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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 Veg

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## 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 were 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 experience 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 down town 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