



# **PUBLIC FORMULATION HEARING**

## **2016 Annual Action Plan**

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**CITY OF BUFFALO**  
**Byron W. Brown, Mayor**

**MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING**  
**Brendan R. Mehaffy, Executive Director**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016**  
**JFK Recreational Center**

# AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Housekeeping Items
3. Formulation Presentation for Year 42 Annual Action Plan (2016-2017)
  - ❖ Program Outlines
  - ❖ Public Service Applications
  - ❖ Q & A
4. Amendments to Existing Annual Action Plans  
Questions and answers
5. Important dates and Information Locations
6. Adjournment

# HOUSEKEEPING

*Please...*



**Be Sure  
Your Cell  
Phone Is  
On Quiet  
Or Vibrate**



**Restrooms**



# COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

- Welcome, please sign in!
- If you'd like to comment or ask a question please indicate that on the sign in sheet so that you can be announced.
- Please hold all questions until the end of presentation. Utilize sticky notes.

# INTRODUCTION OF PANEL

- **Ms. Yvonne McCray**- Housing Director, BURA oversees HOME & CDBG projects. Single & Multifamily Home Rehabs.
- **Mr. Keith Lucas**- Planning Director, BURA, oversees Community Planning efforts throughout the City.
- **Mr. Antwan Diggs**- Program Coordinator, BURA, oversees Community Crime Prevention Initiatives throughout the City.

# INTRODUCTION OF PANEL

- **Mr. Rishawn Sonubi-** Deputy Commissioner, COB Dept. of Public Works, Parks & Streets, oversees Construction, Maintenance & repair of all City owned buildings.
- **Chief Ron Collins/ Mr. Michael Schieber-**COB Department of Permits and Inspection Services.
- **Ms. Rebecca Harris-** Human Resources Planner, COB, works closely with CDBG,ESG & HOPWA programs & agency engagement.



# PLEASE WELCOME

Brendan R. Mehaffy, ESQ

Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning

Executive Director

# THANK YOU!!!

JFK Recreational Center for hosting,  
who to date has received  
**\$1,449,380.37** in funding for  
playground & park improvements  
as well as rehabilitation to the  
facility.

# FOUR ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS

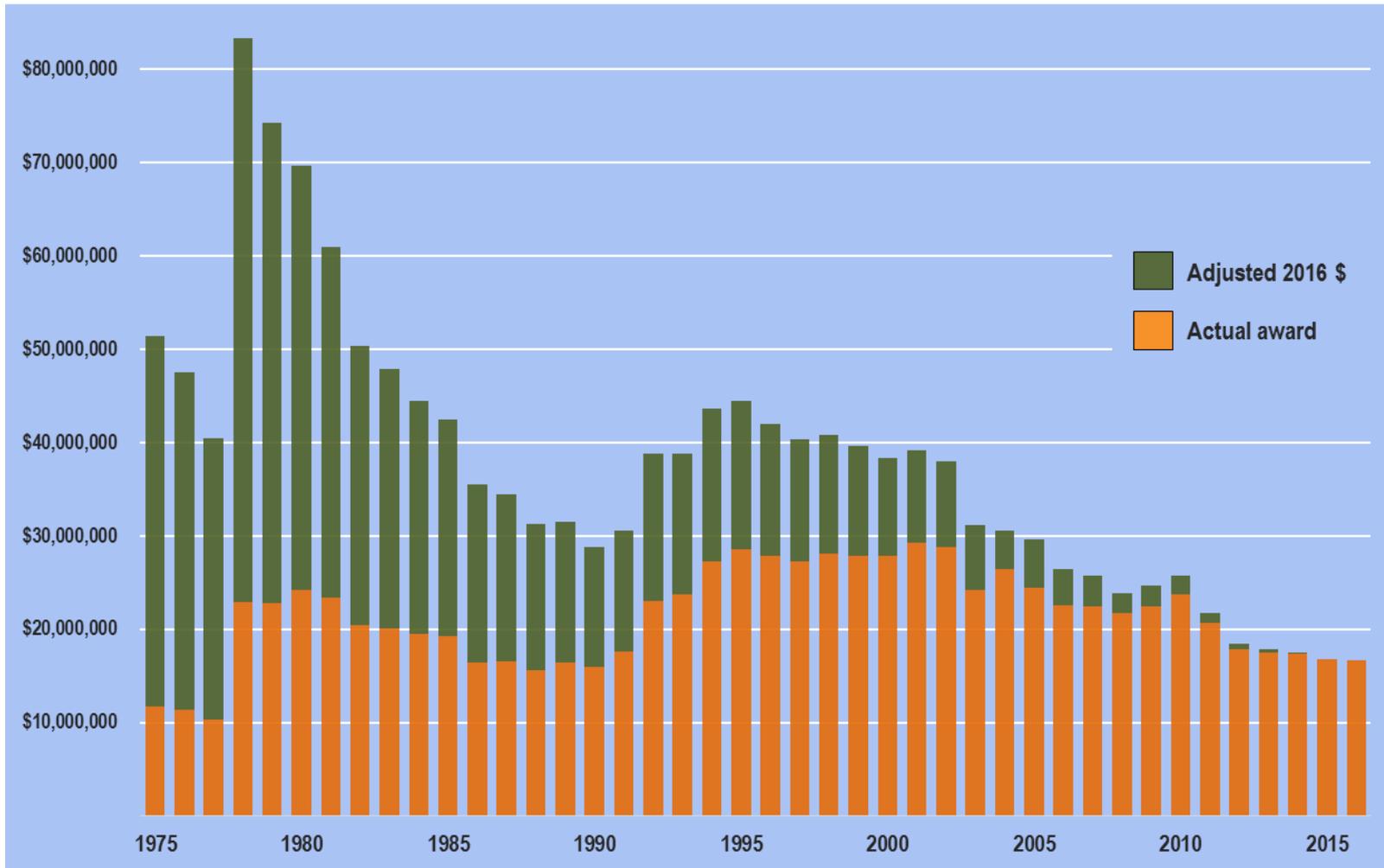
1. CDBG: Community Development Block Grant
2. HOME: HOME Investment Partnerships
3. ESG: Emergency Solutions Grant
4. HOPWA: Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS

**Representing  
\$16,639,921**

# ALLOCATIONS

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/2016	2016/2017
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,549,000</b>	<b>\$17,345,000</b>	<b>\$16,739,702</b>	<b>\$16,639,921</b>
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>13,424,000</b>	<b>13,003,000</b>	<b>12,635,721</b>	<b>12,543,125</b>
<b>HOME</b>	<b>2,628,000</b>	<b>2,711,000</b>	<b>2,398,152</b>	<b>2,401,418</b>
<b>ESG</b>	<b>972,000</b>	<b>1,090,000</b>	<b>1,159,066</b>	<b>1,137,467</b>
<b>HOPWA</b>	<b>525,000</b>	<b>550,000</b>	<b>546,763</b>	<b>557,911</b>

# FUNDING: 1975 to 2016



# OVERALL FUNDING \$ 16,639,921

\* Represents an overall funding reduction of \$1, 529, 781 compared to last year.



Community Development Block Grant	\$12,543,125
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CDBG program income	\$1,000,000
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	\$2,401,418
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HOME program income	\$120,000
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## ESG

Emergency Solutions Grant

\$1,137,467



**HOPWA**

Housing Opportunities  
for Persons With AIDS

\$557,911

# HOPWA

**\$557,911**

- Provide housing assistance and related supportive services for persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
- Distributed directly to local non-profits to provide both permanent and short-term housing assistance and other supportive services
- Not available for construction or renovation of facilities
- Allocations made based on applications submitted to and reviewed by city
- Up to 3% of grant may be used for program administration

# ESG

**\$1,137,467**

- Help to prevent homelessness, and address the housing and supportive service needs of homeless individuals and families.
- Distributed directly to local non-profits to provide street outreach, emergency shelter, prevention services, and rapid rehousing
- Not available for construction or renovation of facilities
- Allocations made based on applications submitted to and reviewed by Continuum of Care Committee
- Up to 7.5% of grant may be used for program administration

# HOME

**\$2,401,418**

- Supports the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income renters and homeowners.
- Distributed by RFP to developers and non-profits seeking to construct or renovate affordable housing
- Proposals are reviewed by BURA to determine readiness of development and amount of outside funding being leveraged
- At least 15% of grant must be set aside for use by Community Housing Development Organizations – CHDOs
- Up to 10% of grant may be used for program administration

# CDBG

**\$12,543,125**

- Assist with the development of viable communities by providing decent, affordable housing; a suitable living environment; and economic opportunities for persons with low- and moderate incomes.
- At least 70% of all funds must benefit low or moderate income persons or neighborhoods
- Up to 15% of grant may be used to provide public services
- Up to 20% of grant may be used for program administration

