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Certificate of Party Recommendation
For Commissioner of Elections
Erie County Democratic Party
(Pursuant to Election Law, Sections 3-204)

To the Clerk of the Erie County Legislature:

We do hereby certify that:

At the biennial reorganization meeting of the Erie County Democratic Committee held on the 29th day of September, 2012, duly convened and held at the Hearthstone Manor, 333 Dick Road, Depew, NY 14043 in the Town of Cheektowaga, County of Erie, and State of New York, under the provisions of Election Law Section 3-204 and the rules of the Erie County Democratic Committee, and with a quorum being present,

Dennis E. Ward, residing at 210 Capen Blvd., Amherst, NY 14226 was recommended by majority of said committee as a suitable and qualified person for appointment to the office of Commissioner of Elections for the four (4) year term beginning January 1, 2013 and that said designee is a registered voter of the County of Erie and a duly enrolled member of the Democratic Party.

Dated October 2, 2012
Buffalo, New York

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have made and executed this Certificate, this 2nd day of October, 2012.

Jeremy J. Zellner, Presiding Officer & Chair

Dennis E. Ward, Secretary

State of New York
County of Erie ss:

On the 2nd day of October, 2012, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public/Commissioner of Deeds, in and for the State of New York, personally appeared **Jeremy J. Zellner** and **Dennis E. Ward**, each personally known to me or proven to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, to be the individual whose name (s)he subscribed to this instrument and acknowledged to me that (s)he executed the same in his/her capacity, and that his/her signature on the instrument, the individual or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

~~Notary Public~~/Commissioner of Deeds

Name: Paige S. Orr
Commissioner of Deeds, in and for the City of Buffalo, County of Erie, State of New York
My commission expires 12/31/2012

AFFIDAVIT:

State of New York
County of Erie ss:

We the undersigned, **Jeremy J. Zellner, Chair and Presiding Officer** and **Dennis E. Ward, Secretary**, being duly sworn, each for himself, deposes and says:

That we are the same persons who signed the foregoing Certificate of Party Recommendation for Democratic Elections Commissioner. We were and are the Chair/Presiding Officer and Secretary, respectively, of the Party Committee as provided for in the Rules of the Erie County Democratic Committee, which met on the 29th day of September, 2012 at 10:00 am at the Hearthstone Manor, 333 Dick Rd., Depew, NY 14043, in the Town of Cheektowaga, County of Erie and State of New York; and which is the committee as provided by the rules of said party to recommend a candidate of the Democratic Party for final appointment by the Erie County Legislature.

That at such meeting, the said Party Committee did duly vote, with a quorum being present, to so recommend the candidate indicated, and the matters as stated in said Certificate are true.

Jeremy J. Zellner, Presiding Officer & Chair **Dennis E. Ward, Secretary**

Sworn to before me this 2nd day of October, 2012

Notary Public/Commissioner of Deeds

Name: Paige S Orr
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