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HON. JOHN J. MILLS
11TH DISTRICT LEGISLATOR
MINORITY LEADER

June 6, 2025

Hon. Olivia Owens
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board Recommendation

Dear Clerk Owens:

Pursuant to Erie County Local Law 3 (2019), Section 2, "Creation and Membership of the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board," I am writing to provide the recommendation of the Legislature's Minority Leader of a voting member for the board.

Please accept the recommendation of:

Shawn Linder
17 Humber Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14215

To serve on the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board. Attached is Mr. Linder's resume. Notably, he holds a bachelor's degree in Criminology, with a concentration in penology, from Western Kentucky University. I understand this recommendation needs to be approved by the full body of the Legislature. For convenience, I have attached a resolution for approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "John J. Mills". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Mills" clearly visible.

JOHN J. MILLS
Minority Leader
Erie County Legislator, District 11

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
MINORITY LEADER JOHN J. MILLS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Erie County Local Law 3 (2019), Section 2, "Creation and Membership of the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board," the Minority Leader of the Erie County Legislature may submit a recommendation of a voting board member; and

WHEREAS, As Minority Leader, I am recommending the Erie County Legislature appoint Mr. Shawn Linder to the board; and

WHEREAS, The Minority Leader's recommendation requires the approval of the full body of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature approves the recommendation from Minority Leader John J. Mills of Shawn Linder to serve as a voting member on the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Shawn Linder, 17 Humber Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14215.

Shawn Linder

17 Humber Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14215

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Bio

I have a strong academic background in criminology, with an adept understanding of many of the major theories and literature within the field. My professors offered more practical and experienced understanding of how these theories are to be appropriately utilized and applied to understand the crime, the criminal and the appropriate means of correction.

Experience

Erie County Legislature / Legislative Aide

January 2025, Present, Buffalo NY

Communicate with constituents to resolve issues, listen to and log concerns, work on research into the constituency and businesses within as well as any office tasks as needed. Oversaw Legislators schedule and responsible for monitoring district.

Erie County Board of Elections / Election Clerk

February 2024, December 2024, Buffalo NY

I supported the training of election inspectors and assisted with communication with the public. I conducted data entry, error correction and aided with numerous special projects.

27th Congressional District of NY / Congressional Intern

July 2022, August 2022, Buffalo NY

I worked in public relations and research, answering phones and working on data collection on behalf of the office and the constituency. I also worked on office organization and upkeep.

Education

East Aurora High School / Regents Diploma with Honors

2015 - 2018, East Aurora NY

I was a football team captain and was heavily involved in many other clubs, after school activities and productions.

Western Kentucky University / bachelor's degree

2019 - 2023, Bowling Green KY

I majored in Criminology, specializing in the practical application of theories in both the fields of criminology and penology, with a double minor in political science and history.

References

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