

SUSPENSION
A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

(11-0)

Re: Requesting the Termination of Employees at Clover Group

WHEREAS, this honorable body stands united against racism, white supremacy, and discrimination, and acknowledges the pain these hateful ideologies have caused in this Country, especially in light of the anniversary of the May 14th racist terrorist attack; and

WHEREAS, the Clover Group has been accused of implementing racist policies, in particular refusing to develop affordable housing for senior citizens in neighborhoods that are majority-minority neighborhoods, particularly neighborhoods that are predominantly Black; and

WHEREAS, a number of Clover Group employees were recorded making racist tropes, using the term "Canadians" to refer to Black people, and were jovial in their racist remarks; and

WHEREAS, the allegations against the Clover Group and the corresponding evidence are clear and disturbing enough that immediate action needs to occur, in the form of termination of the persons and parties who were recorded on tape making racist statements; and

WHEREAS, these allegations highlight the systemic problem in this Country of racial discrimination, in particular with housing development; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo, as much as any other city, has been suffering from discriminatory housing practices that are being alleged at Clover Group, which has resulted in Buffalo being one of the most segregated cities in this Country, and a target for racist attacks, such as May 14, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature urges Clover Group to terminate the persons on the recording who made and accepted racist remarks; and

RESOLVED, calls on Clover Group to make a statement against racial housing discrimination; and

RESOLVED, urges the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to investigate Clover Group and its policies; and

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to United States Department Housing and Urban Development, New York State Governor, Erie County Executive.