SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

GENERAL MEETING

THIRTEENTH DAY

October 2, 2018

4:00 p.m.

MEETING HELD AT THE WILLIAM H. ROGERS LEGISLATURE BUILDING
IN THE ROSE Y. CARACAPPA LEGISLATIVE AUDITORIUM
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SMITHTOWN, NEW YORK

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Alison Mahoney & Lucia Braaten - Court Stenographers
(*The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.*)

(*The following testimony was taken & transcribed by Alison Mahoney - Court Stenographer*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Good evening, Mr. Clerk.

MR. RICHBERG:
Good evening, Mr. Presiding Officer.

P.O. GREGORY:
Can I have all Legislators to the horseshoe? And Mr. Clerk, start the roll call.

(*Roll Called by Mr. Richberg - Clerk of the Legislature*)

LEG. SPENCER:
Here.

LEG. DONNELLY:
(Not Present).

LEG. BERLAND:
Here.

LEG. McCAFFREY:
(Not Present).

LEG. TROTTA:
(Not Present).

LEG. KENNEDY:
Here.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Here.

LEG. CILMI:
(Absent).

LEG. LINDSAY:
Here.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Here.

LEG. ANKER:
Here.

LEG. HAHN:
Present.

LEG. MURATORE:
Here.

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LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Here.

LEG. FLEMING:
Here.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Here.

04:03PM

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Present.

P.O. GREGORY:
Here.

(*Legislators Donnelly, McCaffrey & Trotta entered the auditorium*)

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

04:03PM

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Recently we observed Yom Kippur, it's a day of atonement and
the holiest of Jewish holidays. To all of our Yom Kippur
observers, G'Mar Tov which means may you be inscribed in the Book
of Life, and L'Shana Tova, Happy New Year.

And with that, I ask all of us to rise and Legislator Spencer is
going to lead us in the salute to the flag.

Salutation

Okay. Legislator Spencer will introduce our clergy for today which
will be given by Reverend Bette Johnson-Sohm, Senior Pastor of
St. Paul's Methodist Church in Northport, a guest of Legislator
Spencer.

Invocation

LEG. SPENCER:
Good morning, and thank you, Mr. Presiding Officer. It gives me
great honor today to be able to introduce Pastor Bette, Pastor
Bette Johnson-Sohm. And this past Sunday, St. Paul's United
Methodist Church, Northport's oldest continuously worshiped
congregation since 1873, celebrated the appointment of their new
pastor, Reverend Bette Johnson-Sohm, who came to our community in
July.

Pastor Bette was born in Jamaica, New York, where she spent most of
her life on Staten Island. She was a theatre major who worked
extensively in community theatre as well as off-Broadway. Prior to
answering the call to ministry, in 2005 Pastor Bette was a teacher,
mentor and administrator for various church-sponsored educational
and outreach programs. Pastor Bette received her Masters of
Divinity from the Drew Theological School in 2010 and has served
churches in Pine Plains, Astoria, Queens and New Paltz, New York
before coming to St. Paul's.
It gives me great pleasure to welcome Pastor Bette to Suffolk County and thank her for agreeing to deliver the invocation at our General Meeting this afternoon.

PASTOR JOHNSON-SOHN:
Thank you all. I would like -- just sitting here and listening and being among you, what is -- what I'm noticing is how many people are here that care about their home, that care about this Island and your chunk of it. So I want you to look at each other, first of all, out there. I know you've probably already sized up as to who are your friends and who are your enemies, but put that aside. You know what? Everyone in here is sincere in their love for this Island and in their wish and will to make it the best place possible. And so when you find yourself thinking nasty things, when you find yourself arguing, remember, remember that all of you really care.

And I looked at the Legislators here and said the same thing. I am amazed at people that would put themselves in this position. How much in this country have we fallen to the place where everyone is attacked? And these men and women are attacked for what they believe will be good for you, and they have to deal with that every day and yet still they are here working for you, sincerely doing the best job that they can. And the people that are in the back that we don't even see, they don't even get their names out there, they're working with little or no notice to make sure that this happens, that we as a people can gather and can converse together and to try and work together.

So I'm inviting you to remember that as we move into this time. Forget what this world is like, forget that we are in a world where we have been told it's okay to slander people and insult people and tear people down; put that aside. Remember that you are with people that deserve honor and deserve respect just as you do. Let's try and hold on to that as we move forward this day and always.

So I would invite you to bow your hearts this day as we say gracious and loving God, we come before you in Thanksgiving. We're thankful for this beautiful day and for all the things that ease our way, for our health, for those who love us and for work that we find meaningful. We ask for your blessing on this gathering, help us to put aside all that would distract our attention; keep our minds sharp, our hearing clear; let us listen to each other with respect; keep within us a sense of the welfare of all our people; give us a thirst for justice; help us to work together in harmony even where there is honest disagreement; and remind us that we are all working toward what we feel is best for the people of Suffolk, even when we have different visions.

I pray for the agenda of this day's work. May we remain focused so that we may accomplish what is before us. I pray for this country that we here may model what good government is and that word of that will spread and we'll see it more and more in all our places of government. Be with us in the days and weeks to come that we may move forward with the plans we make today, that they may
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benefit all who live and work within the communities of this County and so that others may be inspired by how we work together. We pray all this knowing that you love us and are with us this day and always. Amen.

"Amen" said in unison

Please remain standing as we have a moment of silence. Please join me in a moment of silence to remember Evelyn Rodriguez who, through the heartbreak and circumstances of losing her daughter Kayla to gang violence, became an activist and advocate for those in the Brentwood community. The unfortunate situation in which she died exacerbates the tragedy. We're reminded of her love and commitment for a better community and offer our condolences to her family and friends.

We pause to remember the 12-year old Boy Scout, Andrew McMorris of Wading River whose young life was cut short just yesterday. His membership in the Boy Scouts Organization shows his dedication to being a model citizen and is lost to the tragedy for our community. We offer our condolences to his family and our thoughts are with the other scouts injured in the accident -- incident as well.

We also remember the victims of Hurricane Florence, those who lost their lives and those who are struggling in the aftermath of the storm to return to their homes, the salvage, what's left of their belongings and to begin to rebuild.

During October Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we are reminded of the necessity of early screening, access to health care for all and the need for and importance for education and awareness to ensure about prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure.

And as always, let us remember all those men and women that have lost their lives in service to our country and those who continue to sacrifice to ensure our freedoms.

Moment of Silence Observed

Proclamations

Okay. Those of you who are new to our Legislature and Legislative proceedings, we -- before we get into the Legislative agenda, we do make proclamations and presentations, we have several this morning. The first presentation will be Legislator Krupski and myself who will present a proclamation on behalf of the Legislature to Gil Anderson who is the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works to commensurate his retirement. Is Gill here?

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Wasn't yesterday his last day?

(*Laughter*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Gil? All right, we'll move on to the next presentation.

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Legislator Donnelly and I will present a proclamation to Commissioner John O'Neill of Social Services for his extraordinary service to our County and he's going to be leaving us shortly.

Applause

LEG. DONNELLY:
So good afternoon, everybody. Just by way of introduction, my name is Tom Donnelly and I chair the County's Human Services Committee. So in my short tenure here at the Legislature I have to say, I've been not only impressed but inspired by Commissioner O'Neill's service to our County. He has a very, very difficult job managing a whole host of social, economic and human services issues and he's carried it out with exemplary service, dignity and honor. And I must say I'm really going to be sorry to see you go, but I wish you and your family much health and happiness in your future endeavors. So thank you, Commissioner.

