

JANUARY 31, 2008

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 1

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

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:

- a. COMM. 5D-2 (2007)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: Legal Opinion of Local Law Intro. No. 1-2007
(6-0)
- b. COMM. 7E-1 (2007)
MILLS: Copy of Letter to Konst Re: Rules, Procedures, and Terms and Conditions in Place for the Removal of an Elected Official
(6-0)
- c. COMM. 11E-7 (2007)
COMPTROLLER: IRS Policy on Mobile Telephones for Employees
(6-0)
- d. COMM. 13E-3 (2007)
CLERK: Rath Building Auto Bureau
(6-0)
- e. INTRO 14-1 (2007)
RANZENHOFER, MILLS & WEINSTEIN: Support for Relocation of the Downtown Auto Bureau Into the Rath Building
(6-0)
- f. COMM. 16E-8 (2007)
COMPTROLLER: Audit of the Dept. of Law – Risk Retention Fund & Professional Services Contracts and Fees Accounts for the Period Jan. 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006
(6-0)
- g. COMM. 16D-15 (2007)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: Audit of the Risk Retention Fund and Professional Services Contract and Fees Accounts for the Period 1/1/05 – 12/31/06
(6-0)

- h. INTRO 17-2 (2007)
KONST: Proposed Changes to the Erie County Ethics Code
(6-0)
- i. INTRO 18-9 (2007)
MARINELLI, KONST, MAZUR & LOCKLEAR: Joining County Clerk Hochul in Opposition to Governor’s Policy Regarding Illegal Immigrants Obtaining NYS Drivers Licences
(6-0)
- j. INTRO 18-10 (2007)
RANZENHOFER, MILLS, WEINSTEIN & KONST: Opposing Implementation of Plan To Allow Illegal Aliens to Obtain NYS Drivers Licenses
(6-0)
- k. INTRO 21-3 (2007)
IANNELLO: Requesting the DISS and Office of the Comptroller Conduct an Investigation and Report to the Legislature Regarding the Status of Surplus Computers and Related Equipment
(6-0)
- l. COMM. 1E-1 (2008)
COMPTROLLER: Intro 22-2 (2007) – Legislature Requests for Information Concerning Surplus Computers and Related Components and County-Owned Assets
(6-0)
- m. COMM. 1E-12 (2008)
MARINELLI: Letter to Niagara Erie Regional Coalition Re: 2008 Budget Accountability Act
(6-0)
- n. COMM. 1E-13 (2008)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Veto of Local Law Intro No. 10-2007
(6-0)
- o. COMM. 2M-16 (2008)
NIAGARA ERIE REGIONAL COALITION: Reply to Comm. 1E-12
(6-0)
2. INTRO. 3-13 (2007)
MARINELLI, WHYTE, KONST, KOZUB, MAZUR & REYNOLDS
WHEREAS, in Erie County’s Four-Year Plan is a Matrix Initiative entitled “Establish ‘Countystat’ System to Improve Management Accountability and Planning;” and

WHEREAS, Countystat is a variation of the Citi-Stat program. Citi-Stat is a computer database system that allows City governments to regularly review every aspect of its government. The program serves as a transparent accountability and management tool through which the city can collect and thoroughly analyze data on an array of civic issues; and

WHEREAS, the CitiStat program was invented by the City of Baltimore which claims that the program has enabled the City to save \$350 Million in the 6-years since its initial implementation; and

WHEREAS, it is likely that a Countystat program would help the County identify savings and efficiencies not currently apparent that would allow County government to operate more efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Buffalo implemented a CityStat program in the City of Buffalo since June 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature is interested in hearing a report from the City of Buffalo regarding the implementation of CitiStat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature calls upon the County Executive to report to the Government Affairs Committee on the progress made on this Matrix Initiative; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature does hereby request that a representative from the City of Buffalo appear before the Government Affairs Committee and discuss the successes and shortcomings of the implementation of the Citi-Stat program within the City of Buffalo; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution are to be sent to the County Executive, the Mayor of the City of Buffalo and the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority.
(6-0)

BARBARA MILLER-WILLIAMS
CHAIRPERSON