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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Classification of Action, Designation of Lead Agency, and Determination of Significance, Pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act for Jail Mainframe Reconstruction Project

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body designate Monroe County as Lead Agency for the Jail Mainframe Reconstruction Project and determine whether the action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

The jail mainframe was originally constructed in 1968 and is approximately 270,000 square feet. Many of the systems in the jail mainframe are original and beyond their useful life. There have also been recent changes in State Legislation such as bail reform, centralized arraignment and Raise the Age. These potential physical limitations and regulatory requirements, as well as recent public health issues such as COVID-19, in addition to a renewed national focus on social justice, drive the need to ensure that outdated facilities do not limit the ability of the Sheriff's Office to adapt and align incarceration and criminal justice programming with the changes in State Legislation.

This project will progress through several phases, commencing with a pre-planning effort, which will assess physical and programmatic needs, population projections, and stakeholder requirements. Upon acceptance by the Sheriff's Office of a conceptual plan for Jail Mainframe Reconstruction, facilities, design, construction, commissioning and occupancy will occur.

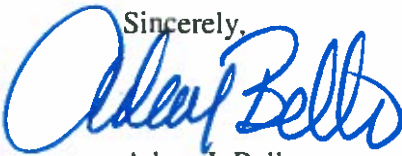
The Jail Mainframe Reconstruction Project has been preliminarily classified as a Type I action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.4(b)(6)(iv). The SEQRA regulations found at 6 NYCRR Part 617 requires that no agency shall carry out or approve an Action until it has complied with the requirements of SEQRA.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Determine that the Jail Mainframe Reconstruction Project is a Type I Action.
2. Designate Monroe County as Lead Agency for a coordinated review of the Jail Mainframe Reconstruction Project.
3. Make a determination of significance of the Jail Mainframe Reconstruction Project pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.7.
4. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to take such actions to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, including without limitation, the execution of documents and the filing, distribution and publication of the documents required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and any other actions to implement the intent of this resolution

This designation will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of 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
Monroe County Executive

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