

**ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**EDC AGENDA**  
**OCTOBER 5, 2015**

*Committee Members: Supervisors Taylor, Monroe, Wood, Beaty and Strough*

- I. Committee meeting called to order by Chairman
- II. Motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting -
- III. Action Agenda/New Business Items:
  1. Authorizing the Chairman of the Board to sign a letter of support for the Capital Region Economic Development Council's submission for \$500 million in the Upstate Revitalization Initiative as requested by Kathleen Jimino, *Rensselaer County Executive*, and Kathy Sheehan, *Mayor of Albany*.
- IV. Referrals/Pending Items:

None.
- V. Discussion Items:
  1. Ed Bartholomew, President of Warren County EDC, to provide updates on any new/ongoing projects or initiatives.
- VI. Privilege of the Floor to discuss any additional items to come before the Committee
- VII. Motion to adjourn

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Attachments:

1. Email and letter from Kathleen Jimino, *Rensselaer County Executive*, and Kathy Sheehan, *Mayor of Albany (Agenda Item III(1))*.

## Allen, Amanda

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**From:** Jimino, Kathy <KJimino@rensko.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 4:29 PM  
**To:** Dusek, Paul; Allen, Amanda  
**Subject:** Upstate Revitalization Initiative Support Letter  
**Attachments:** Elected Official URI Support Letter.docx

**Importance:** High

Hi Paul and Joan,

We are trying to solicit broad based support for the Capital Region Upstate Revitalization submission to improve our chance of success. Would you be able to share this information with Chairman Geraghty and let me know if he would be willing to add his name to the attached letter?

Thanks,  
Kathy Jimino  
Rensselaer County Executive

Dear fellow elected officials:

We are writing to request your support of the Capital Region Economic Development Council's submission for \$500 million in the Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI). Our region's submission, entitled Capital 20.20, is a bold, transformative and winning strategy to grow jobs, expand opportunity and attract investment in our eight county region. If you have attended one of the Town Hall meetings or participated in our CEG-led URI meeting for elected officials, you know that this is an exciting, dynamic and compelling plan.

We have worked together like never before to identify our region's strengths, understand areas of need and engage with the private sector to build a winning plan that meets or exceeds Governor Cuomo's vision for the URI. The final step is to demonstrate to the Governor and those who will choose the three winning regions that we are unified in our support of Capital 20.20. The Governor has indicated that the support of local elected officials will be an important factor in this competition.

We hope you will join us signing on to the attached letter. **Please simply reply to this email by Wednesday, September 30 to indicate that we can add your name in support of Capital 20.20 -- a plan that will win this region \$500 million!**

Kind regards,

Kathleen Jimino, Rensselaer County Executive and  
Kathy Sheehan, Mayor of Albany

James J. Barba and Dr. Robert Jones  
Co-Chairs  
Capital Region Economic Development Council

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State University of New York  
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Dear Mr. Barba and Dr. Jones:

We write this letter to express our strong support and commitment to the Capital 20.20 Revitalization Plan (“Capital 20.20”) submitted on behalf of the Capital Region Economic Development Council (“CREDC”) for the New York Upstate Revitalization Initiative (“URI”). We are confident that Capital 20.20 meets and exceeds Governor Andrew Cuomo’s call for a transformative plan that will change the trajectory of the economy of Upstate New York.

The Governor and the New York State legislature launched the URI process to award \$500 million to three upstate regions based on each region’s plan for growing jobs and transforming the economy. Capital 20.20 is a blueprint that accomplishes something we’ve never seen in this region – a realistic, achievable plan for re-defining how we work together and, in doing so, how we will build on our past success to explode growth and opportunity in the Capital Region.

The Capital Region has prepared Capital 20.20 through a collaborative process, with outreach to literally thousands of residents, business owners, entrepreneurs, healthcare, educational and cultural institutions, not-for-profits, community leaders and elected officials.

As elected officials, we recognize that we must continue to look beyond our own municipal lines and work as one region to accomplish Capital 20.20’s bold agenda. Accordingly, we the undersigned chief elected - Mayors, Town Supervisors, County Executives, and County Board or Legislative Chairs - from across the Capital Region express our unconditional support for the Capital 20.20 Revitalization Plan and pledge our willingness to work to implement this Plan in concert with all the stakeholders and citizens within the Capital Region.

Sincerely,