



Onondaga County Legislature

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WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE AGENDA

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1:00 p.m.

October 27, 2026

**401 Montgomery St., Courthouse Room 407
Syracuse, New York 13202**

A. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

B. Presentation of Resolutions and Local Laws:

1. ONONDAGA COUNTY WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION:

- a. 2026 Transfer Resolution (*Sponsored by Mr. Eriksen*)
- b. A Resolution Supplementing a Bond Resolution Dated and Duly Adopted June 6, 2023, Authorizing the Issuance of \$69,000,000 Bonds of the County of Onondaga, New York, to Pay Costs of Improvements for the Onondaga County Sanitary District (*Sponsored by Mr. Eriksen*)

2. COUNTY FACILITIES:

- a. 2026 Transfer Resolution (*Sponsored by Mr. Ryan*)

3. DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:

- a. 2026 Transfer Resolution (*Sponsored by Mr. Romeo*)

4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

- a. Authorizing Additional Compensation for Onondaga County District Attorney Investigators Deputized as “Federal Task Force Officers” (*Sponsored by Mr. Garland*)

5. SHERIFF:

- a. 2026 Transfer Resolution (*Sponsored by Mr. Garland*)
- b. Amending the 2026 Onondaga County Budget to Accept Grant Funds from the Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026 (*Sponsored by Mr. Garland*)

6. COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

- a. Confirming Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Onondaga Civic Development Corporation (Marcus Davis-El) (*Sponsored by Ms. Denton*)

- b. A Local Law Providing a Full Exemption from Property Taxes and Certain Related Charges for the Primary Residence of Eligible Veterans with Permanent and Total Service-Connected Disabilities (*Sponsored by Mr. Knapp*)

C. Adjournment

November 5, 2026

Motion Made By Mr. Eriksen

RESOLUTION NO. _____

2026 TRANSFER RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the following transfer be made:

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Admin Unit 3300000000	Admin Unit 3300000000	
Water Environment Protection	Water Environment Protection	
Speed Type# 484040	Speed Type# 481010	
Acct. 641010	Acct. 694130	
Regular Employee Salaries	Maint, Utilities, Rents	\$1,178,948
 <u>FROM:</u>	 <u>TO:</u>	
Admin Unit 3300000000	Admin Unit 3300000000	
Water Environment Protection	Water Environment Protection	
Speed Type# 484040	Speed Type# 481010	
Acct. 666500	Acct. 694130	
Contingent Account	Maint, Utilities, Rents	\$565,482



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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Title: AMENDING THE 2026 COUNTY BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM SALARIES AND CONTINGENT ACCOUNT TO PAY FOR ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED UTILITY RATES

Purpose: WEP is seeking to transfer funds from the Contingent Account and Regular Employee Salaries to Maintenance Utilities and Rents for the supplementary costs associated with increased utility rates.

Summary: Increased utility rates on electricity and gas have resulted in utility costs exceeding the 2026 Maintenance Utilities and Rent budget. To cover projected costs, a transfer of \$1,744,430 is requested for the 413 – Maintenance Utilities and Rents account, with \$1,178,948 coming from 101 – Regular Employee Salaries and \$565,482 coming from 650 – Contingent Account.

Fiscal Impact: This will have no impact on the budget – net \$0.

November 5, 2026

Motion Made By Mr. Eriksen

RESOLUTION NO. _____

SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING A BOND RESOLUTION DATED AND DULY ADOPTED JUNE 6, 2023, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$69,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK, TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE ONONDAGA COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, by proceedings heretofore duly had and taken pursuant to the Onondaga County Administrative Code, the County of Onondaga has approved the improvements described herein; and

WHEREAS, by Bond Resolution No. 90 of 2023 (the “2023-090 Bond Resolution”) the County Legislature of the County of Onondaga, New York, did authorize the issuance of \$69,000,000 bonds of said County to pay certain improvements for the Onondaga County Sanitary District; and

WHEREAS, said 2023-090 Bond Resolution was intended to authorize financing for two projects as part of the Metro WWTP 1978 Plant Annex Asset Renewal Project, being the Clarifier and Gallery Asset Renewal project and the Harbor Brook Pump Station as to which proceedings prior thereto were duly had and taken; and

WHEREAS, as adopted, said 2023-090 Bond Resolution allocated said \$69,000,000 solely to the Clarifier and Gallery Asset Renewal project; and

