


November 18, 2021

TO: Hon. Benjamin Boykin, Chair
Hon. Alfreda Williams, Vice Chair
Hon. MaryJane Shimsky, Majority Leader
Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Minority Leader

FROM: George Latimer 
Westchester County Executive

RE: Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: **Act – 2021 Budget Amendment.**

This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators November 22, 2021 Agenda.

Transmitted herein in an act authorizing the amendment of the 2021 County Operating Budget and the 2021 County Special Districts Budget.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for November 22, 2021 "blue sheet" calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



George Latimer
County Executive

November 18, 2021

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
148 Martine Avenue
White Plains, NY 10601

Honorable Members of The Board of Legislators:

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The attached Act contains an increase of \$8,658,000 in appropriations on an all funds basis for the County's State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 pension contribution to the Office of the State Comptroller. This increase is required to effectuate the change to the County financial plan to not amortize a portion of the County's SFY 2022 pension contribution.

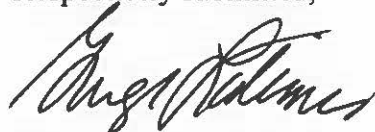
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Therefore, I recommend the approval of the attached Act amending the 2021 County Operating Budget in the amount of \$41,202,415, and the 2021 County Special Districts Budget in the amount of \$876,000.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Latimer", written in a cursive style.

George Latimer
County Executive

Attachment

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
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Pursuant to Section 2 of Act 197 of 2011 of the Laws of Westchester County, prior approval by the Board of Legislators is required to execute actions that would result in a deviation in the pension contribution greater than four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) from the finally adopted County Budget. Approval of this act would constitute such prior approval.

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Dated:

White Plains, New York

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: 2021 Budget Amendment NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

SECTION A - FUND

GENERAL FUND AIRPORT FUND SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense \$ 42,078,415

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 42,078,415

Source of Funds (check one): Current Appropriations Transfer of Existing Appropriations

Additional Appropriations Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: SEE ATTACHED ACT

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount \$ -

Describe: _____

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount \$ -

Describe: _____

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: _____

Next Four Years: The County would save \$1,712,000 in total interest costs over the next 10 years by not amortizing a portion of its State Fiscal Year 2022 pension contribution.

Prepared by: Gideon Grande

Title: Deputy Director

Department: Budget

Date: November 17, 2021

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 11/17/21

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

SECTION 1. The 2021 County Operating Budget shall be amended as follows:

EXPENDITURES:

Department of Social Services		
Medicaid - Regular (101-22-8900-5760)	-	4,774,585
Department of Correction		
Overtime (101-35-2000-1400)	+	10,223,000
207-c Disability (101-35-1000-1520)	+	1,000,000
Department of Public Safety		
Overtime (101-38-2000-1400)	+	5,158,000
Miscellaneous Budgets		
NYS Pension (101-52-1500-1650)	+	7,782,000
Muni and School SUT Distribution (101-52-2102-5100)	+	21,814,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSE		41,202,415

REVENUES:

Department of Transportation		
State Transit Aid (101-44-2100-9734)	+	12,173,000
Federal Transit Aid (101-44-2100-9818)	+	26,087,000
Miscellaneous Budget		
Mortgage Recording Tax (101-52-1000-9031)	+	9,703,000
Sales and Use Tax (101-52-1000-9032)	+	96,873,000
Appropriated Fund Balance (101-52-1000-9652)	-	103,633,585
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE		41,202,415

SECTION 2. The 2021 County Special Districts Budget shall be amended as follows:

EXPENDITURES:

Environmental Facilities		
NYS Pension (221-60-0110-1650)	+	876,000

REVENUES:

Environmental Facilities		
Extraordinary Federal Aid (221-60-0110-9898)	+	876,000

SECTION 3. This ACT shall take effect immediately.