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Regional Government Committee of 400, 1927-1932.

City of Cleveland

Office of the Mayor

JOHN D. MARSHALL
MAYOR

November 28, 1927.

Rev. Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland.

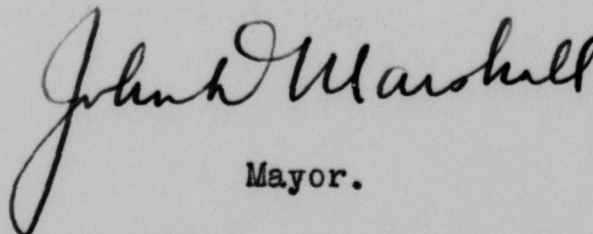
Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in inviting you to serve as a member of a committee which I am appointing at the request of fourteen civic organizations to consider the subject of a metropolitan government for Greater Cleveland. It is made up entirely of citizens who hold no public position and my only part is in naming its members and assisting in its organization.

The first meeting will be held in the Lattice Room, Hotel Statler, Thursday, December 1, at 12:00 noon. At this time it is hoped the officers and perhaps an executive committee can be chosen and definite plans for the future work of the committee formulated. It is expected the session will be over by 1:30 P. M. The price of the luncheon will be \$1.00 which will be paid by each person in attendance. Kindly sign and return the enclosed card promptly.

I believe that an opportunity is presented for real public service to Greater Cleveland through membership on this committee, which I trust you will find it possible to accept. If you cannot attend the meeting Thursday, and would care to do so, I would appreciate your writing me a brief expression of your views.

Very cordially yours,


Mayor.

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December 12, 1927

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road & E. 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

For the Chairman, Mr. Paul Howland, I am informing you officially that you have been appointed upon the Executive Committee of the larger Regional Government Committee, charged with responsibility for working out a cooperative governmental plan for Greater Cleveland.

Please note that the first meeting of this Committee will be in Suite 100 on the Parlor Floor of the Hollenden Hotel, Thursday, December 15th, at 12:15 o'clock. It is particularly urgent that you should attend this first meeting.

Please let this office know that you can be there.

Very truly yours,

C. K. Matson

Secretary
Regional Government Committee

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REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DEC. 15

In order to get the Regional Government program quickly under way, the Officers and Nominating Committee of the original committee of 400 have taken the initiative in making certain recommendations and suggestions for presentation to you today.

The Executive Committee is regarded as the final executive authority charged with setting up other committees, with initiating a program and with seeing that such a program is carried out. It is to be the final authority to pass on any plan or plans later to go to the public.

To you who are members of this Executive Committee, your Officers and Nominating Committee recommend three major organization sub-divisions which you are authorized to create. They are -

1. A Fact-Finding Committee
2. A Legislative Ways and Means Committee
3. An Educational Committee

The functions suggested for these committees are -

FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE

This Committee is charged with governmental research and study; with consultation with proper and essential governmental authorities; with giving a hearing to all interested and reputable parties from the suburbs and the city who may desire such hearing, and particularly with giving adequate hearing to official representatives of the cities or villages in the county. This Committee is further charged with working out a plan or plans which it deems applicable to the Cleveland situation. Such plan or plans should be submitted to the Executive Committee before final presentation to the public.

This Committee shall organize at once for its task. Its Chairman and officers, and whatever executive committee it establishes, shall suggest such sub-committees as may be needed, either from its own membership or from other sources.

LEGISLATIVE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

This Committee will have responsibility for drawing up and securing such legislation as may be required by whatever plan is worked out. It is proposed that this Committee shall be appointed and organized at a later meeting of the Executive Committee.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

This Committee will be charged with speakers service, publicity and other ways and means of reaching the public and thoroughly educating it as to what is going on. It is proposed to appoint this Committee at a later meeting of the Executive Committee.

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It is suggested to the Executive Committee that it take steps immediately to create the Fact-Finding Committee. The interest in the general subject seems to demand immediate action.

The Officers and Nominating Committee, therefore, present nominations for the Fact-Finding Committee with chairman, vice chairman and secretary as follows:

W. A. Greenlund, Chairman
Dean Walter T. Dunmore, Vice Chairman
Harold H. Burton Vice Chairman
Leyton B. Carter, Secretary

Mr. Carter is Director of the Municipal Research Bureau. It is hoped that his knowledge and the valuable aid of his organization will be available for the research work which will be necessary to the working out of a sound plan.

The nominations for the entire committee are attached.

