



ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

92 Franklin Street - 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

TO: Members of the Erie County Legislature

FROM: Karen M. McCarthy, Clerk

DATE: April 22, 2015

SUBJECT Documents Received Regarding LL Intro. 7-2 (2014) "A Local Law in relation to the establishment of an Erie County Conditional Release Commission"

The attached documents were received at the Public Hearing on LL Intro. 7-2 (2014) from Thomas J. Diina, Superintendent, Jail Management Division and Rev. Eugene Pierce.

Thank you.

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
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April 20, 2015

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
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Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Sheriff's Office (ECSO) is writing to express its support of VOICE-Buffalo and its efforts to establish a Local Conditional Release Program (LCRP) within Erie County and specifically for the Erie County Correctional Facility.

The LCRP will allow up to twenty-five eligible inmates for release several months early from the correctional facility. As a condition of their early release, selected inmates agree to enter a probation program for one full year. Participating inmates cannot be convicted of a violent crime, acted in a violent manner during their incarceration nor have distributed materials deemed indecent. Participants must adhere to a detailed plan for their reintegration into the community and will be directed to service providers for counseling, job training, employment, housing, etc. Individuals selected for the program will be under probation officer supervision and qualify for additional assistance from the VOICE-BUFFALO welcoming committee.

The Jail Management Division of the Erie County Sheriff's Office believes there are several benefits to implementing a conditional release program. Some of the benefits for the public and inmates include:

- Reducing the jail population at the Erie County Correctional Facility.
- Positively affecting the recidivism rate for inmates which provide long-term benefits to the taxpayers of Erie County.
- Assist military veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.
- Enable inmates with mental health issues to receive proper treatment outside the jail setting rather than using incarceration as a substitute for mental health rehabilitation/treatment.

The Sheriff's Office believes that VOICE-Buffalo's plan and efforts deserve its endorsement and will participate fully in the Local Conditional Release Program. Therefore, the ECSO would like

the join the growing ranks of supporters which include: the Buffalo News, The Most Reverend Richard J. Malone, Bishop of Buffalo's Roman Catholic Diocese, and the Network of Religious Communities, in supporting this community program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. J. Diina', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Thomas J. Diina
Superintendent, Jail Management Division
Erie County Sheriff's Office

Cc: VOICE-Buffalo

**COMMISSIONERS
APPOINTED TO THE ERIE COUNTY CONDITIONAL RELEASE COMMISSION
BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE DENNIS T. GORSKI
April 1992**





County of Erie
Office of County Executive

To All Whom These Presents Shall Come -- Greetings:

Know Ye, that I, DENNIS T. GORSKI, Erie County Executive, have nominated, constituted and appointed, and by THESE PRESENTS do nominate, constitute and appoint

GEORGE F. MCGLOTHLIN

Commissioner

County of Erie Conditional Release Commission

Giving and granting unto him all and singular powers and authorities to the said office by law belonging or appertaining, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said office, together with the privileges of the same thereto belonging, for and during the time limited by the LAWS of the State of New York and the CHARTER and ADMINISTRATIVE CODE of the County of Erie.



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have caused to be affixed the
Seal of the County of Erie,
this April, 1992.*

DENNIS T. GORSKI
Erie County Executive



County of Erie
Office of County Executive

*On behalf of the Citizens of the County of Erie, I
hereby accord Honorary Recognition to*

***Eugene L. Pierce**
Deputy Superintendent*

*On the occasion of his retirement from the
Erie County Correctional Facility*

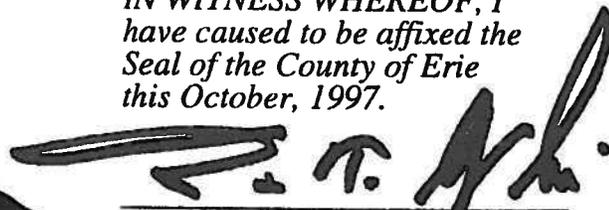
Wednesday, October 15th, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven

As Erie County Executive, I am honored to recognize you for your commitment to excellence in the course of serving our community. The leadership, dedication, and hard work that you have exemplified has earned you the respect and admiration of your peers. You truly are an inspiration to all of us. I wish you success and happiness in all of your future endeavors.

This recognition, tendered upon this occasion, conveys official commendation from Dennis T. Gorski, Erie County Executive, and a cordial expression of esteem.



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have caused to be affixed the
Seal of the County of Erie
this October, 1997.*


DENNIS T. GORSKI
Erie County Executive