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# COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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Erie County Legislature  
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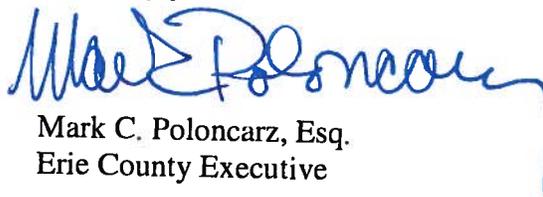
**Re: Help America Vote Act Funds for Chestnut Ridge Parking Lot/Walkways**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed is a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization to receive Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds in the amount of \$166,570.67 from New York State for improvements providing handicap accessibility to a voting site at Chestnut Ridge Park. The resolution also requests authorization to reimburse County capital projects for the funds spent on the Chestnut Ridge parking lot, walkways and lighting improvements.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Troy P. Schinzel at the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Troy P. Schinzel, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Forestry

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
From: Erie County Parks, Recreation and Forestry  
Re: HAVA Funds for Chestnut Ridge Casino Parking Lot/Walkways  
Date: February 13, 2014

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### **SUMMARY**

The Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry used capital project funds in the amount of \$166,570.67 for improvements and repairs to the Chestnut Ridge Park Casino parking lot, walkways and subsequent lighting. The Casino at Chestnut Ridge is an Erie County voting site and the repair of the parking lot and walkways created a more accessible location for voters with disabilities. This repair qualifies for HAVA reimbursement through the Erie County Board of Elections as outlined in the June 13, 2013 Resolution-Comm. 11D-4. The Board of Elections has already approved \$154,000.00 in HAVA reimbursements and the Parks Department will be requesting additional funding in the amount of \$12,570.67.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Receipt of \$166,570.67 in HAVA funds will free up the capital dollars used and allow for additional renovations in the Parks Department.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry has limited general and capital funding and has a large number of renovations which it would like to accomplish.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Under the Help America Vote Act, funds used to repair official voting sites for providing handicap accessibility can qualify for New York State HAVA reimbursement.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The Parks Department will not be reimbursed for \$166,570.67 and potential other projects, utilizing these funds, will not be completed.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The HAVA funds in the amount of \$166,570.67 will be reimbursed to the Parks Department's capital projects and utilized for new renovations/projects.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY**

**RE: HAVA Funds for Chestnut Ridge Casino Parking Lot and Walkways**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry spent \$166,570.67 from two capital project accounts to repair the parking lot and walkways at the Chestnut Ridge Casino; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chestnut Ridge Casino is an official Erie County voting site; and

**WHEREAS**, this repair to provide handicap accessibility qualifies for New York State HAVA funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Board of Elections has authorized funding to the Parks Department of \$154,000.00 through their grant approved by the Erie County Legislature in Comm. 11D-4 dated June 13, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Parks Department will request an additional reimbursement for HAVA improvements of \$12,570.67 through the Board of Elections.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the County is hereby authorized to accept \$166,570.67 in HAVA funding from New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to increase the revenue and appropriations, in the amounts indicated, in the following Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry capital projects in order to utilize the HAVA reimbursement:

Fund 410	
Project A.12007 – Countywide Parks Improvements	\$63,488.86
Project A.13008 – Countywide Parks Improvements	\$103,081.81

and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Erie County Executive, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, and the Office of the Erie County Comptroller.