

RESOLUTION NO. 117

REQUESTING ALBANY COUNTY TO ESTABLISH AN ALBANY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION WEBPAGE ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE

Introduced: 3/12/07

By Mss. Benedict, Barlette, Messrs. Carman, Clouse, Hoblock, Ms. Prentiss and Mr. Tunny:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Ethics Commission was established in 1992 by Local Law No. 8, with the responsibility of upholding the Ethics Laws of Albany County and investigating potential ethics violations of elected officials that are brought before them, and

WHEREAS, The People of Albany County have the right to access information concerning the ethical responsibility that is expected of governmental officials, and

WHEREAS, Sometimes the best source of information of a potential ethical violation are the People themselves through their interaction with governmental officials, and

WHEREAS, The internet is now a critical tool for people to become informed about government and to communicate with their governmental officials, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County website lacks substantive in information concerning the Albany County Ethics Commission, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Albany County shall establish a webpage on the Albany County web site that shall include, but not be limited to, the members of the Albany County Ethics Commission, the Albany County Ethics Laws, a procedure to file a complaint of possible ethical violations, (and a disclosure of all violations that have been found, including the name, law that has been violated, and the penalty received), and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the website will be established no later than 45 days from the passage of this resolution, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies to the appropriate County officials and the members of the Albany County Ethics Commission.

Referred to Law Committee. 3/12/07