

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRWOMAN: 7:04 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

Led by Dustin Colombo in recognition of earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Dustin is a member of Troop 195, BSA, Modena, New York and will be recognized for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout on November 24, 2019. Dustin's Eagle Scout Project entailed building a "Blessing Box" to fill with non-perishable food items for people in need to pick up when the food pantry is closed. The pantry is located at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Plattekill. Joining Dustin tonight are his parents April and Mike Colombo.

In recognition of achieving Boys Scouts of America's highest honor, Chairwoman Tracey Bartels called upon District No. 12 Legislator Kevin Roberts, to present a Pride of Ulster County Award to Dustin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Session.

MICROPHONES

Please be reminded to use your microphones when speaking so that you are recorded for the official record.

ROLL CALL: Present: 23 Absent: 0

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Majority Leader Heppner motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Legislative Chair, Tracey Bartels	Creation of the Ulster County Criminal Justice Reform Task Force
UC Vice Chair D. Donaldson & Leg. H. Rodriguez	Press Release, Dept. of Economic Dev.
State of New York, Department of State	Press Release, Court Ruling-Ethics Board
Christine Dinsmore, Ph.D., Woodstock	Receipt Local Law Nos. 5 & 6, 2019
Drescher & Malecki LLP	Email, Proposed Local Law No. 23
Town of Gardiner, Clerk Michelle Mosher	Stress Disorder Recovery
Catskill Mountain Railroad	Scope of Testing Internal Controls
Concerned Citizens	Public Hearing, Tourism Accommodation
Cynthia Bell, LWV President	Uses 11/1/19 7PM
UC Community Services Board	Public Hearing, Tourism Land Use
UC Department of Health	11/12/19 7PM
UC Personnel Department	October 2019, Kingston To Glenford Dike
	2020-2024 Business Plan
	(6) Email Support of Res. No. 380
	(3) Email Support of PLL No. 5
	(2) Email Support Transformative Justice
	(1) Email Oppose Local Law No. 10
	Email, Opposing PLL No. 374
	Minutes, September 9, 2019
	HIPPA/HITECH Compliance Procedures
	Civil Service Exam Announcements

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

UC Department of Public Works

UC Board of Health
Catskill Mtn. Railroad
LeRoy Hogan
UC Regional Chamber of Commerce

Abby Mitchell
NYS Wide Senior Action Council, Gateway
County News
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

UC Tourism Department
UC Attorney, Clinton Johnson
Ryan VanKleeck
UCRRA, Angelina Peone

UC Traffic Safety Board
Gail M. Vesely, Napanoch
Peter Baker, West Hurley

The David Girard Family
UC Agricultural Society, Inc.
The Benjamin Center, SUNY New Paltz

Central Hudson Gas & Elec.
NYSAC News
Ashley Williams-Harris Martin, Harding & Mazzotti LLP
NYS Dept. of Public Service, Dir. John Auricchio
David Santner, New Paltz

Town of Shawangunk Culvert Replmt.
Town of Ulster Water Main Installation
Ag Society Fairgrounds Lease
Agenda & Minutes 5/13/19 & 6/10/19
Business Plan 2020-2024
Let CMRR Extend Rails Across Rt. 28A
Ribbon Cutting Stone House Tavern
10/29/19 4PM Accord
Ribbon Cutting Holiday Inn Express &
Suites, Saugerties, 11/19/2019 11 AM
5G Article on Potential Health Hazards
Ulster Chapter Social, 11/15/19, 4-6 PM
Vol. 51, No. 20 & 21 October 2019
3rd Annual Ulster Partners In Justice
Reception 11/13/19
Trending, November 2019
County Litigation, October 2019
Letter, Otis Street Traffic
Invitation, NYS DEC Food Scrap
Recycling Law Stakeholder Mtg.11/18
Minutes, October 7, 2019
Email, Campaign Finance Law
Ashokan Rail Trail Rt. 28 Entrance Safety
Concern
Thankyou Note
Independent Auditor's Report Nov. 2018
UC 2020 Executive Budget Analysis &
Review November 2019
Brochure, October 2019
Fall 2019
FOIL Request & Response
Publication Brochure Options
Letter, Sales Tax Revenue Sharing

