



Onondaga County Legislature

DEBORAH L. MATURO
Clerk

DAVID H. KNAPP
Chairman

KATHERINE M. FRENCH
Deputy Clerk

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RESOLUTION NOS. 1 - 10

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

January 2, 2020

Listed below is the order of business for the Onondaga County Legislature's organizational meeting. The meeting will be held at **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2020.**

I. Chairman Pro Tem (Deborah L. Maturo, Clerk)

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. CALLING OF ROLL MEMBERS
- C. INVOCATION – **Mr. May**
- D. SALUTE TO FLAG – **Mr. Rowley**
- E. **Election of Chairman – David H. Knapp**

II. CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATURE

- F. **Designation of Floor Leaders**
- G. **Designation of Official Newspaper**

- 1. **NO. 1** Confirming Appointment of Deborah L. Maturo as Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature (17-0)
- 2. **NO. 2** Confirming Appointment of Katherine M. French as Deputy Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature (17-0)
- 3. **NO. 3** Confirming Appointment of Jamie M. McNamara as Assistant Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature (17-0)
- 4. **NO. 4** Confirming Appointment of Darcie L. Lesniak as Director, Legislative Budget Review of the Onondaga County Legislature (17-0)
- 5. **NO. 5** Confirming Appointment of Nicholas R. Paro as Legislative Analyst of the Onondaga County Legislature (17-0)
- 6. **NO. 6** Confirming Appointment of Ryan P. Frantzis as Legislative Aide of the Onondaga County Legislature (17-0)
- 7. **NO. 7** Confirming Appointment of John N. DeSantis as Legislative Aide of the Onondaga County Legislature (17-0)

- H. READING OF MINUTES
- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- J. PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS
- K. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
- L. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
- M. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES
- N. CALL OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS (District No. 1)

12TH DISTRICT – MR. KNAPP

- 8. **NO. 8** Appointing Legislative Counsel for the Onondaga County Legislature (Baldwin, Sutphen & Frateschi, PLLC) (17-0)

9. **NO. 9** Personnel Resolution and Amending the County Budget (12 May, Ervin, Burtis, Tassone, Cody, Abbott-Kenan, Ryan, Chase, Holmquist, McBride, Williams, Knapp -5 Rowley, Kuhn, Bush, Jordan, Kinne)
10. **NO. 10** Requesting New York State to Amend Section 1202-A of the State Tax Law to Authorize Onondaga County to Impose a Hotel and Motel Tax in the Amount of 7% Percent of the Per Diem Rate for Each Room (15-2 Kuhn, Kinne)

O. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

P. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully



DEBORAH L. MATURO, Clerk
ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

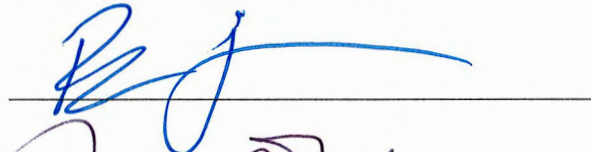
ROLL CALL			JANUARY 2, 2020 ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION
LEGISLATOR	PRESENT	ABSENT	
1. MAY	✓		Called to order at 1:11 p.m.
2. ROWLEY	✓		
3. BURTIS	✓		
4. TASSONE	✓		
5. CODY	✓		
6. ABBOTT-KENAN	✓		
7. KUHN	✓		
8. RYAN	✓		
9. CHASE	✓		
10. HOLMQUIST	✓		
11. McBRIDE	✓		
12. KNAPP	✓		
13. BUSH	✓		
14. JORDAN	✓		
15. KINNE	✓		
16. WILLIAMS	✓		
17. ERVIN	✓		
TOTAL	17	0	

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN		Knapp	Ervin	JANUARY 2, 2020 ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION	
LEGISLATOR	NAME	NAME	ABSENT		
1. MAY	✓			Mr. May nominated David Knapp, seconded by Mr. Burtis.	
2. ROWLEY	✓				
3. BURTIS	✓				
4. TASSONE	✓				
5. CODY	✓				
6. ABBOTT-KENAN	✓				
7. KUHN		✓		Mr. Ryan nominated Linda Ervin, seconded by Dr. Chase.	
8. RYAN		✓			
9. CHASE		✓			
10. HOLMQUIST	✓				
11. McBRIDE	✓				
12. KNAPP	✓				
13. BUSH	✓				
14. JORDAN	✓				
15. KINNE		✓			
16. WILLIAMS		✓			
17. ERVIN		✓			
TOTAL	11	6			

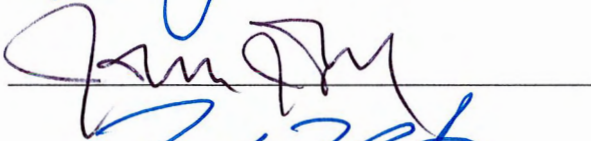
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DESIGNATION OF FLOOR LEADER – REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

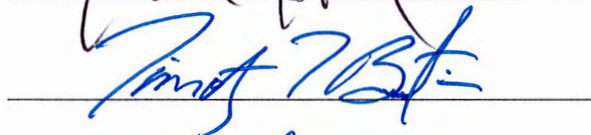
We, the undersigned, a majority of the Republican members of the County Legislature of Onondaga County for the years 2020 and 2021, do hereby designate Brian F. May of the 1st Legislative District to be the Floor Leader of the Republican Caucus.



