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Board of Legislators
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Honorable Members:

The Oneida County Charter mandates that I submit to you a "complete financial plan for the county and its administrative units for the ensuing fiscal year setting forth proposed expenditures and anticipated revenues...".
Article VI, section 603

This year there exist unique circumstances that compel me to ask the Board of Legislators to waive the procedural time requirement for submission of the proposed 2011 budget on October 5, 2010.


This request for waiver is due to the following: a) the abbreviated time frame in which to calculate the savings to be realized from early retirees who are not obligated to state their intention to retire until October 1, 2010; b) the need to allow the employee bargaining units to fully poll their membership as to the proposal to accept a freeze on their salaries for 2011; c) the time needed to prepare a budget proposal that will have to itemize the loss of jobs in the event such freeze is not accepted by the unions.

I respectfully request that the Board of Legislators resolve to waive the October 5, 2010 time requirement for submission of the 2011 County budget in view of these extraordinary circumstances and extend such time for budget submission until **October 13, 2010 at 2:00 pm.**

I have been advised by the County Attorney that there have been occasions in the 48 year history of the Charter when procedural provisions of this nature have been waived on a showing of special circumstances. I believe such circumstances exist in this instance.

Thank your for the Board's understanding in this regard.

Very truly yours,


Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
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