WHEREAS, the map, plan, and report for the Harbor Brook Pump Station dated April 1, 2026 clarified that, in addition to \$2,000,000 in additional cost therefor, \$17,500,000 of the \$69,000,000 authorized by the 2023-090 Bond Resolution is allocated to the Harbor Brook Pump Station, and a public hearing was duly held thereon; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide an allocation for the financing of said improvements; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the County Legislature of the County of Onondaga, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the object or purpose of paying costs of improvements for the Onondaga County Sanitary District consisting of the Clarifier and Gallery Asset Renewal project at Metro WWTP and the Harbor Brook Pump Station project, of the \$69,000,000 bonds of said County authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law by the 2023-090 Bond Resolution, there shall be allocated \$51,500,000 to the Clarifier and Gallery Asset Renewal project and \$17,500,000 shall be allocated to the Harbor Brook Pump Station, each a specific object or purpose.

Section 2. The maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is \$69,000,000, and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of the issuance of the \$69,000,000 bonds of said County authorized by the 2023-090 Bond Resolution, as supplemented hereby.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is each forty years, pursuant to subdivision 4 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said County of Onondaga, New York, are hereby irrevocable pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. There shall annually be assessed upon the taxable real property in said Sanitary District in the manner provided by law an amount sufficient to pay said principal and interest as the same become due and payable, but if not paid from such source, all the taxable real property within said County shall be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Fiscal Officer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Chief Fiscal Officer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer, the chief fiscal officer of such County. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Chief Fiscal Officer shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The Chief Fiscal Officer is hereby further authorized, at his sole discretion, to execute a project financing agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and, or note issue of said County in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
- 2) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said County is not authorized to expend money, or
- 3) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the Post Standard, the official newspaper of such County, together with a notice of the Clerk of the County Legislature in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

ADOPTED: AYES: NAYS: ABSENT:

Dated: _____

Approved: _____
 County Executive, Onondaga County

ADOPTED: _____, 2026

November 5, 2026

Motion Made By Mr. Ryan

RESOLUTION NO. _____

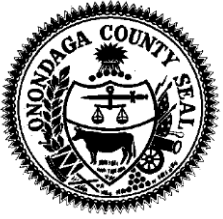
2026 TRANSFER RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the following transfer be made:

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Admin Unit 0500000000	Admin Unit 0500000000	
Facilities Management	Facilities Management	
Speed Type# 470030	Speed Type# 470060	
Acct 694950	Acct. 694100	
Interdepart Charges	All Other Expenses	\$101,000

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Admin Unit 0500000000	Admin Unit 0500000000	
Facilities Management	Facilities Management	
Speed Type# 470030	Speed Type# 470030	
Acct 694950	Acct. 694130	
Interdepart Charges	Maint, Utilities, Rents	\$299,000

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Admin Unit 0200000000	Admin Unit 0500000000	
Human Services Authorized Agencies	Facilities Management	
Speed Type# 280362	Speed Type# 470030	
Acct 695000	Acct. 694130	
Indigent Def of Legal Defendants	Maint, Utilities, Rents	\$246,500



FACILITIES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET

PURPOSE:

Appropriate and transfer funds to cover expenditures incurred beyond Budget balance

OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN:

Shortfall in All Other Expenses is due to increase in Postage rates and usage; the shortfall in Maint/Util/Rents is due to increased utility costs for all buildings.

FUNDING SOURCE:

The funding will come from Facilities Interdepartmental Charges Appropriations and savings in Indigent Defense.

BUDGET:

<u>Transfer From Account</u>		<u>Amount</u>
694950	Interdepartmental Charges	\$400,000
695000	Indigent Def of Legal Defendants	\$246,500
<u>Transfer To Account</u>		<u>Amount</u>
694100	All Other Expenses	\$101,000
694130	Maint, Utilities & Rents	\$545,500

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Motion Made By Mr. Romeo

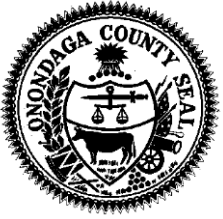
RESOLUTION NO. _____

2026 TRANSFER RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the following transfer be made:

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Admin Unit 8300000000	Admin Unit 8300000000	
Children & Family Services	Children & Family Services	
Speed Type# 440032	Speed Type# 440054	
Acct. 661070	Acct. 694010	
State Training Schools	Travel & Training	\$69,450

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Admin Unit 8300000000	Admin Unit 8300000000	
Children & Family Services	Children & Family Services	
Speed Type# 440032	Speed Type# 440029	
Acct. 661070	Acct. 694130	
State Training Schools	Maint, Utilities, Rents	\$106,780



CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET

PURPOSE:

The Department of Children and Family Services is requesting to transfer funds between accounts due to additional costs associated with training, fuel, repairs, and energy.

OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN:

The Department of Children and Family Services has experienced increased Travel & Training cost due to mandated State training schedules for new hire cohorts. Maint, Utilities, Rents increased due to repairs for Hillbrook appliances and increased energy costs as a result of State approved rate hikes for delivery, infrastructure upgrades, rising supply cost and market demand.

FUNDING SOURCE:

The funding will come from the 661070-State Training Schools account

BUDGET:

<u>Transfer From Account</u>		<u>Amount</u>
661070	State Training Schools	\$ 176,230
<u>Transfer To Account</u>		<u>Amount</u>
694010	Travel & Training	\$ 69,450
694130	Maint, Utilities, Rents	\$ 106,780

November 5, 2026

Motion Made By Mr. Garland

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR ONONDAGA COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS DEPUTIZED AS “FEDERAL TASK FORCE OFFICERS”

WHEREAS, certain District Attorney Office Management/Confidential (“MC”) employees in the titles of: Confidential District Attorney Investigator 1, Confidential District Attorney Investigator 2, and Confidential District Attorney Investigator 3, have been deputized as Federal Task Force Officers (“TFO”) by the Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”); and

WHEREAS, TFO’s are presently uncompensated for DEA task force work performed outside of their normal County duties and regular hours of work; and

WHEREAS, the DEA will reimburse the County for overtime (“OT”) pay for said task force work, on a quarterly basis, up to Twenty-two Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$22,377.00) annually for OT paid by the County to each TFO; and

WHEREAS, absent legislative authorization, MC employees are not normally eligible for OT compensation; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby authorizes TFOs to earn OT pay at the rate of one-and-one-half their normal rate of pay up to the annual reimbursement amount as set forth above; and, be it further

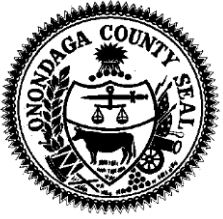
RESOLVED, that such OT payments shall be made through the County payroll system in accordance with its normal rules, customs, and practices; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County is authorized to receive reimbursement from the DEA for such OT payments up to the limits set forth herein; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the OT earnings limitation shall be adjusted annually to match the reimbursement cap set by the DEA; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Personnel is authorized to make any administrative corrections as may be reasonably needed to effectuate the intent of this resolution.



DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET

PURPOSE:

To Compensate District Attorney Investigators, who are Management Confidential, and not eligible for overtime, with funds from the Federal Government for hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week.

OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN:

Drug Enforcement Administration will reimburse Onondaga County.

FUNDING SOURCE:

Drug Enforcement Administration.

BUDGET:

No local impact.

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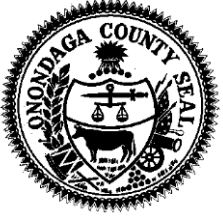
Motion Made By Mr. Garland

RESOLUTION NO. _____

2026 TRANSFER RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the following transfer be made:

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Admin Unit 7900000000	Admin Unit 7900000000	
Sheriff's Office	Sheriff's Office	
Speed Type# 412200	Speed Type# 413100	
Acct. 694950	Acct. 695700	
Interdepart Charges	Contractual Expense	\$200,000
<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Admin Unit 0200000000	Admin Unit 7900000000	
Human Services Authorized Agencies	Sheriff's Office	
Speed Type# 280362	Speed Type# 413100	
Acct. 695000	Acct. 695700	
Indigent Def of Legal Defendants	Contractual Expense	\$2,208,263



ONONDAGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET

PURPOSE:

To authorize the transfer of appropriated funds to Contractual Expenses within the Sheriff's Office Operating Budget for the purpose of meeting year-end obligations.

OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN:

The account projected to have a shortfall at 2026-year end in the Sheriff's Budget is Contractual Expenses. This transfer requires additional funding for Contractual Expenses (570) line.