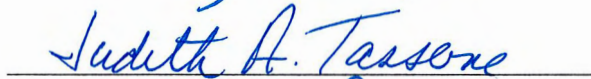
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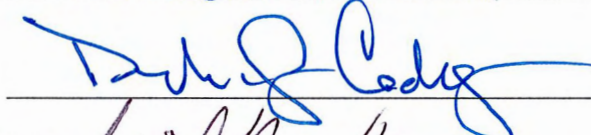
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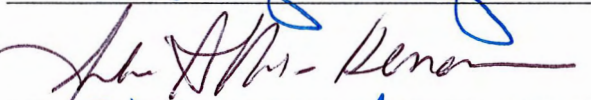
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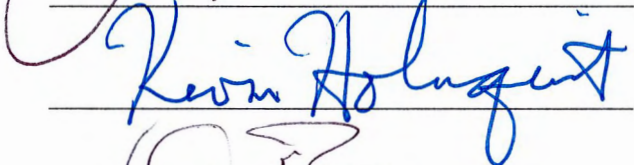
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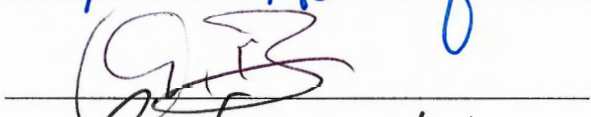
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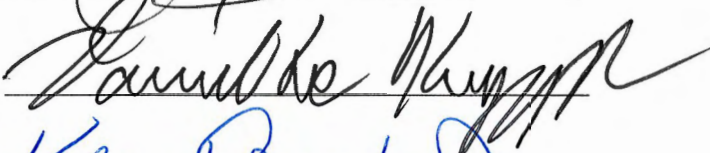
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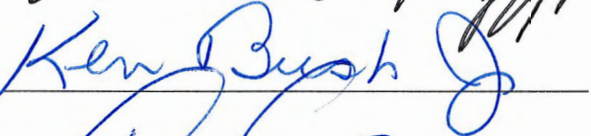
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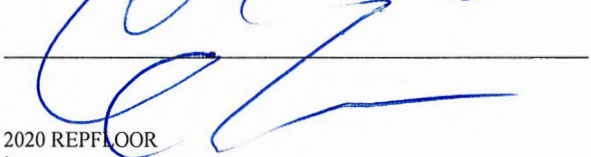
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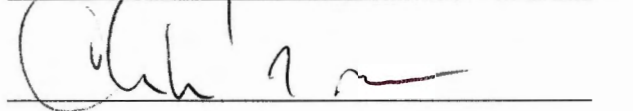
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DESIGNATION OF FLOOR LEADER – DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

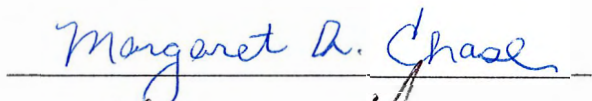
We, the undersigned, a majority of the Democratic members of the County Legislature of Onondaga County for the years 2020 and 2021, do hereby designate Linda R. Ervin of the 17th Legislative District to be the Floor Leader of the Democratic Caucus.



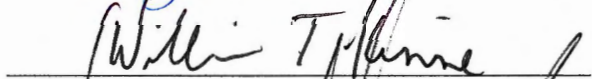


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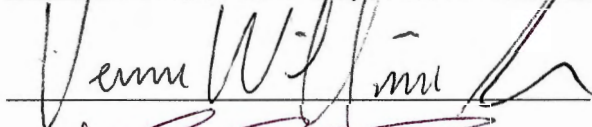
CHRISTOPHER J. RYAN



MARGARET A. CHASE



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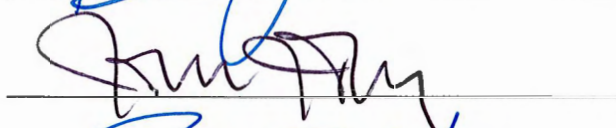
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DESIGNATION OF REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER

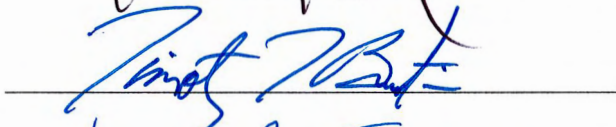
We, the undersigned, a majority of the Republican members of the County Legislature of Onondaga County for the years 2020 and 2021, do hereby designate the Syracuse Post Standard, a newspaper published in the City of Syracuse, New York, as the newspaper representing the political party to which we belong, and we hereby designate the Syracuse Post Standard as one of the newspapers in this County to publish concurrent resolutions, amendments, local laws, election notices, list of nominations and the official canvas for 2020 and 2021.



