

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR LORIGO**

Re: Permanent Placement of Chair of Economic Development on ECIDA Policy Committee

WHEREAS, Erie County Industrial Development Agency (ECIDA) was created in 1970 by the New York State Legislature to promote and assist private sector industrial and business development within the borders of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the ECIDA Policy Committee was established to propose policy guidelines and policy statements regarding the ECIDA and its mission; and

WHEREAS, membership of the Policy committee has historically included the Chair of the Erie County Economic Development Committee who is a permanent member of the ECIDA by state statute; and

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Erie, who are intended to be the beneficiaries of the ECIDA's actions, deserve to have their elected representatives take an active role in the determination of the direction of the policy of such an important agency; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body further finds that the ECIDA, while not a direct recipient of tax payer dollars, does have the authority to offer tax discounts and exemptions. This authority directly impacts the residents of Erie County and exists concurrently with the taxing authority of the Erie County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body finds that allowing the Chair of the Economic Development committee to have a direct voice in setting the policy direction of the ECIDA is in the best interests of the residents of Erie County and also ensures that the entire Legislature remains informed of the policy decisions of such an important agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body urges the ECIDA to officially reserve one permanent voting seat on the ECIDA Policy Committee for the Chair of the Erie County Economic Development Committee Chairperson as has been the historical norm; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Chairwoman of the ECIDA Brenda McDuffie, the Chief Executive Officer Steve Weathers, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None