

RESOLUTION NO. 283

PROMOTING ALBANY COUNTY EMPLOYMENT AND PROMOTING A DIVERSE WORKFORCE BY REQUIRING DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE TO CONDUCT OUTREACH AND TRAINING ABOUT AVAILABLE CIVIL SERVICE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Introduced: 6/11/18

By Mr. Fein:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature finds that it is in the best interest of the County to attract the most qualified candidates for employment with the County and to have a diverse and highly skilled workforce, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature finds that it is in the best interest of the County to promote opportunities with the County to a geographically, racially, and culturally diverse groups of potential applicants, and

WHEREAS, According to the 2010 census, 21.8% of the population of Albany County is nonwhite and according to the 3rd Quarter 2017 Albany County EEO Report, 18.31% of the employees of Albany County are nonwhite, and

WHEREAS, Employment with local and state government have traditionally been a path to the middle class for many families, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature recognizes that County has made progress in diversifying its workforce and expanding opportunities to traditionally underrepresented groups, as 33.06% of new hires in the 3rd Quarter 2017 were nonwhite and 32.20% of new hires in the 2nd Quarter 2017 were nonwhite, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature recognizes that the County should strive to improve upon past progress and ensure that it is actively recruiting individuals that have traditionally been underrepresented in the government workforce, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature believes that it would benefit the County to implement a focused recruitment effort to all communities, and especially to communities that have been traditionally underrepresented in the County workforce, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Department of Civil Service is required hold a minimum of five (5) employment opportunity outreach

events each year, of which three must be located in U.S. Census Tracts in which 50% of the residents are nonwhite, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Department of Civil Service is encouraged to invite and coordinate with the Department of Human Resources, Division of Affirmative Action, and other County Departments when holding employment opportunity outreach events, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Department of Civil Service is required to host a minimum of three (3) free civil service training courses each year, of which two (2) must be located in U.S. Census Tracts in which 50% of the residents are nonwhite, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Department of Civil Service is encouraged to partner with educational institutions and organizations to assist with implementing the civil service training courses, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Department of Civil Service is encouraged to partner with the New York State Department of Civil Service and human resources and civil service departments in municipalities within the County when planning civil service employment opportunity outreach events and civil service training courses, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Department of Civil Service is required to advertise and conduct outreach for all employment opportunity outreach events and civil service training courses on the Albany County website, on social media, and by notifying all County Legislators by email about the events and courses more than ten (10) days in advance of the outreach events and training courses, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Department of Civil Service is required to create a mechanism on the Albany County website for organizations and individuals to sign up for its distribution list where it sends information on employment opportunities and civil service test announcements, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Personnel Committee – 6/11/18