*Small Research
Sub-Committee*

CUYAHOGA COUNTY DELEGATION

Lester G. Abele, State House, Columbus, Ohio
Ernest J. Bohn, State House, Columbus, Ohio
Harold H. Burton, State House, Columbus, Ohio
John H. Bustard, State House, Columbus, Ohio
Mrs. Nettie M. Clapp, State House, Columbus, Ohio
John Evans, State House, Columbus, Ohio
Mrs. Clara Wood Derr, State House, Columbus, Ohio
Joseph G. Ehrlich, State House, Columbus, Ohio
John A. Hadden, State House, Columbus, Ohio
Mrs. Sarah E. Hyre, State House, Columbus, Ohio
David S. Ingalls, State House, Columbus, Ohio
Perry B. Jackson, State House, Columbus, Ohio
(Gilbert Morgan, State House, Columbus, Ohio)
Laurence H. Norton, State House, Columbus, Ohio
Horace R. Sanborn, State House, Columbus, Ohio
Herman L. Vail, State House, Columbus, Ohio

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(Members to be Appointed)

January 27, 1928

JOHN A. ZANGERLE

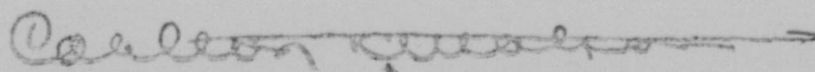
WILL SPEAK

All members of the Committee of 400 are urged to attend the open hearing in the Assembly Hall of the New County Court House at 3 P.M. Tuesday, January 31st.

Mr. John A. Zangerle, County Auditor, will speak upon the general subject of County Government and its ramifications.

This hearing is held under the auspices of the Fact-Finding and Policy Committee, of which Mr. W. A. Greenlund is Chairman and Mr. Leyton E. Carter Secretary.

Very truly yours,



Secretary,
Regional Government Committee

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March 12, 1928

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

You have received an invitation to a luncheon.
meeting of the Committee of 400 at the Hollenden
Hotel, Friday, March 16th, at 12:15.

Mr. Martin Dodge, Secretary of the American
Airports Corporation, will speak on "What Is A
Metropolitan District", and Mr. W. A. Greenlund
will report for the Fact-Finding and Policy
Committee. The general chairman, Mr. Paul
Howland, will preside.

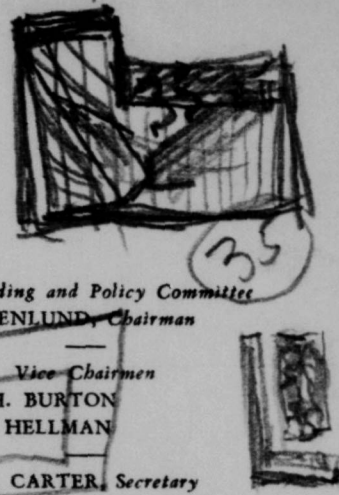
Before the luncheon -- will you make an effort
to be in the Spanish Room of the Hollenden at
11:30 so that an Executive Committee meeting can
be held prior to the Public Meeting? It will
save everybody's time by combining the two meetings
in this way.

Please try and be there.

Very truly yours,

C. K. Matson
Secretary,
Regional Government Committee

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October 1, 1928

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EARL D. BACON, *Secretary*

TO MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Since sending copies of various reports of the Research Committee to you under date of September 5th, four additional pamphlets have been reproduced which we are sending you under separate cover. These are -

"Regional Planning and Zoning and Industry in
the Cleveland District"
"Constitutional Aspects of Regional Government
Plans"
"Transportation"
"Progress Toward Metropolitan Government in
Cleveland"

We believe you may be particularly interested in the one entitled "Constitutional Aspects of Regional Government Plans". This deals with the basic constitutional problems which confront our Committee.

Sincerely yours,

LEYTON E. CARTER

Secretary,
Regional Government Committee

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OF THE
REGIONAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF "400"

October 2, 1928

RECEIPTS - 12/7/27 - 10/2/28

Total Amount of Contributions Received	\$ 2939.50	
Interest on Money in Bank	3.51	
Loan - Guardian Trust Company	<u>987.16</u>	
		\$ 3930.17

DISBURSEMENTS - 12/7/27 - 10/2/28

Stationery	\$ 92.00	
Multigraphing	103.92	
Mimeographing (Research Committee Reports)	309.69	
Master Reporting Company (Reports of Public Hearings)	358.72	
Miscellaneous Expense (Office Supplies, Telephone, Lecture Fees, etc.)	573.28	
Salaries (Stenographic)	1999.20	
Petty Cash (Stamps, etc.)	84.29	
Traveling Expense	<u>112.04</u>	
BALANCE ON HAND		<u>3633.14</u> \$ 297.03