Applause

P.O. GREGORY:
I, too, want to echo the words of Legislator Donnelly. The Commissioner and I, we've known each other a little longer because Donnelly's only been here for a short while. As a former Chair of the Human Services Committee we worked together and throughout the years we've worked together. You know, the County the size of Suffolk and the workforce the size of ours, 9,000 employees, 27 departments, you know, we do some wonderful things, and that doesn't just happen by mistake. We have wonderful, high quality people that are Commissioners and Directors, certainly John O'Neill is certainly one of our finest employees and Commissioners. He's going to be, you know, a tremendous loss. He is -- he's a stats guy, he's got his charts, he could tell you what's going on and he's been very effective in his job and I certainly appreciate his efforts.

And not only is he a wonderful Commissioner, he's a really good soccer coach. I went to see him coach one day and his son, his son's a pretty good player, too, but he's a really all-around great guy, good person, high quality and I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Applause

COMMISSIONER O'NEILL:
I just want to say thank you for all the support over the years, Presiding Officer Gregory, Deputy Presiding Officer Calarco, Majority Leader Hahn and Minority Leader Cilmi, and all the rest of the Legislators. It's been an honor working here with Suffolk County. I'm humbled by the proclamation. And I have a great team, they will continue to perform the great work of the department. So again, thank you for all of your support. And I thank you again, I'm humbled by this proclamation. Have a good day.

Applause
P.O. GREGORY:
So on behalf of myself and Tom Donnelly and our colleagues in the Legislature, we had every Legislator sign this; let me just make sure, Rob, you signed it, too.

(*Laughter*)

No, I'm only kidding -- in honor of your commitment to Suffolk County. Again, congratulations.

COMMISSIONER O'NEILL:
Thank you so much. I really appreciate it.

P.O. GREGORY:
We're going to take a picture.

COMMISSIONER O'NEILL:
Yeah, absolutely.

P.O. GREGORY:
Can I have everyone come up and take a picture.

(*Photograph Taken*)

Okay. Next we have Legislator Spencer who is going to make a presentation on behalf of the Legislature to Officer Maria Carpenter.

LEG. SPENCER:
Good afternoon. Thank you, Mr. Presiding Officer. Maria, will you please come on up and join me?

The Suffolk County Legislature welcomes the invaluable services performed by our Probation Officers. Whereby safety for our citizens and go beyond the call of duty to protect the people and property of Suffolk County, Probation Officer Maria Carpenter goes above and beyond the call of duty with her exemplary efforts, and by doing so she has kept other individuals alive and the community safer with their actions.

Officer Carpenter began her career with the County on December 18th, 1995 in the Probation Department and is currently assigned to the PINS Diversion Unit in the Central Islip Office.

After a school district requested a case be opened regarding a truant 15-year old female, Probation Officer Carpenter met with the minor and during her interview reported that she had been a victim of sexual and physical abuse. Officer Carpenter initiated opening a Child Protective Services case and ultimately was able to allow the minor to receive in-home therapy; with this help, the teen ended her school year passing all her classes.

There are many situations such as this. Officer Carpenter also worked with the 16-year old male who had been threatened by MS-13 gang members, causing serious reservations concerning his attendance at Brentwood High School. Due to her professionalism and diligence, the minor was able to stay in a crisis respite and
received treatment for mental health issues, and after an attempted abduction by MS-13 had a panic button installed in the young man's home.

Therefore, be it RESOLVED that the members of the Suffolk County Legislature do hereby honor and salute Probation Officer Maria Carpenter and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Applause

We also -- this proclamation is special because it is also signed by all 18 Legislators. So thank you.

(*Photograph Taken*)

P. O. GREGORY:
Okay. Legislator Flotteron is up next, presenting a proclamation to Gobotista "Jumper" Leggio in recognition of his contribution as an Italian-American to the Bay Shore community.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Good afternoon. I'm probably not going to say this right, Gobotista "Jumper" Leggio -- I slaughtered that, I know -- is a native born American from Italian dissent, 2nd generation bricklayer, one of twelve children who worked as a mason for the Bay Shore School District and is now retired. He was brought much more than -- he has brought much more than his skills, he also has brought an intense interest to both the district and the community in his commitment to the students, and especially those who share his love of wrestling.