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

2020 Operating Budget & 2020-2025
Capital Improvement Program
Reappointment Office for the Aging
Advisory Council, Florence Joan Staats,
Term 12/1/2019 - 11/30/22.
UC Corporate Compliance Meeting
Minutes 7/31/19
Appointments Tobacco Asset
Securitization Corp (UTASC); Burt
Gulnick, Marc Rider, John Milgrim,
Edward Jordan, Nina Dawson, Sheree
Cross, Shaniqua Bowden Effective
10/23/19
UC 2019 County-Wide Shared Services
Property Tax Savings Plan DRAFT
Press Release, Memorial Pavilion
Press Release, Motor Vehicle Accident
Press Release, Largest Gain Private Sector
Employment
Budgetary Transfers, October 2019
Press Release, Appointment UC Veterans
Services Agency Mark Cozzupoli
Appointment Director UC Veteran
Services Agency, Mark Cozzupoli
Appointment Director UC Department of
Employment & Training, Tomasine
Oliphant
Reappointments UC Environmental Mgmt.
Council, Dave Haldeman, Emile Hauser,
Jim Littlefoot, Jim Mays, Mary
O'Donnell, Kristen Schara, Eric Stewart,
Sarah Underhill

ANNUAL REPORTS:

UC Commissioner of Finance

DATE:

2018 Annual Financial Report of the
County of Ulster

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing,
Planning & Transit
Energy & Environment
Law Enforcement and Public Safety
Laws and Rules, Governmental Services

Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services
Public Health and Social Services
Public Works and Capital Projects
Ways and Means

DATE:

October 1, 2019
October 3, 2019
October 3, 2019
October 7, 2019
October 15, 2019
October 7, 2019
October 2, 2019
October 2, 2019
October 10, 2019
October 15, 2019

PRESENTATIONS:

Chairwoman Tracey Bartels called upon Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Members Legislators James Delaune and Kathy Nolan, and former board member Laura Petit, along with Minority Leader Kenneth Ronk, to present Pride of Ulster County Awards to Gary and Kathleen Capella. Mr. and Mrs. Capella, the Soil and Water Conservation District's Executive Director and District Conservationist respectively, were recognized on the occasion of their retirement and in gratitude for their many years of hard work, dedication and commitment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were (21) speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Peter Criswell, Kingston: Mr. Criswell spoke in support of Resolution No. 443.
2. Abe Uchitelle, Kingston: Legislator-elect Uchitelle spoke in support of Resolution No. 443 on behalf of himself and Legislator-elect Eve Walter.
3. Andrea Shaut, Kingston: Ms. Shaut spoke in support of Resolution No. 443.
4. Betsy Kraat: When called upon to speak Ms. Kraat was not present.
5. Oriana Mayorga: Ms. Mayorga spoke in support of Resolution No. 443 and read comments from Jennifer Schwartz Berky.
6. Tanya Garment, Kingston: Ms. Garment spoke in support of Resolution No. 443 and read comments from Jennifer Schwartz Berky. Also spoke regarding landlord legislation.

7. Jennifer Schwartz Berky, Kingston: Ms. Berky spoke in support of Resolution No. 443 and shared instances where her personal rights had been violated.
8. Alexandria Wojcik: Ms. Wojcik spoke in support of Resolution No. 443.
9. Rachel Labare: Ms. Labare spoke in support of Resolution No. 443.
10. Silvana Ramos, Kingston: Ms. Ramos spoke in support of Resolution No. 443.
11. William Murray: Mr. Murry spoke in support of Resolution No. 443.
12. Julie Seyfert Lillis: Ms. Lillis spoke in support of Resolution No. 443.
13. Amenda Sisenstein, New Paltz: Ms. Sisenstein spoke in support of Resolution Nos. 443, 452, and Local Law No. 5 of 2019.
14. Sean Ritchey, Kingston: Mr. Ritchey spoke in support of Resolution No. 443.
15. Margaret Human, New Paltz: Ms. Human spoke in support of Local Law 5 of 2019.
16. Jim Gordon, New Paltz: Mr. Gordon would like to see more climate emergency mobilization efforts – tree planting on roof tops, PSA’s on website, etc.
17. Amy Kletter, New Paltz: Ms. Kletter spoke to see more climate emergency mobilization efforts. – and spoke in support of Resolution No. 443.
18. JoAnne Myers, Kingston: Ms. Myers spoke in support of Resolution No. 443.
19. Tricia Bowen, New Paltz: Ms. Bowen spoke in support of Resolution No 443, and opposed Resolution No. 448.
20. Stuart Auchincloss, Woodstock: Mr. Auchincloss thanked the Legislature for creating the Ashokan rail trail and the Poughkeepsie to Highland rail trail.
21. Andrew Puzzullo: Mr. Puzzullo spoke in support of Resolution Nos. 443, 452 and the climate emergency resolution going before the body next month.

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative Website.

