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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Honorable Robert P. Astorino
Westchester County Executive

Honorable Michael B. Kaplowitz, Chairman
Westchester County Board of Legislators

Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

DATE: April 13, 2015

SUBJECT: Authority to amend a resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy an agreement with Pace University to conduct legal consultation sessions to educate immigrants by extending the term of the agreement by six (6) months

On June 19, 2014, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy an agreement with Pace University ("Pace") pursuant to which Pace, through its Community Law Practice, would conduct legal consultation sessions to educate immigrant clients of community-based organizations in Mamaroneck and New Rochelle, for a term commencing May 1, 2014 and continuing through December 31, 2014, for an amount not-to-exceed \$15,000, payable monthly, pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"). The Agreement has not yet been executed.

Authority is now respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to amend said resolution by extending the term of the Agreement by six (6) months, to a new termination date of June 30, 2015.

The proposed amendment will serve a public purpose by providing additional time for Pace to provide immigrants with legal education that they need and might otherwise be unable to obtain.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment is to provide additional time for Pace to conduct intake interviews, provide legal information to clients, explain legal rights and remedies, and make appropriate referrals.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment will be tracked and monitored by the Office for Women.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed Resolution.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the County Executive, the Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators and the Director of the Office for Women be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the resolution approved on June 19, 2014 granting an exemption pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy from the application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting written price 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 Pace University pursuant to which Pace University will conduct legal consultation sessions to educate immigrant clients of community-based organizations in Mamaroneck and New Rochelle for a term commencing May 1, 2014 and continuing through December 31, 2014, is hereby extended for six (6) months through June 30, 2015.

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JOMAR WEIRA, SECRETARY