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LOCAL LAW NO.10 - 2019

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 205-a OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY IN RELATION TO CHANGING THE NAME OF THE
COORDINATING AGENCY FOR SPANISH AMERICANS TO THE OFFICE OF
HISPANIC AFFAIRS.

Passed by the Nassau County Legislature on May 20, 2019
Voting Ayes:18, Nays:0. Abstained: 0

Became a law on June 11, 2019 with the approval of the Deputy County Executive
acting on behalf of the County Executive

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Kevin Henderson

Deputy County Attorney

WHEREAS, section 205-a of the County Government Law of Nassau County
established a Coordinating Agency for Spanish Americans (CASA) in the office of the
County Executive to develop and coordinate programs and perform other duties to
address the needs and interests of Nassau County's large Hispanic community; and

WHEREAS, CASA continues to play an important role in addressing the needs
and interests of Nassau County's Hispanic community who trace their roots to Mexico,
South America, Central America, the Caribbean and beyond; and

WHEREAS, it is timely and necessary for local government to appropriately identify Nassau County's Hispanic community which continues to grow and contribute to the County's local economy as business owners, homeowners and consumers; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County's Hispanic community also continues to face a variety of challenges, including but not limited to language barriers, employment obstacles, and immigration-related concerns; and

WHEREAS, an Office of Hispanic Affairs would continue to serve as a necessary resource and liaison to Nassau County's Hispanic community to help it meet the challenges and demands of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the name of the agency established under Section 205-a of the County Government Law of Nassau County does not adequately describe the community which it serves; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau as follows:

Section 1. Section 205-a of the County Government Law of Nassau County is amended as follows:

§205-a **Office of Hispanic Affairs.** There is hereby created in the office of the County Executive a coordinating agency for Hispanic affairs to be known as the Office of Hispanic Affairs. The County Executive shall appoint an advisory board consisting of fifteen members, ten of which shall be Hispanic Americans. The advisory board shall develop and coordinate programs for the Hispanic community and perform such other duties as may be directed by the County Executive. The County Executive shall appoint an executive director for the office. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. Whenever the term "Coordinating Agency for Spanish Americans" or "C.A.S.A." appears in any provision of the County Government Law of

Nassau County, or the Nassau County Administrative Code, or any local law, ordinance or resolution heretofore adopted by the County Legislature, it shall be deemed to mean and refer to the Office of Hispanic Affairs.

§ 2. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

§3 It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of Title 6 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that the adoption of this local law is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) and (27) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

§ 4. This local law shall be effective immediately.

APPROVED
Helena Williams
for **County Executive**
DATE 6/12/19