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**RESOLUTION NOS: 374, 411, 443 – 447, 449 – 458, 460 – 472, 474 - 500, 502 -508;
415, 448, 459 & 501 – POSTPONED; 416 – DEFEATED; 473 – WITHDRAWN**

Resolution No. 415 - Establishing Program Administration For The Ulster County Revolving Loan Fund Committee

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 448 - Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 23 Of 2018, A Local Law Entitled “Ulster County Ethics Law”

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 459 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With Various Municipalities For The Operation Of U.R.G.E.N.T. (Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team) – Ulster County Sheriff

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 501 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Panichi Holding Corp. d/b/a Royal Carting Service Co. – Department Of Public Works

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 416 - Establishing A Policy For Consideration Of Solar Arrays On All New Or Renovated/Replaced Roofs On Ulster County Buildings

DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 473 - Opposing A New Power Plant Facility At The Former Danskammer Energy Site In Newburgh (Orange County) New York

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

A motion was made by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, to move Resolution Nos. 444, 450, 452, 454, 455, 456, 458, 460, 474, and 504 out of the Non-Consent Agenda and into the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

Consent

- 444 Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 5 Of 2019, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster To Include Mandatory Food Scraps Composting By Large Generators**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 446 Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2019, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 3 Of 2019, A Local Law Establishing The Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board And Providing For the Qualifications, Examination, Licensing And Regulation Of Electricians In Ulster County, New York**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 449 Confirming The Appointment Of Alan Macaluso As Director Of Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 450 Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2019, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 2 Of 2006 (A Local Law Adopting A County Charter Form Of Government For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York) And Amending Local Law No. 10 Of 2008 (A Local Law Adopting An Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York), To Require Submission Of Departmental Budget Estimates From Elected Officials To The Legislature, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 10, 2019 At 6:05 PM**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 452 Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2019, A Local Law Requiring That Property Owners Of Multi-Family Dwellings Located In Ulster County With More Than Twenty Units Have An Office In Ulster County, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 10, 2019 At 6:10 PM**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 453 Amending The 2019 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Supported Housing – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Nolan)

- 454 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – GIVE Initiative – Department Of Probation**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 455 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Participation In The Local Emergency Management Performance (LEMP) Grant Program For Federal Fiscal Year 2019 And Amending The 2019 Ulster County Budget – Emergency Communications/Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 456 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Participation In The 2019-20 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program And Amending The 2019 Ulster County Budget – Emergency Management/Division Of Fire Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 458 Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Deputy Sheriff's Police Benevolent Association, Inc. On Behalf Of The Ulster County Deputy Sheriffs' Superior Officers' Unit For The Years 2018 And 2019 – Department Of Personnel**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Woltman)

- 460 Appropriating Funds From Self Insurance Revenues For Replacement Of Sheriff's Office URGENT Vehicle Purchased From Forfeiture And Amending The 2019 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 461 Designating The Ulster County Department Of Tourism As The Official Tourism Promotion Agency Of Ulster County – Department Of Tourism**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 463 Establishing Capital Project No. 553 – River Road Drainage Project And Amending The 2019 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 465 Amending Capital Project No. 466 – Gym Wall Repair (Replacement) – SUNY Ulster, Amending The 2019 Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster And Approving The Amended Work Order With The Dormitory Authority Of The State Of New York (DASNY) To Provide Construction And Construction Management Services For The Gym Wall Repair (Replacement) Project, Capital Project No. 466 SUNY Ulster – Gym Wall Repair (Replacement) – SUNY Ulster**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 467 Amending Capital Project No. 469 – SUNY Ulster Water Supply Extension And Amending The 2019 Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 469 Amending Capital Project No. 485 – Water Storage Tank Replacement – SUNY Ulster And Amending The 2019 Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 471 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement For The Sharing Of Information Relating To Short-Term Rental Properties With The Town Of Esopus – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 472 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey A Parcel Of County Owned Property Acquired Pursuant To Article 11 Of The Real Property Tax Law For Unpaid Taxes To The Town Of Shawangunk – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 474 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 475 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Next Step Digital, LLC – Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 476 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Tyler Technologies, Inc. – Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 477 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The VMC Group, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 478 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Anderson Medical, P.C. D/B/A Emergency One Urgent Care And Diagnostic Center – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 479 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 480 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 481 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 482 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 483 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 484 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 485 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 486 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 487 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Nolan)

- 488 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Community College – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 489 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Young Women’s Christian Association Of Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 490 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Nolan)