I choose this opportunity to honor one of Bay Shore's finest citizens in conjunction with the resolution I have put forward to designate October as Italian-American Appreciation Month in Suffolk. I could not think of a more deserving individual than "Jumper" Leggio for all he has accomplished. Jumper was a champion wrestler starting in the 7th grade and competing through his years. He served in the United States Navy becoming a contender for the U.S. Olympic Team until sustaining an injury at work. He later attended the National Championships in Oregon to observe a kid wrestling practice and decided to bring such a program to Bay Shore. He is known as the "father of id wrestling" in New York State. He has organized the charter for the Bay Shore Kid Wrestling that was later used by the United States Wrestling Federation to organize youth wrestling clubs across the country.

In addition to today's recognition, Jumper has been given many honors including being named Man of the Year for New York State by the U.S. Wrestling Federation; honored with the Grandmaster Award in recognition for his decades of service to the youth of this County and being inducted into the National Hall of Fame of Wrestling in Oklahoma and being named Mr. Bay Shore for his work in the community. And he has been an exemplary example of many Leggios who, like himself, devote their time and community service.

It's not -- it's whenever I'm in the community, I can be at different fire departments or other organizations, from Brentwood...
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to Islip, there's always another Leggio. So he has spawned a lot
of success from his family's name and all throughout Suffolk
County. And on behalf of Suffolk County, my 11th District office
and Suffolk County, we have a proclamation for you.
Congratulations.

Applause

P.O. GREGORY:
Congratulations.

Next we have Legislator Flotteron will make another presentation to
the Bay Shore Fire Department's Redskins Drill Team.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Today I have with me from the Assistant Chief of the Bay Shore Fire
Department and one of the other members of the Bay Shore Fire
Department. I want to congratulate the Bay Shore Fire Department's
Drill Team, the Redskins on their recent competition in New York
State Championship in Deerfield, New York. Although the team faced
many hurdles leading up to this year's tournament, they stayed
focused and with the support of the members they placed 1st, 2nd
and 3rd in four out of the eight events, scoring a total of
19 points and finishing in the top five teams competing.

Bay Shore's Drill Team was formed in 1926 with this year being only
the second time since 1992 they were able to compete in the State
Championship. The team has dedicated this year's competition to a
pass-driver with the Redskins and a 42-year member of the drill
team, ex-Chief Harry Penny. I'm honored to recognize my hometown
fire department during fire prevention month. You are a special
group of dedicated individuals who have tirelessly served your
community. And again, thank you. On behalf of the 11th
Legislative District and Suffolk County, we have a proclamation for
your accomplishment in the State Championship.

Applause

(*Photograph Taken*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Next, Legislators Berland, Donnelly and Spencer will make a
presentation to the Huntington Youth Bureau in celebration and
commemoration of its 50th Anniversary.

LEG. SPENCER:
I would like to ask if Karen Haber would please join me. Hi,
Karen. How are you?

Thank you, Mr. Presiding Officer. And I'm glad to be joined by my
colleagues Legislator Berland and Donnelly. Just a couple of
words. Founded more than 50 years ago, Huntington Youth Bureau's
primary goal was to create, promote and implement programs and
services which stress youth development and meet and express the
demonstrated needs of the youth and families within the Town of
Huntington.

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The Youth Bureau offers comprehensive drug and alcohol counseling services, education, prevention programs, tutoring and even a GED course. There's also training in creative arts, computer training in Excel which gives the youth the ability to serve their community and offers employment and employability skills development.

Moreover, the Youth Court which trains youth to be lawyers and judges, and the Sanctuary Program which offers prevention services, crisis intervention and counseling for youth who are presently at risk or becoming runaways or homeless. Suffolk County welcomes an opportunity to pay a well-deserved tribute to individuals whose organization who strive for excellence in our community. Legislator Berland.

