

JUNE 15, 2006

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 10

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. CHAIRMAN MARINELLI PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 3E-5 (2006)
COMPTROLLER: Audit and Review of Operations of the Erie County Board of Elections (5-0)
 - b. COMM. 3D-5 (2006)
BOARD OF ELECTIONS: HAVA Requirements: Election Inspector Compensation (5-0)
 - c. COMM. 3D-9 (2006)
BOARD OF ELECTIONS: HAVA Requirements (5-0)
 - d. COMM. 5E-6 (2006)
COMPTROLLER: Text of a Statement Prepared for Public Hearing on HAVA (5-0)
 - e. COMM. 6D-1 (2006)
BOARD OF ELECTIONS: Response to Audit & Review of Operations of the Erie County BOE (5-0)
 - f. COMM. 6D-2 (2006)
BOARD OF ELECTIONS: Polling Place Rental Costs (5-0)
 - g. COMM. 7D-11 (2006)
BOARD OF ELECTIONS: Response to Audit & Review of Operations - EC BOE (5-0)
 - h. COMM. 10E-7 (2006)
MARINELLI: Copy of Memo to BOE Commissioners Re: BOE Priority Funding Plan (5-0)

2. INTRO 7-5 (2006) **AS AMENDED**
KONST, IANNELLO, LOCKLEAR, LOUGHRAN, MAZUR & HOLT
WHEREAS, the taxpayers of Erie and Niagara counties are under extraordinary budget pressure this year; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Board of Elections is already under funded and unable to meet its legal responsibilities as is; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Board of Elections faces even more duties imposed upon it by the state mandates required by HAVA legislature; and

WHEREAS, a special election which was held on February 28, 2006 for the 60th Senate District will end up costing both Erie and Niagara Counties between \$200,000 and \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, funding for this Special Election was neither anticipated nor included in the 2006 Erie County budget; and

WHEREAS, Erie and Niagara Counties face the possibility of yet another special election in the 142nd Assembly District has been scheduled for May 2, 2006; and

WHEREAS, this special election for the 142nd Assembly District has been scheduled for May 2, 2006; and

WHEREAS, by the time this election takes place the State Legislature will have completed the major part of its legislation. An Individual elected in this special election will only sit about a month of the remaining Legislative Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature request that New York State reimburse Erie and Niagara Counties for the cost of conducting special elections when the governor calls them; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Erie County Board of Elction Commissioners Dennis Ward and Ralph Mohr, Niagara County Board of Election Commissions, Nancy Sharpe and Scott Kiedrowski, the WNY State Legislature Delegation, Governor Pataki, and the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority.
(5-0)

GEORGE A. HOLT, JR.
CHAIRMAN