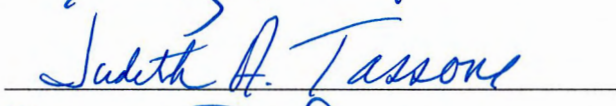
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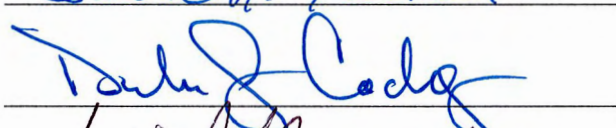
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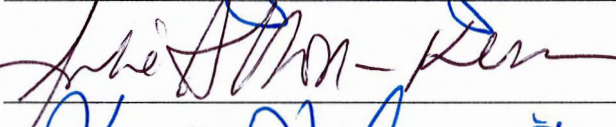
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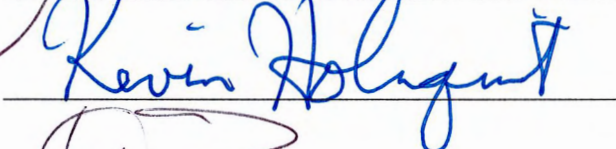
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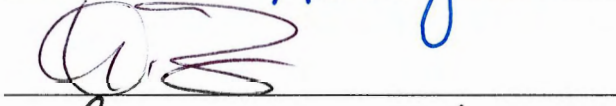
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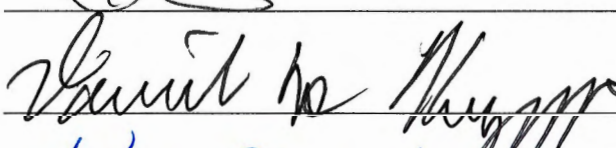
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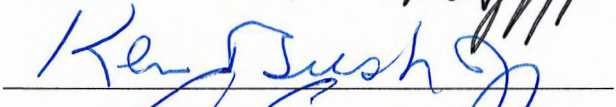
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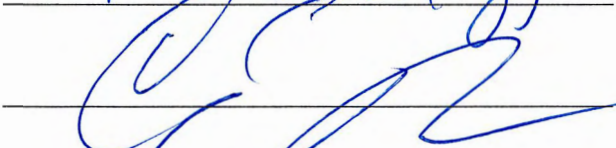
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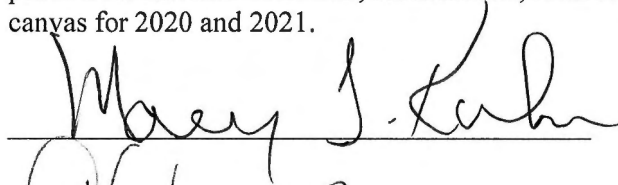
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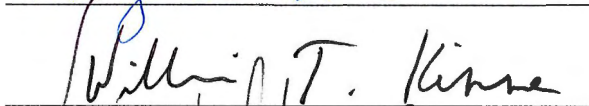
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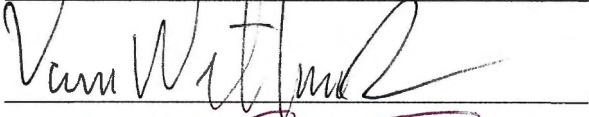
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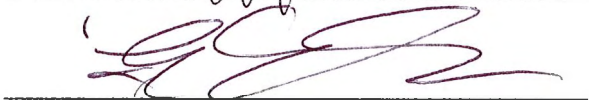
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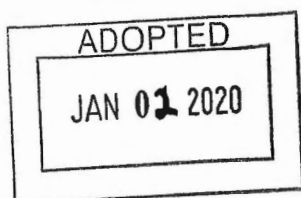
RESOLUTION NO. _____

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF DEBORAH L. MATURO AS CLERK OF THE ONONDAGA
COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that the following person is hereby appointed Clerk of the Onondaga County
Legislature:

DEBORAH L. MATURO
2181 Rose Hill Road, Marietta, New York 13110

Maturo Appt 2020
jmm



I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND
EXACT COPY OF LEGISLATION DULY ADOPTED BY THE
COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY ON THE

2nd DAY OF January, 2020.

Deborah L. Maturo

CLERK, COUNTY LEGISLATURE
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**ELECTION
OF CLERK**

1.

