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**CANDIDATE LISA AUSTIN TO HOST
A SCREENING OF THE FILM *1,000*
THAT CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE IN ERIE**

(Erie, Pa) April 19, 2017 – Mayoral Candidate Lisa Austin will be hosting a screening of *1,000* this coming Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 8 pm at her Campaign Headquarters, 34 West 8th Street, Erie, Pa.

Filmed in Erie, *1,000* is a short documentary showing examples of excellence in Erie from the arts to businesses. Austin says, “It’s a clear challenge to the national news of Erie’s downward slide, and highlights examples of energy and hope.”

A collaboration by poet and community activist Abdullah Washington and independent filmmaker Tom Weber, this 24-minute film includes pieces on Sam Copeland, one of Erie's first martial arts grandmasters; Walaa Ahmad, who directs programs for immigrant children; Cee Williams, founder of Poets' Hall and former Erie County Poet Laureate; Tammy Lyn Fox, owner of Taste of Zion Catering; and professional wrestler P.B. Smooth, among others. Performances include Bigg Wash, 11-year-old rapper Yung Skola and singer-songwriter Mackenzie Sprague.

Following the film, there will a Q & A with Abdullah Washington and Tom Weber. The screening is free, but seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

More information about the film can be found on www.1000.film, a Facebook page, and the Facebook/Twitter hashtag #1000film.

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