COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 2, 2014

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: OPEN ITEM / PLACEHOLDER — ECC ACADEMIC BUILDING – ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a suggested resolution and accompanying memorandum regarding establishment of an Open Item/Placeholder on the agenda of the Legislature's Community Enrichment Committee, relative to the following item:

- ECC Academic Building – Environmental Analysis, Design, and Construction

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Maria R. Whyte, Commissioner, Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/cw
Enclosure

Cc: Maria R. Whyte
Thomas J. Dearing

MEMORANDUM

To:	Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From:	Department of Environment and Planning
Re:	Open Item/Placeholder — ECC Academic Building – Environmental Analysis, Design, and Construction
Date:	**June 2, 2014**

SUMMARY

A new academic building for Erie Community College will soon be in the design phase. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Erie County and the College concerning the project funding, schedule, and management was adopted by the Erie County Legislature on July 18, 2013. Since $15,000,000 of the building's cost will be provided by New York State it is important that the building progress in an expeditious manner. This will insure timely expenditure of State and local funds. It is therefore requested that an open item be placed on the agenda of the Community Enrichment Committee. This will expedite the process.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no County funds involved with this open item.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

This open item will assist Erie County in adhering to the general timetable for construction included in the aforementioned MOU.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The initial design phase includes completion of various environmental review documents required under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act. These actions and many others will require approvals from the Erie County Legislature. The open item will expedite the approval process.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Should approval of the attached resolution not be given, project completion would be delayed.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The open item would be placed on the appropriate Legislative Committee agenda as a place holder.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RE: Open Item/Placeholder — ECC
Academic Building – Environmental
Analysis, Design, and Construction

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2013 the Erie County Legislature authorized the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Erie Community College (ECC) regarding construction of a new academic building; and

WHEREAS, completion of said building construction will require action by the Erie County Legislature, including matters pertinent to the environmental review, design, contractor agreements, and financing issues; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature is desirous to contribute toward the timely completion of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that an Open Item be established in the Community Enrichment Committee of this Legislature for the purpose of considering prerequisite resolutions pertaining to the environmental analysis, design, and construction of a new academic building for Erie Community College; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; the County Comptroller; the County Attorney; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; and ECC President, 121 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY 14203.