- 491 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 492 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Berkshire Farm Center And Services For Youth – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 493 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Berkshire Farm Center And Services For Youth – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 494 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Liberty Resources, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 495 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Liberty Resources, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 496 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Liberty Resources, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 497 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Bonadio & Co. LLP – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 498 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 499 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 500 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 502 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Maser Consulting Engineers & Land Surveyors P.A., Professional Corporation – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Gerentine)

- 503 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Coyle Industries, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 504 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – NCACOMP, Inc. – Insurance Department**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 505 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Liscum McCormack VanVoorhis LLP – Ulster County Community College**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 506 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Arold Construction Co., Inc. – Ulster County Community College**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 507 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Merritt Construction, Inc. – Ulster County Community College**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Non-Consent

- 374 Establishing A Policy To Prohibit Appointees Of Ulster County Elected Officials And Board Of Elections Staff From Holding Any Elective Public Office Of Any City, Town or Village Within Ulster County**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 12 NOES: 11
(Noes: Archer, Bartels, Collins, Delaune, Eckert, Greene, Haynes, Heppner, Nolan, Petit, and Woltman)

- 411 Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 11 Of 2019, A Local Law Amending Various Sections Of The Ulster County Charter And Ulster County Administrative Code To Reduce The Ulster County Legislature To 21 Members, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 10, 2019 At 6:00 PM**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Nolan)

- 443 Calling For The Censure Of Legislator Hector Rodriguez**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 17 NOES: 5
(Noes: Legislators Collins, Gerentine, Greene, Joseph Maloney, and Petit)

- 444 Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 5 Of 2019, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster To Include Mandatory Food Scraps Composting By Large Generators**

MOVED TO CONSENT

445 Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2019, A Local Law Increasing The Salary And Hours Of The Commissioner Of Social Services

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Joseph Maloney)

447 Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2019, A Local Law Amending Local Law 6 of 2014, To Improve And Strengthen The Sustainable Energy Loan Program

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Ronk)

450 Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2019, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 2 Of 2006 (A Local Law Adopting A County Charter Form Of Government For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York) And Amending Local Law No. 10 Of 2008 (A Local Law Adopting An Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York), To Require Submission Of Departmental Budget Estimates From Elected Officials To The Legislature, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 10, 2019 At 6:05 PM

MOVED TO CONSENT

451 Establishing A Policy That Ulster County Shall Be A Zero Waste Community

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Ronk)

452 Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2019, A Local Law Requiring That Property Owners Of Multi-Family Dwellings Located In Ulster County With More Than Twenty Units Have An Office In Ulster County, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 10, 2019 At 6:10 PM

MOVED TO CONSENT

- 454 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – GIVE Initiative – Department Of Probation**

MOVED TO CONSENT

- 455 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Participation In The Local Emergency Management Performance (LEMP) Grant Program For Federal Fiscal Year 2019 And Amending The 2019 Ulster County Budget – Emergency Communications/Emergency Management**

MOVED TO CONSENT

- 456 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Participation In The 2019-20 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program And Amending The 2019 Ulster County Budget – Emergency Management/Division Of Fire Services**

MOVED TO CONSENT

- 457 Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Sheriff's Association For 2019 – Department Of Personnel**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 458 Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Deputy Sheriff's Police Benevolent Association, Inc. On Behalf Of The Ulster County Deputy Sheriffs' Superior Officers' Unit For The Years 2018 And 2019 – Department Of Personnel**

MOVED TO CONSENT

- 460 Appropriating Funds From Self Insurance Revenues For Replacement Of Sheriff's Office URGENT Vehicle Purchased From Forfeiture And Amending The 2019 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Sheriff**

MOVED TO CONSENT

- 462 Pledging Matching Funds For The "I Love New York" Tourism Promotion – Department Of Tourism**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Joseph Maloney)

- 464 Authorizing The Replacement Of An Existing Closed Drainage System, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$560,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$560,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**
BOND

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 466 Authorizing The Replacement Of Sections Of The Gym Wall At Ulster County Community College - SUNY Ulster, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$35,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$35,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**
BOND

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 468 Authorizing The Extension Of The Public Water Supply To Ulster County Community College-SUNY Ulster, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$2,705,665.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,705,665.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**
BOND

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 470 BOND Authorizing The Replacement Of The Water Storage Tank At Ulster County Community College - SUNY Ulster, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$226,025.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$226,025.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 474 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff**

MOVED TO CONSENT

- 504 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – NCACOMP, Inc. – Insurance Department**

MOVED TO CONSENT

Late Resolution

- 508 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Amendment To A License Agreement With The Ulster County Agricultural Society, Inc., Granting It The Use Of The Ulster County Fairgrounds For An Additional Term Of One (1) Year – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)**

Legislator Delaune motioned, seconded by Legislator Heppner, to strike item number 2 from the contract amendment.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Legislator Herbert Litts.

