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Monroe County, New York

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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Rochester, New York 14614

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Subject: Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Rochester to Provide Joint Planning Services Through the Commission on Racial and Structural Equity

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Rochester ("City") to provide joint planning services through the Commission on Racial and Structural Equity ("RASE"), in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, together with in-kind contributions, for the period of June 18, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

As Your Honorable Body is aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the disproportionate impact on the health of underrepresented populations based on race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and zip code. This has led to an urgent need to review local laws, policies, practices and protocols in the City and County of Monroe ("County"). To take on this task, Mayor Lovely Warren and I created the RASE Commission to examine current local laws and develop new, local policies and legislation that seek to dismantle systemic and institutional inequities across Monroe County. The Commission will have six months from formation to report back to our community on recommended changes to local laws and policies.

The City has pledged up to \$100,000 in City funds, outside grants, and/or other sources of revenue, together with other in-kind contributions, to engage facilitators and provide resources to: (1) inventory and assess current local laws/policies that either promote or are intended to eliminate institutional and structural biases, racism and inequities in the City of Rochester and Monroe County; (2) provide recommendations to enhance current local laws/policies to increase effectiveness, and/or "sunset" local laws/policies that are ineffective or no longer applicable; and (3) provide recommendations on new local laws/policies that address "gaps" identified per "1" and "2." I request Your Honorable Body authorize an intermunicipal agreement with the City that provides up to \$100,000 in County funds, together with in-kind contributions, if required, to meet these same goals.

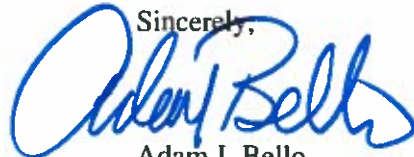
The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute an intermunicipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the City of Rochester, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, together with in-kind contributions, to provide joint planning services through the Commission on Racial and Structural Equity ("RASE"), for the period of June 18, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c) and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this intermunicipal agreement is included in the 2020 operating budget of the Department of Human Services, general fund 9001, funds center 5101030000, RASE Commission.

No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Bello
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