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Honorable Members
The Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street - 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

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To Whom It May Concern:

At the Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, the following item was **ADOPTED** by the full Council:

(Item No. 83, Tuesday, February 8, 2011) "Scheduling a Government for the People UB Summit to Bring Buffalo-Niagara's Elected Officials Together and Coordinate Efforts for Advancing UB's 2020 Legislation".

Please review the enclosed item. For your information, the filing deadline for the next Common Council meeting is 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 17, 2011. Responses can be filed at the City Clerk's office, located at 1308 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 851-5105.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Bray
Sr. Legislative Assistant

RESOLUTION

By: Mr. Pridgen

RE: Scheduling a Government For the People UB Summit to Bring Buffalo-Niagara's Elected Officials Together and Coordinate Efforts for Advancing UB's 20/20 Legislation

WHEREAS, For some time, the State University of New York at Buffalo ("UB") has been advocating for the New York State Legislature and Governor to pass "UB 20/20," legislation which would enable the school to increase its size and forge a coherent university-wide vision; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the passage of UB 20/20 legislation is expected to enable the school to sharpen its focus, enhance its physical appearance, improve academically, and attract the critical mass of top-flight faculty and researchers needed to compete with the nation's elite schools; and

WHEREAS, UB 20/20 not only holds great promise for the University, but for the entire Buffalo-Niagara Region, and is viewed by many as the most realistic and far-reaching plan currently in place for regenerating the economic future of Western New York; and

WHEREAS, In light of the huge anticipated benefits which passing UB 20/20 legislation would have on the entire Buffalo-Niagara Region, it is critical for all local leaders and elected officials to concentrate and coordinate their efforts for advancing UB 20/20 and persuading the State Legislature and Governor to move forward on this initiative; and

WHEREAS, A logical starting point for coordinating the efforts of Buffalo-Niagara's elected officials would be to bring these officials together in one place to review the university's UB 20/20 plan and develop a coordinated strategy amongst town, city, county, state and federal elected officials for advancing this important legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the City of Buffalo, NY Common Council respectfully requests that Buffalo-Niagara's elected officials join with this Honorable Body to discuss the UB 20/20 plan and how it can be advanced by attending a "Government For The People (G4P) Summit," which would ideally take place no later than April 1, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to each of Buffalo-Niagara's elected officials.



Darius G. Pridgen
Ellicott District Council Member