

DECLARING THAT ALL DELIBERATIONS OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE CONDUCTED ON COUNTY OWNED OR LEASED PROPERTY SHALL BE HELD IN AN OPEN FORUM

Legislators Donaldson, Robert Parete, Richard Parete, Bartels, Kraft, Shapiro, Berardi, Lomita, and Provenzano

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Legislative Declaration of Article 7 of the New York State Public Officers Law, it is essential that all public business should be conducted in a manner that is open to members of the public and the press, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature resolves to further regulate our procedures and conduct beyond the provisions of Section 108 of the Open Meetings Law, which exempts deliberations of political caucuses from being held in a public forum, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with this directive, political caucuses within the Ulster County Legislature shall not exempt from Article 7, Section 108, of the New York State Public Officers Law.

RESOLVED, the intent of this declaration shall be consistent with the Legislative Directive of Article 7 of the New York State Public Officers Law, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature supports the intent of this resolution to prohibit political caucuses, as defined under Section 108, from deliberating behind closed doors on all property owned or leased by the Ulster County government, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature will conduct all meetings, which take place on county owned or leased property, in an open and public forum,

and moves its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 158 APRIL 8, 2004

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DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 14

NOES: 11

(Legislators Alfonso, Busick, Cummings, Gerentine, Hathaway, Maloney, McAfee, Meyer, Noonan, Loughran & Kraft)

(Absent: Legislators Felicello & DePew)

Legislator Harris left 11:17 PM

Legislator Every left 10:53 PM

Legislator Stock left 11:50 PM

Legislator Stoeckeler left 12:15 AM

Legislator Hyatt left 12:15 AM

Legislator Roberti left at 12:35 AM

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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