**JANUARY 2, 2020
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

LEGISLATOR	NAME	NAME	ABSENT	
1. MAY	motion			Mr. Holmquist
17. ERVIN	motion			nominated
2. ROWLEY	motion			Deborah
3. BURTIS	motion			motion,
4. TASSONE	motion			seconded by
5. CODY	motion			Ms. Kuhn.
6. ABBOTT-KENAN	motion			
7. KUHN	motion			
8. RYAN	motion			
9. CHASE	motion			
10. HOLMQUIST	motion			
11. McBRIDE	motion			
13. BUSH	motion			
14. JORDAN	motion			
15. KINNE	motion			
16. WILLIAMS	motion			
12. KNAPP	motion			
TOTAL	17	0		

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Motion Made By Mr. Knapp

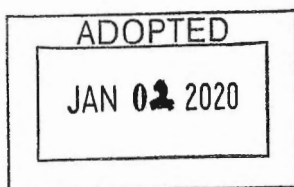
RESOLUTION NO. _____

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF KATHERINE M. FRENCH AS DEPUTY CLERK OF THE
ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that the following person is hereby appointed Deputy Clerk of the Onondaga County
Legislature:

KATHERINE M. FRENCH
5857 W. Pinegrove Road, Cicero, New York 13039

French Appt 2020
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**ELECTION
OF DEPUTY
CLERK**

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**JANUARY 2, 2020
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

LEGISLATOR	NAME	NAME	ABSENT	
1. MAY	French			Mr. Mc Bude
17. ERVIN	French			nominated
2. ROWLEY	French			Katherine
3. BURTIS	French			French,
4. TASSONE	French			seconded by
5. CODY	French			Dr. Chase
6. ABBOTT-KENAN	French			
7. KUHN	French			
8. RYAN	French			
9. CHASE	French			
10. HOLMQUIST	French			
11. McBRIDE	French			
13. BUSH	French			
14. JORDAN	French			
15. KINNE	French			
16. WILLIAMS	French			
12. KNAPP	French			
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Motion Made By Mr. Knapp

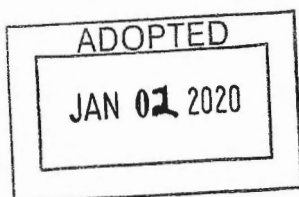
RESOLUTION NO. _____

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF JAMIE M. MCNAMARA AS ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE
ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that the following person is hereby appointed Assistant Clerk of the Onondaga
County Legislature:

JAMIE M. McNAMARA
3626 Nadir Lane, Baldwinsville, New York 13027

McNamara Appt 2020
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**ELECTION OF
ASSISTANT
CLERK**

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**JANUARY 2, 2020
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

LEGISLATOR	NAME	NAME	ABSENT	
1. MAY	McNamara			Ms. Abbott.
17. ERVIN	McNamara			Keran
2. ROWLEY	McNamara			McNamara
3. BURTIS	McNamara			James
4. TASSONE	McNamara			McNamara,
5. CODY	McNamara			seconded by
6. ABBOTT-KENAN	McNamara			Mr. May
7. KUHN	McNamara			
8. RYAN	McNamara			
9. CHASE	McNamara			
10. HOLMQUIST	McNamara			
11. McBRIDE	McNamara			
13. BUSH	McNamara			
14. JORDAN	McNamara			
15. KINNE	McNamara			
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12. KNAPP	McNamara			
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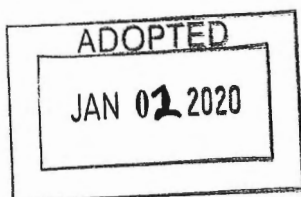
RESOLUTION NO. _____

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF DARCIE L. LESNIAK AS DIRECTOR, LEGISLATIVE
BUDGET REVIEW OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that the following person is hereby appointed Director, Legislative Budget Review
of the Onondaga County Legislature:

DARCIE L. LESNIAK
208 Leopold Boulevard, Syracuse, New York 13209

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4				January 2, 2020 Organization Session
LEGISLATOR	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	
1. MAY				Mr. Burtis nominated Darrell Lesnak, seconded by Chairman Krapp
17. ERVIN				
2. ROWLEY				
3. BURTIS				
4. TASSONE				
5. CODY				
6. ABBOTT-KENAN				
7. KUHN				
8. RYAN				
9. CHASE				
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13. BUSH				
14. JORDAN				
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Motion Made By Mr. Knapp

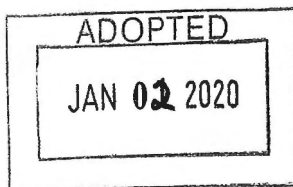
RESOLUTION NO. _____

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS R. PARO AS LEGISLATIVE ANALYST OF THE
ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that the following person is hereby appointed as Legislative Analyst of the Onondaga
County Legislature.

