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AGENDA

LAW COMMITTEE

APRIL 11, 2016

1. LOCAL LAW NO. "B" FOR 2016: A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK, AMENDING THE ALBANY COUNTY CHARTER AND LOCAL LAW NO. 8 FOR 1993 AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCORPORATING THE CRIME VICTIM AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE CENTER INTO THE ALBANY COUNTY CHARTER
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Introduced: 2/9/16

By Messrs. Clenahan, R. Joyce, A. Joyce, Ward, Beston, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Commisso, Crouse, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Fein, Hogan, Mss. Lockhart, McKnight, Messrs. Mackey, Miller, Signoracci, Simpson, Smith, Touchette, Tunny, Ms. Willingham, Messrs. Bullock, Higgins, Mss. Lekakis, McLean Lane and Mr. Reinhardt:

PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 10 AND 33 OF THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW AND SECTION 2701 OF THE ALBANY COUNTY CHARTER:

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Albany as follows:

SECTION 1. The Albany County Charter is hereby amended by the addition of a new Article 29 to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 29
CRIME VICTIM AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE CENTER**

Section 2901. Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center; Director
2902. Powers and duties.

Section 2901. Crime and Sexual Violence Center; Director; appointment; qualifications. There shall be a Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center headed by a Director. The Director of the Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature and serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.

Section. 2902. Powers and duties. The Director of the Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center shall:

A. Be the head and chief administrative officer of the Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center;

B. Have all powers and duties conferred on or required of a Director of the Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center by this Charter, Executive Order of the County Executive, local law or resolution of the County Legislature,

or by applicable law not inconsistent with this Charter, which shall be necessary to enable him or her to manage and supervise the Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center;

C. Manage, coordinate and supervise the Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center's activities in providing:

- a. Support for Sexual Assault Victims;
- b. Court Advocacy and Assistance;
- c. Counseling for All Crime Victims;
- d. Educational Programs; and
- e. Any other programs that the Director sees fit to carry out the mission of the Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center; and

D. Perform such other duties as may be required by the County Executive or the County Legislature.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any article, section, paragraph, phrase or sentence of this local law is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

Referred to Law Committee. 2/9/16

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RESOLUTION NO. 128

ESTABLISHING TRANSPARENCY AND CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT INVOLVING THE ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

Introduced: 3/14/16

By: Mr. Grimm

WHEREAS, 21st Century technology has created an enormous opportunity for transparency and citizen engagement in the government process, and

WHEREAS, This engagement can lead to an unprecedented opportunity for dialogue with citizens during the actual resolution/law-making process, and

WHEREAS, This new technology creates an additional opportunity to engage the newest generation of Albany County residents who are tech-savvy individuals and who communicate extensively via social media, and

WHEREAS, This same generation heavily utilizes mobile communication devices and social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc., and

WHEREAS, According to Tod Famous, product manager of Cisco, "The social media movement is causing noticeable acceleration in communication technology innovation," and

WHEREAS, The current Obama Administration has pursued a range of open government initiatives guided by three principles; transparency, participatory and collaborative; an initiative that the Albany County Legislature should follow, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature systematically promote the availability of live streaming of legislative meetings so citizens will be aware of this benefit, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Chamber be equipped with free WI-FI service, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislature shall institute a hashtag system where a specific hashtag is established for each Legislative Meeting so that those interested in engaging in dialogue with each other, and with county legislators, can easily access the discussion via Twitter or Facebook, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the hashtag be concise and prominently displayed on each agenda coversheet and on the Albany County's webpage, and be it further

RESOLVED, Digital, unedited files of the meetings (exception: any taping done while session is in recess can be deleted), be placed on the County Legislature's webpage within one hour following the conclusion of each meeting, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this system shall be implemented at the first monthly Legislative meeting when live streaming occurs, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies of said Resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Law and Audit and Finance Committees. 3/14/16