



ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER
 HON. STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW

April 6, 2016

Hon. Joseph C. Lorigo
 Erie County Legislator & Majority Leader
 92 Franklin Street – 4th Floor
 Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Information Request

Dear Majority Leader Lorigo:

I am writing in regards to your letter to County Executive Mark Poloncarz from March 29, 2016 that I was copied on. In the letter you requested information from the administration relating to the purchase of shopping bags that are being given away as part of a promotional stunt to support a proposed study on banning our constituents from using plastic shopping bags.

I asked my Accounts Payable staff to research your request, and they found an invoice that may relate to the purchase. I have attached that invoice to this letter. It is for \$697.01 for the purchase of 400 "Value Grocery Tote" bags. That total includes \$524.00 for the bags, \$50 to set up the order, \$40 for rushed two day delivery, and \$83.01 in freight.

The invoice does not include a picture of what we ordered, so only the administration can confirm if this invoice relates to what you reference in your letter. However, if this invoice relates to your inquiry, I am troubled that the words "Courtesy of Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz" is inscribed on the bag. I can assure you that this invoice was not paid for personally by the County Executive, but rather by the taxpayers.

Hopefully this information is helpful to your inquiry. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to ask.

Sincerely,

STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW
 Erie County Comptroller



ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

HON. JOSEPH C. LORIGO
10TH DISTRICT LEGISLATOR
MAJORITY LEADER

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March 29, 2016

Honorable Mark Poloncarz
Erie County Executive
95 Franklin Street, 16th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear County Executive Poloncarz,

Mark

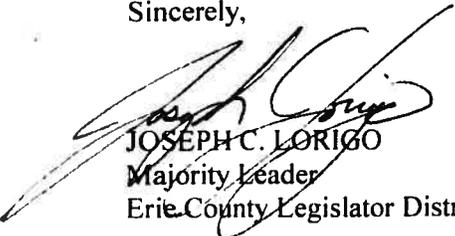
At the 2016 State of the County, your administration handed out hundreds of reusable grocery bags emblazoned with the Seal of Erie County and the words, "Courtesy of Erie County Executive Mark C. Poloncarz." These were handed out as a way to encourage people to comply with your proposal to ban plastic shopping bags in Erie County.

After learning of this promotional handout, I sought information on social media regarding how these bags were purchased. I inquired whether they were purchased using tax dollars, political donations, or the county executive's personal funds. To date, I have not received a response.

At this point, I would appreciate a response as to how these bags were purchased. Additionally, if they were purchased using tax dollars, I would like to know the cost, the vendor, the quantity purchased, as well as the intended distribution network.

I thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,


JOSEPH C. LORIGO
Majority Leader
Erie County Legislator District-10

CC: Stefan Mychajliw, Erie Comptroller

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DATE 03/24/2016

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INVOICE#	REFERENCE#	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
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Total			697.01



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Invoice Number 4487833	Account No. 1860708
Invoice Date February 29, 2016	Account Rep. Stephanie Brooks
Your Order No. 4500046695	Our Order No. 11738226

Item	Value Grocery Tote - 13" x 12" - 24 hr	Colors (Tote, Trim): Royal Blue, Royal Blue	Unit \$	Price \$	Total \$
400	106836-1312-	Value Grocery Tote - 13" x 12" - 24 hr	1.3100	524.00	524.00
1	Set-Up Charge	Set-Up Charge	50.0000	50.00	50.00
1	Delivery	24 hr Rush Service Freight	40.0000	40.00 83.01	40.00 83.01

Total Net 697.01
Total Tax 0.00
Grand Total 697.01
Total Due 697.01

Please ensure that payment is received by Mar 30 2016.

Thank You! We appreciate your business.
Any overruns you may have received are yours with our compliments.

- To insure proper credit to your account, please quote "4487833/1860708" on your check or remittance.
- If you are not satisfied with your order, please call 1-800-300-0764. All claims must be made within 5 days of receipt.
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- Please make checks payable to 4imprint

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