NICHOLAS R. PARO
413 First Street, Liverpool, New York 13088

Paro Appt 2020
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January 2, 2020
Organization Session

LEGISLATOR	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	
1. MAY				Mrs. Tassone nominated Nicholas Paro, seconded by Mr. May
17. ERVIN				
2. ROWLEY				
3. BURTIS				
4. TASSONE				
5. CODY				
6. ABBOTT-KENAN				
7. KUHN				
8. RYAN				
9. CHASE				
10. HOLMQUIST				
11. McBRIDE				
13. BUSH				
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16. WILLIAMS				
12. KNAPP				
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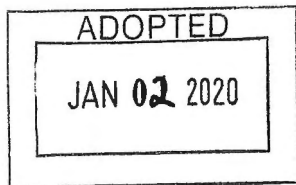
RESOLUTION NO. 006

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF RYAN P. FRANTZIS AS LEGISLATIVE AIDE OF THE
ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that the following person is hereby appointed Legislative Aide of the Onondaga
County Legislature:

RYAN P. FRANTZIS
211 Fletcher Drive, North Syracuse, New York 13212

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January 2, 2020
Organization Session

LEGISLATOR	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	
1. MAY				Mr. Cody nominated Rep. Frantpis, seconded by Mr. Jordan.
17. ERVIN				
2. ROWLEY				
3. BURTIS				
4. TASSONE				
5. CODY				
6. ABBOTT-KENAN				
7. KUHN				
8. RYAN				
9. CHASE				
10. HOLMQUIST				
11. McBRIDE				
13. BUSH				
14. JORDAN				
15. KINNE				
16. WILLIAMS				
12. KNAPP				
TOTAL	17	0		

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January 2, 2020

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Motion Made By Mr. Knapp, Mrs. Ervin

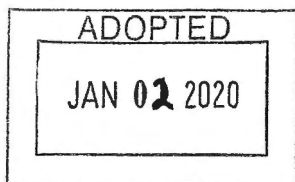
RESOLUTION NO. _____

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF JOHN N. DESANTIS AS LEGISLATIVE AIDE OF THE
ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that the following person is hereby appointed Legislative Aide of the Onondaga
County Legislature:

JOHN N. DESANTIS
59 Brown Street, Baldwinsville, New York 13027

Desantis Appt 2020
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND
EXACT COPY OF LEGISLATION DULY ADOPTED BY THE
COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY ON THE

2nd DAY OF January, 2020.

Deborah A. Matuso

CLERK, COUNTY LEGISLATURE
ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

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7				January 2, 2020 Organization Session
LEGISLATOR	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	
1. MAY				Mrs. Ervin
17. ERVIN				nominated
2. ROWLEY				John DeSantis,
3. BURTIS				seconded by
4. TASSONE				Dr. Chase.
5. CODY				
6. ABBOTT-KENAN				
7. KUHN				
8. RYAN				
9. CHASE				
10. HOLMQUIST				
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14. JORDAN				
15. KINNE				
16. WILLIAMS				
12. KNAPP				
TOTAL	17	0		

January 2, 2020 Session
Public Comment

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Remarks of Sam Young to the Onondaga County Legislature

January 2, 2020

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Sam Young, and I am a Town Councilor for the Town of DeWitt.

On behalf of the town, we are fully in favor of economic development opportunities for Onondaga County and any plans to bring tourism dollars into Onondaga County. We're also firm believers in the economic potential of sports tourism. We recognized more than 9 years ago that not only does Central New York need robust economic development projects, we need projects with significant economic potential. Our Willis Carrier Park Recreation facility is just such a project.

Carrier Park - a project born of a partnership between the Town of DeWitt, Carrier Corp. and the Syracuse Challenger Baseball Program - is an award-winning \$12.5 million state-of-the-art, all inclusive, multi-sport facility for children and adults, including those with special needs; it is a fully integrated, fully accessible outdoor sports complex a sports marketing professional recently characterized as "a world-class facility."

Carrier Park was also born of the idea that recreational tourism can play a critical role in building a prosperous future for Onondaga County and the greater CNY region. According to figures provided by Visit Syracuse, just 14 sports tournaments at Carrier Park per year can generate over \$5 million dollars in economic activity for DeWitt, Onondaga County, and the CNY region. Nearly \$2 million dollars of that would be incremental hotel revenue. DeWitt's Carrier Park will be an economic driver – and provider - not only for DeWitt, but for Onondaga County and the greater region.

The site of the park, a gift from Carrier Corporation to the Town of DeWitt, will ultimately include 9 championship baseball fields, 3 outdoor basketball courts - partially funded by the Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation – a walking trail, fully a fully ADA compliant Pavilion, and 2 super turf fields for baseball, softball, football, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey. Phase 1 is completed and includes the construction of two fully accessible baseball fields, an entry pavilion, gateway building, concessions and infrastructure. Phase two is underway as we speak, with the completion of the basketball courts and a brand new all-inclusive children's playground, the only one of its kind in Central New York.

