



**COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS REPORT
CONCERNING THE 2021 COUNTY BUDGET (Final Report)
December 11, 2020**

WESTCHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

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Honorable Board of Legislators
County of Westchester
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Honorable Colleagues:

On October 15, 2020, County Executive George Latimer forwarded his proposed 2021 County Capital Budget and on November 10, 2020 forwarded his proposed 2021 County Operating and Special Districts Budgets to the Committee on Budget & Appropriations. The Budget & Appropriations Committee of this Honorable Board has devoted full attention to analyze and discuss them.

In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders 202.1, and 202.15 respectively, which temporarily suspends portions of the Open Meetings Law allowing public bodies to meet and take action without permitting in-person public access to meetings, the Budget & Appropriations Committee held a public comment session on the proposed budget on November 18, 2020, and a public hearing, as required by the County's Charter, on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, via the County Board's Webex video conference system. Both were attended by concerned residents. In addition, the Budget & Appropriations Committee has benefited from the testimony of Commissioners and heads of major departments, as well as from analysis of the proposed budgets by the Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee and by our auditors, which presented their final report to the Budget and Appropriations Committee on Friday, December 11, 2020.

On Monday, December 7, 2020, pursuant to Section 167.81 of the Westchester County Charter as amended by Local Law 8-1994, the Committee on Budget & Appropriations filed a memorandum of proposed additions to the proposed 2021 Budgets.

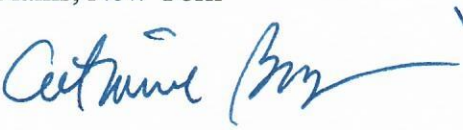
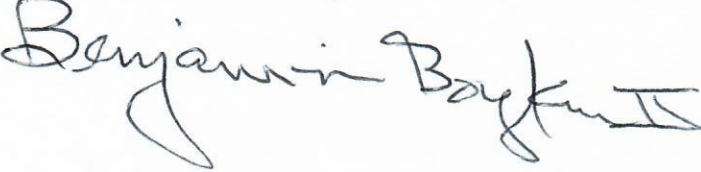
In addition to the revenue and expense additions and deletions the Board of Legislators has reached an agreement with the Administration that:

1. The Parent Share for subsidized child care will be reduced to 23% beginning January 1, 2021.
2. When funded vacancies in the Department of Public Safety are filled it is the intention of the Board of Legislators and the Administration to increase diversity in these hires by changing the civil service title to include Spanish speaking.

The Board of Legislators will continue to debate the legally required balanced budgets for 2021. We are committed to continuing to find the balance between investment in our residents, services and infrastructure while stabilizing the tax levy.

Your Committee finds that amounts appropriated in the 2021 County Budgets pursuant to the policies of this Board are for the purposes of performing the operations of the County and providing essential services to County residents. Therefore, the Budget & Appropriations Committee offers the attached amendments at this time.

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The following members attended the meeting remotely, as per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.

Committee(s) on:

Budget & Appropriations

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Westchester County
2021 Budget Deletions

2021 OPERATING BUDGET DELETIONS LIST				
DEPARTMENT	ORG	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2021 OPERATING BUDGET REVENUE DELETIONS				
SOCIAL SERVICES (22)	101 22 8900	9835	Child Care Block Grant	\$350,000
TOTAL 2021 OPERATING BUDGET REVENUE DELETIONS				\$350,000
2021 OPERATING BUDGET APPROPRIATION DELETIONS				
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (22)				
SOCIAL SERVICES (22)	101 22 8900	5990	2% Decrease to Day Care Parent Share	\$700,000
SOCIAL SERVICES TOTAL				\$700,000
DEBT SERVICE ITEMS (51)				
DEBT SERVICE (51)	131 51 2100	4464	TAN Interest	\$500,000
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL				\$500,000
MISCELLANEOUS BUDGET ITEMS (52)				
MISCELLANEOUS BUDGET (52)	101 52 1500	1680	Employee Fringe Benefits - Employee Health Insurance	\$1,219,740
MISCELLANEOUS BUDGET TOTAL				\$1,219,740
TOTAL 2021 OPERATING BUDGET APPROPRIATION DELETIONS				\$2,419,740
NET AMOUNT				\$2,069,740