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Date: January 6, 2015

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Michael B. Kaplowitz
Chairman, Board of Legislators

Re: Authority to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy an agreement with Gary J. Zuckerman for the provision of consultant services in connection with Inter-Governmental Relations on behalf of the County Board of Legislators 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 an agreement with Gary J. Zuckerman, pursuant to which Mr. Zuckerman will provide the Westchester County Board of Legislators (the "Board") with inter-governmental relations and liaison to any and all Westchester County municipalities, State and Federal government, non-profit organizations and non-governmental organizations, for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for an amount not-to-exceed Forty Two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00).

Ordinarily, under Section 5(a) of the Procurement Policy, the County is required to solicit written or oral quotations from no fewer than three persons customarily providing such services. However, I have been advised that Mr. Zuckerman, a practicing real estate attorney, has a great deal of experience working in government, both at the county and at the local level. As such, I believe he is uniquely qualified to serve as an inter-governmental liaison to the Board. Among Mr. Zuckerman's accomplishments are: serving as inter-governmental liaison to the Board in 2014, serving on the Westchester County Charter Review Commission as Co-Chair of the Executive/Legislative Relationship Focus Group and Member of the Local Government/County Government Focus Group. In addition, Mr. Zuckerman currently serves as Chair to the Village of Rye Brook (the "Village") Planning Board; has participated on the Village's Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Task Force (and created a local law in compliance with the Housing Settlement); served on the Village's Site Plan Review Task (and restructuring the Village Code regarding Land Use Review); served four (4) terms as a Village Trustee; and received the Distinguished Citizen Planner Award from the Westchester Municipal Planning Federation.

Pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi, the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures are not applicable to any procurement for which this Honorable Board determines, by resolution passed prior to commencing such procurement, that compliance with the policy would not be in the best interests of the County. For the reasons set forth above, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting the procurement of this agreement from the County Procurement Policy.

Accordingly, an appropriate resolution is herewith attached for your Board's consideration.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Hon. Michael B. Kaplowitz, Chairman, Westchester County Board of Legislators, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)xi of the Westchester County Procurement Policy, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting quotations, 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 Gary J. Zuckerman to serve as an inter-governmental liaison to the Board.

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