

BUFFALO ERIE NIAGARA LAND IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors, Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation
FROM: Maria R. Whyte, Chairperson
SUBJECT: Resolution #2013 – 1 City of Niagara Falls
DATE: July 19, 2013

With the impending signing of land bank amendments by Governor Cuomo that include an increase in the number of permitted Board seats from 11 to 15, the opportunity to invite additional foreclosing governmental units to join the Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation is imminent.

The City of Niagara Falls has indicated an interest in joining BENLIC and a representative has attended working group and Board meetings in the past. BENLIC has also maintained a consistent interest in expanding to include Niagara Falls. Communication with Niagara Falls, including directly with Mayor Dyster, has been consistent throughout the drafting of these amendments to keep the City abreast of the status. Leadership in the City of Niagara Falls has maintained that as soon as the amendments have been passed and signed into law, the City welcomes an opportunity to join BENLIC.

The Association of Erie County Governments has also expressed an interest in officially joining the BENLIC Board of Directors.

ACTION

The Board of Directors is hereby requested to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Chairperson Whyte is hereby designated to open discussions with the City of Niagara Falls and its representatives, as well as the Erie County Association of Governments, regarding their inclusion in the Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Chairperson Whyte work with BENLIC counsel and the counsel of each of BENLIC's FGU's to initiate any necessary changes to any and all of BENLIC's governing documents.