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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 29, 2015

Karen M. McCarthy, Clerk
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Veto of Local Law Intro. No. 12-2-2016

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

A certified copy of Local Law Intro. No. 12-2-2016, entitled "*A LOCAL LAW amending Local Law No. 1-1959, constituting the Erie County Charter, as amended, in relation to recommendations made by the Erie County Charter Revision Commission, duly organized pursuant to Local Law No. 5-2015,*" was presented to me for approval on August 30, 2016. A public hearing regarding this Local Law was duly held on September 9, 2016. Pursuant to Erie County Charter Section 205, I hereby Disapprove and VETO Local Law Intro. No. 12-2-2016 because I object to certain provisions related to adding the County's ethics laws to the Charter, as well as the creation of an independent redistricting commission for the Legislature.

On September 29, 2016 a new version of this Local Law was reviewed and submitted to your Honorable Body by Majority Leader Joseph Lorigo that addresses the issues I have identified in the above-described vetoed Local Law. It is my expectation that the Legislature will move swiftly on soliciting public input then the passage of this most recent version.

I thank all of the volunteers who sat on the charter revision commission; your tireless effort demonstrated the type of dedication that allows the wheels of government to continue to roll. I would also like to thank the Legislature for working in a bipartisan manner in arriving at the new law. I am confident that the final product was certainly worth the many hours everyone has invested into this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive