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Cleveland, City Manager Plan, 1926.

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June 30, 1926.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The City Manager League of Rochester will conduct an intensive campaign from September 27th to October 2nd urging every citizen to register and vote this fall, and we would greatly appreciate it if you would assist us in this campaign by giving us a brief statement that we can use for publicity in our effort to greatly increase Rochester's voting population and build up a responsible and responsive citizenry.

Thanking you, I am,

Respectfully,

George Dietrich
Chairman.

July 8th, 1926.

Mr. George Dietrich,
City Manager League,
25 Exchange Street,
Rochester, New York.

My dear Mr. Dietrich,

The campaign to increase Rochester's voting population which your City Manager League is launching is one of the most promising and useful enterprises in which thoughtful citizens can engage at this time. It has always been my conviction that many of the political shortcomings and abuses of which our people complain are the direct results of our citizens' indifference to their political obligations. The professional exploiters of our free institutions and the political scavengers are always vigilant and always vote. Unfortunately this cannot be said of the rank and file of our citizenry upon whose active participation in government the well being of our institutions depends.

The right of suffrage is the dearest possession of our people and was purchased with much sacrifice and blood. A greater pity than that this high privilege is carelessly ignored by millions of our people until such time as political demoralization sets in. It is then that our people become righteously indignant and are prone to blame everybody but themselves.

I wish you great success in your commendable undertaking.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,