Philip McGowan, Napanoch, NY
Herbert J. Scheringer, Jr., Kingston, NY
Rose Kanter, Kingston, NY
Carol L. Newkirk, Kingston, NY
Stephen G. Beesmer, Kingston, NY
Barbara A. Long, Kingston, NY
Marion F. Baker, Riverside, RI
Carmine Bertone, Kingston, NY
Patricia M. Solitto, Saugerties, NY
Lawrence R. Matson, Accord, NY
Noreen A. Girao, Gardiner, NY
Susan J. Mitchell, Kerhonkson, NY
Anna Marie (Ann) Westergard, West Saugerties, NY
Carlos A. Yambay, Plattekill, NY
Diane S. Ratkowski, Pine Bush, NY
Lester "Sonny" Wager, Modena, NY

Jacqueline M. Schoenbacher, Saugerties, NY
Arlene Bouck, Kingston, NY
Geraldine Attanasio, Kingston, NY
Billye J. Doria, Binnewater, NY
Elizabeth A. Scott, New Paltz, NY
Patricia C. Blackwell, Anthem, AZ
David C. Gibson, Sr., Napanoch, NY
Catherine E. Gilligan, Saugerties, NY
Lillian R. Gunderud Larkin, Hingham, MA
Ann Hunt Coler, Port Ewen, NY
William C. Chandler, Kingston, NY
John Mandy, Highland, NY
Douglas Baker, Hollywood, FL
Helen M. Mayone, Glasco, NY
Elizabeth S. Manion, Marlboro, NY
Donna Ferguson, Wallkill, NY

Motion by Legislator Litts, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to adjourn Legislative Session.
All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:45 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on **Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 6:30 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is **Friday, November 22, 2019 at 12 Noon.**

Good evening:

My name is Peter Criswell and I'm the Ulster County Legislator-Elect for District 7 in the City Of Kingston.

Tarana Burke, founder of the MeToo movement, says "we need a shift in culture so that every single instance of sexual harassment is investigated and dealt with. That's just basic common sense."

I agree with her statement and I want to commend this body for investigating this situation and taking this issue seriously.

I believe that now is the moment for us, here in the legislature, to be part of a positive cultural shift that is ensuring that all people are treated equally and with respect.

I believe this is a crucial time for us to take action - to fundamentally transform things that are broken in our own system.

I believe it's imperative that this governing body, which represents and serves the residents of this county, have a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to sexual harassment and the abuse of power. To NOT do that - to look the other way - means we are complicit and that's unacceptable.

This is our chance to learn, and to do our best, for the sake of our residents and the future of our county.

I support the passing of Resolution 443, and I look forward to serving the citizens of Ulster County.

Thank you.

My name is Andrea Shaut, and I live in the City of Kingston. I currently serve on the city's Common Council representing ward 9 and was recently elected to serve as Council President starting January 1. And I'm here to speak in favor of Resolution # 443

I really don't want to be up here, but I know I have a needed voice in this issue, being a woman in the political world. Serving as a public official is no easy task. You cultivate relationships with your colleagues as you battle together to do what you think is best for your community to thrive, and I know it is difficult to stand up against one of your colleagues. I'm here to ask you to do it anyway. Because even though I recognize the difficulty of this decision, I know firsthand how it feels and what it means to be a woman not believed, not supported.

I am a victim of sexual abuse. I was a teenager, still a child. I spoke out, and I was told to keep quiet because nobody would believe me – he was the authority figure and I was just a teenage girl. He went on to find another teenage girl, and nearly 20 years later I live with the guilt that I wasn't forceful enough to end it after me. Rationally I understand this guilt is not mine. It goes to the abuser. It goes to the people in authority roles who did not speak up for me when I needed them the most. But my guilt is sadly normal, and this won't change until we as a society force it to change. We need to pivot our norm to say that any type of sexual abuse and sexual harassment is unacceptable. You, as a body, can take a step into this change tonight. Inaction will only allow this type of behavior to continue, and it will allow our society's normal to remain stagnant.

I understand what you have to decide on, from an elected official's perspective and from a victim's. And I'm asking you to do what's right. Stand up for the victims. Stand up for women. Please. How many times do we need to hear it. Enough is enough.

