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

Subject: Authorizing Agreements for Commercial Events to be Held in Monroe County Parks in 2024

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize agreements to permit the following commercial use of County park facilities for which an admission price or per-class fee will be charged:

- **Mortalis Brewing Co. LLC** for the **Swiftwater-Mortalis Luau**, a ticketed craft beer exhibition and party to be held at the Robach Center at Ontario Beach Park. This year is the 6th luau and is scheduled for July 13, 2024.
- **Rochester A.B.O.V.E.** for the **Pan-Afrikan Festival**, a community cultural celebration featuring live music and food and craft vendors, to be held at the Highland Park Bowl. This year is the 16th festival and it is scheduled for August 3, 2024.
- **Monica Daniel Gil** for the **Amazonia Camp**, a bilingual English/Spanish nature-themed day program, to be held at Pavilion Lodge for one to three weeks, weekdays only, in July and August 2024, with an option to open a short-duration winter break camp in December 2024. This is the 2nd year of Amazonia Camp in County parks.
- **Charles Settlement House, Inc.** for various **day programs for city youth** to be held at picnic shelters in Seneca Park and Genesee Valley Park on approximately 25 dates in July and August 2024. This is at least the 9th year that Charles Settlement House has held such programs in County parks.
- **Deaf Events Among Families Circle, Inc.** for the **KODA + Deaf Day Camp** at Powder Mills Park, for one week in June 2024. This is the 5th year this camp will be held at Powder Mills Park.
- **Renee Thompson**, for "Tinkergarten" and "Nature Babies Peaceful Play" educational and recreational group events for young children in Highland and Powder Mills Parks on various dates throughout 2024. This is the 7th year of Tinkergarten classes or group events being offered.
- **Rochester Brainery, LLC** for about two classes per month on hiking instruction and the natural history of parks, to be held on various Fridays and Sundays between May and September. This is the 2nd year of Brainery activities in County parks.
- **Operation Patriot Foundation, Inc.** for the Let's Roll! 9/11 Tribute to be held at Ontario Beach Park on September 7, 2024. This is the 24th annual tribute event, but the first year that the organizers are seeking to add a ticketed component charging admission to the event.

As part of this licensing process, each group would be required to pay the normal daily rental fee established in the 2024 Monroe County Budget for any park lodge or shelter used, as well as a standard Special Use Event Permit fee based on the anticipated attendance at their event (\$350 for over 1,000 people, \$150 for 251-1000 people, and \$50 up to 250 people.) Events would be required to submit proof of insurance as required for parks special events and proof of appropriate licensing or permitting for other activities subject to such restrictions (e.g., liquor permits or licensing to operate a summer camp).

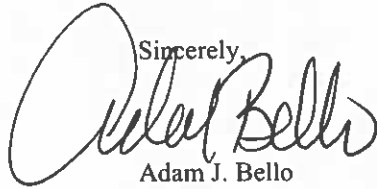
The specific legislative action required is to authorize agreements to permit commercial use of County park facilities with Mortalis Brewing Co. LLC, Rochester A.B.O.V.E., Monica Daniel Gil, Charles Settlement House, Inc., Deaf Events Among Families Circle, Inc., Renee Thompson, Rochester Brainery, LLC, and Operation Patriot Foundation, Inc.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(21) ("minor temporary uses of land having negligible or no permanent impact on the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

These license agreements are revenue generating and no net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records of the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that none of the named entities, nor, if not a not-for-profit, their principal officers, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

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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