



Committee on Legislation

~AGENDA~

Monday, May, 15, 2017

1:00 PM

Committee Chair: Virginia Perez

Committee Room, 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601

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CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Monday, May 08, 2017 at 1:00 PM

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **(ID # 10140) Resolution – LEGISLATORS KAPLOWITZ AND MAISANO: Proposed Reso - Anti BDS Movement:**

Forwarding a proposed Resolution condemning the international BDS movement.

2. **(ID # 10141) Resolution – LEGISLATORS KAPLOWITZ AND MAISANO: Proposed Reso - Condemning rhetoric, bigotry, threats and hate crimes in Westchester County:**

Forwarding a Resolution proposing condemning rhetoric, bigotry, threats and hate crimes in Westchester County.

Guests: Elliot Forcheimer, Executive Director, Westchester Jewish Committee

Richard Cohen, Co-Chair, Interfaith Committee, American Jewish Committee

Khurso Elley, Organizing Committee of the Westchester Coalition against Islamophobia.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

Unfinished Business and any other agenda items to come before the Committee.

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT



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CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Leg. Maisano called the meeting to order at 1:25 PM.

Table with 4 columns: Attendee Name, Title, Status, Arrived. Rows include Virginia Perez (Chair, Present), Benjamin Boykin (D5 Legislator, Present), Gordon A. Burrows (D15 Legislator, Absent), James Maisano (D11 Legislator, Present), Sheila Marcotte (D10 Legislator, Present), MaryJane Shimsky (D12 Legislator, Present), John G. Testa (D1 Legislator, Present), and Alfreda Williams (D8 Legislator, Present).

Others In Attendance: LAW: J. Robertson BOL: G. Zuckerman, D. Linhardt.

MINUTES APPROVAL

- 1. Monday, May 01, 2017 at 1:00 PM

On motion of Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Maisano, the minutes were approved 7 - 0.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. ACT-2017-86 Act - Conflict of Interest Waiver-DY Consulting Engineer, P.C.:

An ACT declaring that DY Consulting Engineer, P.C. d/b/a DY Consultants shall not be excluded from participating in a bid team submitting a proposal in response to the Request for Proposals to lease Westchester County Airport in accordance with the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Privatization Pilot Program, and waiving any potential claim of conflict of interest that may arise out of DY's contract to assist the County in the preparation of an update to the Airport Master Plan, subject to condition specified herein.

Leg. Maisano announced that he was sitting in for the Chair. Mr. Robertson of the County Attorney's office began the conversation on the Act by giving some background information on the Airport Master Plan. DY Consultants is the consultant that was retained by the County in 2012 to prepare the airport master plan. In order to receive federal funds under the Airport Improvement Plan, the Airport must have an FAA approved master plan. Among other things, it identifies projects eligible for funding. Once the master plan is passed it stays in place until it is modified. Now we are preparing a new master plan with the help of

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DY Consultants. One of the principals of DY Consultants approached the Commissioner to say that they would like to participate in the RFP and asked how to go about that. After consulting with our outside consultants, the Wicks Group, it was decided that this was similar to the request we received from AvPorts. These are both entities that provide services to us under contract and we need their services in order to carry out the RFP. It was recommended to DY Consultants that they apply for a waiver, which was done.

This legislation was discussed with the airport task force before it came to committee. It was also forwarded to FRASCA and they have recommended several changes which are noted on the marked up copy. A short discussion ensued. The committee agreed that they would vote on the amended version.

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Shimsky, the item was approved, with a vote of 7 - 0.

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RESULT: SIGNED BY COMMITTEE

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Moved by Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Williams, the Committee adjourned at 1:34 PM.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Israel is a critical and invaluable ally of the United States;

WHEREAS, the County of Westchester and Israel enjoy a special historical relationship and share a commonly forged cultural bond;

WHEREAS, the County of Westchester does not support boycott related tactics that are used to threaten the sovereignty and security of allies and trade partners of the United States;

WHEREAS, the County of Westchester unequivocally rejects the international BDS movement and stands firmly with Israel;

WHEREAS, the County of Westchester supports interfaith dialogue to address issues;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT at this critical time, in the face of the movement to promote anti-Israel boycotts both in this country and around the globe, we strongly condemn the international BDS movement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we reaffirm our support for Israel as a vital U.S. ally, important economic partner and champion of freedom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we loudly and forcefully reject a movement that seeks to undermine Israel and malign the Jewish people.

**Westchester County
RESOLUTION**

Condemning rhetoric, bigotry, threats and hate crimes in Westchester County

Whereas, anti-Muslim and anti-Jewish rhetoric, bigotry, threats and hate crimes have recently increased targeting Muslim and Jewish places of worship, community centers, families and children across the United States;

Whereas, bias and bigotry have also impacted many other ethnic groups nationally and in Westchester;

Whereas, such activity is detrimental to all people who cherish freedom and liberty;

Whereas, the many different ethnic groups of Westchester are part of the bedrock of our society and enrich our culture and make critical and patriotic contributions to our country and region;

Whereas, the many different ethnic groups of Westchester give back every day as military personnel, police officers, members of national security organizations, surgeons, nurses, caregivers, lawyers, bankers, teachers, students, and in many other roles;

Whereas, hateful and intolerant acts against Muslims, Jews, or any other ethnic groups are contrary to our country's founding principles and Westchester County's values of acceptance, welcoming, and fellowship with those of all faiths, beliefs, and cultures;

Whereas, Muslims who wear hijabs, headscarves, or other religious articles of clothing, and Jews, and other minorities, who wear yarmulkes, turbans or other articles of clothing dear to their faith, should feel safe in expressing themselves peacefully and in accordance with their traditions and be protected from bias and hateful language and actions;

Whereas, throughout history, the U.S. has welcomed wave after wave of immigrants and refugees who add enormous value to the economic and cultural life of our nation;

Whereas, Westchester County strives toward a more inclusive society and welcomes cultural, ethnic and religious diversity;

Whereas, all of the County's residents deserve to live in a safe environment free of hate and discrimination;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Westchester County Board of Legislators

1) Steadfastly confirms its dedication to the rights and dignity of all its Muslim, Jewish, and all other residents, including those of all other ethnic groups, faiths, beliefs, and cultures;

- 2) Denounces in the strongest terms, all hateful comments, intimidation, violence, vandalism, and other hate crimes targeted against Muslims, Jews, and all other ethnic groups, and against Mosques, Synagogues, Churches and other houses of worship and all religious schools, community centers, and all other places of gathering;
- 3) Recognizes that all the ethnic groups of Westchester County have made countless positive and patriotic contributions to our regional and national society;
- 4) Declares that the civil rights and civil liberties of all Westchester residents should be protected and preserved and reaffirms the inalienable right of every citizen to live without fear and intimidation, and to practice their freedom of faith;
- 5) Urges county and local law enforcement to work to prevent hate crimes, to encourage reporting of incidents of hateful acts and to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law those who engage in hate crimes.
- 6) Calls on the Westchester Human Rights Commission to work diligently to fulfill its mission to fight against "prejudice, intolerance, bigotry and discrimination" and to "prohibit acts of discrimination, including discrimination in employment, discrimination in public accommodations, discrimination in housing accommodation, discrimination in commercial space and land transactions, and discrimination in the issuing of credit."