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DATE: February 9, 2021

TO: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: George Latimer  
County Executive

RE: Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement between The County of Westchester ("County") and A Voice- Language & Training Services, LLC ("A Voice") pursuant to which A Voice will provide sign language interpretation services for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$35,000.

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Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the application of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement between the County and A Voice, pursuant to which A Voice will provide sign language interpretation services for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$35,000.

Ordinarily, under Section 5 of the Procurement Policy, the County is required to solicit written or oral quotations from no fewer than three persons customarily providing such services. Given the current COVID 19 crisis, sign language interpretation services are urgently required to provide interpretation of the County's briefing for all County residents, and accordingly it is not in the best interests of the County to comply with the Procurement Policy with respect to this procurement.

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 an Agreement with A Voice from the County Procurement Policy.

Accordingly, I recommend and urge your Honorable Board's approval of the annexed Resolution.

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the County Executive, be it 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 interests of the County of Westchester ("County") in connection with the procurement of an agreement between The County and A Voice- Language & Training Services, LLC ("A Voice") pursuant to which A Voice will provide sign language interpretation services to the County for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$35,000.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 02/18/2021 - LISA M. RIZZO, SECRETARY