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To: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Honorable Kenneth W. Jenkins
Westchester County Executive
Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

Date: March 19, 2025

Subject: Resolution to exempt the procurement of an agreement with United Community Center of Westchester, Inc. pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy.

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt the procurement of an agreement (the "Agreement") between the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") and United Community Center of Westchester, Inc. ("UCCW"), pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy. UCCW will provide community-based domestic violence support services for those affected by domestic and family violence for a term commencing on April 1, 2025 and continuing through March 31, 2026, with the County having the option, in its sole discretion, to renew the Agreement for up to two (2) additional one (1) year renewal periods, subject to the same terms and conditions as the initial Agreement.

Ordinarily under Section 5(b) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy, the County is required to solicit written quotations from no fewer than three entities customarily providing the requested services. However, UCCW has successfully provided these specialized services through a previous contract with the County. Furthermore, it has been in operation for nearly 20 years and, in that time, has assisted over 500,000 community members in need. UCCW also utilizes volunteers to expand its reach in Westchester, helping to address the immense need for domestic violence support services, particularly in the New Rochelle Family Court catchment area.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by supporting domestic violence support services for victims, which enable victims to become safe and independent and avoid returning to their abusers or becoming dependent on public assistance.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are to provide community-based domestic violence support services for those affected by domestic and family violence.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of the public health, safety and general welfare, as supporting victims may help break the cycle of violence and prevent their involvement in an abusive relationship now or in their future, thereby reducing pain and suffering, public safety costs and medical costs.

Given UCCW's experience, capabilities, and past work for Westchester County, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting the procurement of the proposed Agreement from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof. Accordingly, a resolution to exempt this procurement is hereby submitted for your consideration.

We respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Westchester County Executive and the Director of the Office of Women, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting price quotations, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and accordingly, not in the best interests of the County of Westchester in connection with the procurement of an agreement with United Community Center of Westchester, Inc. ("UCCW"), pursuant to which UCCW will provide community-based domestic violence support services for those affected by domestic and family violence, for a term commencing on April 1, 2025 and continuing through March 31, 2026, with the County having the option, in its sole discretion, to renew the Agreement for up to two (2) additional one (1) year renewal periods, subject to the same terms and conditions as the initial Agreement.

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