

# Project Olive



## Support Quotes

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### **Grand Island Chamber of Commerce President Eric Fiebelkorn**

“The Chamber views this project as highly important to Grand Island and the community. There are pros and cons to everything, but in this case the pros far outweigh the cons with the greatest good for the greatest many on Grand Island.”

### **Invest Buffalo Niagara President & CEO Tom Kucharski**

“Invest Buffalo Niagara exists to bring jobs for our neighbors and investment for our neighborhoods. Project Olive would do just that for the WNY region. We have a long working relationship with the project and an intimate understanding of the vast potential positive community impacts it would have. We will continue to work to advance this project with the client and our community partners for the benefit of Grand Island and Buffalo Niagara.”

### **Acquest Development Vice President Michael Huntress**

“This project fits the Town Master Plan and is ideal for the development site. Moreover, the prospective tenant will pay over \$850,000 in property and school taxes in just the first year alone. Not to mention the extensive community amenities and payments that will have a very positive impact on the Town. At the same time, Project Olive will create 1,000 permanent jobs and another 300 or more jobs during the construction phase—a good majority of which will be sourced right here in Grand Island and Western New York. There is a reason why the largest logistics company in the world selected this site for a project of such positive magnitude, fit, ease of access, limited traffic impacts, and overall community benefit.”

### **Buffalo Niagara Partnership President & CEO Dottie Gallagher**

“Western New York won’t succeed as a region unless we’re able to build and up-skill our workforce, create corresponding job opportunities, and take advantage of real growth opportunities—all while advancing local communities to ensure that everyone benefits. Project Olive is a dynamic initiative that achieves many of those aspirations, and that is why so many in the business sector support it.”

### **Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz**

“We believe this is one of the strongest deals that any locality would receive with regards to the revenue that’s generated for the siting of the Amazon project in Erie County. And then, of course, there are the jobs that are created. There would be higher level jobs, management jobs that would pay higher salaries, but we’ve heard of at least 1,000 jobs throughout the entire year, going up to 1,500 jobs at certain times of the year, paying at least a minimum of \$15 an hour with benefits—that \$15 an hour is greater than the living wage in Erie County for a single individual. This is not an inconsequential project. This is a project of regional significance.” *\*Media Briefing on July 24, 2020*