LEG. BERLAND:
It's a pleasure to recognize the Youth Bureau for 50 years of service. As a former Councilwoman for the Town of Huntington for 16 years, I saw firsthand what amazing work the Youth Bureau has done to help the youth of the Town of Huntington and I just hope you go on for at least a hundred more; right, Karen? At least, right? Congratulations. We thank you for everything you do.

And they have great writing programs, you know, which I -- through the Youth Bureau which I emceed for 16 years and it was great giving, you know, proclamations and citations to kids for their writing to show, you know, that when they put their feelings and their, you know, artistic talents onto paper that they get recognized for it. And it's just a great place, so thank you so much for everything that you do. I introduce to you Legislator Donnelly.

Applause

LEG. DONNELLY:
I always like going last. Ditto; good job.

(*Laughter*)

Applause

(*Photograph Taken*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Next again we have the same three (Legislators Berland, Donnelly and Spencer) to make a presentation to Chief Christopher Hatton formerly a 2nd Precinct Inspector.

LEG. SPENCER:
I would like to invite Deputy Chief Hatton to come forward. And I understand Chief Cameron is also here; Chief, would you come up with us? Thank you. Gentlemen, please join us, come on up.

I have some talking points here and I'm going to deviate from those a minute and I can say that -- because this is very personal to me. But today we're here to recognize Deputy Chief Christopher Hatton who began his career with the NYPD in '86 and he joined us here in
Suffolk County, was promoted to Sergeant in '93, Lieutenant in 1999 and Captain in 2005.

In Huntington we have a great community, but as many communities on Long Island, we face challenges that we see that would try to take away that greatness, especially when it comes to young people dealing with gangs, dealing with the Opioid epidemic. We had a great Inspector there, Inspector Brady, and when Inspector Brady left I heard that we were getting Inspector Hatton. And Inspector Hatton, when he came into Huntington, he came in with an open heart, mind, made -- immediately met with members of the community. He reached out to the Legislators in the district and came with a sense of practicality and gathering information, and he's always someone that had an open door. He's extremely intelligent, knows law enforcement very well, but he cares about people. And one thing that stands out in my mind was that there was a community meeting and with rifle concern with incidents that were occurring at the time where there was just an angry mob of people that were just demanding answers, and I sat there and I watched him perform, responding to the questions, demonstrating compassion, and he stood there what seemed to be hours.

INSPECTOR HATTON:
Yeah, six hours.

LEG. SPENCER:
(Laughter) And for that, he really won the hearts of the Huntington community, the leaders, the activists, and he turned things around. I mean, it was a group effort, but you could just see that just the police were doing their job, but the perception, that is what's most important, and he is really someone that is second-to-none in demonstrating that ability to address the needs of the community. He -- it's really a great loss for us to lose him in Huntington, but the fact that he's here in Suffolk County and now our Deputy Chief of Patrol?

INSPECTOR HATTON:
Yes, sir.

LEG. SPENCER:
Of patrol, I know that he's going to do great things. But this meant so much to us that the Legislators of Huntington wanted to take a moment to really recognize him and his excellency and what he did in the 2nd Precinct. So thank you.

Applause

LEG. BERLAND:
So when Legislator Spencer was mentioning the difficult times in Huntington, I was in the thick of it. And when people were really angry and yelling and not listening and, you know, just working out of emotion instead of on information, we were lucky to have Inspector Hatton there, because he always is so calm and composed and, you know, just makes you feel like he's listening to what you're saying, he cares what about what you're saying and he's going to help you. And I do echo Legislator Spencer's last comment

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that -- it is Huntington's loss, but now we've got you covering everyone, so you can spread that magnificence about you to everyone. So congratulations, well deserved and wish you all the best.

