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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorizing a License Agreement with Rochester A.B.O.V.E. for the 2023 Pan Afrikan Festival

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a License Agreement with Rochester A.B.O.V.E. for the 2023 Pan Afrikan Festival to be held at the Highland Bowl on August 5, 2023.

Rochester A.B.O.V.E. (Achieving and Bringing Our Vision to Excellence) seeks to use the Highland Park Bowl for the 2023 Pan Afrikan Festival. This will be the 15th iteration of the festival, however, it is the first time it is being organized as a ticketed, paid admission event in a County park.

The Pan Afrikan Festival, until recently known as the Afrikan American Festival, celebrates the heritage and culture of all people from the Afrikan Diaspora through music, dance, art, spoken word, and educational literature. Prior festivals have included live music and entertainment, a children's play area, a health tent, and food and beverages available to purchase from vendors.

As part of this licensing process, Rochester A.B.O.V.E. would be required to remit a payment of \$500 for the use of the Highland Bowl for the day, a Special Use Event Permit fee of \$350, bounce house fees of \$50, and Single Day Special Sales Permit fees of \$50 per vendor selling food or goods at the event.

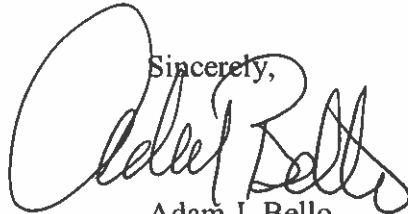
The specific legislative action required is to authorize a license agreement with Rochester A.B.O.V.E. for the 2023 Pan Afrikan Festival to be held at the Highland Bowl on August 5, 2023.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(21) ("minor temporary uses of land having negligible or no permanent impact on the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This license is revenue generating and no net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records of the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that Rochester A.B.O.V.E., a not-for-profit organization, does not owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive