

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS  
MILLS, LORIGO, RATH, MORTON, & HARDWICK**

**Re: Repeal of Comm. 7E-26**

**WHEREAS**, this honorably body approved Comm. 7E-26 (2016) earlier this year on assurances that brokerage services were needed to find new rental property for the Erie County Department of Social Services' Family Wellness programs, which are currently held at 478 Main Street; and

**WHEREAS**, part of the broker's task was to help evaluate the responses to the request for proposals (RFP) issued by the County Executive and then work with the prospective landlords to establish a commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the fee that was negotiated between the landlords and the broker has been levied upon the county through chargebacks contained with the leases of the prospective landlords; and

**WHEREAS**, the broker's evaluation was determined, by this honorable body, to be based off of incorrect assumptions and a breakdown in communication between the Department of Social Services, the broker, and the Legislature, of which, the broker is at fault for; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Executive has independently expressed his frustration with how the process was handled and has stated the county had no involvement with the broker's handling of the RFPs; and

**WHEREAS**, both the County Executive and the Department of Social Services have agreed not to accept the recommendation, and to either reissue an RFP for the move or relocate the programs to the Rath Building.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this honorable body requests the County Attorney pursue any methods necessary to recoup any past or future fees associated with the use of a broker regarding the movement of the Department of Social Services' Family Wellness programs in Comm. 7E-26 (2016); and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this honorable body hereby repeals the resolution associated with Comm. 7E-26 (2016) and opposes any payment of brokerage fees; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Executive Poloncarz, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services and all parties deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: Positive for Erie County Taxpayers