

Kenneth W. Jenkins County Executive

May 7, 2025

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

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators:

Transmitted herewith for your consideration and approval is a proposed Local Law, which, if adopted by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an amendment ("First Amendment") to a lease agreement ("Lease") dated June 12, 2021 with Zita Associates LLC ("Landlord"), for the leasing of approximately 3,240 square feet of space known as "Suite 204" located at 10 County Center Road, White Plains, New York ("Premises"), for an initial term of thirty-six (36) months ("Initial Term"), in order to extend the term of the Lease through December 31, 2029 ("First Extended Term").

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The Premises are currently used by the County's Veterans Affairs Office. By extending the term of the Lease, the County will be able to continue to provide a more centralized and updated Veterans' Affairs Office to more effectively serve its constituent population. Negotiations have recently been completed with the Landlord for the terms of this proposed First Amendment.

Pursuant to the First Amendment, the County will pay rent during the First Extended Term at the annual rates and in the monthly installments set forth below:

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01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025	\$ 89,370.22	\$ 7,447.52	Same as in 2024 3% 3%	
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Lastly, pursuant to the First Amendment, all of the County's water, electricity and gas consumption used by the County at the Premises will be measured by submeter(s) installed by the Landlord, and actual utility costs incurred by the County shall be invoiced by Landlord and paid by the County as additional rent, on the first day of each month.

All other terms and conditions of the Lease will remain in full force and effect.

I have been advised that in accordance with Section 104.11(5)(c) of the Laws of Westchester County ("LWC"), leases of property of others for County purposes for terms not exceeding five years may be made with the approval of the County's Board of Acquisition and Contract ("BAC"). On August 26, 2021, BAC authorized the County to enter into the Lease and the Lease was subsequently executed. I have been further advised that pursuant to LWC Section 104.11(5)(d) leases of property of other for County purposes for terms not exceeding ten years may only be made by local law. Accordingly, your Honorable Board's approval of the proposed First Amendment extending the term of the Lease is required.

I believe that the proposed First Amendment is in the County's best interests, and I therefore urge approval of the attached Local Law.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth W. Jenkins Westchester County Executive

KWJ/CS/cmc Attachment

### HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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The Department of Planning has advised your Committee that based on its review, the authorization of the proposed Local Law may be classified as a Type "II" action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 ("SEQR"). Therefore, no environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

The proposed First Amendment requires the adoption of the proposed Local Law by an affirmative vote of a majority of all members or your Honorable Board.

Upon careful consideration, your Committee finds the proposed First Amendment to be in the County's best interest as it provides for a Veterans' Affairs Office and therefore your Committee recommends approval of the proposed Local Law.

Dated: , 2025 White Plains, New York

### **COMMITTEE ON:**

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# **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

SUBJECT:	Veterans Lease Extension & Amendt		L IMPACT PROJECTED		
	OPERATING BUDGET To Be Completed by Submitting Department	Construction and a second second second	Budget		
	SECTION A - FUR		Judger		
X GENERAL FUND			DISTRICTS FUND		
	SECTION B - EXPENSES AN	D REVENUES			
Total Current Year Ex	pense \$ 89,370				
Total Current Year Re	venue \$ 89,370	_			
Source of Funds (che	ck one): X Current Appropriations	Transfer o	of Existing Appropriations		
Additional Appropriations Other (explain)					
Identify Accounts:	101_22_4000_4000_5280				
Potential Related Op	erating Budget Expenses:	Annual Amount	20,555.00		
Describe:					
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Potential Related Op	erating Budget Revenues:	Annual Amount	20,555.00		
Describe:					
Federal- 23%					
State- 0%					
Anticipated Savings t	o County and/or Impact on Department	t Operations:			
Current Year:	\$87,782.93(savings) / \$68,815				
	A	1000303-6			
Next Four Years:	\$296,533.00				
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Prepared by:	Shine George	-			
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Title:	Budget Specialist II	Reviewed By:	min aldant		
Title: Department:	Budget Specialist II Dept. of Social Services	_ Reviewed By:	Budget Director		



Memorandum Department of Planning

- TO: Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney Department of Law
- FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM Assistant Commissioner

DATE: March 19, 2025

SUBJECT: STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR: VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE LEASE EXTENSION 10 COUNTY CENTER ROAD, WHITE PLAINS

**PROJECT/ACTION:** Extension of a lease agreement for approximately 3,240 square feet of office space at 10 County Center Road in White Plains for use by the County's Veterans Affairs Office. The original 3-year lease, which began in 2021, has expired. The new lease will allow the Veterans Affairs Office to remain in this space until December 31, 2029.

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no environmental review is required because the project/action may be classified as a <u>TYPE II action</u> pursuant to section(s):

617.5(c)(32): license, lease and permit renewals, or transfers of ownership thereof, where there will be no material change in permit conditions or the scope of permitted activities.

**COMMENTS:** None

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cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

#### 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 authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an amendment to the lease agreement dated June 12, 2021 with Zita Associates LLC for space located at 10 County Center Road, Suite 204, White Plains, New York, for an initial term of thirty-six (36) months, in order to extend the term of the Lease through December 31, 2029." 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.

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