Jennifer Schwartz Berky Testimony 11.19.19

[READ INTO THE RECORD ON BEHALF OF JENNIFER SCHWARTZ BERKY BY ORIANA MAYORGA]

Greetings to my former colleagues, thank you Chairwoman Bartels for this opportunity to speak.

You know me as Jennifer Schwartz Berky. I was a county legislator.

I am here to speak about censure. But it comes down to this: we live in a culture that has permitted this kind of behavior for a long time. And it isn't just one person who is guilty of this. This in no way forgives what has specifically led to this moment.

I made a commitment to this place when I moved here 16 years ago. It has never wavered. I was dedicated to our community and the work we were doing and led plans that catalyzed our countywide trail system, our new economy, our focus on value-added agriculture, our creative economy, and our embrace of green technologies.

Nothing could have prepared the routine harassment I witnessed all around me at the county government. At first, I saw other people suffering: mostly women who were routinely berated and bullied. I reported it.

Several capable women were fired for political reasons and marched out of their offices like criminals. I never heard of a man who went through that. And then it turned on me.

[READ INTO THE RECORD ON BEHALF OF JENNIFER SCHWARTZ BERKY BY TANYA GARMENT]

A man repeatedly cornered me, often tried to open my door as I was expressing milk, and raised his arm to strike me. I reported it. Nothing was done. Even after he left, the culture that permitted it continued. I was harassed and bullied in the office: comments about my ethnicity, about my body. A department head (not my own) frequently said anti-Semitic things about me and defamed me professionally on a routine basis. Make no mistake: I am a very capable, hard working person and I always produce results. Having committed my life and family's future to this community that I so obviously love, this was difficult. I was disempowered. I was told it wasn't real and not to complain. It was "gas lighting" – plain and simple.

[READ BY JENNIFER SCHWARTZ BERKY:]

On behalf of Jennifer Schwartz Berky:

I thought I could help my community as a legislator. I represented some of the poorest census tracts in Kingston and Ulster County, and the majority of public housing in the city and county. I was invited into the homes and lives of hundreds of people, and am humbled by this. Many of them had suffered from a culture of crime, drugs, poverty, neglect, and discrimination.

My life was forever changed when – after being pulled over several times for no reason ONLY during my time as a legislator and never before and never since – my rights were violated by the Town of Ulster board in their decision to release a videotape before a trial (which I was then denied). And no one spoke up. In the weeks and months that followed, I was harassed and threatened by thousands of neo-Nazis following the Daily Stormer (America's largest neo-Nazi group). They doxed and trolled me. Calls in the middle of the night, calls saying I should be hung, raped, and burned. The video retweeted and shared tens of thousands of times. I still receive regular messages from them.

I look back to my time dedicated to Ulster County see a culture that is willing to tolerate actions that are intended to disempower others. Often women, children, and immigrants: the most vulnerable. While I was here, I represented them: sanctuary, human rights, protections for transgender communities, anti-bullying education. I paid a very dear price.

But I keep moving forward. I focus on giving back.

Tolerance of harassment is very, very destructive. Think about how much stronger our community would be, how much more successful we all would be if this would stop. If we would truly use Restorative Justice to address it. All of it.

If you censure your colleague tonight, or if you don't, I ask you to consider whether you forgive and tolerate abuse elsewhere. I ask to you be honest about the culture of discrimination and unkindness wherever it may be and stop it.

I lost my life to this. I ask you to do more than censure. I ask to you take a very careful look at how we can stop this all around us.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

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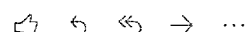
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Below is my testimony tonight

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Subject: Censure

I am one of the seven women that were interviewed as part of the investigation. I came forward because Leg Rodriguez's behavior was demeaning toward me and one of your and my colleagues In front of others. His actions were part of a pattern. Sexual harassment is an abuse of power and trust. Please send a positive but belated message to all women and men, and vote to censure your colleague. He needs to do the restorative justice work necessary.

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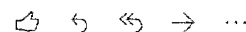
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Subject: Public Comment re: Censure of Hector Rodriguez

Good evening. Please find a written version of my public comment from tonight below and attached.

Alexandria Wojcik - Public Comment...

Alexandria Wojcik, Village of New Paltz Trustee
Public Comment 11/19/2019

Subject: Ulster County Legislature must censure Legislator Hector Rodriguez due to sexually harassing (at least) 7 women during his tenure

Thanks to Hector Rodriguez and his many years of service as my Ulster County Legislator, much of what many of our colleagues, neighbors, friends, and *I* know about the Ulster County Legislature, as well as much of what I know volunteering with my town Democratic committee, is grounded in that so-called "grey area" that I am sure has contributed to this body's silence and regrettably slow action regarding Mr Rodriguez's abhorrent (and illegal!) behavior.

