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**ID# 78000**

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Honorable Benjamin Boykin II  
Chairman, Westchester County Board of Legislators  
and  
Honorable George Latimer  
Westchester County Executive

DATE: June 22, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution to exempt the procurement of an agreement with Hudson Valley Justice Center, Inc. pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy for the provision of legal assistance to poor and low-income northern Westchester County immigrant residents, specifically residing in Ossining and Peekskill, in matters related to housing, including eviction defense services, as well as conduct community outreach events and legal education presentations.

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Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt the procurement of an agreement (the "Agreement") between the County of Westchester (the "County") and Hudson Valley Justice Center, Inc. ("HVJC"), pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy. HVJC would provide legal assistance to poor and low-income Westchester County immigrant living in northern Westchester in matters related to housing, including eviction defense services, as well as conduct community outreach events and legal education presentations, for a term commencing on January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2020, for a not to exceed amount of \$50,000.00.

The County believes that the requested exemption is justified due to HVJC unique focus dealing with low income immigrants. Based on the foregoing, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting the procurement of the proposed Agreement from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof. Accordingly, a resolution to exempt this procurement is hereby submitted for your consideration.

We respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

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## RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and accordingly, not in the best interests of the County of Westchester in connection with the procurement of an agreement with Hudson Valley Justice Center, Inc. ("HVJC"), for a term commencing on January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2020, pursuant to which HVJC will provide legal assistance to poor and low-income northern Westchester County immigrant residents in matters related to housing, including eviction defense services, as well as conduct community outreach events and legal education presentations.

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