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Date: January 5, 2016

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Michael B. Kaplowitz
Chairman, Board of Legislators

Re: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with Gary J. Zuckerman pursuant to which Mr. Zuckerman will provide Inter-Governmental Relations on behalf of the County Board of Legislators for a two (2) year term commencing on January 1, 2016 and continuing through December 31, 2017 in an Amount Not To Exceed \$84,000.00

The attached resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Board of Legislators (the "Board"), to enter into an agreement with Gary J. Zuckerman, pursuant to which Mr. Zuckerman will provide 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 a two (2) year term commencing on January 1, 2016 and continuing through December 31, 2017 (the "Agreement"). In consideration for services to be rendered, the County shall pay Mr. Zuckerman a total aggregate amount not-to-exceed Eighty Four Thousand (\$84,000.00) Dollars, payable at a rate of Three Thousand Five Hundred (\$3,500.00) Dollars per month for each month of the contract term.

The services to be provided by Gary J. Zuckerman will include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- Coordinate with the Legislation and FSA Committees on State and Federal issues and legislative packages;
- Legislative advocacy encompassing presentation of the Board's views regarding the State Legislative Program and the 2015-2016 State Budget to the Legislature, the Governor, the Attorney General, the Comptroller and all relevant state agencies;
- Review and analysis of all proposed local and State legislation and its potential impact;
- Attend meetings and events on behalf of legislators;
- Represent the Board and individual legislators before local municipalities, non-profit organizations and non-governmental organizations;
- Attendance at public hearings, committee meetings, and other related activities;
- Discussions and recommendations regarding legislative programs and actions;
- Conference with the Chairman of the Board, Chief of Legislative Matters and legislators, as needed.

It should be noted that Mr. Zuckerman was recently elected as Town Supervisor for the Town of Rye. To the extent this position may create a conflict of interest with his consulting duties under the proposed Agreement with the County, the Agreement will contain the following or similar clause: "With regard to any matters assigned to the Consultant which involve the Town of Rye, the Consultant shall notify the Chairman of the Board of Legislators or his designee immediately in writing, if any such assignment given to the Consultant under this agreement creates the potential for a conflict of interest."

Authority to exempt this Agreement from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi thereof, has been granted by your Honorable Board in accordance with a separate resolution of even date herewith.

The services to be provided by Gary J. Zuckerman will benefit the welfare of the citizens of Westchester County by promoting the County's interests at the local, state and federal level.

Accordingly, your favorable action on the annexed Resolution is most respectfully urged and recommended.

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