

AFFIDAVIT OF ALBERT DEBENEDETTI

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ERIE) SS.:

ALBERT DEBENEDETTI, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

- 1) I am a duly elected member of the Erie County Legislature, representing the 6th Legislative District.
- 2) I am registered to vote and affiliated with the Democratic Party.
- 3) I am a resident and real property owner in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie. As such I am a taxpayer subject to payment of real property taxes and other taxes and fees imposed upon the residents of Erie County by its government.
- 4) In the evening of December 8, 2004, I was attending to my duties as an Erie County Legislator and participating in attempts to reach a number of funding compromises in order to pass a timely budget for the 2005 fiscal year.
- 5) That during said evening activities, I was invited to attend a meeting of Legislators with the County Executive, Joel A. Giambra.
- 6) That I attended said meeting which took place at the Liberty Building in the office of Anthony J. Colucci, III, at approximately 8:00 PM on December 8, 2004.
- 7) That the persons attending said meeting were myself, County Executive Giambra and Democratic Legislators Lynn M. Marinelli, Edward J. Kuwik, Timothy M. Wroblewski, Mark J.F. Schroeder, George A. Holt, Jr., Demone A. Smith, Raymond K. Dusza. In addition, the meeting was attended by Republican Legislators Charles M. Swanick and Jeanne Z. Chase, and several other staff persons.
- 8) That during said meeting considerable discussion and deliberation took place regarding disputed items contained in the tentative budget proposed by County Executive Giambra and the Legislature's amendments thereto.
- 9) That no members of the public were present at said meeting, nor were any allowed to attend.
- 10) That the said meeting ended when no agreement could be reached over the inclusion of patronage jobs for the County Executive in the budget.


ALBERT DEBENEDETTI

Sworn to before me this 27th
day of December, 2004



PETER A. REESE
Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Erie County
My Commission Expires Sept. 30, 2008