# CDBG ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Housing rehabilitation and new construction
- Down payment and closing cost assistance
- Demolition of abandoned and deteriorated structures
- Public facility improvements to community centers, libraries, parks, playgrounds, streets, and sidewalks
- Public services for youths and seniors, employment training, crime prevention, and fair housing
- Economic development assistance to create or retain jobs for low or moderate income persons

# CDBG INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- **General city services, including operating and maintenance expenses**
- **Improvements to buildings providing general city services**
- **Equipment purchase**
- **Political and religious activities**

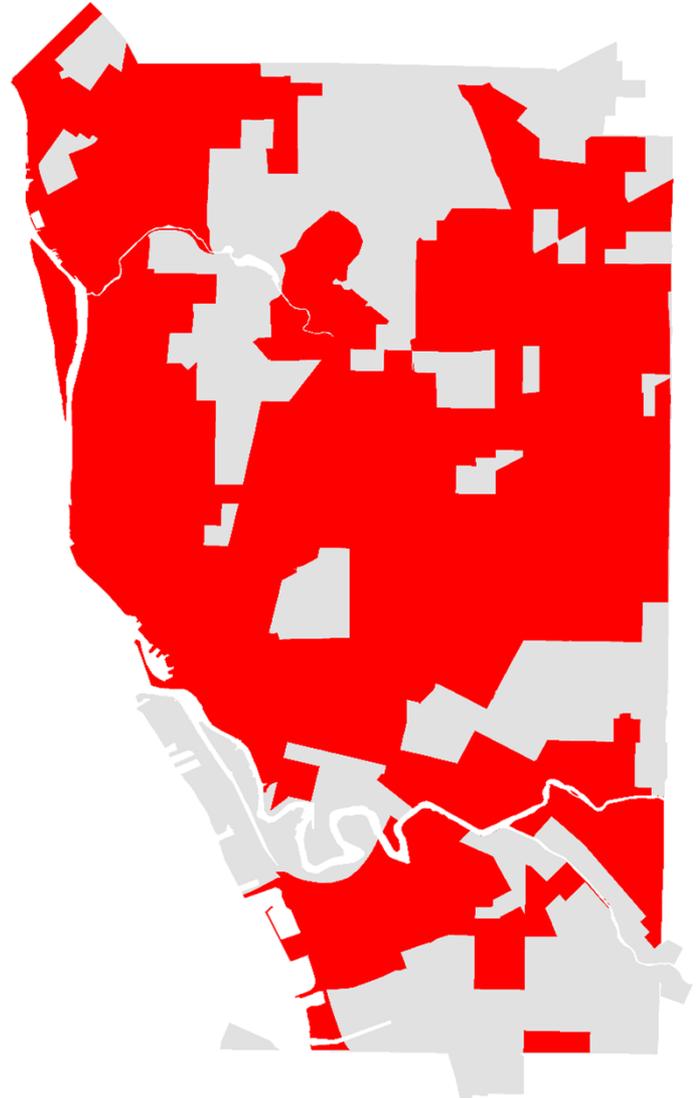
# NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

All CDBG-funded activities must meet at least one National Objective:

- Benefit low or moderate persons or neighborhoods
- Prevent or eliminate slums and blight
- Address an urgent need

# CDBG ELIGIBLE AREAS

- Census block groups where at least 51% of the households are low or moderate income
- Public facilities must be located in or serve residents who live in LMI areas



# SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LAST PROGRAM YEAR

- \$16,248,446.81 Disbursed CDBG funds
- 166 dilapidated buildings or homes demolished
- 187 Single Unit Residential Rehabs
- 286 Multi Unit Residential Rehabs
- 52 Energy Efficiency Improvements
- \$5,679,368.04 in Public Facility Improvements disbursed to Community Centers & Parks that served a total of 281,556 persons.
- 18,634 persons impacted through Crime Awareness Initiatives.
- 10,852 persons impacted by Street Improvements

# PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- 160 Brunswick Blvd.
- Riverside Special Needs Apartments
- Demolitions
- Sidewalk Replacement
- ADA Accessible Curb Ramps
- Youth Activities

# 160 Brunswick Blvd.



# **HOME: Riverside Special Needs Apartments**



**1.5 million HOME funding: 68 affordable rental units at the former school 60 at 238 Ontario Street. Total project cost: \$20 million (City, NYS, Federal, Private)**

