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Betty Jean Grant, Chairperson
Erie County Legislature
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Hon. Grant:

At the Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, the following item was ADOPTED by the full Council:

(CCP Item No. 102 February 5, 2013) "Buffalo Common Council Support of Greater Buffalo Sports and Entertainment Complex, LLC (GBSEC)"

We respectfully request that you review the enclosed item. Comments and/or responses to this item should be filed with the City Clerk, 1308 City Hall, Buffalo, New York 14202 by 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 14, 2013.

Thank you in advance for your timely attention to this matter.

Julia Paul
Sr. Legislative Assistant

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Resolution

Sponsors: Councilmembers Smith, Fontana, Russell, Golombek, Pridgen, Scanlon, Franczyk, Rivera, LoCurto

Subject: **Buffalo Common Council Support of Greater Buffalo Sports and Entertainment Complex, LLC (GBSEC)**

Whereas: The Greater Buffalo Sports and Entertainment Complex, LLC (GBSEC) has filed a proposal for the development of a landmark Sports, Entertainment, Conference and Museum Complex on the Buffalo Outer Harbor with the Erie County Legislature and the Buffalo Common Council asking for a Resolution of The Sense of this Body; and

Whereas: GBSEC has made presentations to the Buffalo Common Council, the Mayor of the City of Buffalo and the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority in the recent past, as well as, submitted such proposal to the Governor and State of New York; and

Whereas: In Recognition of the fact that GBSEC has retained the pre-eminent sports and entertainment complex design and development firm, HKS, Inc. of Dallas, Texas, the stadium development firm working most closely with the National Football League in building successful and Super Bowl grade facilities, as its project designer and manager; and

Whereas: Recognition of the stated objective of GBSEC and public acknowledgement by The Strong Museum of Rochester that the two parties hope to collaborate to develop the Nation's First Museum of Sport & Competition on the Outer Harbor site; and

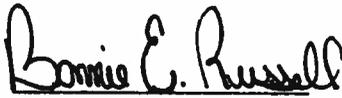
Whereas: We recognize that the GBSEC proposal seeks to create a publicly accessible green and environmentally progressive waterfront environment, as well as create significant economic, job, and destination tourism opportunities for our community.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

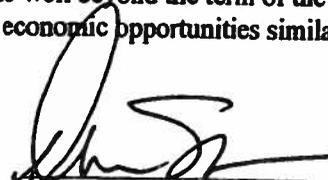
This the Common Council of the City of Buffalo does unanimously declare its support for continued exploration and the exercise of due diligence to study the feasibility of the GBSEC proposal, including making our resolve known to other branches of government and public authorities, as well as, the National Football League, in the hope that a proposal, such as this will result in keeping the Buffalo Bills in WNY and in the City of Buffalo well beyond the term of the current lease - and with the expectation that the proposed project will create significant, new economic opportunities similar to the recent experience of the City of Indianapolis.



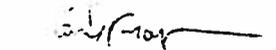
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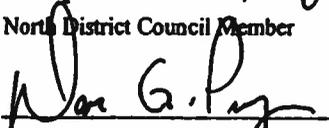
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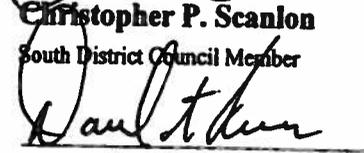
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