

**ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

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April 7, 2016

Hon. Karen M. McCarthy  
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin St.  
Buffalo, N.Y. 14202

Dear Ms. McCarthy,

I write to you today concerning the Visit Buffalo Niagara Board of Directors, where pursuant to their bylaws, the Minority membership of the Erie County Legislature shall appoint one individual to the Board.

Lesley Haynes is the current appointee of the Minority Caucus, having been appointed in September 2014. Ms. Haynes has served in this capacity with energy and enthusiasm and has expressed an interest in continuing to serve as a board member.

Accordingly, please see the attached petition re-designating Ms. Haynes as Minority Caucus appointee to the Visit Buffalo Niagara Board of Directors. I have also attached Ms. Haynes' resume.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

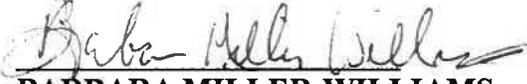
Sincerely,

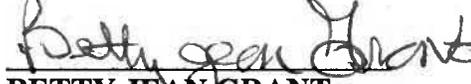
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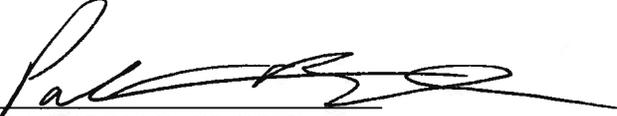
We, the undersigned, representing a majority of the members of the Democratic Caucus in the Erie County Legislature, do hereby designate **Lesley Haynes** (155 Prospect Ave., Buffalo NY 14201) as the Minority Caucus appointment to the Board of Directors of Visit Buffalo Niagara, pursuant to their organization bylaws.

  
**BARBARA MILLER-WILLIAMS**  
1<sup>st</sup> District

  
**BETTY JEAN GRANT**  
2<sup>nd</sup> District

  
**PETER J. SAVAGE, III**  
3<sup>rd</sup> District

  
**THOMAS A. LOUGHRAN**  
Minority Leader, 5<sup>th</sup> District

  
**PATRICK B. BURKE**  
7<sup>th</sup> District

**Lesley Haynes 155 Prospect Avenue Buffalo NY 14201 716-856-6024**

**Work History:**

- Manager -International Students House Great Portland Street, London England
- Social Worker: Protective Services and Congregate Site Supervisor. Elder Abuse Specialist and Crisis Intervention Specialist. LSW.
- Crisis Intervention Services for youth gangs, sex-workers, domestic violence and drug rehabilitation.
- Commissioner of Human Relations (8 years) Springfield MA.
- Hampden County Sheriff's Dept. Springfield MA – Mentorship Program Coordinator 'Behind the Walls and After Incarceration Support Systems'.
- Currently retired.

**Faith Based:**

- Ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church
- Missionary with Presbyterian USA Worldwide Missions - Reconciliation and Mission Volunteer - Christian Missionary: Served in El Milagros, El Salvador, Central America. Delhi, India. New Orleans, LA.
- Hampden MA County Jail – held weekly Christian services for inmates - 12 years
- Graduate of Niagara University Urban Ministry Program - Inner City Outreach.
- Current – Street ministry and Mentor to several persons who were formerly incarcerated.

**Current activity and membership:**

- N.A.A.C.P – Executive Committee Member – Life Member
- Visit Buffalo Niagara – Board Member
- Visit Buffalo Niagara – Destination Development Committee
- B.U.I.L.D Buffalo – Board Member
- Stop the Violence Coalition – Board Member
- Erie County/Buffalo - Safe Neighborhood Task Force Committee
- Community Mission Outreach - 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church Buffalo NY
- Erie County Prisoner's Rights Coalition
- Interfaith Peace Network
- Graduate of Buffalo Citizen's Participation Academy
- Graduate of NFTA Transit Authority Police Department Citizens Academy
- Supporter of Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor Commission
- Member of Friends of Broderick Park
- Member of Greater Buffalo Recycling Alliance
- Contracts Compliance Review Board – Board Member