# CDBG: Demolitions



**Before and After – 34 Lathrop Street**



**Before and After – 316 Goodyear Avenue**

# CDBG: Sidewalk Replacement



**Busti Avenue: Before and After**

# CDBG: ADA Accessible Curb Ramps



# Youth Programs



# CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

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- Formulation public hearing March 31, 2016
- Public Service Applications Due May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm
- Review public hearing June 29, 2016
- Close of comment period July 29, 2016
- Start of program year October 1, 2016
- End of program year September 30, 2017



# PUBLIC SERVICE APPLICATIONS

- Hard copies available City Hall Community Services Department: Room 1701
- Available on the city's website: [www.city-buffalo.com](http://www.city-buffalo.com)
- Available at the Agency Application Workshop tomorrow morning with Sue Lumadue:
  - 9am-10:00am ESG/HOPWA Agencies
  - 10:00am-11:00am CDBG Agencies

Be Sure  
To  
Attend!!

## LOCATION:

**Metro CDC aka Delavan-Grider Community Center:  
877 E Delavan Ave, Buffalo, 14215**

## COMMENTS

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- All comments received tonight, or during the subsequent 30-day comment period, will be included in the city's submission to HUD.
- Comments may be submitted in writing:
  - Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning
  - 920 City Hall
  - Buffalo, NY 14202
  - Attn: Rashika Hall
- Or by e-mail: [rhall@city-buffalo.com](mailto:rhall@city-buffalo.com)

## COMMENTS

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- The Annual Action Plan Amendments, Public Services Applications and Forms, are posted on the city's website:

[www.city - buffalo.com](http://www.city-buffalo.com)

Please type “consolidated plan” into the search bar, and you will be directed to this and other related documents.



SEARCH:

# WE WELCOME YOUR QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Sign up reservations will be taken first.  
Anonymous questions second.





AMENDMENTS TO OUR YEAR  
41 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN  
(CURRENT)

**Presented by  
Mr. Brendan R. Mehaffy, ESQ  
Executive Director of the  
Mayor's Office of Strategic  
Planning**

# AMENDMENTS

The City will amend its Annual Action Plan whenever it makes one of the following decisions: to make a change in its allocation priorities or the method of distributing funds; to carry out an activity using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan (including program income) not previously described in the Action Plan; or to change the purpose scope, location and/or beneficiaries of the activity.

The City will use the following criteria to determine what changes in planned or on-going activities constitute a substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan: substantial change occurs when the cumulative effect of an activity's budget amount is increased or decreased by more than twenty-five percent (25%), or when interim financing such as float loans are provided. A substantial change is not moving funds from unencumbered project balances from one year to another year for similar activities within the same target area. Nor is it transferring funds within the same HUD-eligible categories.

# AMENDMENTS

The City will amend its current year 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan to add the following Projects:

**Northland Corridor**  
**Amount: \$4,000,000**

Funding will be allocated to assist the Northland-Beltline Corridor Redevelopment Project. This project will return vacant, underutilized properties to productive use, assist with revitalizing the surrounding neighborhood, and provide employment opportunities for nearby residents by creating a new manufacturing and employment hub on Buffalo's East Side. CDBG funding will be used for the demolition of commercial buildings owned by BUDC, such as 537 E. Delavan and for the removal of asbestos/abatement and façade improvements and partial demolition at 683 Northland Ave. This project is eligible under the HUD National Objective of Slum or Blight on a spot basis under the activity of clearance. (24CFR 570.201 (d), 570.208(b)(2).

\*The project listed above will be funded from expected program income.

# AMENDMENTS

The City will amend its current year 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan to increase funding to the following projects:

	Current Project Amt. Including Prior Amendments	Increase	Amended Project Amt.
West Side Community Services – Senior Program – 2015, CPS#60	\$61,400.00	\$ 7,807.00	\$69,307.00
Hennepin Community Center – Senior Program – 2015, CPS#24	\$30,200.00	\$35,000.00	\$65,200.00

The projects will be funded from current year projects having left over balances, where bids for the work came in under budget, or projects that were not carried out and will no longer be funded as follows:

# AMENDMENTS

## West Side Community Services – Senior Program - 2015, CPS #60

Increase: \$7,807.00

Funds will be used for senior services at the West Side Community Center

Funding Source:

Program Delivery: Belmont - 2015, CPS #17

Current Project Amt Including Prior Amendments	Reduction	Amended Project Amt.	Project Status
\$346,500.00	\$ 7,807.00	\$338,693.00	Ongoing

# AMENDMENTS

## Hennepin Community Center – Senior Program - 2015, CPS #24

Increase: \$35,000.00

Funds will be used for senior services at the Hennepin Community Center to support a developing program. Increase is within comparable center support. Although we are proposing an increase for Hennepin to a total of \$65,200, this represents an approximate 5% (\$3,600) decrease in funding from last year when compared to the now dissolved ABLEY who provided a portion of those senior services in the past that Hennepin is now absorbing.

