



## The City of Buffalo Common Council

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**SCHEDULED**

**AGENDA ITEM 21-826**

Meeting: 06/08/21 02:00 PM  
Department: Common Council  
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### **Wingo - Supporting for the People Act**

Whereas New York has served as a model for restoring and expanding democracy through election policy and law reform in the face of a concerted effort to weaken it;

Whereas as states across the country are on the attack, making it increasingly difficult for people, especially people of color, to vote, we have the opportunity to advance similar reforms nationwide;

Whereas the For the People Act (HR1/S1) that is before the current Congress, is a sweeping piece of legislation that opens the door for sustainable progressive change on all fronts;

Whereas the For the People Act would expand access to the ballot for tens of millions of Americans, create automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration, and lessen the undue influence of a small group of extremely wealthy donors by empowering small donors;

Whereas the act would also ban what is known as partisan gerrymandering, where politicians draw their own district lines; and

Whereas Senate Majority Leader Schumer is leading the charge in the senate to pass this legislation and secure civil rights for many across the country: Now, Therefore Be It

*Resolved that The City of Buffalo Common Council-*

- 1) Affirms the importance of the For the People Act;
- 2) Declares its support of this legislation and calls on the federal delegation of WNY to take positive action on the relevant bills; and
- 3) Directs the city clerk to forward copies of this resolution to Congressman Higgins, and Senators Schumer and Gillibrand.