

George Latimer County Executive

May 24, 2023

Westchester County Board of Legislators 800 Michaelian Office Building White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators:

Attached for your consideration is a proposed Act which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to rename the Westchester Community College ("College") Student Center for David Swope. As you are aware, David Swope served as a Trustee of the College since 2011 and served as the Chair of the Board of Trustees from 2013 to 2016. He served on the Westchester Community College Foundation Board as Director since 2001, President and Chairman from 2005 to 2013, and Co-Chair of its highly successful Gateway Campaign. Mr. Swope's family is a longtime benefactor of the College and a driving force in the development of the College's Foundation, which had a significant impact in support of student success. He was also a respected community leader in Westchester County. This renaming of the Student Center will commemorate David Swope's years of hard work, dedication, leadership and generosity to the College.

This Act would memorialize the decades of public service Mr. Swope gave to the College. The Board of Trustees of the College has initiated the first step in the process to rename the Student Center after David Swope by passing a unanimous resolution on July 20, 2022 to rename the building "The David Swope Student Center." Based upon Mr. Swope's many years of dedicated public service, it is both fitting and proper to rename the Westchester Community College Student Center after David Swope.

The Planning Department has advised that based on its review, the proposed Act does not meet the definition of an "action" under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 6 NYCRR part 617. As such, no environmental review is required. 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.

The proposed renaming is recognition of a person whose efforts have benefited all County residents. Therefore, I recommend adoption of the annexed Act.

Very truly yours,

George Latimer County Executive

GL/DLV/dv Attachments

## HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK

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Your Committee is further advised that this Act would memorialize the decades of public service Mr. Swope gave to the College. The Board of Trustees of the College has initiated the first step in the process to rename the Student Center after David Swope by passing a unanimous resolution on July 20, 2022 to rename the building "The David Swope Student Center." Based upon Mr. Swope's many years of dedicated public service, it is both fitting and proper to rename the Westchester Community College Student Center after David Swope.

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An affirmative vote of a majority of the voting strength of the Board is required for approval of the attached Act.

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Dated \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023 White Plains, New York

## **COMMITTEE ON**

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

SUBJECT: Rename building as David Swope Student Center

**☒** NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (To be completed by operating department and reviewed by Budget Department)		
A)  GENERAL FUND  AIRPORT  SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (Districts)		
B) EXPENSES AND REVENUES		
Total Current Year Cost \$		
Total Current Year Revenue \$		
Source of Funds (check one):		
☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations ☐ Additional Appropriations ☐ Other (explain)  Identify Accounts:		
Identity Accounts.		
Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount \$ 0		
Describe:		
Beta-stal Deleted Beneause Annual Assault &		
Potential Related Revenues: Annual Amount \$  Describe:		
Describe.		
Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:		
Current Year:		
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Next Four years:		
Prepared by: Stewart Glass Reviewed By:		
Title: Dir. of Contracting & Procurement Budget Director		
Department: College		
If you need more space, please attach additional sheets.		

<b>ACT</b>	NO.	- 2023

AN ACT to Rename the Westchester Community College Student Center, the "David Swope Student Center".

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

- **Section 1.** The Westchester Community College Student Center shall be and hereby is renamed "The David Swope Student Center".
- §2. The County Executive or his authorized designee is empowered to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.
  - §3. This Act shall take effect immediately.