**INSPECTOR HATTON:**
Thank you.

**Applause**

**LEG. DONNELLY:**
I won't say ditto; same motion, same second. Good luck, Inspector. Thank you.

(*Laughter*)

**Applause**

(*Photograph Taken*)

**P.O. GREGORY:**
Okay, **Legislator Berland** has two more presentations.

**LEG. BERLAND:**
Ready, Preston? All right. I want to introduce you to the most amazing young man. **Preston (Park)**, come on up, buddy. Oh, my gosh. This guy is amazing. When I was on the Huntington Town Board I presented him with proclamations for his metals then, so let me tell you a little bit about Preston.

He's a 4th grader at the South Huntington School District and he won the **National Championship Title in Black Belt Olympic-Style Sparring at the 2018 USOC/USA Taekwondo Championship** in Salt Lake City. Yeah!

**Applause**

Now, if that wasn't great enough, he went on to win Silver and Bronze Medals at the World Taekwondo JE JE, Korea -- did I say that right -- JE JU, Korea Open International Taekwondo Championships in JJE JU, South Korea, so yeah!

**Applause**

So Preston competes in three events where he won the Gold in the Olympic-Style Sparring and he got Bronze medals in the WTF Individual Male Poomsae and Board Breaking. I understand you can break a lot of boards, Preston. How many boards do you break?

**MR. PARK:**
Thirty

**LEG. BERLAND:**
Thirty boards! Oh, my gosh! If you stack them, are they taller than you if you stack them up?
MR. PARK:
(Shook head no.)

LEG. BERLAND:
No? All right, good. (Laughter). So he was the only person, the only athlete who won two metals at the World Competition. So Preston, we are so proud of you. We congratulate you. And when you're like winning Olympic Gold, will you like invite us to come watch?

MR. PARK:
Sure.

LEG. BERLAND:
All right, great! That's a deal. Congratulations! Let's have a round of applause for Preston Park.

Applause

MR. GRAVANO:
You don't want to mess with him.

(*Photograph Taken*)

LEG. BERLAND:
Congratulations, Buddy.

Okay, and I left my piece of paper. If I could please call up Dr. Concetta Russo, the President of the International Dyslexia Association, and Randi Burns, Vice-President. Come up, Ladies.

So you can see that members of the Legislature and staff and anyone who would like one, we have extra ones, are wearing a silver ribbon for Dyslexia Awareness Month which is October in Suffolk Countia -- Suffolk County, that's funny (laughter). So dyslexia, which I am a proud recipient of, is a -- it's a condition which causes persons to have difficulty with accurate word recognition, spelling and decoding abilities, and the International Dyslexia Association is a non-profit, education and advocacy organization which is devoted to issues surrounding dyslexia.

So I was diagnosed when I was a senior in high school being profoundly dyslexic. So they told me all the things that I couldn't be when I met with the guidance counselors upon graduation; they said, you know, I couldn't be a lawyer, I couldn't be in anything that has writing and reading, and luckily I had parents who said if you work a little harder than the person on...
your left and a lot harder than the person on the right, you can do anything you want. So I am a lawyer in both New York and Florida and I'm one of the first people who had a reader and a writer for the bar exam. So it's a lot more prevalent these days and it's a great thing. I had to appear before the Supreme Court in Florida to get a reader and a writer for that, but I did it. But it's groups like the International Dyslexia Association that really take care of the young people and make sure that they're diagnosed early, that they, you know, receive the proper training to learn how to learn, because that's it, and we all learn differently. And for any parents out there, if you recognize anything in your children, get them tested as soon as possible. And for adults, if you, you know, feel you have issues, get yourself tested, too, because you're never too old to learn how to compensate and how to be the best learner and the best reader that you can be.

So I just want to introduce Dr. Russo for just a couple of comments.

DR. RUSSO:
Yes, thank you. So Susan and I go all the way back for about 25 years when she gave us total support with the IDA. Susan and I are both dyslexic; I have my Doctorate, she has her law degree. And what we both did together for the last 25 years is prove that dyslexia can help you actually move ahead if you have a dream.

