ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

HON. TED MORTON
LEGISLATOR

Commissioner Dan Rizzo
Erie County Parks, Recreation and Forestry
95 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

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Dear Commissioner Rizzo,

At a meeting of the Energy and Environment Committee today, which I chair, the committee approved your department's request to update the parks master plan.

During the meeting we discussed the need for public input to make sure everyone would have an opportunity to provide their thoughts on what they would like to see in their parks. Your response left me concerned since you said that while the department would seek some public input, no public town hall meetings would be held. As you are aware, restoring the lake at Como Lake Park has been a top priority of mine. With many members of the public having reached out to me to express their concerns with many issues in the park, I believe it is imperative that your department hosts a town hall meeting in Lancaster so that residents are able to have their say on how the master plan is developed.

Thank you for your time and answering questions of the Energy and Environment Committee, I hope that you will hold a town hall meeting so that we can work together to improve Como Lake Park, long considered a jewel of the Erie County Park system.

Please feel free to reach out to me on this matter, I would be glad to arrange the details of the meeting.

Sincerely,

Ted Morton
Erie County Legislator

CC:
County Executive Mark Poloncarz

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