

RESOLUTION NO. 459

AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF 99 THIRD STREET AND 196 LIVINGSTON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF ALBANY TO THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD HISTORY PROJECT OF THE CAPITAL REGION, INC.

Introduced: 11/13/07

By Audit and Finance Committee, Mr. Monjeau and Ms. Maffia-Tobler:

WHEREAS, The County of Albany has acquired, through in rem foreclosure, title to two parcels of real property located at 99 Third Street and 196 Livingston Avenue in the City of Albany, and

WHEREAS, The Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region, Inc., a not-for-profit organization dedicated to reclaiming the story of the area's underground railroad used by slaves in the 19th Century to escape to freedom, has expressed an interest in acquiring the properties for \$500 to accommodate visitors and conduct public programs, and

WHEREAS, The two properties are adjacent to the former residence of Stephen and Harriet Myers at 194 Livingston Avenue, connected by documents to Albany's underground railroad movement in the 19th Century which the County transferred to the Project in 2004 for eventual restoration and use as an interpretative and educational center and preservation of Albany's African American history, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Management and Budget has recommended the County convey the two properties to the Underground Railroad History Project, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to execute on behalf of the County any documents necessary to convey 99 Third Street and 196 Livingston Avenue in the City of Albany to the Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region, Inc. for the sum of \$500, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said conveyance as to form and content, and, be it further

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

Adopted by unanimous vote. 11/13/07