The second thing that I wanted to mention, that the IDA at this point now raises money. For the last three years we have been able to raise money so that we could actually pay for parents who have low income, who have children who have reading disabilities, that we actually teach them free-of-charge so that those children could get help. It's easy to get help if you have money, but if you don't have money it's difficult. So now we raise, the last three years we have what we call Runway to Dyslexia, all of our models are dyslexic and we run a fashion show -- actually, it's coming up October 14th and it's the Right-to-Read Scholarship.

Now, beyond that, and because everything starts with determination and a dream, this September we opened up the first school for children with dyslexia on Long Island, and that school is known as the Journey Prep School. It's in Farmingdale and there -- now we're starting to raise money so that we can also help kids pay for that in terms of getting to that school. So a dream and determination and the fact that you're dyslexic doesn't mean it gets in the way, it only makes you stronger and harder too, and, and a survivor. So, thank you so much, Susan.

LEG. BERLAND:
My pleasure.

Applause

DR. RUSSO:
Thank you.
LEG. BERLAND:
We took our picture before. Thank you for coming.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. **Legislator Sunderman** has a presentation.

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
If I can have **Olivia (Phillips)** and **Madison (Edwards)** come up, and their parents, and Matt; come on forward. Okay. So Olivia and Madison, I'm honoring them for two **Girl Scouts**. Madison sold over 5,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies.

    Applause

And Olivia sold over 6,500 boxes of Girl Scout cookies.

    Applause

    The number one seller in Suffolk County. But, you know, it's really not about the Girl Scout cookies that they sold. I want to explain to you what these two girls did, which really is important. The Girl Scout cookies that they sold, some of the Girl Scout cookies they sold them and they sent them oversees to our troops, they send them to local reserve troops, they sent them to our first responders; they stopped at fire and EMS stations and dropped off cookies. To my fire station. They brought a hundred to my fire station.

    But it even goes a step further. These girls won awards, or I would say prizes. One won an American Girl Doll prize for cookie sales and donated it to Make-A-Wish Foundation. Another one donated a digital camera and a laptop to the children at the Ronald McDonald House. That just tells you an example of these two young ladies. So that's why today I brought them here to recognize them for their hard work.

    Applause

Congratulations, girls. Thank you.

Olivia and Madison, congratulations. Thank you. Come up front and we'll take a quick picture.

(*photograph Taken*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Congratulations, girls.

    Applause

    So now Mr. Krupski and I will make a presentation to **Gil Anderson**, our retiring **DPW Commissioner**.

    Applause
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P.O. GREGORY:
So Legislator Krupski, the Chair of DPW, Department of Public Works and Transportation for the Legislature and the County and I wanted to congratulate and thank Commissioner Anderson.

Again, as I mentioned earlier, we have some wonderful Commissioners and Directors. Gil is a top-notch person who is truly a professional, who is a problem solver; you go to him with a problem, he comes up with a solution. And I know he doesn't do it alone, he has some wonderful staff, but leadership does mean something, and he's truly a good leader and we're going to miss him. And I want to thank him for everything that he's done and it's been a pleasure to work with you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Same here. Thank you.

Applause

04:50PM

LEG. KRUPSKI:
I've gotten to know Commissioner Anderson pretty well over the last few years and it is always amazing. And we just got yesterday, late, an e-mail from a constituent, you know, giving me the credit for a project that you and your people did in Southold. And, you know, my response was like, Well, thank you, but the people who actually did the work were the engineers and the workers in the Department of Public Works.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Absolutely. Thank you.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
And not only did you do the work professionally, but your ability to do the outreach to the community before and during the project was super important. And it really -- we really -- you know, my staff and I are really grateful for all the work that you do, whether it's the roadwork or the dredging or the drainage and all that. So you're definitely going to be missed and, you know, good luck in everything, but you're always a gentleman and good to work with, so thank you for that.

04:51PM

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Thank you very much.

