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Committee Assignment
AGENDA/CHARTER

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
39 West Main Street
Rochester, NY 14614

RE: Enacting a Revolving Door Ban on Employment with Local Development Corporation Contractors

Honorable Legislators:

Public trust in government can be shattered when current or former government officials are perceived to value their own personal financial well-being over the public good. In order to protect public interest, it is important to establish a ban on the practice of county officers or employees from accepting employment with entities contracting or subcontracting with a Local Development Corporation.

Similar revolving door bans have been adopted in thirty-one states and by the White House in order to prevent actual or perceived conflicts of interest. By establishing a "cooling off period" between public and certain private sector employment, the County can establish greater compliance with our ethics rules and constituents are able to gain trust regarding who is benefiting from their tax dollars. By adopting this policy, Monroe County officials would ensure that individuals affiliated with LDCs are not influenced by political connections.

In the recent past, there have been several high-ranking county officials who have left public employment to obtain lucrative new jobs with LDCs and their subcontractors. This pathway to employment leaves the public with the clear impression, whether legitimate or not, that public officials are being rewarded for their political contacts.

To help prevent the erosion of public trust by these occurrences, we propose enacting a two-year ban on county officers or employees soliciting or accepting employment with certain LDCs, their contractors and subcontractors. The enactment of this law will send a strong message that we will not tolerate even the appearance of rewarding entities that hire current or former county officers and employees.

Therefore, we propose that this Honorable Body enact a local law amending the Monroe County Charter and Administrative Code entitled "Enacting a Revolving Door Ban on Employment with Local Development Corporation Contractors"

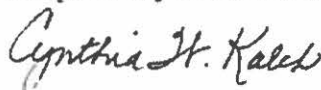
The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Schedule and hold a public hearing on the proposed local law.
2. Enact local law amending the Monroe County Charter, as attached.

This proposed local law will have no impact on the revenues and/or expenditures of the 2014 Monroe County Budget.

We recommend that this matter be approved by Your Honorable Body.

Respectfully Submitted,



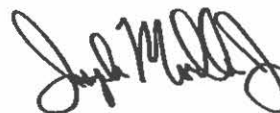
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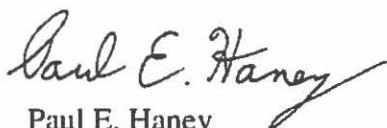
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By Legislators _____ and _____

Intro. No. _____

LOCAL LAW NO. _____ OF 2014

A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED "ENACTING A REVOLVING DOOR BAN ON EMPLOYMENT WITH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION CONTRACTORS."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 45-8 of the Administrative Local Laws of Monroe County is hereby amended as follows:

45-8 Incompatible Employment

- A. No officer or employee shall engage in, solicit, negotiate for or promise to accept private employment or render services for private interest when such employment or service creates a conflict with or impairs the proper discharge of his official duties.
- B. In order to ensure compliance with section 45-8(A), no officer or employee shall, for two years following the termination of employment with the County of Monroe, accept private employment with or render services for compensation to any Local Development Corporation, created for the benefit of the County of Monroe, or any contractor or subcontractor thereto.

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ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LOCAL LAW: _____

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