

RESOLUTION NO. 7

CONTINUING THE ALBANY COUNTY HOUSING TRUST AND DEVELOPING A LOCAL LAND BANK TO ENHANCE THE REVITALIZATION OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING REMAINS A PRIORITY IN ALBANY COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Introduced: 1/14/13

By Messrs. Commisso, Morse, Ward, Mss. McKnight, Chapman, Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Domalewicz, Clenahan, Joyce, Beston, Reilly, Mackey, Corcoran, Feeney, Cotrofeld, Jacobson, O'Brien, Simpson, Mayo, Rahm, Clay and Ms. Connolly:

WHEREAS, Since 2006, Albany County has participated in an effort to develop and preserve a variety of affordable housing options throughout the County through loans in support of programs and projects assisting low-income homeowners, tenants and the homeless, giving priority to projects that preserve housing affordability, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body has been an active participant regarding community revitalization and has authorized the expenditure of funds and approval of projects via Resolution Nos. 462 for 2006; 371 for 2007 and 296 for 2008, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature recognizes that there is a pressing need for affordable housing and the stabilization of neighborhoods through building revitalization, and

WHEREAS, The agenda for this legislative meeting includes a resolution seeking to establish a NYS Land Bank so that the County may make application to seek New York State's involvement in a program that is essentially identical, minus a focus on affordable housing, to the program that has been provided by the Albany County Housing Trust, and

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of this Honorable Body that the taxpayers of Albany County will be better served by making sure that the problems relating to local housing issues be resolved at the local level where the County will be in charge of its own destiny without the burden of State regulatory complications and lack of concern regarding affordable housing, and

WHEREAS, Also among the business for deliberations at this Legislative meeting is the addition of five positions in the 2013 budget, namely, two property manager positions, two building inspector positions and a code enforcement

position, thereby providing the executive branch with the resources necessary to readily implement the policy established by this resolution, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that this Honorable Body supports the continuation and enhancement of the Albany County Housing Trust to create and support programs and projects to assist low-income homeowners, tenants and the homeless and also the development of a local land bank to stabilize neighborhoods while still giving priority to projects that preserve housing affordability, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body hereby establishes as a priority of Albany County government that all necessary steps be taken by the administration to develop and preserve a variety of affordable housing options throughout the County and take immediate steps to develop a local land bank to stabilize neighborhoods, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is directed to prioritize the development and preservation of affordable housing options and the development of a local land bank to stabilize neighborhoods throughout the County by building on the foundation established in 2006 and embraced by this Honorable Body, and, be it further

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

On roll call vote the following voted in favor: Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Ms. Busch, Mr. Carman, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Clouse, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Corcoran, Cotrofeld, Crouse, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Higgins, Hogan, Jacobson, Joyce, Mss. Kinsch, Lockart, Mr. Mackey, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Mr. Mayo, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Mendick, Morse, Nichols, O'Brien, Rahm, Reilly, Simpson, Stevens, Tunny and Ward – 38.

Those opposed: - 0.

Resolution was adopted. 1/13/14