STATE OF NEW YORK COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

In the Matter of the Proceeding Pursuant to Section 44, subdivision 4,

Pursuant to Section 44, subdivision 4, of the Judiciary Law in Relation to

STIPULATION

WILLIAM R. CROSBIE,

a Justice of the Tarrytown Village
Court, Westchester County.
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THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between Robert H. Tembeckjian, Administrator and Counsel to the Commission on Judicial Conduct (hereinafter, "Commission"), the Honorable William R. Crosbie, the respondent in this proceeding, and Martin N. Silberman, Counsel to respondent.

- 1. This Stipulation is presented to the Commission in connection with a formal proceeding presently pending against respondent.
- 2. Respondent, an attorney, is 79 years of age and has served as Village Justice of Tarrytown since 1987. He has also served on the Tarrytown Village Board and the Westchester County Board of Legislators, was temporarily assigned as Acting City Judge of Yonkers City Court in July 2001, and has been active in civic affairs in Tarrytown. Respondent was elected in March 2003 to a four-year term as Justice of the Village Court of Tarrytown. His judicial salary is \$33,000 per year.

- 3. By letter of May 21, 2003, the Commission advised respondent that it had initiated an investigation on its own motion with respect to certain ethnic-based remarks allegedly made by respondent on May 15, 2003, to a defendant in a parking violation case. The Commission also advised respondent in that letter that it had initiated an investigation based on a written complaint alleging that a few weeks earlier respondent had made remarks of a racial nature to a judge concerning a defendant in a case. Earlier, respondent allegedly had made similar racial remarks to the defendant in that case, and at the request of defense counsel, respondent disqualified himself from the matter.
- 4. Respondent submitted his resignation as a Tarrytown Village Court Justice, effective June 5, 2003.
- 5. On June 12, 2003, the Commission served charges against respondent with respect to the above allegations.
- 6. Pursuant to law, the Commission has 120 days from the date of a judge's resignation to complete an investigation, file charges, conduct a formal proceeding, and, if the Commission determines that the judge should be removed from office, file a determination in the Court of Appeals.
- 7. Respondent's counsel submitted to the Commission letters from respondent's physicians stating that respondent is suffering from certain medical conditions that would prevent him from assisting in his own defense.

- 8. The parties to this Stipulation respectfully request that the Commission close the pending matter based on (a) respondent's acknowledgment, by this Stipulation, that he cannot successfully defend the charges presently pending against him and (b) other relevant factors, including respondent's age, health and long service to the Village of Tarrytown. Respondent affirms that he will neither seek nor accept judicial office at any time in the future.
- 9. Respondent waives confidentiality as provided by Section 45 of the Judiciary Law to the limited extent that this Stipulation will be made public if approved by the Commission. All parties to this Stipulation agree that under the present circumstances and in view of respondent's present medical condition, this resolution of the pending matter is in the best interest of the respondent and the public.

Dated:

7/7/03
7/8/03

Martin N. Silberman, Esq. Counsel to Respondent

Robert H. Tembeckjian, Esq. Administrator and Counsel

to the Commission