Contractual Expenses deficit - A NYS mandate dictates that the County pays 100% toward the cost of health care for incarcerated individuals. By having to secure a new Health provider the cost has gone up, and the additional health services has increased. The cost of the new Health care provider exceeded the 2026 budgeted amount by \$2,408,263.00.

Below is a summary of where estimated funds will be coming from.

FUNDING SOURCE:

The funding will come from Sheriff's Office Interdepartmental Charges and the Indigent Def of Legal Defendants account transferred as illustrated below.

BUDGET:

<u>Transfer From Account</u>		<u>Amount</u>
694950	Interdepartmental Charges	\$200,000
695000	Indigent Def of Legal Defendants	\$2,208,263
<u>Transfer To Account</u>		<u>Amount</u>
695700	Contractual Expenses Non-Govt	\$2,408,263

November 5, 2026

Motion Made By Mr. Garland

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AMENDING THE 2026 ONONDAGA COUNTY BUDGET TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE; ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT; AND
INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

WHEREAS, the Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law No. 119-74) has awarded the County of Onondaga grant funding through the Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program; Bureau of Justice Assistance; Office of Justice Programs; U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$1,031,000.00 to purchase a customized Mobile Command Vehicle and associated hardware and technology, designed to support emergency management operations, large-scale public safety incidents, special events, critical incident coordination, and multi-agency command and communications operations throughout Onondaga County and the Central New York region; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to include such funds in the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office's 2026 budget and authorize the execution of agreements; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute agreements and such other documents as may be reasonably necessary to implement the intent of this resolution; and be it further

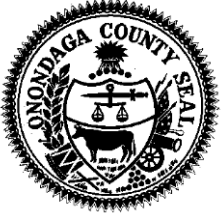
RESOLVED, that the 2026 County budget be amended as follows:

REVENUES:

In Admin Unit 7900000000	
Sheriff's Office	
Speed Type# 410020	
Project 782227	
Byrne Mobile Command Grant	
In Acct. 590012	
Fed Aid – Public Safety	\$1,031,000

APPROPRIATIONS:

In Admin Unit 7900000000	
Sheriff's Office	
Speed Type# 410020	
Project 782227	
Byrne Mobile Command Grant	
In Acct. 671500	
Automotive Equipment	\$1,031,000



ONONDAGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET

PURPOSE:

Amend the 2026 County Budget to accept \$1,031,000 in Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law No. 119-74) grant funds and to utilize these funds to purchase and equip a mobile command vehicle.

OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN:

Congressman John Mannion sponsored the bill that provided the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) with \$1,031,000 in FY2026 Community Project Funding administered by the Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program; Bureau of Justice Assistance; Office of Justice Programs; U.S. Department of Justice, to purchase and equip a mobile command vehicle.

The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office intends to utilize the federally appropriated FY2026 Community Project Funding to procure and equip a customized Mobile Command Vehicle designed to support emergency management operations, large-scale public safety incidents, special events, critical incident coordination, and multi-agency command and communications operations throughout Onondaga County and the Central New York region.

The Mobile Command Vehicle will enhance interoperable communications, incident command capabilities, field intelligence coordination, and unified response operations during planned events, natural disasters, critical incidents, dignitary protection details, and regional emergency response missions.

FUNDING SOURCE:

Funding for this initiative is provided by the FY2026 Community Project Funding administered by the Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program; Bureau of Justice Assistance; Office of Justice Programs; U.S. Department of Justice

BUDGET:

\$1,031,000

November 5, 2026

Motion Made By Ms. Denton

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ONONDAGA CIVIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Onondaga County Legislature has duly appointed and designated, subject to confirmation by the Onondaga County Legislature, the following individual to serve as an appointee to the Board of Directors of the Onondaga Civic Development Corporation:

APPOINTMENT:

Marcus Davis-El
Syracuse, New York

TERM EXPIRES:

October 6, 2029

and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Legislature to confirm said appointment; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Onondaga County Legislature does hereby confirm the appointment of the above individual to serve as an appointee to the Board of Directors of the Onondaga Civic Development Corporation.

