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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 29, 2015

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Appointment to the Department of Environment & Planning**

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Article 10 § 1001 of the County Charter, I hereby appoint Thomas Dearing to be the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning. Mr. Dearing is currently serving as the Deputy Commissioner for Planning and Economic Development.

As you are aware, Maria Whyte has been serving in a dual capacity as Deputy County Executive and as Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning. Effective today, she will solely carry out the role of Deputy County Executive and Mr. Dearing will begin in his new role as commissioner. I have all the confidence that Mr. Dearing's 35 years of experience in the Department of Environment and Planning will serve as a strong foundation for what will be a very successful commissionership.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact my Chief of Staff Jennifer Hibit. Thank you for your consideration on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

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cc: Maria Whyte, Dep. County Executive  
Thomas Dearing, Commissioner, Dept. of Enviro. and Planning