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January 7, 2025

Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman Albany County Legislature 112 State Street, Rm. 710 Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Department of Parks and Recreation requests approval to establish a formal Shared Services Program within the Albany County Department of Parks and Recreation. This initiative aims to streamline and enhance the process by which we share equipment with and perform services for Albany County municipalities.

We propose to accomplish this through the creation of Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), which will serve as formal agreements between the Albany County Department of Parks and Recreation and various municipalities across the County. These MOUs will outline the terms and conditions under which equipment and services may be provided, ensuring that all parties involved have a clear understanding of responsibilities, costs, and other logistics.

The goal of this program is to maximize the use of existing resources, enhance efficiency, and provide municipalities with access to specialized equipment and services that may not otherwise be readily available to them. By formalizing this process, we aim to foster greater collaboration among municipalities, improve service delivery, and reduce operational costs.

We are confident that the proposed Shared Services Program will be beneficial to both the Albany County Department of Parks and Recreation and the municipalities we serve. Your approval of this request will enable us to move forward with drafting the necessary MOUs and implementing the program.

Sincerely,

Bakary Janneh Commissioner

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel James Curran, Minority Counsel

