

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR LORIGO**

Re: Support for Ride-Sharing as a Transportation Alternative

WHEREAS, there is a long-standing and persistent need for alternative methods of public transportation for the residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, most forms of public transportation, including the expansion of existing services, have proven to be expensive to construct with prohibitive initial investments; and

WHEREAS, ride-sharing is a relatively new concept wherein modern technology enables pre-approved drivers to operate one way fares for a fee, and transport passengers to locations around the Erie County using their own personal vehicles; and

WHEREAS, this allows people seeking extra income to earn money in their free time using their own vehicles, without the necessity of becoming a full-time taxi driver; and

WHEREAS, these ride-sharing programs allow for passengers to have additional more flexible options to travel Erie County; and

WHEREAS, these additional low cost options provided by ride-sharing programs like Lyft and Uber would not only increase jobs while providing a direct cost savings for passengers, they also offer a more reliable and more readily utilized method of transportation for passengers; and

WHEREAS, ride-sharing programs will allow Erie County residents and visitors to travel throughout Erie County, whether it is to and from the airport, home after a night out, or shopping in areas not easily accessible through traditional methods of public transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body supports transportation alternatives in the form of ride-sharing programs, and requests New York State make appropriate amendments to the New York State Insurance Laws; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby urges Governor Cuomo and both houses of the New York State Legislature to work together to allow ride-sharing businesses the opportunity to operate in Erie County, as well as throughout New York State; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Western New York Delegation to the New York State Assembly and Senate, the Governor of the State of New York, and any other party deemed necessary.

Fiscal Impact: None for resolution