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Committee Assignments:
Co-Chair, Families Task Force
Member, all Board of Legislators' Committees

TO: Vedat Gashi, Chair of the Board of Legislators, District 4
Sunday Vanderberg, Clerk of the Board of Legislators

FROM: Nancy Barr, Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators, District 6

DATE: June 05, 2023

RE: Amending Chapter 209 of the Laws of Westchester County to Allow
Strikethrough Formatting in Amending Local Laws

I request that the attached proposal, a local law amending Chapter 209 of the Laws of Westchester County to allow strikethrough formatting in amending local laws, be added to the agenda for the June 05, 2023 meeting of the Westchester County Board of Legislators so that it may be referred to the appropriate committees for consideration.

Thank you.

cc: Marcello Figueroa, Legislative Director

TO: BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee has considered “A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 209 of the Laws of Westchester County to Allow Strikethrough Formatting in Amending Local Laws.”

Your Committee is aware that, under the Laws of Westchester County, an amendment to an existing local law requires the matters to be deleted to be enclosed in brackets. This formatting requirement has been in place, without amendment since 1948. Since that time, word processing technology has advanced significantly, moving from typewriters to modern computing. With modern computing, there are more options for formatting, including the ability to easily strikethrough text.

Your Committee finds that it is easier to identify eliminated language in a proposed local law that is formatted with strikethrough rather than brackets, and believes that the County’s laws should be amended to allow for strikethrough formatting in the deletion of text in proposed local laws. The proposed legislation makes this change to allow for the use of strikethrough formatting, in accordance with the advancement of technology.

Your Committee is informed that the proposed legislation does not meet the definition of an action under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 12, 2023, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators. Your Committee concurs in this conclusion.

In light of all of the foregoing, your Committee recommends the adoption of this
Local Law.

Dated: 2023
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - 2023

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. ____ - 2023, entitled "A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 209 of the Laws of Westchester County to Allow Strikethrough Formatting in Amending Local Laws." The public hearing will be held at __.m. on the ____ day of _____, 2023 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.