MARCUS DAVIS-EL

Construction Leadership | Workforce Development | Community Investment

Syracuse, New York | marcus@moorstardevelopment.com | moorstardevelopment.com

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Syracuse construction professional, workforce educator and business owner with a construction career beginning in 2005. Combines field supervision, career training and real estate development planning. Brings a practical understanding of how workforce preparation, responsible investment and employer needs intersect to expand local economic opportunity.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

SUNY EOC / ON-RAMP Syracuse | Construction Instructor / Senior Trainer | 2026

- Delivered practical construction and workforce instruction supporting career preparation for local residents, drawing on field experience to connect classroom learning with jobsite expectations.
- Contributed to construction and advanced manufacturing curriculum planning, integrating safety, MC3 content, hands-on learning and preparation for industry credentials.
- Supported cohort-based learning with an emphasis on safe work practices, technical foundations, professional expectations and pathways into skilled employment.
- Helped connect workforce education with regional construction and manufacturing needs, bringing an employer and contractor perspective to training design.

MoorStar Development Group, LLC | Co-Founder & Managing Partner

- Co-leads development planning for Syracuse housing, mixed-use projects and historic adaptive reuse, including the West Onondaga corridor.
- Coordinates project concepts, preliminary budgets, financing discussions and collaboration with public agencies, lenders and construction partners.
- Advocates for development that pairs neighborhood investment with workforce opportunity, local business participation and community benefit.

Davis-El Construction, LLC | Owner

- Provides construction leadership across project management, scheduling, safety, quality control, manpower planning and trade coordination.
- Served as superintendent for work at Nottingham High School in 2019; earlier superintendent experience with PAC at Frazier Elementary School in 2018.

Regional STEAM High School, SCSD | Construction Management & DDP Instructor | 2025–2026

- Taught construction management and Design and Drawing for Production, connecting technical education with construction careers and practical project delivery.

BOARD CONTRIBUTION & PUBLIC IMPACT

Offers a perspective spanning worker preparation, contractor operations and development planning. EOC/ON-RAMP experience informs how job-creation goals translate into the skills residents need to participate. Construction experience supports practical assessment of project feasibility, implementation and employment potential; community roots inform attention to accessible economic opportunity.

SELECTED CREDENTIALS & RECOGNITION

MC3 Certified Instructor | Certified Procore Project Manager | OSHA 10 training
CNY Legacy 40 Over 40 Honoree, Cuse Culture, 2026

LOCAL LAW NO. _____ - 2026

A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING A FULL EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES AND CERTAIN
RELATED CHARGES FOR THE PRIMARY RESIDENCE OF ELIGIBLE VETERANS WITH
PERMANENT AND TOTAL SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY AS
FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Intent.

This Local Law is adopted to implement the authority granted to Onondaga County pursuant to Section 458-a(11) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”). The Onondaga County Legislature finds that it is authorized to make available a full exemption from property taxes and certain related charges for the primary residence of eligible veterans with permanent and total service-connected disabilities. Further, this Legislature finds that veterans with permanent and total service-connected disabilities often face substantial and continued economic, medical, and housing burdens resulting from their service-connected disabilities. Finally, this Legislature finds that providing a full exemption from County real property taxes, special district charges, assessments, and special ad valorem levies for the primary residence of such veterans is in the public interest and serves a public purpose by assisting those veterans to remain in their homes.

Section 2. Exemption.

Onondaga County hereby adopts the exemption as set forth in RPTL Section 458-a(11), so that the primary residence of veterans with permanent and total service-connected disabilities shall be fully exempt from County taxation, special district charges, assessments, and special ad valorem levies, provided that such veterans meet the eligibility requirements of RPTL Section 458-a(11).

Section 3. Eligibility.

Pursuant to Section 458-a(11)(a) and (b), the exemption shall be granted to a veteran who:

a.

- (i) must have been discharged or released from active military, naval, space, or air service, including army and national guard service performed pursuant to federal orders under title 10 of the United State code, under honorable conditions; or
- (ii) must have a qualifying condition, as defined in section one of the veterans’ services law, and must have received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service; or
- (iii) must be a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of the veterans’ services law, and must have received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service; and

- b. must be considered by the United States department of veterans affairs to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service, as evidenced by a letter, official form, or other document sent to such veteran from such department that specifically states such veteran is considered to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of such service.

Section 4. Application.

Application for this exemption shall be made to and filed with the assessor for the municipality in which the property is located on or before the taxable status date on a form provided by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

Section 5. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the judgment shall not effect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which the judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 6. Notification.

The Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature shall provide notice of adoption of this Local Law to the New York State Department of Veterans' Services within thirty (30) days of such adoption.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately and shall be filed with the New York Secretary of State pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law.