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August 7, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby Certify, That at a Session of the Common Council of the City of Buffalo, held in the City Hall, on the 24th day of July 2012, The following Resolution was Adopted which the following is a true copy.

**NO. 133**

**SPONSORED BY: CM RIVERA, CM PRIDGEN, AND CM LOCURTO.**

**CREATION AND APPOINTMENT OF A BUFFALO-ERIE COUNTY FOOD POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE**

Whereas, in the wake of the Buffalo Food Policy Summit and the Community Gardens Task Force, the creation of a more inclusive, far-reaching body is needed to address and advise local legislatures on food policy concerns; and

Whereas, these concerns include issues of food security, land-use, access to healthy, fresh, affordable food, procurement of locally produced food, barriers in permitting and licensing processes that discourage access and development to healthy, sustainable food, and all other matters pertaining to the production, processing, distribution, consumption, and disposal of food in the Buffalo-Erie County region; and,

Whereas, the economic benefits of a well-functioning regional food system include an increase in direct marketing partnerships between producer and consumer, urban and rural economic growth, and an increasing number of dollars that stay in the region through Locally produced, processed and distributed products; and,

Whereas, the City of Buffalo's current comprehensive plan makes no mention of the food system; and,

Whereas, those concerns are to be the focus of the Buffalo-Erie County Food Council, which will in turn provide the Council and County Legislature with recommendations for creating a comprehensive food system that leads to a healthier Buffalo and Erie County; and,

Whereas, it is important that the Food Policy Council is a joint Municipal/County initiative given that local, regional and state policies and plans greatly influence all levels of a community's food system; affecting producers, distributors, consumers and disposers alike; and,

Whereas, a Buffalo-Erie County Food Policy Council Steering Committee ('the Steering Committee') will be charged developing the purpose, structure, cam position and other foundational necessities for the creation of an effective, comprehensive and inclusive Food Policy Council; and, Whereas, the end result of the Steering Committee will be the production of a practical plan for the creation and implementation of a Food Policy Council for Buffalo and Erie County; and,

Whereas, the Steering Committee shall be comprised of the following expert seats from various fields related to building a healthy food system:

Food Producers: Dan Henry, W.D. Henry and Sons (Eden); Daniel Oles, Oles Family Farm (Alden) Processing: Tucker Curtin, Curtin Family Restaurants (Buffalo)

Distributor/Wholesaler: Robert Mercurico, James Desidero, Inc. Wholesale Fruit and Produce (Buffalo)

Consumers/Advocates: Diane Picard, Massachusetts Avenue Project (Buffalo-West Side); Jill Chiacchia, Be Healthy Institute (Hamburg); Joy McDuffie (Buffalo - East Side)

Food Retail: Mark Maloney, Dash's Market (Buffalo/Clarence/Tonawanda/East Amherst) Waste/Post Disposal: Guenter Burkhardt, Good Earth Horticulture (Lancaster)

City of Buffalo Appointee: Brendan Mehaffy, Office of Strategic Planning

Erie County Appointees: Dr. Gail Burstein, Dept. of Health; Maria Whyte, Dept. of Environment & Planning

Food Systems Expert: Dr. Samina Raja, University at Buffalo

Community Action Organization

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That.

The Buffalo Common Council hereby recognizes the need to have a professional and knowledgeable group work to address the challenges of creating an equitable, healthy, thriving and sustainable food system in the City of Buffalo and Erie County; and,

Be It Further Resolved That:

The Common Council hereby endorses the Steering Committee, a body comprised of the appointed experts and community leaders charged with developing the model for the Food Policy Council of Buffalo and Erie County; and

Be It Finally Resolved That:

The Steering Committee shall formally submit their recommendations for the creation of a Food Policy Council of Buffalo and Erie County, including its structure, cam position and goals to the Common Council by the end of 2012.

ADOPTED

ATTEST  
CITY CLERK