Funding Source:	Current Project Amt Including Prior Amendments	Reduction	Amended Project Amt.	Project Status
Program Delivery: Belmont - 2015, CPS #17	\$338,693.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$303,693.00	Ongoing

# AMENDMENTS

The City will amend prior years' Annual Action Plans to add the following projects:

	Proposed Project <u>Amount</u>
Jericho Road Community Health Center	\$14,175.00

The project will be funded from the left over balance of VIVE, Inc. contract.

## Jericho Road Community Health Center

**Proposed Amount: \$14,175.00**

Jericho Road took over services at VIVE, Inc. prior to the closeout of the VIVE contract. The left over balance will be used to fund those continuous services.

# AMENDMENTS

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	Current Project Amt Including Prior Amendments	Increase	Amended Project Amt.
Park & Playground Improvements - 2012, CPS #2	\$ 714,766.70	\$ 20,460.89	\$ 735,227.59
Park & Playground Improvements - 2014, CPS #6	\$ 854,462.69	\$ 58,671.11	\$ 913,133.80
Community Center Improvements – 2014, CPS #5	\$ 2,126,474.63	\$ 200,000.00	\$2,326,474.63

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# CONTINUED PARKS & REC AMENDMENT DETAIL

## Park & Playground Improvements - 2012, CPS #2

**Increase: \$20,460.89**

Increase to be used to fund the Schiller Park concession building renovation

Funding Source:	Current Project Amt Including Prior Amendments	Reduction	Amended Project Amt.	Project Status
Street & Sidewalk Improvements - 2012, CPS #4	\$2,714,624.45	\$ 20,460.89	\$2,694,163.56	Closeout

## Park & Playground Improvements - 2014, CPS #6

**Increase: \$58,671.11**

Increase to be used to fund the Schiller Park concession building renovation

Funding Source:	Current Project Amt Including Prior Amendments	Reduction	Amended Project Amt.	Project Status
Community Center Improvements - 2014, CPS #5	\$2,326,474.63	\$58,671.11	\$2,267,803.52	Ongoing

# CONTINUED PARKS & REC AMENDMENT DETAIL

## Community Center Improvements - 2014, CPS #5

Increase: \$200,000

Funds were allocated to the African Cultural Center Human Services Program in the June 2015 Amendment in error. The funds should have been allocated to the Community Center Improvement project for the AACC capital improvement campaign:

Funding Source:	Current Project		Amended	Project
	Amt Including		Project Amt.	Status
	Prior Amendments	Reduction		
African Cultural Center - 2014, CPS #22	\$ 254,700.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$54,700.00	Closeout

# AMENDMENTS

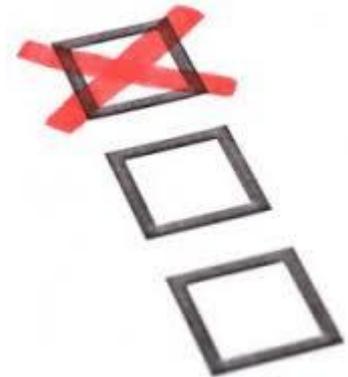
## Home Project Amendments

Funds to be allocated to Rental Rehab/New Construction- Multi-Family from the following funding sources in order to fund committed HOME projects (additional details attached):

Funding Source:	Current Project		Amended	Project
	Amt Including	Reduction	Project Amt.	Status
	Prior Amendments			
CHDO Activities-35-70502	\$ 1,246,665.00	\$ 484,383.00	\$762,282.00	Ongoing
Homeowner/Homebuyer Rehab NRSA-36-70502	\$ 410,279.00	\$410,279.00	\$0	Closeout
Homebuyer Initiatives- 38-70505	\$ 964,991.00	\$964,991.00	\$0	Closeout
Homebuyer Initiatives- 39-70505	\$ 849,200.00	\$849,200.00	\$0	Closeout

# WE WELCOME YOUR QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Sign up reservations will be taken first.  
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

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Byron W. Brown, Mayor of Buffalo

