

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED
BY LEGISLATOR HOGUES**

RE: Expressing Support for a Park & Ride Facility in the Former DL&W Terminal Adjacent to Canalside to Alleviate the Shortage of Parking at the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus

WHEREAS, at a recent meeting of the Economic Development Committee of the Erie County Legislature, legislators were apprised by residents of the Fruit Belt Neighborhood and McCarley Gardens that employees of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus have taken up so much on-street parking spots that inconvenience and hardship have become real challenges, especially to older and disabled residents of this community; and

WHEREAS, given the anticipated growth of the Medical Campus, and the increased, corresponding job creation, the dearth of parking for employees must be addressed in a manner that is considerate of the needs of the surrounding neighborhood residents to park near their homes; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to provide commuters to jobs at the Medical Campus with a parking facility at the foot of Main Street in the former DL & W Terminal has an added benefit of increasing local visitor traffic in that location that could ultimately assist business development efforts aimed toward tourism; and

WHEREAS, coffee shops, restaurants, dry cleaners, convenience stores and other retail establishments could have access to a steady stream of potential customers who come to Downtown Buffalo and the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus daily to access emerging employment opportunities, thereby augmenting the visitation anticipated for Canalside for recreation and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, development of a parking, transportation – Metro Rail — and commercial hub that can accommodate a critical mass of people, year-round, at the foot of Main Street and at Canalside is essential to the long-term success of the businesses that consider locating there.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature support efforts to relieve employee parking congestion in the vicinity of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus so that parking spots near McCarley Gardens and the Fruit Belt Neighborhood can be accessed by the residents of that community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Legislative Body recognize the need for a parking and Metro Rail transportation hub that is geographically removed from the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, yet will efficiently and cost-effectively bring needed workers to the Campus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body encourage business and parking facility development at the foot of Main Street and at Canalside that will appeal to tourists and residents of our region alike.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for resolution.