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TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Honorable Vedat Gashi
Chairman, Westchester County Board of Legislators

SUBJECT: Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Sec. 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement with Youth Service Opportunities Project, Inc., for the provision of intergenerational programming that creates meaningful, group conversations between young people and senior citizens living in their homes and in residents of senior living communities.

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures (the "Policy"), pursuant to Sec. 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement with Youth Service Opportunities Project, Inc., ("YSOP" or "Contractor"), for the provision of its "Connex" program, an intergenerational program that creates meaningful, group conversations between young people and senior citizens living in their homes and in residents of senior living communities (the "Agreement"). The term of the Agreement will commence retroactively on January 1, 2026, and continue through December 31, 2026. In consideration for services rendered, the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Westchester County Board of Legislators (the "Board"), will pay YSOP an amount not-to-exceed \$59,400.00.

Ordinarily, under Section 5 of the Policy, the County is required to solicit written or oral quotations from no fewer than three persons customarily providing such goods or services and, if deemed appropriate, to inquire as to the qualifications and experience of such persons. However, because of the unique qualifications of YSOP, including its previous background in entering into similar agreements with the County to provide similar services, it would be in the best interests of the County for YSOP to provide

these services. YSOP has been a pioneer in the field of service, leading thousands of youths and adults in service programs to encourage community participation and engaged citizenship through direct and indirect service to our society's most venerable populations. It would be in the best interest of the County for YSOP to provide these services.

The proposed Agreement would provide senior citizens the opportunity to give perspective, insight, a sense of comfort and calm to youth participants and will provide a landscape for youth volunteer engagement. The Connex program provides necessary services to Westchester County residents and will benefit the whole community.

Pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the Policy is not applicable to any procurement for which this Board determines, by resolution passed prior to commencing such procurement, that compliance with the Policy would not be in the best interest of the County. For the reasons set forth above, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting the procurement of this Agreement from the Policy.

Accordingly, a resolution to exempt the procurement of an agreement with YSOP is hereby submitted for your Honorable Board's consideration. A separate resolution has been submitted requesting authority to enter into the Agreement.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting written or oral price quotations, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and accordingly, not in the best interest of the County of Westchester in connection with the procurement of an agreement with Youth Service Opportunities Project, Inc., for the provision of its "Connex" program, an intergenerational program that creates meaningful, group conversations between young people and senior citizens living in their homes and in residents of senior living communities.

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