Resolution No. 417 July 16, 2024

Calling For The Censure Of Legislator Joe Maloney

Majority Leader Abe Uchitelle and Legislator Limina Grace Harmon offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is comprised of 23 duly elected representatives tasked with performing the peoples' business for the County of Ulster; and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2024, the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting was repeatedly interrupted by verbal outbursts initiated by Legislator Maloney, after he arrived late to said meeting and failed to record a vote on half of the Committee's publicly advertised business; and

WHEREAS, over the course of these outbursts, ostensibly pertaining to matters not advertised on the meeting agenda, Legislator Maloney advanced an unsubstantiated claim that undocumented United States residents are causing an increase in crime; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the Chair's attempts to restore order and repeated calls for recess, Legislator Maloney flagrantly disregarding the Chair's directives and spoke over the Chair, causing a disruption of county government; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Maloney, in a series of verbal outbursts, levied personal insults and attacks against Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the aforementioned conduct, Legislator Maloney violated the Legislature's Rules of Order and impeded the completion of the People's business; and

WHEREAS, when a Standing Committee Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature is recessed due to repeated violations of decorum, residents of the other 22 legislative districts outside of Saugerties are deprived of representation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule of Order 10(G)(4), Censure is a formal, group recognition that a given Member's conduct runs counter to the Legislature's accepted standards of behavior; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature finds that the conduct of Legislator Joe Maloney contravenes the Legislature's accepted standards of behavior; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, Legislator Joe Maloney is hereby Censured by the Ulster County Legislature,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 3

(Noes: Legislators Kitchen, Lopez and Roberts)

FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE

STATE OF NEW YORK ss: COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 16th Day of July in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 19th Day of July in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk Ulster County Legislature