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Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
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Re: Erie County Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dear Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature:

This letter is in regards to the Erie County Community Corrections Advisory Board ("ECCCAB"); specifically a recommendation to appoint Kenneth Colon to fill the Hispanic community position on the ECCAB. As per a resolution adopted by your body on March 17, 2011 (Intro 4-4 2011), one seat on the ECCCAB be recommended by the Hispanic community of Erie County.

As a leader in the Hispanic community, I would like to recommend Kenneth Colon. Mr. Colon was previously recommended by a collective of Hispanic community leaders in March 2011. Mr. Colon has a very strong interest in participating on the ECCCAB. He currently serves as a case manager in Buffalo Urban League's Adult Ex-Offender program. In this capacity he provides support to ex-offenders in their transition back to the community. This support includes family reunification, education and job trainings, career assessment, education and placement, with a goal of finding gainful, long term employment. Additionally, he currently serves on the Re-Entry Task Force and was previously employed by Hispanics United where his responsibilities included providing alternatives to incarceration for the at-risk population. As a result of his experience, Mr. Colon has in-depth knowledge of the corrections system, would provide valuable insight to the board, and has worked with the Hispanic community on both edges of the correction system, as described above.

Mr. Colon comes highly recommended not just from the undersigned, but also from leaders in the re-entry community. Attached is his resume for your review. I encourage the Erie County Legislature to seriously consider Mr. Colon and appoint him to the Erie County Community Corrections Advisory Board. Thank you for accepting my recommendation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David A. Rivera".

**Councilmember David A. Rivera
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