RESOLUTION NO. 143

RESOLUTION REQUIRING FULL DISCLOSURE PRIOR TO LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

Introduced: 4/14/14
By Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Carman and Mendick:

WHEREAS, We, as Albany County Legislators, represent the citizens of Albany County and expend our constituents' tax dollars to deliver needed services and assistance, and

WHEREAS, As Legislators, it is our duty to make decisions which are fiscally sound and benefit those living and working within our County, and

WHEREAS, A legislator cannot do his or her job properly without full disclosure on all relevant issues affecting any proposed resolution, local law, Request for Legislative Action (RLAs), contract, Request For Proposals (RFPs), or other order of business brought for consideration and action, and

WHEREAS, It is expected that any matter brought before a Legislator for consideration has been thoroughly researched by its proponent, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body reaffirms that it requires full disclosure prior to any legislative considerations or actions of all relevant matters pertaining to the issue at hand including, but not limited to, any changed, new, or previously overlooked information or documentation and it is an obligation of the proponent to provide such information to this Legislative Body, and, be it further

RESOLVED, Proponents of any matter before the Legislature, or its committees, are required to inform the members of this Legislative Body considering such matter of any contemplated or pending challenges or litigation pertaining to the same, and, be it further

RESOLVED, The counsel for the Majority and the counsel for the Minority be provided a synopsis by the County Attorney describing challenges and litigation contesting any action taken by the Legislature, whether at the committee level or by the full Legislature. Such synopsis should be provided prior to the monthly committee meetings and should be updated as the challenge/litigation progresses through whatever administrative or legal process within which it was initiated, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Law Committee. 4/14/14