

**ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**Robert M. Graber**  
Clerk



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February 14, 2011

Hon. Barbara Miller-Williams, Chair  
Erie County Legislature  
Old County Hall  
92 Franklin St., 4th Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Chair Miller-Williams,

Attached for the public record please find additional letters from Erie County residents expressing interest in serving on the Advisory Committee on Reapportionment. The attached letters arrived at the Legislature after the posted deadline of February 4, 2011.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Graber, Clerk  
Erie County Legislature

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February 7, 2011

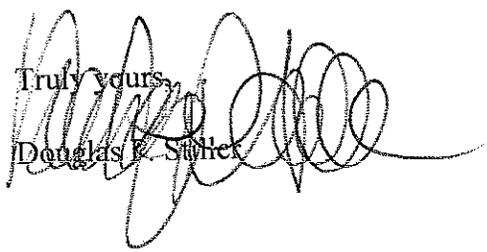
Robert M. Graber, Clerk  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Advisory Committee on Reapportionment

Sir,

Please accept this correspondence as my application to serve on the Advisory Committee for Reapportionment for Erie County.

Truly yours,

  
Douglas P. Stiller

**DONALD A. ALESSI  
ATTORNEY AT LAW**

6215 TRANSIT ROAD  
EAST AMHERST, NEW YORK 14051

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February 7, 2011

Robert M. Graber, Clerk  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street  
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Buffalo, N.Y. 14202

Re: Legislative Redistricting Committee

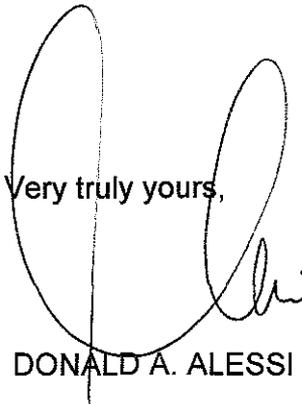
Dear Mr. Graber:

I understand that you are collecting letters of interest to serve on the Legislative Redistricting Committee. Please include my letter of interest for that Committee.

As an attorney, student of Government and lifelong resident of Erie County who was previously involved in a city-wide redistricting proposal, I believe that I have the knowledge, experience, ability and perspective necessary to assist the Committee in producing a redistricting recommendation to the Legislature.

I enclose a resume of my background and experience and welcome any request for further information.

Very truly yours,



DONALD A. ALESSI

Encl:

**DONALD A. ALESSI**  
**Resume'**

**Personal:**

Residence Address: 4940 Hillcrest Drive, Clarence, New York 14031  
Business Address: 6215 Transit Road, East Amherst, New York 14051, Tel No. (716)854-7900;  
Family Status: Married, two sons  
Veteran U.S. Army Honorably Discharged, January, 1972, 1st Lieutenant.  
2005 Grand Marshal Greater Buffalo Italian Heritage Festival  
2008 "Person of the Year" Federation of Italian-American Societies of Western New York  
2009 "Hall of Fame" Bishop Fallon High School

**Education:**

Bishop Fallon High School, Buffalo, New York  
Canisius College, Buffalo, New York, Bachelor of Science Degree  
Joint Comparative Law Program for the Study of the European Common Law, Brussels Belgium  
State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Law, Juris Doctor Degree

**Professional Memberships and Associations:**

Admitted to practice in United States Supreme Court, all New York State Courts and the Federal Courts of the Western and Northern Districts of New York;  
Erie County Bar Association, Judiciary Committee and Law Practice Management Committee, Past Chair;  
New York State Bar Association, Municipal Law Committee;  
Chairman Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park;  
Past President Federation of Italian-American Societies of Western New York;  
President, Good Government Club of Western New York;  
Councilmember, Western Region Government Finance Officers Association;  
Director, Bishop Fallon High School/ Holy Angels Collegiate Institute Alumni Association;  
Hearing Officer, New York State Board of Equalization and Assessment;  
Hearing Officer, Small Claims Assessment Review, Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District;  
Past Member, Town of Clarence Municipal Review Committee;  
Past President, Baseball and Football Boosters of Clarence Central High School;

**Employment:**

November, 1970 to present	- Private practice of law, with concentration in Corporate/Business, transactional and litigation, Public Finance ("Red Book" qualified) Municipal and Labor Law
August, 1988 to June 30, 2001	- President, Antique World, Inc., 10995 Main Street, Clarence, New York;
January, 1994 to January, 1998	- Counsel, Clarence Industrial Development Agency;
January, 1996 to January, 1998	- Town Attorney, Clarence, New York;
January, 1994 to January, 1996	- Deputy Town Attorney, Clarence, New York;
January, 1975 to April, 1987	- Local Counsel to Henry J. Nowak, Member of Congress, 33 <sup>rd</sup> NY Congressional District;
August, 1974 to December, 1974	- Local Counsel to T. J. Dulski, Member of Congress, 37 <sup>th</sup> NY Congressional District;
February, 1971 to August, 1974	- Legal Aid Society of Buffalo, Public Defender Bureau, Assistant Public Defender;
January, 1970 to February, 1971	- Erie County Sheriff's Department, Administrative Assistant to Sheriff

