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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Rochester, New York 14614

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Committee Assignment
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Subject: Amend the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and the 2022 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "The Children's Pavilion at Highland Park," Authorize Financing for the Project, and Authorize Contracts with the Highland Park Conservancy, New York State Dormitory Authority, and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and the 2022 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "The Children's Pavilion at Highland Park" in the amount of \$3,130,000; authorize financing for the project in the amount of \$3,130,000; authorize a contract with Highland Park Conservancy, Inc. to accept \$1,000,000 in donations for the Children's Pavilion, together with any additional funds raised for the project; and accept grants from the New York State Dormitory Authority and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation in the amount of \$500,000 each.

The Children's Pavilion was originally built in 1890 as part of Frederick Law Olmsted's plan for Highland Park. Before it was demolished in 1963, the Children's Pavilion offered panoramic views of the Rochester skyline, Genesee River Valley, and the Bristol Hills. As part of the County's Bicentennial celebration and in anticipation of Olmsted's 200th birthday, the County seeks to reconstruct the Children's Pavilion at the same location in Highland Park to restore Olmsted's vision for the park, create a handicap accessible recreational space, and provide a resting spot for park users.

Highland Park Conservancy, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit membership organization that advocates for, and participates in, the preservation, restoration and enhancement of Highland Park and has been a key partner in raising funds for the reconstruction of the Children's Pavilion.

This project is scheduled to be considered by the Monroe County Planning Board on February 24, 2022.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program to add a project entitled "The Children's Pavilion at Highland Park" in the amount of \$3,130,000.
2. Amend the 2022 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "The Children's Pavilion at Highland Park" in the amount of \$3,130,000.

3. Authorize financing for the project entitled "The Children's Pavilion at Highland Park" in the amount of \$3,130,000.
4. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with the Highland Park Conservancy to accept \$1,000,000 in donations for the Children's Pavilion, together with any additional funds raised for the project.
5. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a grant from, and to execute contracts and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Dormitory Authority in the amount of \$500,000.
6. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a grant from, and to execute contracts and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation in the amount of \$500,000.

The provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act shall be complied with prior to Your Honorable Body undertaking, funding, or approving the action requested in this referral.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, will be included in the capital fund to be created and any other capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. 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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