

Resolution No. 42

Supervisors GENDRON AND CALLERY offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO AMEND THE FEDERAL PROPERTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ACT OF 1949 REGARDING PURCHASING OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, in 1949, Congress enacted the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act, the primary purpose of which was to create the General Services Administration (GSA); and

WHEREAS, Title IX of this Act identified the process that the federal government was to use to hire architects, engineers and related professions which included individuals and firms that perform certain professional services; and

WHEREAS, provisions in said Act prohibit governments from seeking cost competitive proposals when hiring architects, engineers or other professions for public works projects utilizing federal funds; and

WHEREAS, said law requires Fulton County and other governments to select professional service firms based solely on qualifications and does not allow cost to be factored into hiring decisions; and

WHEREAS, amending this federal mandate will save taxpayers money and ensure that federal funds are expended efficiently; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby urges Congress to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to allow municipalities to consider cost factors during the selection of professional services firms for federally-funded public works projects; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, U.S. Senator Schumer, U.S. Senator Gillibrand, Congressman Owens, Senator Farley, Assemblyman Butler, All Counties, Planning Director, Budget Director/County Auditor, Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board, and to each and every other person, institution or agency who may further the purport of this Resolution.

Seconded by Supervisor FAGAN and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Howard and Ottalagano)