**JONATHAN D. RIVERA**

346 Bryant Street Apt 3, Buffalo, NY 14222 // 716.228.0992 // jonrivera@yahoo.com

**EDUCATION** Buffalo State College Buffalo, NY  
 Bachelor of Science, Business Administration August 2008

**AREAS OF STRENGTH** TRANSLATING · NETWORKING · PROBLEM SOLVING · TEAM SUPERVISION · CUSTOMER SERVICE  
 Strong Computer Skills (Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, Publisher, PowerPoint)

**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

HSBC Bank USA, NA Buffalo, NY  
*VP Branch Manager* June 2010 - Current  
 • Manage day to day operations  
 • Engage partners in the community  
 • Ensure branch complies with all government and bank mandated regulatory standards

HSBC Bank USA, NA Buffalo, NY  
*Retail Banking Development Trainee* July 2009 - June 2010  
 • Obtain necessary licenses (listed below)  
 • Assist senior management with specialized projects affecting all of the WNY market (65 branches)  
 • Assist individual offices with team coaching, goal achieving and portfolio enhancing

HSBC Bank USA, NA Buffalo, NY  
*Customer Resource Center Service Associate* December 2007 - July 2009  
 • Maintain production and quality standards to meet individual and department goals  
 • Directly assist customers with account adjustments  
 • Provide immediate assistance to both English and Spanish speaking customers

Office of Congressman Brian Higgins Buffalo, NY  
*Field Representative* January 2005 - December 2007  
 • Assisted with general publicity outreach and representation of the office and House member when absent  
 • Maintained communication between local leaders and the Congressional Office  
 • Oversaw all Hispanic affairs within office  
 • Assisted in casework on immigration, Medicare and Social Security matters

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Buffalo, Inc. West Seneca, NY  
*Spanish Translator/Outside Consultant* November 2006 - April 2007  
 • Provided translation during counseling sessions  
 • Created and assembled documents in Spanish  
 • Assisted with marketing projects for community outreach in the Hispanic community

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING/CERTIFICATION**

- Certified Spanish speaker by the Language Testing Institute (LTI)
- Series 6 and 63 Licensed
- New York Life & Health Insurance Licensed

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Co-Chair - Latino Legislative Breakfast Summit 2007  
 Volunteer Tax Preparer - IRS VITA Tax Preparation Program 2007  
 Member - Board of Directors Hispanics United of Buffalo 2006 - Current  
 Member - Board of Westside Ministries Inc 2010-Current

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

# MARITZA VEGA

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PHONE: 716-935-9773

February 3, 2011

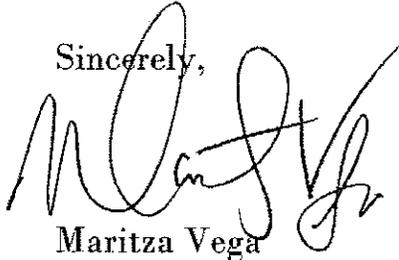
Erie County Legislature  
C/o Mr. Robert M. Graber, Clerk  
92 Franklin Street 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Mr. Graber:

As pursuant to Section 210 of the Erie County Charter, the Erie county Legislature is required to create an Advisory Committee on Reapportionment by the end of February 2011. I am hereby submitting my name, Maritza Vega, for consideration to be appointed to the Advisory Committee on Reapportionment.

Please accept this Letter of Interest on my behalf. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Maritza Vega

# MARITZA VEGA

270 PENNSYLVANIA STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14201  
PHONE: 716-935-9773

I was born in New Jersey and lived there with my 3 brothers, 1 sister and both my parents till the age of 4. We moved to Puerto Rico where we lived in a farm up in the mountains. We had all types of fruit and vegetable trees including Mangos, Orange, Banana, Coffee and Guava. My brothers and I used to climb the Orange Trees and compete to see who would eat the most, a wonderful experience I am glad to have experienced that life. I attended school and became completely bilingual.

We moved to Buffalo 1983 where I graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade at school 77, finished my High School Diplomat 1988 Grover Cleveland HS. I furthered my education at Erie Community College obtaining an Associate Degree on Early Childhood education, the only one of my siblings who went to college. I was a single parent; it was not an easy task however my son has been my inspiration to succeed. I've been an employee for Kaleida Health and the community outreach 12 yrs as a facilitated enroller where I help for individuals with obtaining government health insurance.

Life has been very good to me I now own my own house here in the heart of downtown Buffalo. I care for my mother of 70 yrs, God bless that she is in good health. I have participated as a Board member of the Puerto Rican Day Parade of WNY, Neighborhood Block club Fargo Estate, FEMA center for domestic preparedness, Kaleida Health diversity council, Immigration Reform awareness, WNY Hispanic and Friends Civic Association.

I've lived in Buffalo now 28 years, creating a home in this fine city. I look forward to many more years.

Reference: upon request