

April 22, 2004

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 4

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, that the following items are hereby received and filed.
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**COUNTY EXECUTIVE:** Declaration that Intro. 15-3 (2003) is Null & Void.  
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**COUNTY ATTORNEY:** Copy of Letter to Legislator McCarville Re: Mid-Year Budget Transfers.  
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Item	Page	-2004	(Comm. 6E-37)
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**COUNTY EXECUTIVE:** Appointments to Charter Review Commission.  
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**RANZENHOFER:** Appointment to Charter Revision Commission.  
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**SWANICK:** Appointment to Charter Revision Commission.  
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**MARSHALL:** Appointment to Charter Revision Commission.  
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**CHASE:** Appointment to Charter Revision Commission.  
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**WEINSTEIN:** Appointment to Charter Revision Commission.  
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**McCARVILLE:** Appointment to Charter Revision Commission.  
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- j. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 6E-48)  
**CUSACK:** Appointment to Charter Revision Commission.  
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- k. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 7E-46)  
**DUSZA:** Appointment to 2004 Charter Revision Commission.  
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- l. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 7E-47)  
**HOLT:** Appointment to 2004 Charter Revision Commission.  
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- m. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 7E-48)  
**SCHROEDER:** Appointment to 2004 Charter Revision Commission.  
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- n. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 7E-49)  
**HOLT:** Appointment to 2004 Charter Revision Commission.  
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- o. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 7E-50)  
**MARINELLI:** Appointment to 2004 Charter Revision Commission.  
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- p. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 7E-53)  
**SMITH:** Appointment to Charter Review Commission.  
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- q. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 7E-55)  
**COUNTY CLERK:** Appointment to Charter Review Commission.  
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- r. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 7M-13)  
**CYNTHIA DEMSKI:** Request for Retroactive Pay for Services Provided by County Employee.  
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- s. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 8D-5)  
**COUNTY ATTORNEY:** Process for Filing Quarterly Reports Re: County Funds Provided for  
Indigent Defense.  
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- t. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 8E-9)  
**CLERK:** 2003 Annual Report.  
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u. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 8E-49)  
**DEBENEDETTI:** Appointment to Charter Revision Commission.  
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2. Item Page -2004 (Intro. 7-15)  
**HOLT & MARINELLI**

WHEREAS, New York State Assemblyman Sam Hoyt has recently introduced legislation "to establish a regional plan and strategy for Erie County," entitled the "Erie County Compact Act" and

WHEREAS, that legislation is an effort to encourage local governments in Erie County to cooperate and coordinate regarding issues that effect all of them, and

WHEREAS, under the Compact, local government participants would develop a regional corporation and create a regional plan to establish a unified economic development plan for Erie County, "integrate land use and transportation planning development ... to facilitate regional growth in a sustainable and equitable way," and to address housing and community development, among others, and

WHEREAS, other areas to be addressed through the Compact would include expedited environmental review for development through the Compact process, and limited liability for brownfield sites to hasten their redevelopment, and

WHEREAS, under the Compact, incentives would be provided to those local governments that voluntarily elect to participate by affirmative votes of their local legislative bodies, and

WHEREAS, noted regionalism expert David Rusk has called the Hoyt proposal "a bold, innovative, and exciting legislative initiative" and stated that the Compact could "be a model for breaking the intergovernmental paralysis in many areas of New York," and

WHEREAS, this approach may be a way of meeting our common challenges and reaching our common goals in a united way that allows government to work better and cost less for the residents and taxpayers of the region, and

WHEREAS, it also seeks to recognize and preserve the history, character, and integrity of individual communities by forging together on intergovernmental cooperation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body expresses its support for voluntary, inclusive, bottom-up measures such as and including the Compact, that foster intermunicipal cooperation and coordination, and provide for enhanced public services at lower cost and with the support of the communities being served, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby expresses its intention to engage in a thorough discussion of this proposal in the Legislature's Government Affairs Committee, including invited speakers, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive, the local delegation of the New York State Assembly and Senate, and Governor Pataki.

Fiscal Impact: None for the resolution.

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**LYNN M. MARINELLI**  
**CHAIRPERSON**