I.B.10 - BARUCH COLLEGE - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK INSTITUTE FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE:

RESOLVED, That the City University of New York Institute for State and Local Governance (ISLG) be established as a university-wide institute. The CUNY ISLG will provide timely, nonpartisan research and professional development for state and local governments as well as non- or inter-governmental agencies that serve purposes not neatly contained in a single jurisdiction. The CUNY ISLG will be led by a full-time Executive Director, who will be appointed by the Chancellor and will serve as the Institute’s primary liaison with external contracting constituencies and with College and University administrations.

EXPLANATION: At the federal state and local level, fiscal pressures are constantly testing government’s ability to provide basic governmental services. While the debate and discussion of these issues occur in a highly charged political environment, it would be extremely beneficial to have an institute where practitioners and researchers could focus on non-partisan ideas and solutions to the myriad of governmental fiscal problems.

Although particularly concerned with the governance of New York City and State, the CUNY ISLG will be more broadly interested in the relationships between large cities and large states, in the federal policies that relate to the challenges of policy formulation and governance in large cities and states, and in the coordination of efforts among jurisdictions to best serve the people. To better acquaint students, the community, the press and civic leadership with the best research and pressing questions in its areas of interest, the CUNY ISLG will sponsor regular public programs and will partner with other non-governmental organizations to foster civic engagement. In addition to research and public programs, the ISLG will provide certificated training for public sector professionals to build successful careers and to improve the management capabilities and the effectiveness of the organizations they support.

The ISLG will be a university-wide institute primarily located on the campus of Baruch College and physically co-located with the School of Public Affairs (SPA) to capitalize on the synergies among SPA’s and the Institute’s mission and personnel. In addition, the Institute will take advantage of CUNY’s other physical and human infrastructure. Roosevelt House on the Hunter campus will provide a mid-town location for both conferences and seminars. The variety of public administration programs throughout the CUNY system will further provide both staff resources as well as the opportunity to coordinate, capstone, internship, and research opportunities in New York City and State programs. In both the short and long-term, CUNYISLG will be an attractive target for philanthropic investment. A sufficiently large endowment would enable the Institute to undertake signature projects without recourse to contract or grant revenue.

The CUNY ISLG will be led by a full-time Executive Director, who will be appointed by the Chancellor and will serve as the Institute’s primary liaison with external contracting constituencies and with College and University administrations. The Executive Director will seek guidance from a governing Board that will help the ISLG to shape its research and training programs, identify prospective clients and funding streams, make external constituencies aware of the Institute and its work, and extend the network of experienced researchers and practitioners available for consultation on Institute projects. The Board will be composed of not fewer than seven and not more than 19 members representing the spheres of professional practice, scholarship, and interested stakeholder constituencies.