

**Authorizing The Chairman Of The Legislature To Call Public Hearings To Satisfy The Public Participation Requirements Of The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – Department Of Planning**

Referred to: The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman James Maloney and Legislators Archer, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Rodriguez, and Woltman)

Chairman of the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee, James F. Maloney, and Deputy Chair Hector Rodriguez offer the following:

WHEREAS, the New York State Homes and Community Renewal (NYSHCR) issues an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the following programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), RESTORE, Affordable Homeownership Development Program (AHODP), Access to Home, and Access to Home for Medicaid Recipients Program; and

WHEREAS, NYSCHR has a continuing funding round that provides grants to communities that wish to sponsor economic development activities that create or retain jobs for low and moderate income persons with goal to fund projects that result in high quality, full-time jobs that are well paying and provide benefits and training to low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has, in the past, made application under the CDBG Housing Program and is likely to do so in an upcoming funding round; and  
WHEREAS, Ulster County may also wish to sponsor economic development applications as an eligible activity under the CDBG Program; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing consistent with Federal Requirements found in 24 CFR 570.486 is required prior to the submittal of a grant application under all CDBG funding opportunities administered by NYSHCR; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG Program also requires a public hearing during the implementation of the grant award; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature, to ensure more flexibility and responsiveness in meeting the timetables for necessary public hearings as required for submittal of applications under the CDBG Program as well as providing for public comments on ongoing implementation of funding already awarded; now, therefore be it

