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

Subject: Authorize Initiation of the Eight-Year Review Process for the Monroe County
Agricultural District No. 5 and District No. 6

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize the initiation of the Eight-Year Review Process for the Monroe County Agricultural District No. 5 and District No. 6, including whether Monroe County's Eastern Agricultural District No. 6 should be consolidated into Western Agricultural District No. 5 to form the Monroe County Agricultural District No. 5.

Section 303-a(1) of Article 25AA, the New York State Agricultural and Markets Law requires Your Honorable Body to review agricultural districts eight years after their creation and every eight years thereafter, and recommend continuation, termination, or modification of the district. The County begins the eight-year review process by 1) publishing and posting a notice which contains information on the district and how property owners and municipalities within the district may propose modifications to the district within thirty days of publication of the notice, and 2) directing the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board to prepare a report concerning the status of farming and agricultural development in the district and the effect of the district on County and local comprehensive plans, policies, and objectives, and to provide a recommendation to continue, terminate, or modify the district. After receipt of the report, Your Honorable Body must hold a public hearing before taking action to continue, terminate, or modify the district. A referral with a recommendation regarding the continuation, termination, or modification of the district will be submitted to Your Honorable Body after receipt of the report from the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the Clerk of the Legislature to publish and post notice of the review and the 30-day submission period for proposals to the Monroe County Agricultural District No. 5 and District No. 6.
2. Direct the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board to prepare and submit a report within 45-days of the termination of the submission period, reviewing the factors described in Section 303-a(2)(b) of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law and recommending the continuation, termination, or modification of the Monroe County Agriculture District No. 5 and District No. 6, including whether Monroe County Western Agricultural District No. 5 and Eastern Agricultural District No. 6 should be consolidated to form Monroe County Agricultural District No. 5.

This is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(24) ("information collection including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soils studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type I or Unlisted action") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This consolidation and Agriculture District modification 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