it is recommended that your Honorable Board determine, by resolution passed prior to commencing the procurement of the Latino U's services that compliance with procedural requirements of the Policy would not be in the best interest of the County.

Accordingly, a resolution to exempt the procurement of this agreement is hereby submitted for your Honorable Board's consideration. A separate resolution has been submitted requesting authority to enter into the Agreement.

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Attachment

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Chairwoman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, it is 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 interest of the County of Westchester in connection with the procurement of an agreement between the County of Westchester and Latino U College Access, Inc. to provide financial aid and community information sessions for students at seven local school districts.

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