

RESOLUTION NO. 466

REQUESTING THE ALBANY COUNTY COMPTROLLER TO ANALYZE THE PROJECTED COST SAVINGS OF THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE

Introduced: 12/4/06

By Mr. Hoblock:

WHEREAS, In 2004 Albany County pursuant to Local Law No. 6 of 2003 established the office of the Alternate Public Defender, and

WHEREAS, The 2004 budget predicted that “the Alternate Public Defender model can ... save the County taxpayer about 1 million dollars {annually}”, and

WHEREAS, The budget for the Alternate Public Defender for the fiscal year 2007 is projected to be approximately 1.1 million dollars, and

WHEREAS, The budget for the Public Defender for the fiscal year 2007 is projected to be approximately 3.3 million dollars, and

WHEREAS, The total cost of both offices is approximately 4.4 million dollars, and

WHEREAS, The Legislature has yet to be provided with an analysis to indicate that the creation of the Alternate Public Defender’s office is saving the taxpayers money, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body cannot determine whether it is in the best interest of the taxpayer to continue to fund the Alternate Public Defender’s office, and

WHEREAS, The County Comptroller’s office keeps records of all appropriations, funds and expenditures, and

WHEREAS, The County Comptroller can analyze and determine the fiscal impact of the funding of the Alternate Public Defender’s office, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That within 30 days of the passage of this resolution, the County Comptroller shall issue a report that analyzes the fiscal implications of the funding of the Alternate Public Defender’s office and whether the Alternate Public Defender’s office is saving the taxpayers money, 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 Law Committee. 12/4/06