



TOWN OF AMHERST

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SUPERVISOR

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March 20, 2012

Mr. Robert M. Graber
Legislative Clerk
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Mr. Graber:

The attached certified Resolution 2012- 279, *Working with the Amherst Industrial Development Agency*, was adopted at the March 19, 2012, Amherst Town Board Meeting. This resolution opposes any legislative attempt at the local or state level that would alter, modify, or abolish the current operation of the Amherst Industrial Development Agency (AIDA) without the agency's participation as an equal partner in any discussions to revise, reform, or change the current system and structure of addressing development policy.

Would you please distribute copies of this certified resolution to all members of the Erie County Legislature.

Regards,

Barry A. Weinstein, M.D.
Supervisor

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enc.



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CERTIFICATE OF TOWN CLERK

I, Marjory Jaeger, Town Clerk of the Town of Amherst, in the County of Erie, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY, as follows:

That the attached Resolution 2012-279 "Working with the Amherst Industrial Development Agency" is a true and exact copy of the Resolution enacted by the Town Board at its meeting on March 19, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Town of Amherst this 20th day of March, 2012.

Marjory Jaeger
Town Clerk
Town of Amherst, Erie County, NY

Sworn to before me
This 20th day of March, 2012

Notary Public

KATHLEEN M. COOPER
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Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Erie County
My Commission Expires June 30, 2014



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Meeting: 03/19/12 07:00 PM
Department: Supervisor
Initiated by: **Barry A. Weinstein**
ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2012-279

Working with the Amherst Industrial Development Agency

WHEREAS: The Town of Amherst has worked closely with the Amherst Industrial Development Agency (AIDA) in the areas of business growth, business retention, and job creation; and

WHEREAS: The Amherst IDA has played a major role in helping to preserve and expand our town's tax base, adding to our overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS: The Amherst Town Board has relied on the Amherst IDA for valuable input in formulating economic development policies for our community, as well as input into community development planning, land use issues and the development of our Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS: The Amherst Town Board continues to look to the Amherst IDA to play a primary role in assisting developing strategies for the expansion and retention of businesses and jobs in the Town of Amherst; and

WHEREAS: Many towns are experiencing the need to develop new economic development strategies for dealing with vacant properties and areas that have experienced dis-investment and view their local IDA's as major participants in developing those policies and programs for designating selected "Re-Development Zones" and serving as the lead agency for encouraging new investment and projects within those zones; and

WHEREAS: Recent developments point to the crucial role local IDA's will play in developing policies that balance environmental protection with the need for economic development and removing legal and bureaucratic barriers to economic development and job creation; and

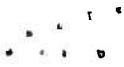
WHEREAS: The County of Erie and the Buffalo Niagara Partnership have advanced the "Framework for Regional Growth" (FRG) as a regional growth strategy promoting growth within existing sewer districts, most of which are located in areas serviced by a local IDA and will require the active participation of that IDA to implement the goals of the FRG; and

WHEREAS: Currently efforts are underway by the Erie County Industrial Development Agency to streamline and coordinate existing economic development incentives, programs and policies to better integrate the specific redevelopment needs of brownfields and greyfields and the coordination of new regional commercial and retail development policies to focus on matching markets with redeveloped and re-useable properties; and

WHEREAS: Several municipalities have undertaken the adoption of comprehensive land use plans and the reform of existing zoning to facilitate commercial and industrial reuse and revitalization which will involve the active participation of local IDA's; and

WHEREAS: Proposals are now being advanced by various elected officials at the local and state levels that would severely restrict the role and tools available to local IDA's to assist their respective communities with these critical issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Amherst Town Board opposes any legislative attempt at the local or state level that would alter, modify, or abolish the current operation of the Amherst IDA **WITHOUT** local IDA's participating as equal partners in any discussions to revise, reform or change the current system and structure of addressing economic development policy; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of New York, every member of the Western New York State Senate and Assembly delegations, the Erie County Executive, and the members of the Erie County Legislature.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None for resolution

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Barry A. Weinstein, Supervisor
SECONDER:	Guy R. Marlette, Deputy Supervisor
AYES:	Barry A. Weinstein, Guy R. Marlette, Barbara S. Nuchereno, Steven D. Sanders
NAYS:	Mark A. Manna
ABSENT:	Richard Anderson Sr.