

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN



Since day one, my Administration has focused on making Buffalo a City of opportunity for all people that promotes our diversity as a strategy for building an economically inclusive and vibrant City where every resident has a path to success.

This budget is structurally sound, continues my fiscally responsible budgeting practices and is \$4.9 million less than last year's, an approximately 1% decrease, reflecting the cost efficiencies we achieved and the growth of our regional economy. It also continues to right-size our finances to reflect the City's needs and projected growth while also setting the stage to make long-term investments that will make our City smarter, stronger, safer and fairer.

In my State of the City address, I laid out a bold plan of action that will ensure Buffalo's vibrancy now and into the new decade to come. With more investment and visitors coming to Buffalo, this budget allocates the resources into critical areas that will improve our environment, enhance public safety, improve City services and deploy technology in a way that improves government efficiency and the quality of life for residents. It also serves as a blueprint for how my Administration will tackle the problems of inequality, injustice and insecurity, guaranteeing that no one will be left behind.

2020 is approaching - a new decade with new obstacles to overcome. We must keep moving forward together and continue to build on our progress to spur growth, create more opportunities for residents, and maintain the confidence the rest of the world has shown in Buffalo's potential. I am confident that this budget and 4-year financial plan will continue to spur growth, create more opportunities for residents and build on the confidence the rest of the state, nation and world has shown in Buffalo's potential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Byron W. Brown".

Byron W. Brown