

**RESOLUTION NO. 116 - ENDORSING HOUSING STRATEGY FOR TOMPKINS COUNTY**

MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Mr. Dennis.

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan, adopted by the Legislature in December 2004, established the principle that "Housing in Tompkins County should be affordable and appealing to all residents, regardless of their incomes or whether they rent or own their homes," and

WHEREAS, according to the 2000 Census 40 percent of households in Tompkins County were financially stressed by paying more than 30 percent of income for housing, and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment for Tompkins County completed in August 2006 identifies the need for almost 4000 new non-student housing units over the next ten years, over half of which need to be affordable to households making 80 percent or less of median household income, and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Tompkins County Economic Development Strategy, adopted by the Legislature in October, 2006, identifies the need to "Increase and diversify housing supply" as one of three top economic development goals, and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Advisory Board reviewed a draft strategy to meet this housing need which has been amended to reflect further input from municipalities and community organizations, and

WHEREAS, the Housing Strategy for Tompkins County is a starting point for addressing this critical community need and will evolve and be refined over time, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development and Environmental Quality Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature, endorses and supports the Housing Strategy for Tompkins County, dated June 19, 2007.

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cc: Administration – via Network  
Finance  
Public Works  
Planning

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
) ss:  
COUNTY OF TOMPKINS )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Tompkins County Legislature on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Legislature at Ithaca, New York, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

, Clerk  
Tompkins County Legislature