

Hon. Joseph C. Lorigo 10<sup>th</sup> District Legislator Minority Leader

March 11, 2021

Supervisor Gary A. Dickson Town of West Seneca 1250 Union Rd West Seneca NY 14224

Dear Supervisor Dickson, /2

I want to thank you and your administration for all the work you all have been doing dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic. It certainly is a challenge every day, and every employee is to be commended for their efforts.

I'm writing today to update you on the latest Erie County sales tax revenue figures. As you are aware this is important information for all decision makers, as a portion of the sales tax collected by Erie County is distributed to our cities, towns, villages and school districts. Sales tax is the largest revenue for the county, bringing in more than \$770 million in a typical year. It is a critical part of both our budgets. I monitor it closely, and I thought as the information comes available to me I would also share it with you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 858-8922 or Joseph.Lorigo@erie.gov.

Sincerely,

Hon. Joseph C. Lorigo

Minority Leader, Eric County Legislature

Legislator, District 10

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## ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER HON. STEFAN I. MYCHAILIW

February 18, 2021

The Honorable Erie County Legislature 92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Honorable Members,

The Office of the New York State Comptroller notified our office that the second sales tax transfer for the revenue month of December has been received. This is also the final transfer of 2020 revenue, except for minor adjustments of interest earned Please be advised that the County Share sales tax revenue totaled \$477,449,549.37 for 2020, compared to \$490,511,300.08 for 2019. For the month of December 2020, sales tax revenue was down 6.48% (\$2,732,883.07) compared to 2019.

Data shows total Erie County sales tax revenue was down 2.66% for 2020, a loss of \$13,061,750.71 compared to 2019.

The 2020 County Share of sales tax was not impacted by the Distressed Hospital Aid intercept as budgeted in the State 2020-2021 budget. That impact will affect the 2021 County Share sales tax.

The Office of Erie County Comptroller will continue to monitor this revenue source closely and report data immediately to your honorable body.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Comptroller's Office.

Sincerely

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