Our facility is already hosting games, tournaments, championships, and special events throughout the season like Symphoria, Movie Night and a First responders Kickball Tournament. During the Spring, Summer and Fall, families are traveling to Onondaga County to have their kids compete at Carrier Park and they are booking rooms in local hotels, and spending money at local restaurants, entertainment venues, and retail outlets; the recreational sports tourism industry can be a genuine economic engine for the CNY economy.

I am proud to be a part of this exceptional project that not only serves my constituents in DeWitt, but also the greater community, and the children and families of the Syracuse Challenger organization. Challenger is a national Little League program that provides children and young adults with special needs the opportunity to do something we all take for granted...play baseball.

I would however, like to express some concerns we have with the County's current intent to seek a County wide Room Occupancy Tax; most specifically with the timing and pace of this action.

As many of you know, we have approximately 30+ hotels in the town of DeWitt, the highest concentration of hotels in Onondaga County. Each year Onondaga County

collects \$6 to \$7 million dollars a year in room occupancy taxes from the whole of the county; the Town of DeWitt contributes \$3 to \$3.5 million of that total. That means the Town of DeWitt pays roughly half of the total room occupancy taxes for the entire county!

Our 30+ hotels are responsible for generating the largest portion of the current Room Occupancy Tax revenues in Onondaga County. Visitors to these hotels are traveling on DeWitt roads, which are plowed and maintained by our Highway Department. These hotels are served by our police, fire and ambulance departments. Visitors at these hotels are spending some of their money at our local stores and restaurants, and paying sales taxes to Onondaga County, which we do not share; the rest of their spending is at businesses outside of DeWitt, which in turn supports the economy of the greater community.

For all of the tax dollars being generated by the existing room occupancy tax, we are getting almost none of those tax dollars back to support our own economy and the services we provide, even though DeWitt's Willis Carrier Park is a regional project with regional benefits.

In order to complete phase 3 of Carrier Park, and have the park achieve its full economic potential, we need additional funding that is greater than our ability to support with property tax dollars.

That's why more than two years ago DeWitt's Town Board took the affirmative step of proposing a 2.75% room occupancy tax for the Town of DeWitt to the NYS legislature; working with Assembly Member Pamela Hunter, we proposed and passed a municipal home rule resolution, asking the State Legislature to allow a tax of 2.75% on all hotel rooms in the Town of DeWitt. We estimate that such a tax would generate up to \$1.4 Million in additional tax revenues for the Town of DeWitt, without imposing additional burdens on our residents, but while supporting the greater local economy.

The funds would be specially ear-marked to fund Carrier Park and infrastructure improvements in the Carrier Circle hotel district. These improvements include sidewalks, street-scapes, lighting, signage, and walking trails—everything needed to make our hotel district a safe and desirable destination for visitors to Central New York; if any other local municipalities are interested, we'd be happy to share the knowledge we've gained, and plans we've created to facilitate this.

The intention is to convene a committee of stakeholders in and around the Carrier Hotel District, including the hoteliers, to help decide how these infrastructure dollars should be are spent. This tax bill was carried by Assembly Member Hunter and Senator DeFrancisco, and was passed by the Assembly.

In 2019, we again passed a home rule resolution, which was carried in the legislature by Assembly Member Hunter and Senator Antonacci. However, at the specific request of the County Executive in a June 2019 meeting, and based upon his assurance that the County would provide the funds for the remaining construction of Carrier Park and infrastructure improvements in the district in the County Budget, we agreed to withdraw our request and work with the county. Unfortunately, those funds were not included in the 2020 county budget.

And so, once again, our board, working with Assembly Member Hunter and the New York State Senate, will propose and pass this month a municipal home rule resolution for a hotel tax in DeWitt. We do so in the hopes of completing and funding Carrier Park, and improvements to the Hotel District, which will continue to generate revenues for the whole of Onondaga County.

As we have previously stated to Chairwoman Cody, Chairman Knapp, Minority Leader Ervin, and the County Executive in various meetings, we greatly prefer to take a region-wide, cooperative, non-partisan approach to tourism promotion and development, both with other municipalities and with the county. We would prefer to

have one tax rate for hotel rooms throughout the county, so that no municipality's hotels have a competitive advantage or disadvantage over one another. That way we are all working in partnership with one another to support much needed economic development for each of us as municipalities, the City of Syracuse, and the county as a whole.

