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TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to exempt the procurement of an agreement with Latino U College Access, Inc. to provide community information sessions and workshops for students at four (4) local school districts for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures.

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Authority is respectfully 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 the Latino U College Access, Inc. ("Latino U") to provide community information sessions and workshops for students at four (4) local school districts for the term January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$75,000 (the "Agreement").

The proposed Agreement would provide FAFSA Boot Camps and bilingual Community Information Sessions across four Westchester County school districts with the highest Latino student populations: Port Chester (84% Hispanic), Peekskill (76% Hispanic), Ossining (68% Hispanic), and White Plains (62% Hispanic) in order to assist students in navigating higher education and enrolling in schools that meet their financial and academic needs. These sessions will guide families through key milestones in the college-going process and will benefit the whole community, by enabling those who might not otherwise do so, attend college.

Ordinarily, pursuant Section 5 of the Policy, the County is required to issue a request for proposals for the provision of these services. However, because the unique qualifications of Latino U to provide these community information sessions and

workshops, local high school students will be empowered on their journeys to and through college so they can fulfill their remarkable potential. It would be in the best interests of the County for the Latino U to provide these services.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Policy, it is recommended that your Honorable Board determine, by resolution passed prior to commencing the procurement of the Latino U's services that compliance with procedural requirements of the Policy would not be in the best interest of the County.

Accordingly, a resolution to exempt the procurement of this agreement 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 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 between the County of Westchester and Latino U College Access, Inc. to provide community information sessions and workshops for students at four (4) local school districts.

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