

# SUSPENSION

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March 10, 2025

Dear Mr. Davis, Mrs. Dabney, and Mr. McLaren,

I hope this letter finds you well. As Vice Chair of the Erie County Legislature's Minority and Women's Business Enterprise (MWBE) Committee, I am pleased to invite you to an upcoming committee meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2025, to discuss an exciting new initiative—the Erie County MWBE Shopper's Market, which we aim to launch in Spring 2025.

This initiative is designed to promote and empower MWBE business owners by creating a platform where they can showcase their products and services, connect with new customers, and grow their businesses. The MWBE Shopper's Market will provide visibility and economic opportunities to MWBEs across Erie County, strengthening our community's commitment to diversity and business equity.

We value your leadership and expertise in fostering economic inclusion and look forward to your insight on how we can successfully develop and implement this initiative. The meeting will focus on key planning aspects, including:

- Identifying potential locations and logistics for the Shopper's Market
- Outreach and engagement strategies to maximize MWBE participation
- Opportunities for collaboration, sponsorships, and county support
- Ensuring the event aligns with existing diversity and business development initiatives

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The meeting will take place on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Erie County Legislature Chambers, located at 92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor, Buffalo, NY 14202.

We would be honored to have your collaboration in making this initiative a success. Please confirm your availability at your earliest convenience. If there are specific topics or considerations you would like to bring to the discussion, we welcome your input.

I greatly appreciate your time and dedication to supporting Erie County's MWBEs. I look forward to working together to create a thriving marketplace that highlights and uplifts minority- and women-owned businesses.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Taisha St. Jean Tard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Taisha St. Jean Tard  
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