If this is how the county is going to raise the funds to support the completion of Carrier park as promised, then we are in full agreement with the County's proposal. But so far, those assurances have not been forthcoming, and were not given in response to Legislator Linda Ervin's questions to the Deputy County Executive at the Ways and Means committee meeting on Monday. DeWitt needs to be assured that if we join in and support the County's efforts at proposing an addition to the County-wide room occupancy tax, that we will share in the revenues generated so that we can complete the Carrier Park project and hotel district infrastructure improvements, which will be a major driver of tourism dollars to the region.

Therefore, we are asking the County Legislature not to rush ahead, but to proceed carefully and deliberately, and after discussion with the Town of DeWitt and the other affected municipalities, to make sure that the additional revenues generated by this measure are shared throughout the County, including to those municipalities, like DeWitt, with the largest share of hotel rooms. This will insure a voice for our municipalities over some of the hotel tax dollars that are being generated by our local hotels and with local resources and services.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to continuing fruitful discussions.

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January 2, 2020

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Motion Made By Mr. Knapp

RESOLUTION NO. _____

APPOINTING LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL FOR THE ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that the following firm hereby is appointed to serve as Legislative Counsel for the Onondaga County Legislature, effective January 1, 2020, and extending through the end of the current legislative term on December 31, 2020, with such individuals being assigned work by the Chair of this Onondaga County Legislature as may be appropriate:

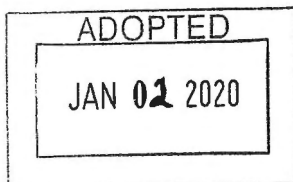
Baldwin, Sutphen & Frateschi, PLLC
126 North Salina Street
4th Floor
Syracuse, New York 13202

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that, consistent with the Onondaga County Charter and Administrative Code, the County Attorney is sole legal advisor to the County, and Legislative Counsel shall coordinate legal work with the County Attorney and shall apprise the County Attorney in a timely manner of legal opinions rendered so as to allow the County Attorney to properly perform all functions of the office; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the utilization of such Legislative Counsel is authorized to the extent that funding is provided for such purpose within the annual county budget, with any expenditures in excess thereof being subject to appropriate executive approval.

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January 2, 2020
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LEGISLATOR	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	
1. MAY				
17. ERVIN				
2. ROWLEY				
3. BURTIS				
4. TASSONE				
5. CODY				
6. ABBOTT-KENAN				
7. KUHN				
8. RYAN				
9. CHASE				
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11. McBRIDE				
13. BUSH				
14. JORDAN				
15. KINNE				
16. WILLIAMS				
12. KNAPP				
TOTAL	17	0		

January 2, 2020

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Motion Made By Mr. Knapp

RESOLUTION NO. _____

PERSONNEL RESOLUTION AND AMENDING THE COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, various changes in personnel are requested, and such requests have been reviewed by the Commissioner of Personnel, Chief Fiscal Officer, County Executive and the Ways & Means Committee of this County Legislature; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following personnel changes be and hereby are authorized, effective the first full pay period after January 2, 2020:

County Comptroller Admin. Unit 13-00

Create L102253, Chief of Staff (Comptroller) at Grade 37 at \$92,895 - \$123,148

Abolish L102252, Assistant Deputy Comptroller at Grade 35 at \$77,287 - \$102,457

Abolish L100149, Chief Government Acct at Grade 36 at \$84,730 - \$112,323

Finance Admin Unit 39-00

Advance Step L107889, Sr. Admin Officer (Fin Ops), from Grade 36 step G to Grade 36 step M

Parks Department Admin Unit 69-00

Create L109070, Deputy Commissioner of Parks at Grade 35 at \$77,287 - \$102,457

Department of Social Services-Economic Security Admin Unit (81-00)

Create L109282, Clerk III at Grade 7 at \$42,543 - \$47,019

Water Environment Protection Admin Unit 33-00

Create L109568, Financial Analyst at Grade 35 at \$77,287 - \$102,457; and authorize advance step placement at step O

Create L109570, Energy Management Analyst at Grade 35 at \$77,287 - \$102,457

Create L109564, Management Engineer (WEP) at Grade 35 at \$77,287 - \$102,457

Create L109566, Heavy Equipment Mechanic Crew Leader at Grade 11 at \$57,738 - \$63,902

Abolish L105472, Sanitary Technician at Grade 7 at \$42,543 - \$47,019

Abolish L105633, WWTP Maintenance Worker (Mech) at Grade 7 at \$42,543 - \$47,019

Abolish L107041, Sanitary Engineer 3 at Grade 32 at \$58,690 - \$77,804

Advance Step L105492, Instrumentation/Electr Superintendent from Grade 34 step K to Grade 34 step P

Advance Step L105681, Sewer Maintenance Superintendent from Grade 34 step P to Grade 34 step U