Balance in Bank \$ 281.32

Balance in Petty Cash 15.71

\$ 297.03

RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORTS

- "A Bibliography on Regional Government"
- "Scope and Limitation of the Home Rule Powers of Municipalities under the Ohio Constitution"
- "City County Consolidation"
- "Government of New York City"
- "Cleveland Metropolitan Park District"
- "Present Government of Chicago and Cook County"
- "Government of Boston"
- "Sewerage and Sewage Disposal in Cuyahoga County - Cleveland Water Supply System"
- "Smoke Abatement in Cuyahoga County"
- "Government of London"
- "Government of Berlin"
- "Port of New York Authority"
- "Regional Planning of Tax Supported Health Work"
- "Regional Planning and Zoning and Industry in the Cleveland District"
- "Constitutional Aspects of Regional Government Plans - Constitutional Requirements as to Taxation"
- "Transportation"
- "Progress Toward Metropolitan Government in Cleveland"

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE of "400"

~~710 Federal Reserve Bank Building~~

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November 8, 1928

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

This letter is to tell you as a member of the Committee of "400" about the progress of the work, what it has cost to date and the immediate financial needs of the Committee.

The Executive Committee needs a modest amount to carry on the work. The last winter's financial campaign produced \$2939.50. Resources are now about exhausted.

But what has been done you may ask. The answer is a great deal has been done. The Executive Committee has felt that "bally hoo" or superficial publicity would be out of place. It has felt too that attempts to draw wide spread attention to the problem of regional government during the summer months and during a presidential campaign would be untimely. But more important than these considerations it has felt that first a lot of basic study and thinking should be done before anybody "steps out" with a plan of action.

This kind of work has been quietly and determinedly going on. The Fact Finding and Policy Committee had held a long series of public hearings with many public officials and collected much valuable testimony. The Research Committee, a subcommittee of the Fact Finding group, has responded to its assignment of studying the whole situation in a truly admirable fashion. They have prepared 17 separate studies and monographs upon various essential phases of our problem. A final report is now being prepared based on these various studies, the testimony at the public hearings and other material. This it is planned will be ready for submission to the Executive Committee within a month. (See the list of the Research Committee's Reports on an attached sheet.)

At this moment we must depend upon the faithful, in short the members of the Committee of "400" and a few others who have attested their interest by cash contributions. Later, when the final report and a plan of action is publicly available a broader appeal can be made. But now a little boost is needed for bringing about any form of effective regional government.

Pittsburgh, Allegheny County and the State of Pennsylvania voted on their enabling constitutional amendment Nov. 6. It was adopted. They are well on the road. They too had a modest beginning with a relatively few citizens. What they are doing, we too can do if all pull together. Last winter you contributed \$10.00 Would it be possible for you to duplicate this amount now?

Very truly yours,
PRELIMINARY FINANCE COMMITTEE

D. S. Humphrey

D. S. Humphrey, Chairman, and Treasurer
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Bernice Neuberger
Otto A. Schuele
Ralph W. Bell

N. B. See Enclosures

- (a) Listing of Research Committee's Studies and Reports
- (b) Financial Statement

**Suggested Amendment to Constitution of Ohio
Granting Authority for Alternative Forms of
County Government and Permitting a Borough
Plan of Metropolitan Government for Certain
Counties.**

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House Joint Resolution No.

A proposed amendment to the Constitution of Ohio, repealing Section 16 of Article IV and Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Article X and inserting in Article X new Sections 1 and 2, relating to County Government and Federated Municipal Government.

BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each House concurring therein, that there be submitted to the electors of the State of Ohio for their approval or rejection at the regular election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1929, a proposal to amend the constitution of the State of Ohio by repealing Section 16 of Article IV and Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article X thereof, and inserting in Article X new Sections 1 and 2, which shall read as follows:

"Section 1. Except as otherwise provided in this Article, the organization and government of counties and townships shall be such as now is or hereafter shall be authorized by general laws. Laws may also be passed providing alternative forms of county government for any counties adopting the same; but no such alternative form of county government shall become operative in any county unless and until approved by vote of a majority of the electors voting thereon in such county.

"Section 2. As a further alternative in any counties having a population of 150,000 inhabitants, as determined by the next preceding federal census, all powers and duties of the county and of all county officers may be vested in a municipal corporation to be known as a Federated City. Such a city shall have such further powers and duties, shall include such territory and shall be formed in such manner as shall be provided by general law and in accordance with this section.