I want to talk to you today about that so-called grey area, because I want the Legislature to at least consider the great harm Mr Rodriguez has done to our community — a harm from which we cannot heal until the legislature (this body) calls it by its name and levies a censure against Mr Rodriguez, a minor consequence relative to the great harm he has caused.

Back to that grey area, and why this body must hold Hector accountable for his abuse of power in the form of sexual harassment:

that so-called grey area silences survivors of sexual harassment; why put oneself through the hell of outing oneself as a victim or survivor of sexual harassment, of putting words on such a wrong, when nothing but stress and self-doubt will come of it?

That so-called grey area dissuades women from running for public office. I'm standing here tonight and telling you these chambers are not a safe space for someone like me. The fact that Mr Rodriguez has yet to be removed sends a clear message that in order to make it in this body, I'd have to be okay with being subjected to sexual harassment and gender-based discrimination. You may see it as a grey area, but I see it (and survivors see it) as a black and white situation.

My generation calls that grey area "rape culture." More on that in a moment.

And so the harm done by Mr Rodriguez escalates— not only has he sexually harassed multiple women and gotten away with it, but my county legislature basically condones it & sends a clear message to women that



Based on his repeated sexual harassment of colleagues and constituents, Ulster County residents demand that the Ulster County Legislature:

1. Censure Legislator Hector Rodriguez, and
2. Request his resignation

In early 2019, several sexual harassment complaints were filed against Ulster County Legislator Hector Rodriguez. They included forcible kissing, relentless messaging, and retaliation when women declined his advances.

Ulster County hired an independent firm to investigate the allegations. In summarizing the testimony of the women, the investigators found that "Mr. Rodriguez exploited his position as a legislator to gain access to multiple women in an effort to proposition them and 'hit on them.'" The investigators recommended "corrective action, including and up to requesting resignation."

While individual legislators have condemned his behavior, the legislature itself has not responded as a body to the findings of the report or the infraction of the County's sexual harassment policy. The continued lack of consequence sets a harmful and dangerous precedent and sends the wrong message to both legislators and Ulster County constituents.

At the next full Ulster County Legislature meeting, on Tuesday November 19th, we demand that the Ulster County Legislature vote to censure Mr. Rodriguez as well as publicly request his resignation, thereby communicating to constituents that his behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Silvana Ramos

Tanya Garment

Oriana Mayorga

Rebecca Martin

Betsy Kraat

Minya Dejohnette

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Recipient: Ulster County Legislature

Letter: Greetings,

Demand UC Legislature Make a Stand Against Sexual Harassment by
Censuring Hector Rodriguez

Signatures

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silvana ramos	kingston, NY	2019-11-14
Tanya Garment	Kingston, NY	2019-11-14
Diann Keyser	Hurley, NY	2019-11-14
JoAnne Myers	Kingston, NY	2019-11-14
Karen Guarnieri	New York, NY	2019-11-14
austin ward	Albany, OR	2019-11-14
Rashida Tyler	Albany, NY	2019-11-14
Jessica Guerrero	New Paltz, NY	2019-11-14
Jonathan Hambright	Kingston, NY	2019-11-14
kt tobin	new paltz, NY	2019-11-14
Judith Emilie	Kingston, NY	2019-11-14
Leigh Dodson	Kingston, NY	2019-11-14
Michael O'Donnell	Gardiner, NY	2019-11-14
Eve Walter	New Paltz, NY	2019-11-14
Amy Dooley-Olender	New Paltz, NY	2019-11-14
Cynthia Listort	New Paltz, NY	2019-11-14
William Wheeler-Murray	New Paltz, NY	2019-11-14
Sarah Wenk	Kingston, NY	2019-11-14
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Renée Englander	Woodstock, NY	2019-11-14

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angela Cohen	woodstock, NY	2019-11-14
Diana Lopez martinez	Kingston, NY	2019-11-14
Owen Harvey	Kington, NY	2019-11-14
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Gregory McCollough	Kingston, NY	2019-11-14
MariAnn Connolly	New Paltz, NY	2019-11-14
Richard Heyl de Ortiz	New Paltz, NY	2019-11-14
Jasmine Towers	New Paltz, US	2019-11-14
Rachel Labare	New Paltz, NY	2019-11-14
nadine may lewis	Kingston, NY	2019-11-14
Sara Delgado-Grant	Lake Katrine, NY	2019-11-14
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Carrie Ross	Marlboro, NY	2019-11-14
Laura Hartmann	Kingston, NY	2019-11-14
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Theresa Widmann	Kingston, NY	2019-11-14
Emily Vail	Kingston, NY	2019-11-14