RESOLVED, that the Onondaga County Salary Plan be amended to include the positions added above and to reallocate the salary grade for the following positions: the Chief of Staff from Grade 37, \$92,895 - \$123,148 to Grade 38, \$101,853 - \$135,023, and the Sr. Executive Assistant from Grade 32, \$58,690 - \$77,804 to Grade 33, \$64,324 - \$85,272, and the Admin Director (Parks & Recreation) from Grade 33, \$64,324 - \$85,272 to Grade 35, \$77,287 - \$102,457; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Personnel is authorized to make any administrative corrections as may be reasonably needed to effectuate the intent of this resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2020 County Budget be amended as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS:

In Admin Unit 1300000000

Office of the Comptroller

Speedtype 102004

In Account 641010 – Regular Employee Salaries

(\$85,381)

In Account 691200 – Employee Benefits Indptl

(\$48,667)

In Admin Unit 2365150000

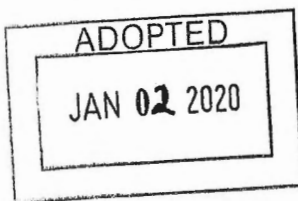
County General Other Items

Speedtype 140061

In Account 666500 – Contingency Account

\$134,048

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Dec 27, 2019
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January 2, 2020
Organization Session

LEGISLATOR	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	
1. MAY	✓			Mr. Holmquist assumed the Chair so that Chairman Knapp could debate.
17. ERVIN	✓			
2. ROWLEY		✓		
3. BURTIS	✓			
4. TASSONE	✓			
5. CODY	✓			
6. ABBOTT-KENAN	✓			Following debate, Chairman Knapp re-assumed the Chair.
7. KUHN		✓		
8. RYAN	✓			
9. CHASE	✓			
10. HOLMQUIST	✓			
11. McBRIDE	✓			
13. BUSH		✓		
14. JORDAN		✓		
15. KINNE		✓		
16. WILLIAMS	✓			
12. KNAPP	✓			
TOTAL	12	5		

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January 2, 2020

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Motion Made By Mr. Knapp

RESOLUTION NO. _____

REQUESTING NEW YORK STATE TO AMEND SECTION 1202-A OF THE STATE TAX LAW TO
AUTHORIZE ONONDAGA COUNTY TO IMPOSE A HOTEL AND MOTEL TAX IN THE
AMOUNT OF 7% PERCENT OF THE PER DIEM RATE FOR EACH ROOM

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1202-a of the New York State Tax Law, the rate of hotel and motel tax in Onondaga County is 5% of the per diem rental rate for each room provided in Onondaga County; and

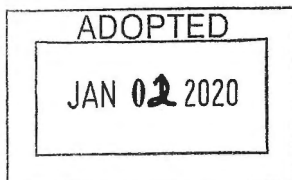
WHEREAS, the tourism industry generates income for local businesses and reduces the overall tax burden on local residents, and increasing the room occupancy tax will provide a needed source of funding to promote tourism within the County; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote and enhance local tourism, Onondaga County seeks to increase the rate of the hotel and motel tax to 7% of the per diem rate for each room; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Onondaga County Legislature hereby requests the New York State Legislature to amend New York State Tax Law Section 1202-a to authorize Onondaga County to impose a hotel and motel tax at the rate of 7% of the per diem rate for each room provided; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this County Legislature is directed to cause a copy of this resolution to be transmitted to the New York State legislators representing Onondaga County.

Memorialize – Room Occupancy Tax
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10 MOTION TO TABLE				January 2, 2020 Organization Session
LEGISLATOR	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	
1. MAY		✓		Mr. Kinne made a motion to table to February session, seconded by Ms. Kuhn. Mr. Holmquist assumed the Chair so Chairman Knapp could debate. Following debate, Chairman Knapp re-assumed the Chair.
17. ERVIN	✓			
2. ROWLEY		✓		
3. BURTIS		✓		
4. TASSONE		✓		
5. CODY		✓		
6. ABBOTT-KENAN		✓		
7. KUHN	✓			
8. RYAN	✓			
9. CHASE	✓			
10. HOLMQUIST		✓		
11. McBRIDE		✓		
13. BUSH		✓		
14. JORDAN		✓		
15. KINNE	✓			
16. WILLIAMS	✓			
12. KNAPP		✓		
TOTAL	6	11		Motion Defeated.

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January 2, 2020
Organization Session

LEGISLATOR	AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	
1. MAY	✓			
17. ERVIN	✓			
2. ROWLEY	✓			
3. BURTIS	✓			
4. TASSONE	✓			
5. CODY	✓			
6. ABBOTT-KENAN	✓			
7. KUHN		✓		
8. RYAN	✓			
9. CHASE	✓			
10. HOLMQUIST	✓			
11. McBRIDE	✓			
13. BUSH	✓			
14. JORDAN	✓			
15. KINNE		✓		
16. WILLIAMS	✓			
12. KNAPP	✓			
TOTAL	15	2		The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.