

Eliminating Full-Time Positions In Consumers Affairs

Legislators Aiello, Belfiglio, Bernardo, Fabiano, Felicello, Frey, Gerentine, Hansut, Harris, Hayes, Maio, Maloney, Petit, Roberts, Ronk, Sweeney, Terrizzi and Wadnola offers the following:

WHEREAS, the County Executive launched the “Taxpayer First” Initiative on April 14, 2010, his proactive 10-point plan designed to address ongoing fiscal challenges and projected 2011 deficits, and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of the “Taxpayer First” Initiative, the immediate elimination of PC #6620-1001 Director Consumers Affairs, PC #6620-1002 Senior Consumer Advocate, and PC #6620-1112 Consumer Advocate, would save the County an additional \$158,033.00 annually, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Attorney General’s Office has a Consumer Frauds Bureau and the Ulster County Consumer Fraud Bureau is a duplication of services, and

WHEREAS, the mission statement from the state office is as follows: The Bureau of Consumer Frauds and Protection, part of the Economic Justice Division, prosecutes businesses and individuals engaged in fraudulent, misleading, deceptive or illegal trade practices. In addition to litigating, the Bureau mediates thousands of complaints each year from individual consumers. As part of its mission, the Bureau provides information to consumers and seeks to ensure a fair and vigorous market place. The Bureau drafts legislation and conducts studies and writes reports on emerging consumer problems and issues; they have a toll free Consumer Helpline, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following positions in the Consumer Fraud Bureau, at \$158,033.00 annually, are hereby eliminated effective immediately upon the adoption of said resolution:

ELIMINATE

6620-1001	Director Consumers Affairs *Annual Salary (Annual Benefits \$25,319.00) (Savings to year end \$23,434.00) (Effective August 18, 2010)	\$62,410.00*
6620-1002	Senior Consumer Advocate *Annual Salary (Annual Benefits \$21,989.00) (Savings to year end \$20,216.00) (Effective August 18, 2010)	\$54,199.00*

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6620-1112	Consumer Advocate	\$41,199.00
	*Annual Salary	
	(Annual Benefits \$16,714.00)	
	(Savings to year end \$15,469.00)	

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$ 83,459.00 – SAVINGS 2010 COUNTY DOLLARS INCLUDING FRINGE

\$221,422.00 – SAVINGS 2011 COUNTY DOLLARS INCLUDING FRINGE

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