- (a) A Federated City shall be a city within the meaning of Article XVIII of this constitution, and shall be subject to all provisions of that Article not inconsistent with this section.
- (b) A Federated City shall have, and its charter shall provide for its exercise of all the powers and duties now or hereafter vested by law in any county, or in the officers of any county, that shall be included wholly within its corporate limits. Such city shall also have such of the powers and duties of municipal corporations and of any other governmental subdivisions which are or might be formed within its corporate limits as shall be permitted by general law and provided by its charter. Such powers and duties may be exclusive or concurrent. Provision may be made by its charter for changes in the designations of any governmental subdivisions within the Federated City, but the adoption of such charter shall not terminate the existence or change the form of government of any municipal corporation or township, and all of their powers and duties which shall not have been vested in the Federated City by its charter shall be reserved to them respectively.

- (c) A Federated City shall include such territory as shall be specified in its charter, and such corporate limits may be changed from time to time as shall be permitted by general law, and as stated in its charter, provided, however, that a Federated City must include within its corporate limits at least one entire county, and provided further that the Federated City shall not have the powers or duties of a county or of county officers within any portion of a county which is not entirely included within the corporate limits of the Federated City.
- (d) The charter of the Federated City shall provide for the transfer to it of all property, and for the assumption by it of all indebtedness of any county located entirely within its corporate limits, and may provide for the transfer to it of such other property, and for the assumption by it of such other indebtedness as shall be provided by general law, and as shall be set forth in the charter. The charter may provide for taxing districts within the Federated City, and for the levying and method of levying taxes within such city, and within such respective districts for any purposes of such city upon such basis as shall be uniform within each taxing district, but need not be uniform as between separate districts. All taxes for purposes other than those of the Federated City, or of its taxing districts, shall be levied in accordance with general law.
- (e) The charter of a Federated City shall be framed by a commission, not more than one-half of the members of which shall be chosen by vote of the electors of the most populous municipal corporation within the county. The remainder of the commission shall be chosen by vote of the electors within the remainder of such county.
- (f) The charter of a Federated City shall not become effective unless and until approved by a majority vote of the electors voting thereon respectively in (1) the most populous municipal corporation to be included in the Federated City; (2) the remainder of the area to be included in the Federated City; and also (3) in each of two-thirds of the total number of municipal corporations and of the township areas, exclusive of incorporated areas in such townships, to be included in the Federated City. Amendments to the charter shall be made as provided therein, provided, however, that no amendment reducing any power of any governmental subdivision within the Federated City shall be effective unless approved by majority vote of the electors voting thereon in the Federated City as a whole, and also by a majority vote of the electors voting thereon in each of two-thirds of the total number of municipal corporations, and of the township areas, exclusive of incorporated areas in such townships, included in such Federated City."

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

of "400"

December 29, 1928

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Howland has directed me to advise you that there will be a meeting of the Executive Committee, Friday, January 4 at 12:15 in Parlor "E", Hollenden Hotel.

At this meeting further consideration and definite action upon the principles involved in the enclosed draft of a proposed constitutional amendment will be undertaken. Mr. Howland has directed that the enclosed draft of a constitutional amendment be regarded as strictly confidential.

This proposed amendment has been submitted by the Fact Finding and Policy Committee and was presented by Mr. Harold Burton, vice chairman of that committee, at yesterday's meeting of the Executive Committee.

Your attendance is particularly requested.

Sincerely yours,

Leyton E. Carter

Secretary.

Enc.

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE of "400"

438 Terminal Tower Building
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February 21, 1929

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TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Howland is calling a meeting of the Executive Committee for Monday noon, February 25th, at the Chamber of Commerce - Men's Card Room.

This meeting is called at the request of Representative Harold H. Burton who has very important matters to lay before the committee at that time.

Your attendance is especially urged.

Sincerely yours,

Leyton E. Carter
Secretary.

March 20th, 1929

CITIES COMMITTEE
c/o JOHN BUSTARD, CHAIRMAN
STATE HOUSE, COLUMBUS, OHIO

MAY I RESPECTFULLY URGE UPON YOU FAVORABLE ACTION ON THE
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION #7.

RABBI A. HL SILVER

FOR REGIONAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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March 23, 1929

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE, FACT FINDING
AND STATE AND COUNTY
COOPERATION COMMITTEES:

You are aware, no doubt, that House Joint Resolution No.7 ("the regional government amendment") has been voted out of Committee with recommendation for passage. In all probability it will be voted upon in the House next Thursday, March 28th.

