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Dear Legislators/Councilmembers:

As you are aware, the 2010 US Census data numbers have now become public. Legislative bodies that contain districts will then begin the process of adjusting such district lines to meet the constitutional and statutory requirements for relatively equal representation of all citizens under the traditional one-person, one-vote standard.

That obligation and duty is entirely within the duty and responsibility of your legislative body. However, the Board of Elections has a very real interest in the timeliness of the completion of such task, to meet this year's election calendar.

Although the final calendar has yet to be set by the state legislature, the first day to circulate petitions will very likely be Tuesday, June 7, 2011. (We have enclosed the

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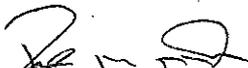
likely election calendar for 2011). In order to avoid confusion as to what voters are valid signers, having final district lines prior to that date is extremely important.

In addition, new local reapportionment plans may require changes to election district boundaries by the Board of Elections. The sooner such changes are conveyed to the Board of Elections, the better we can address these changes, if needed.

While the actual enactment of district lines is a matter solely within your authority, the Board of Elections has personnel and technical capabilities that are available to assist you in a non-partisan manner. If you wish to avail yourself such assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

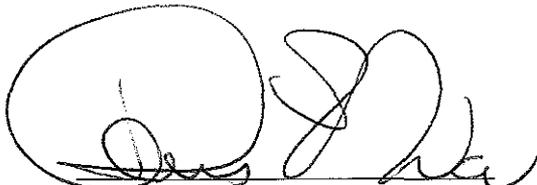
Thank You.

Very Truly Yours,



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Cc: City of Buffalo Citizens Commission  
County of Erie Citizens Commission

**TENTATIVE 2011 ELECTION CALENDAR \***

1<sup>st</sup> day to circulate designating (political party) petitions: Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Last day to circulate and file designating (political party) petitions: Thursday, July 14, 2011

Primary Election Day: Tuesday, September 13, 2011

General Election Day: Tuesday, November 8, 2011

\* The official election calendar will most likely be set by the New York State Legislature sometime in late April. This projection is based upon past practice and the Election Law as it currently provides.