



# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 20, 2015

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

**Re: Appointment of Deputy County Executive**

Dear Honorable Members:

Please be advised, Deputy County Executive Richard Tobe has tendered his resignation to the undersigned effective as of 5:00 p.m. today. Therefore, pursuant to Article 3 § 304 of the County's Charter, I hereby appoint Maria R. Whyte as Deputy County Executive, effective as of 5:00 p.m. today. Ms. Whyte shall serve as Deputy County Executive on an interim basis pending a search for a permanent replacement for Richard Tobe. While Ms. Whyte is serving in this role, she shall remain Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning. As Deputy County Executive, Ms. Whyte shall have all the powers and responsibilities provided for that office by Erie County's Charter, Code and any other pertinent law.

Pursuant to Article 3 § 304 of the County's Charter, I hereby revoke the Notice of the Order of Succession provided to your Honorable Body on January 1, 2012. The new Order of Succession pursuant to Article 3 § 304 of the County's Charter is as follows:

Mark C. Poloncarz, County Executive;  
Maria R. Whyte, Deputy County Executive; and  
Michael Siragusa, County Attorney.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Jennifer Hibit, my chief of staff, at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz  
Erie County Executive

MCP/mt

cc: Maria R. Whyte, Deputy County Executive  
Michael Siragusa, County Attorney  
David Palmer, Commissioner, Department of Personnel

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