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The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

**RE: *Right of Entry and Access Agreement – County of Niagara
(Early Voting Site – City Train Station, 825 Depot Avenue West)***

Council Members:

The Niagara County Board of Elections, (hereinafter, “NCBOE”), a department of the County of Niagara, has requested the right of entry upon and access to the City Train Station building at 825 Depot Avenue West for use as an early voting polling site. As you are aware, both the voting public and the overall election process have benefited from the availability of early voting sites. Early voting has eased Election Day congestion, leading to shorter lines and improved poll-worker performance. It also allows election officials to correct registration errors and fix voting system glitches earlier.

In furtherance of this endeavor, it is proposed that the City enter into a Right of Entry and Access Agreement with Niagara County. The NCBOE would be allowed to access the property on June 17, 2022, to set up operations for the Primary Election, with early voting to begin on June 18, 2022, and conclude on June 27, 2022. A second term for the General Election would begin on October 28, 2022 and conclude on November 7, 2022. The various times where the polling site would be open will be set by the NCBOE. The County will be responsible for the condition of the property and will provide the City with insurance and indemnification pursuant to our usual requirements.

Will the Council so approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement provided that the same is satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel in both form and content?

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor

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