

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED
BY LEGISLATOR BASKIN**

Re: Community Inclusion in Public Safety Needs Assessment

WHEREAS, this honorable body amended Comm. 8E-1, 2022 Year-End Budget Balancing Amendments & Designations, to include \$750,000 for a Public Safety Needs Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the intention is to create a broader scope to identify what Erie County's needs are to properly serve individuals who may come into the County's custody; and

WHEREAS, this broader scope will ensure Erie County is evaluating a full range of treatment options for public safety and is inclusive of our direct service departments, including Social Services, Mental Health, Probation, Health, and others; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the various departments, there is a major impact on the non-governmental service providers and organizations that needs to be represented in this assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for the Public Good has been at the forefront of representing community organizations in public safety, as the organization has convened initiatives on criminal justice reform, mental health first response, and poverty, three areas that have a major impact public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board is an advisory body to the Erie County Sheriff's Office Division of Jail Management and the Erie County Legislature, and is comprised of experts in various areas that deal with corrections, which makes it a valuable resource to utilize for a public safety needs assessment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Erie County Legislature calls for the creation of a community seat on the scoring committee for the public safety needs assessment request for proposals process; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Partnership for the Public Good shall make a recommendation for the person to serve as the community representative on the public safety needs assessment scoring committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board shall create a Public Safety Campus Sub-Committee to research and develop recommendations on each step of the process to assess, envision, develop, and implement a new public safety campus in Erie County, and shall open up at least two of the seats on the sub-committee to non-Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board members; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Erie County Executive, the Erie County Sheriff, the Erie County Commissioner of Public Works, the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board, the Partnership for the Public Good, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.