

SUSPENSION

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR RATH

Re: Opposition to Governor Cuomo's Proposal to Increase State Influence on Local IDA Decision Making

WHEREAS, Industrial Development Agencies (IDA) are an important economic development tool to promote job creation and retention in our communities and are the main source of economic development subsidies at the local and county level; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo's proposed Revenue Bill - Part W, as indicated in the State of the State, is set to add an additional layer of redundant paperwork and delays to projects utilizing IDA assistance; and

WHEREAS, Local IDAs have been a driver of development in Erie County, and much of Western New York, and we need to continue relying on them; and

WHEREAS, part of their success lies in the fact that they have the best knowledge of and interest in the areas that they serve; and

WHEREAS, allowing the State to have a larger role in approving IDA incentives will decrease the ability of local municipalities to decide how they plan to economically develop and replace that with the decisions coming from downstate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Erie County Legislature continues to support our local IDAs and endorses their activities unburdened by additional State regulations and mandates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby joins the Local IDAs within the County of Erie in their opposition to Governor Cuomo's proposal to add further paperwork to the IDA incentive processes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo's office, the Western New York Representatives for the New York State Assembly and Senate, the representation of our local IDAs within the County of Erie, and all parties deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None