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**County Executive**

March 19, 2025

Westchester County Board of Legislators  
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White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Honorable Members of the Board:

I respectfully request that your Honorable Board adopt the attached "A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 277 of the Laws of Westchester with regard to membership requirements for the Westchester County Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Advisory Board."

The Westchester County Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Advisory Board advises and consults with the County Board and the Division of Solid Waste Management of the Department of Public Works and Transportation on matters relating to the administration and operation of County Refuse Disposal District No. 1. Presently, the Advisory Board is comprised of eighteen members, with fourteen seats designated to specific municipalities within the County, with each municipality having one designated seat. These fourteen seats are subject to a residency requirement, which mandates that the persons appointment thereto reside in their respective municipalities. However, this residency mandate has created challenges in finding candidates with the necessary qualifications to serve on the Advisory Board, especially in municipalities where experienced candidates are limited. Further, this provision has created a barrier to maintaining a roster of qualified candidates for service on the Advisory Board.

Accordingly, it is necessary to amend the existing law to allow members appointed to those fourteen seats to be employed by their respective municipalities, even if they are not residents. This amendment to the Local Law will assist in minimizing the challenges in finding and retaining qualified candidates within each municipality as many municipalities already employ highly qualified individuals with the expertise necessary to serve on the Advisory Board. Further, municipal employees have unique insight into the operations of their respective districts.

In light of the aforementioned, I respectfully urge that your Honorable Board adopt the attached Local Law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "KWJ", written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth W. Jenkins  
County Executive

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Enclosure

TO: HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee recommends passage of “A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 277 of the Laws of Westchester County with regard to membership requirements for the Westchester County Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Advisory Board.”

Your Committee is aware that the Westchester County Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Advisory Board (“Advisory Board”) advises and consults with the County Board and the Division of Solid Waste Management of the Department of Public Works and Transportation on matters relating to the administration and operation of County Refuse Disposal District No. 1. Presently, the Advisory Board is comprised of eighteen members, with fourteen seats designated to specific municipalities within the County, with each municipality having one designated seat. These fourteen seats are subject to a residency requirement, which mandates that the persons appointment thereto reside in their respective municipalities.

Your Committee is informed that this residency mandate has created challenges in finding candidates with the necessary qualifications to serve on the Advisory Board, especially in municipalities where experienced candidates are limited. Further, this provision has created a barrier to maintaining a roster of qualified candidates for service on the Advisory Board.

Your Committee is advised that this amendment will expand the membership requirements for the Advisory Board by allowing members appointed to those fourteen seats to be employed by their respective municipalities, even if they are not residents. Your Committee believes that amending this Local Law will assist in minimizing the challenges in finding and retaining qualified candidates within each municipality as many municipalities already employ highly qualified individuals with the

expertise necessary to serve on the Advisory Board and municipal employees have unique insight into the operations of their respective districts.

Your Committee is informed that the proposed project does not meet the definition of an action under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning, dated January 14, 2025, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators. Your Committee concurs in this conclusion.

Your Committee, after careful consideration, recommends adoption of this Local Law.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025  
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ – 2025**

RESOLVED, that this Board hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 209.141(4) of the Laws of Westchester County on Local Law Intro. No. \_\_\_\_ - 2025, entitled “A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 277 of the Laws of Westchester County with regard to membership requirements for the Westchester County Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Advisory Board.” The public hearing will be held at \_\_\_\_m. on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, 8th Floor, Michaelian Office Building, White Plains, New York. The Clerk of the Board shall cause notice of the time and date of such hearing to be published at least once in one or more newspapers published in the County of Westchester and selected by the Clerk of the Board for that purpose in the manner and time required by law.