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Dear Legislator:

I am writing to ask you for your support and endorsement in my election to the Erie County Legislature seat for the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. The 3<sup>rd</sup> District consists of nearly 84,000 citizens, which includes parts of Tonawanda, Kenmore and parts of the Delaware, North and University districts, in the City of Buffalo.

As you know the departure of former County Legislator Lynn Marinelli has created a vacancy and the need to fill that position by appointment. The process involves a vote of recommendation by the current Democratic committee members of the district and then an appointment by you the four (4) current Democratic County Legislators.

As you may know, I was previously a County Legislator in the former 10<sup>th</sup> District, prior to the downsizing and redistricting of 2011. During my previous service in the County Legislature, I believe I had many accomplishments. I sponsored and co-sponsored numerous pieces of legislation, including:

- The union labor apprenticeship law;
- The Green Buildings LEED Standard;
- The mandatory county purchase of only energy efficient electric appliances;
- The Taxpayer Protection Law (which would provide legislative oversight of professional service contract expenditures);
- Creation of the Erie County Planning Board;
- The elimination of taxes on the purchase of solar panels;
- Granting county real estate tax breaks on home improvements.

In addition, I have the experience to take on the challenges we face in our local economy caused by decreased state and federal support and increased mandated responsibilities. I will work with County Executive Poloncarz for fiscal stability, budget monitoring and charter and budget reforms.

If I become the Legislator of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, it will be a privilege to serve our community, our county government and the constituents. My focus will be on the support and advocacy for cultural, library, parks, tourism and Prime Time funding (for our youth and seniors).

I will work with you as a team member and with all levels of government to get things done.

I believe this district deserves a strong Democrat who is loyal to the Erie County Democratic Party and Chairman Zellner. I have been a strong and loyal Democrat since I first got involved in 1999. Like you, I have worked in the trenches as a committee person for the Democratic Party and for many Democratic candidates. I have obtained signatures for petitions, put up signs, donated money, helped with mailings, made phone calls and have helped raise money.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Enclosed please find a copy of my biography and resume as requested. I will be making personal contact with all of the 3rd Legislative District Democratic Committee Members over the next few weeks, but in the meantime please feel free to contact me by email or by phone. I look forward to speaking with you.

Very truly yours,

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**Professional Experience**

April, 2007 – Present *Real Estate Paralegal	Ward, Brenon, Lipman & Zarcone, LLP 5500 Main St. Suite 306 Williamsville, NY 14221
January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2009 *Legislator – 10 <sup>th</sup> District	Erie County 92 Franklin St. - 4th floor Buffalo, NY 14202
November 5, 2001 – August, 2006 *Real Estate Paralegal	Block, Colucci, Notaro, Laing PC One Niagara Square Buffalo, NY 14202
December, 2003 – December 31, 2005 *Trustee	Village of Kenmore 2919 Delaware Ave. Kenmore, NY 14217
January 2, 2001 – November 1, 2001 *Mortgage Origination Specialist	HSBC Mortgage Corp., USA 2929 Walden Ave Depew, New York 14043
June 7, 1999 –December 30, 2000 *Receptionist	Schuller & Tibbetts, Ortho PC 5353 Main Street Williamsville, NY 14221
September 21, 1998 –April 30, 1999 *Receptionist/Assistant Paralegal	Michael Blinkoff, Esq. 2746 Delaware Ave. Kenmore, New York 14217
May 1991- February 1993 *Owner/operator	Grimaldi's Pizza Niagara Falls Blvd, Wheatfield

**Education**

June 2012 *Associates in Science Degree	Empire State College Niagara Frontier, Cheektowaga, NY
May 2000 *Paralegal Certification	University at Buffalo Amherst Campus
January 1996-1998 *Paralegal Studies	Erie Community College City Campus
Graduated 1978 *Business Major	Kenmore West Senior High Highland Ave., Kenmore

### **Education and Awards**

Graduate, New York State Association of Counties Dennis Pelletier Institute 2009,  
Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations,  
Supervision and Retail Organization Structure  
Recipient of the YWCA 2009 Marybeth Lawton Leadership Award  
Recipient of the AccuTheragnostics 2012-2013 Women's Effective Leadership Award

### **Memberships**

Former President, Board of Directors for Hasek's Heroes Youth Hockey  
Former Board member YWCA of the Tonawanda's  
Grand Island Business and Professional Women USA  
Kenmore Village Improvement Society  
Romulus Women's Auxiliary  
Former member, Zonta Club of Kenmore  
Former member, Clean Air Coalition of WNY  
Former member, Ken-Ton Chamber of Commerce

### **Former Legislative Committees**

#### **Chairperson, Green Actions Community Committee**

Conducted monthly meetings regarding energy efficient initiatives aimed at reducing our carbon footprint. Presentations were given by speakers who were expert and proficient in energy and environmental issues.

#### **Chairperson, Community Enrichment Committee**

Legislative Committee responsible for government relations with Erie Community College, Arts and Cultural organizations and the Erie County Library system. The committee's goals were directed toward strengthening the social and economic health of the community.

#### **Member of Energy and Environment Committee**

I played a leadership role in reviewing and discussing issues, requests and proposals that dealt directly or indirectly with the delivery of services to Erie County and its residents. The committee's oversight included the departments of Public Works, Parks, Environmental Protection, and The Erie County Water Authority.

#### **Member Public Safety Committee**

The Committee reviewed budgets and recommended policies regarding the Sheriff's department, Emergency Services, District Attorney and the County jail system.

#### **NYSAC Public Safety Standing Committee**

NYSAC Public Safety Standing Committee is essential in the development of NYSAC's advocacy planning and efforts. We developed, discussed and adopted a series of resolutions regarding public safety to go before the full county delegation, and then become the basis of NYSAC's legislative program for the coming year.

#### **Co-Chair and former member of the Niagara Erie Regional Coalition**

The Niagara Erie Regional Coalition is a partnership between government, private, and non-profit agencies committed to thinking and acting regionally for the betterment of Erie and Niagara Counties.

#### **Other interests**

Lector and Eucharistic Minister St. John the Baptist Church Kenmore, She enjoys walking her dogs, working out, Zumba dancing and playing woman's slow pitch softball.

**References upon request**