

**RESOLUTION NO. 452**

**REQUESTING THE ALBANY COUNTY COMPTROLLER TO REVIEW A SAMPLE OF DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

Introduced: 11/8/10

By Messrs. Nichols, Gordon, Reilly, Scavo, Bullock and Higgins:

WHEREAS, Albany County is facing one of the biggest budget deficits in recent history and there must be a determination if County tax payer dollars are being used efficiently, and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 437 for 2009, this Honorable Body imposed restrictions on employee travel in an attempt to arrest spending on matters outside the required core services, and for similar reasons, this Honorable Body also imposed restrictions on the purchase of office equipment by adopting Resolution No. 157 for 2010, and

WHEREAS, As evidenced by the 2011 proposed budget, it is very apparent that additional measures must be taken to control expenditures within the County, but at the same time, information must be obtained prior to making rational policy determinations, and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of this Honorable Body that the Albany County Comptroller assist in the effort to obtain such information by reviewing administrative expenses such as travel expenses and reimbursements, charge card and cell phone usage, expenditures for conferences and training, association dues, subscriptions and other incidental costs related to the administration of a department by selecting a sample of County departments to determine the suitability of such administrative expenditures, and

WHEREAS, In order for the requested review to be viable, it is believed that the departments should be representative of two large departments and one moderately sized department, all of which have regular employee activities outside an office setting, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Comptroller is requested to review the aforementioned administrative expenses of the Department of Social Services, the Department of Children's Services and the Mental Health Department and to report his findings as expeditiously as possible, 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.

*Adopted by unanimous vote. 11/8/10*