Recommendation to Amend the Erie County Charter
Erie County Charter Revision Commission of 2016

Recommendation Intro. No. 157
Recommendation No. 29

Introduced on the Report of the Special Committee on Consolidation and Conformity.

Sponsored by Commission Member _____

The Erie County Charter Revision Commission of 2016 does hereby recommend that Section 2505 be amended to read as follows:

a. In presenting the tentative budget, the county executive shall report on the amount of the balance contained in the General Fund including non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unrestricted funds. Such report for each fund shall be current as of the County's last audited financial statements.
b. The county shall maintain an unassigned balance in the General Fund equal to or greater than five percent of the amount contained in the adopted budget of the General Fund of the County's last audited financial statements. For purposes of this section, the total General Fund calculation shall not include sales and compensating use tax revenues shared with local governments and school districts. Fund balance may be included as revenue in an approved budget of the General Fund provided that there shall remain an unassigned balance of at least five percent as provided in the first sentence of this paragraph.
c. If the proposed county budget appropriates unassigned fund balance in the General Fund reducing the unassigned General Fund fund balance below five percent as described in subsection (b), the county executive shall present a separate resolution to the county Legislature parallel with the proposed county budget requesting approval of the appropriation. The county may only approve unassigned General Fund fund balance below the five percent level upon a <u>two-thirds super</u>majority vote of the county legislature. A budget that is approved without a vote of the county legislature shall not appropriate any fund balance revenue in the General Fund in excess of the amount provided in this subsection. The county executive's tentative budget shall indicate equivalent deletions in the tentative budget that shall be executed if the use of fund balance permitted by this paragraph is not approved by the county legislature.
d. Following approval of the annual budget, no additional unassigned General Fund fund balance shall be appropriated as revenue during the fiscal year without

the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the total membership of the county legislature.

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The intent and purpose of this recommendation is to require that two thirds of the legislature must vote for any budget which reduces fund balance below 5%.

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	YES	NO	NOT PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Todd J. Aldinger	✓			
Joseph T. Burns	✓			
Tara Cadmus	✓			
Diana K. Cihak		✓		
Keith E. Dash	✓			
Kenneth J. Farrell	✓			
Peter J. Galie	✓			
Christina G. Holdsworth	✓			
Timothy M. Hudson	✓			
Matthew J. Kibler		✓		
Peter M. Kooshoian		✓		
Rashied McDuffie		✓		
Cheryl Meyers-Buth		✓		
Sibu S. Nair		✓		
Tiffany R. Perry		✓		
David Pollack	✓			
Myra E. Robinson-Moses		✓		
Mary A. Stang-Cooke	✓			
Jeanne M. Vinal		✓		

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