It is vitally important that you give your active help and support now. We, therefore, urge you to write to all members of the Cuyahoga County delegation, except Gilbert Morgan who is against the measure, asking them to individually use their influence with other members of the House in explaining this measure, in order that it may be well understood, and urging the support of other delegations. Already there has been much favorable comment in other parts of the State and it is felt that with the above help of our delegation victory in the House can be accomplished. Your letters should go out as soon as possible. We are enclosing a roster of the Cuyahoga County delegation. They should be addressed to the State House, Columbus.

In writing to our delegation it would be well to emphasize the following points:

1. The amendment is permissive only. Its passage would not of itself force any change upon any county, municipality, township, school district or their inhabitants

2. Its passage would make it possible for the legislature to make highly desirable changes in the form and structure of our obsolete and cumbersome county governments. It would also permit those counties that so desire to incorporate through the framing and adopting of a county charter for their own government.

3. The amendment sets up adequate safeguards for existing municipalities and townships in the matter of adopting the charter for an incorporated county.

4. The time is now ripe for action. Constructive constitutional changes are needed so that the people throughout the state and the legislature can provide county governments which meet present day needs and requirements. These needs and requirements are different in different counties. We are interested in metropolitan counties but all counties have their problems which cannot be fully and intelligently met without a constitutional change such as this resolution embraces.

Your prompt action is of the greatest importance.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Hawland
Chairman,
Committee of "400"

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June 20, 1929

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

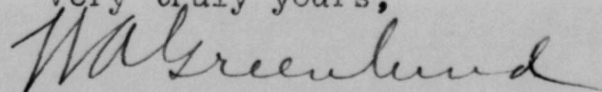
The enclosed are copies of a part
of the campaign literature being sent out by the
Metropolitan Charter Committee of Pittsburgh.

You can readily see that they are
doing everything to acquaint the voters about the
charter before their special election day, June 25th.

Please read these pamphlets so that
you too may become familiar with the Pittsburgh situa-
tion for other literature will be sent you.

The Fact Finding Committee will have
some recommendations to make between now and fall and
all of us ought to be familiar with what is going on
outside.

Very truly yours,



Chairman,
Fact Finding & Policy Committee

Enclosure.

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April 10, 1930

To the Executive Committee of the
Regional Government Committee:-

Mr. Howland is calling a meeting of
the Executive Committee on Monday, April 14th at
12:30 o'clock luncheon at the Women's City Club,
1826 E. 13th St., to discuss the recommendations
of the special committee appointed to consider
the office of executive secretary.

Grace D. Treat, Sec'y

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February 10, 1931.

To the Executive Committee:

Honorable Paul Howland is calling a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Regional Government Committee, Friday February 13 at 12:15 o'clock, Parlor D, Chamber of Commerce.

The enclosed resolution has been introduced in the Senate by Mr. Greenlund and the committee will discuss the active support to be given to the measure from Cuyahoga County.

Sincerely yours,

Grace D. Treat

Secretary.

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April 27, 1932.

Mr. Howland is calling a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Regional Government Committee of "400" and others at 12 o'clock Monday, May 2nd, at the Women's City Club,- cafeteria luncheon.

The state conference called by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce has agreed upon a constitutional amendment and has already started the movement for initiating the proposal.

The amendment will be discussed at the meeting Monday, together with plans for securing Cuyahoga County's quota of signatures to the initiative petition.

Sincerely yours,

Grace D. Treat
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SOME IDEAS ON THE BOROUGH PLAN.

The principal objection to the Borough plan from the voters of the present City of Cleveland will be this "Representation without Taxation is Unjust."

If Cleveland is to contribute any new ideas to the world, it would be better to work out an original plan of Borough government, without reference to what other cities have done, and then check up with the other cities to avoid their mistakes.

First A set of rules should be adopted that will protect the people and property of the city and suburbs in their present rights, then a Borough plan worked out that does not violate these rules.

Some of the city departments should extend their services to the entire county, and the expense be divided among all the Boroughs according to population or property values (dependent on the nature of the service.) The different Boroughs should vote on what other departments of the city government they want extended to them, and the costs shared by them.

Except where public policy demands, (such as extension of Public Health Service) there should be no increase in taxes without increased service, and then only when approved by those taxed.

Representation should be figured exactly, taking into consideration population, property values and the share of expense borne by each Borough.

The vote on city matters should be extended only where the Boroughs have a direct interest through bearing their share of the expense.

Respectfully submitted

W. A. McKearney

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Regional Government Committee would like
to have Rabbi Silver wire the Cities Committee
c/o John Bustard, Chairman, State House,
Columbus today as follows:

"Respectfully urge favorable action on House
Joint Resolution #7."

This bill is being considered today.