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Hon. Timothy J. Meyers  
Chair, Erie County Legislature  
c/o Olivia M. Owens, Clerk of the Legislature  
Old County Hall – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
92 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Chairman Meyers:

RE: Request for Reappointment as a Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority

I write to request consideration for reappointment as a Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority (ECWA). I also enclose my resume for your review.

In my attached resume, you will see my list of primary accomplishments as a commissioner working on behalf of 550,000 people who receive their clean drinking water through a reliable infrastructure in which we at the ECWA continuously invest.

I very much look forward to the opportunity to further discuss the accomplishments the ECWA has achieved over the past three years since my last reappointment. I sincerely hope that these accomplishments, and our strategy to address challenging issues to remove all lead and galvanized piping from our system over these next 13 years, will be evidence of the sound direction in which the ECWA is headed, and that my reappointment is in the best interest of the ECWA and its ratepayers.

If you have any questions, please free to contact me anytime on my personal cell phone (716-445-0842).

Sincerely,



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## **Experience:**

### **December 2013 – Present:**

- Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority; Chair since May 3, 2019.

### **2012-2023 - Erie County Legislature:**

- Majority Counsel – advising legislators on matters relevant to the legislative process, legal research and drafting proposed local laws.

### **1971 – 2005 – Hodgson Russ LLP:**

- Civil litigator in areas of negligence, products liability, contracts, commercial and trade secret litigation and representing private entities in OSHA administrative and review proceedings.
- Public sector counsel and litigator to school districts in disability and nondiscrimination administrative proceedings and litigation arising under Federal and State law.

### **Accomplishments at ECWA:**

- As a Commissioner I supported the modernization of the Authority's operations with enhanced automation controls that have led to reduction in the number of large water main leaks and increased efficiency.
- As Chair, I initiated:
  - The Authority's policy and practice of affirmative full transparency for both public meetings and responsiveness to Freedom of Information requests.
  - The Authority's first Strategic Infrastructure Plan and have overseen our extensive capital investment in water infrastructure to protect our long-term goal of affordable drinking water through a reliable infrastructure to help make Western New York a destination for people to want to live and for businesses in which to invest.
  - The Authority's pro-active outreach to our State and Federal Governments to provide financial support to ease the burden on our ratepayers to be able to continuously provide clean drinking water through a reliable infrastructure.

### **Credentials:**

Member: American Water Works Association & Water Utility Council.

### **Degrees & Licenses:**

BA – Geneva College; MA – Duquesne University; JD – SUNY at Buffalo: Licensed NY Attorney (Registration No. 12178943) admitted to practice in State and Federal Court.