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**MINER ANNOUNCES COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF
ADMINISTRATION IN COMPUTER USE POLICY
LAWSUIT**

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner announced today that Judge Hugh A. Gilbert had issued a decision in the administration’s favor in the lawsuit brought by the Common Council over the Computer Use Policy.

“Today the judge sided with the administration in this important decision. The City’s computer network is a multi-million dollar asset which stores the personal and confidential information of our employees, residents, and taxpayers. We have always maintained that our information security is a top priority in today’s era of continuous cyber threats.” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “This decision allows the administration to continue to strengthen our cyber security initiatives to ensure our network is appropriately secured, as we were asked to do in an audit from the New York State Comptroller. This brings this matter to a close and I look forward to working with the Council on addressing the serious matters before the City, including modernizing our infrastructure, alleviating poverty, and keeping our community safe.”

In his ruling, Judge Gilbert characterized the Council’s lawsuit as “prohibited interference” by the judiciary into the Charter-authorized powers of the Mayor’s administration to purchase and maintain property for City government functions. Furthermore, citing two other cases, the Judge stated that “the doctrine of Separation of Powers does not exist within municipal governments.”

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