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Barbara Feeney	Gulfport, FL	2019-11-17
L Ingham	DeLand, FL	2019-11-17

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Tina Huff	Tampa, FL	2019-11-18
William Reynolds	Kingston, NY	2019-11-18
Elizabeth Elkin	New Paltz, NY	2019-11-18
Liz cook	kingston, NY	2019-11-18
Susan Linich	Poughkeepsie, NY	2019-11-18
Pamela Parker	Tillson, NY	2019-11-18
Carol Robin	Woodstock, NY	2019-11-18
Denise Lawrence	New Paltz, NY	2019-11-18
Jessie Rumpf	Ellenville, NY	2019-11-18
Naomi Podber	Brooklyn, NY	2019-11-18
Shayne Gallo	Kingston, NY	2019-11-18
Steven DeStefano	New Paltz, NY	2019-11-18
Kayla Mcglone	New Paltz, NY	2019-11-18
Harriet Forman Barrett	New Paltz, NY	2019-11-18
Jillian Cohen	Ossining, NY	2019-11-18
ann fraser	New York, NY	2019-11-18
Linda McDougal	Barhamsville, VA	2019-11-18

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leslie gallagher	Kingston, NY	2019-11-18
Wayne Spanier	New York, NY	2019-11-18
Lisa Kirk	New York, NY	2019-11-18
Judith Felsten	Hannacroix, NY	2019-11-18
Greg Olear	New Paltz, NY	2019-11-18
Carolita Johnson	Kingston, NY	2019-11-18
Malcolm Grover	Montclair, NJ	2019-11-18
Leanna Mulvihill	New York, NY	2019-11-18
Melissa Twomey	Jamaica Plain, MA	2019-11-18
FRANCESCA ORTOLANO	Woodstock, NY	2019-11-18
Jeri Dernison	Lake Katrine, NY	2019-11-18
Nancy Butler-Ross	Woodstock, NY	2019-11-18
Barbara Scott	Kingston, NY	2019-11-18
Margo Mcgilvrey	Saugerties, NY	2019-11-19
Marc Gravatt	Wallkill, NY	2019-11-19
Jena Ransom	Kingston, NY	2019-11-19
Eugene Knapp	Kingston, NY	2019-11-19
courtney wilder	brooklyn, NY	2019-11-19
Donald Kass	Woodstock, NY	2019-11-19
Colleen mann	Kingston, NY	2019-11-19
Lawrence Grenadier	Basel, Switzerland	2019-11-19
Alex Passas	New Paltz, NY	2019-11-19

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Elaine Habernig	Kingston, NY	2019-11-19
Abe Uchitelle	Kingston, NY	2019-11-19
Judy Reichler	New Paltz, NY	2019-11-19
Penelope Boyce	Kingston, NY	2019-11-19

Dear Editor:

A great cornerstone of a democracy is that of public trust. Any free society relies heavily upon it. But what is public trust? It's when members of a community have faith in the honor of their elected officials. It's when constituents can talk candidly, freely and truthfully about their concerns with someone who has been chosen to represent them. It's when an official puts his or her constituents' interests at the forefront of their own.

How is public trust violated and broken? There are many ways, but I would like to put one at the very top and that would be sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment is a grotesque corruption of trust and faith between an elected official and a vulnerable constituent who sees the representative as powerful and influential.

Today Ulster County Legislator Hector Rodriguez is without his constituents' full faith and trust. He certainly has lost mine. The results of a recent independent investigation into the many credible accounts of sexual misconduct by Mr. Rodriguez have eroded public trust in this elected official. These charges are not isolated, not minor, and his actions are not flippant social faux pas, and are not to be disregarded. The charges reveal a pattern of sexual corruption over a period of years. We know that a small percentage of women will bravely come forward to report harassment. We cannot discount the possibility that more women in our community are too hurt or intimidated to speak out.

What does this mean? I think it means this: any Legislator not willing to censure Mr. Rodriguez is a partner in his misdeeds, an enabler, a bystander unwilling to help those who are deeply wronged. Don't be that, Legislators. Be better. Much better.

I urge you to censure Mr. Rodriguez or, Mr. Rodriguez, you can do the right thing and resign immediately.

Please speak out on this matter at the next County legislative session Tuesday, November 19th, 7pm, at the Ulster County office building, 240 Fair Street, 6th floor, Kingston.

William Wheeler Murray
New Paltz, NY