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County Executive

Vincent Kopicki, P.E.
Commissioner

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Date: February 3, 2026

To: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Vincent F. Kopicki, P.E.
Commissioner of Environmental Facilities

Re: Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy the procurement of an agreement with Mario Parise for advisory services to the Department of Environmental Facilities related to Solid Waste Operations, for a term commencing on April 1, 2026, and continuing through March 31, 2027, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00, payable at the rate of \$75.00 per hour.

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures the procurement of an agreement with Mario Parise for advisory services to the Department of Environmental Facilities ("Department") related to Solid Waste Operations, for a term commencing on April 1, 2026, and continuing through March 31, 2027, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00, payable at the rate of \$75.00 per hour.

Mr. Parise, an expert in Solid Waste/ Refuse and Recycling Operations and equipment, and former Assistant Commissioner of Solid Waste for the County, has provided invaluable assistance to the County in connection with the maintenance of the County's closed landfills, and operations of the transfer stations, Household Material Recovery Facility, the Material Recovery Facility, and implementation of the Compost and Education Facility. Pursuant to the proposed agreement, Mr. Parise shall provide advisory services that will assist the County with oversight of facilities operations for these facilities; identification and coordination of equipment and vehicle purchases and maintenance; consultation on facility construction and/or agreements; management of landfill operations; coordination and communications with solid waste entities; and other tasks as necessary (the "Work"). Mr. Parise's experience and institutional knowledge spanning more than forty (40) years of Departmental history make him a unique resource for the Department. This historical knowledge provided by Mr. Parise is particularly valuable as we proceed with a review of our operations and implement operational efficiencies. Further, having Mr. Parise available for consultation saves the District money by avoiding

the need to retain various consultants to provide the expertise Mr. Parise acquired through his time with the County.

Pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi thereof, the Westchester County Procurement Policy is not applicable to any procurement for which your Honorable 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. It is proposed that the County's interest would be served by exempting the procurement of this agreement from the County Procurement Policy. A Resolution to exempt this procurement is submitted for your consideration.

As I believe this agreement to be in the best interests of the County, I most respectfully recommend and urge the adoption of the annexed Resolution.

VFK/sma/jpi

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the County Executive, be it 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 proposals, 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 Mario Parise for advisory services to the Department of Environmental Facilities related to Solid Waste Operations, for a term commencing on April 1, 2026, and continuing through March 31, 2027, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00, payable at the rate of \$75.00 per hour.

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