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TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Reginald A. LaFayette & Douglas A. Colety
Commissioners of the Board of Elections

DATE: May 18, 2021

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester (the "County") to agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Larchmont Avenue Church, owner of a polling place(s) to be used by the County in connection with the upcoming Elections in 2021.

The County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Board of Elections ("Board of Elections"), uses many non-County owned facilities (such as schools, houses of worship and municipal buildings) as polling places in order to conduct Primary, Special and General Elections. The Board of Elections has advised that the Larchmont Avenue Church, the owner of a polling place(s) has requested that the County agree to indemnify them, in writing, for any damage and/or injury that may result from the County's usage of their property as polling place(s) in connection with the upcoming State and Local Primary and Special Elections and the General Election in 2021.

If authorized by your Honorable Board, the attached resolution would authorize the County to agree as follows:

"The County also agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Larchmont Avenue Church, its Trustees, Session or assigns against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, attorney's fees, as a result of any action or proceeding, whether civil or criminal, arising from any bodily injury, property damage, or any other liability whatsoever caused by, related to, or in any way connected with County's use of Larchmont Avenue Church property."

The public purpose, as well as the goal and objective of this resolution, is to allow the Board of Elections to carry out its statutory duties in connection with all upcoming 2021 State and Local Primary

and Special Elections and the General Election and to ensure that polling places are available to enable all eligible County residents to exercise their right to vote.

As we believe this to be in the best interests of the County, and necessary for the Board of Elections to carry out its statutory duties in connection with the upcoming Elections, we most respectfully recommend and urge the adoption of the annexed Resolution.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication of the Commissioners of the Board of Elections, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Larchmont Avenue Church to utilize polling sites in 2021 which provides as follows:

“The County also agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Larchmont Avenue Church, its Trustees, Session or assigns against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, attorney’s fees, as a result of any action or proceeding, whether civil or criminal, arising from any bodily injury, property damage, or any other liability whatsoever caused by, related to, or in any way connected with County’s use of Larchmont Avenue Church property.”

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute all appropriate contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution in the manner prescribed by law.

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars

Budget Funding Year(s) _____ Start Date 5/01/2021 End Date 12/31/21
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source	Tax Dollars _____
	State Aid _____
\$ <u>0</u>	Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution)	Other _____

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