Applause

P.O. GREGORY:
You want to say anything?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Okay. You know, absolutely, thank you so much for this honor. It's been a privilege to work with you all. I'll keep this brief, but I am blessed with a wonderful staff and couldn't have done anything without them. You know, it's -- I'll leave it at that. Thank you.
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Applause & Standing Ovation

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P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, folks, just a little while longer.

Each year we have a Volunteer Recognition Program for Fire Fighters and EMS Personnel; it's as a result of Resolution 339-2001, Establish a Volunteer Recognition Program for Firefighters & EMS Personnel whereby each Legislator has the opportunity to formally nominate one person in his or her district for their outstanding service to their community as a firefighter or EMS worker.

At today's General Meeting I will read into the record the names of each person nominated and designated as the designated volunteer, and any presentation or proclamations will be done in each individual district. But if we do have any recipients here in the audience, please stand to be recognize when your name will be announced.

Okay. In the 1st District, recommended by Legislator Krupski, we have William Sanok from the Riverhead Fire Department.

Okay, District No. 2 is Ian King and Shane Sharkey from Southampton Fire Department.

Okay, in Legislator Sunderman's District, Amy F. Thomas of South Country Ambulance.

Applause

All right, congratulations.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Muratore's District, Charles Vanek from the Ronkonkoma Fire Department.

Okay, Legislator Hahn has recommended John Pouletos -- did I pronounce that right -- Terryville Fire Department.

Legislator Anker has recommended and designated Vandom "Van" Johnson III from the Coram Fire Department.

Deputy Presiding Officer Calarco designated Assistant Chief Nick Greco from the Patchogue Fire Department, as well as Captain Christopher Boccabella & Crew from the Patchogue Ambulance Company.

Legislator Lindsay has designated Jamie Atkinson from the Sayville Community Ambulance Company.

Legislator Martinez has designated Aida Fenollos from the Brentwood Fire Department.

Legislator Kennedy has designated Christopher J. Raguso from the Commack Fire Department.
Legislator Trotta has designated Joseph Trezza from the Kings Park Fire Department.

Legislator McCaffrey has designated Chief Eric Schumann from West Babylon Fire Department.

From 15th district, my District, Jeffrey Erath from the Amityville Fire Department.

Legislator Berland designated Thomas Raudies from the Brentwood Fire Department.

Legislator Donnelly designated Robert Hobart from the Melville Fire Department.

And Legislator Spencer has designated Roger Ketcham & Frank Grasso from Halesite Fire Department.

Applause

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you all for your tremendous work and volunteerism to your local communities but to the greater community of Suffolk County and very much appreciated.

Okay, so we are finished with our presentations. We now will go into the Public Portion of the agenda. I have multiple cards; first being Paul Pressman.

MR. PRESSMAN:
Good afternoon, Legislators. You know what I'm going to talk about, but it needs to be said. I'm not going to go through all the things that are wrong with the bus service. It's -- everybody knows what it is. All I want to see right now is to get service until eleven o'clock in the evening every day of the week, and let's get back the routes that were taken two years ago.

I will make a deal; you get me $20 million on top of Mr. Bellone's budget and I'll get you the other 40 million from the State and Federal government so we can make a bus system that this County can be proud of and that the people that really need the buses can use them. It is getting worse and worse. I don't want to hear any more -- and no offence to Mr. Anderson because he does a wonderful job, but the problem is the County Executive Office -- excuse me -- does not give him enough manpower, does not give him enough money to fix what needs to be done. Take a look out at -- go to a transfer point, go to any point where you've got to pick up a bus, see if you can tell me what bus it is. The signs don't work, they got little square things with bus signs on different parts of the bus. Anybody that has never used a bus before would have no idea how to get on a bus. It took me two hours today to get on a bus because a bus couldn't get from Babylon to Bay Shore in the eleven minutes it's supposed to get there and I had to wait 58 minutes for another bus because the buses only run every hour, and in the middle of the day they get an hour-and-a-half break in two hours and then the buses stop at 5:30, 6:30 at night, so people that want
to use the buses even to come to this meeting tonight, which you 
make so that people that work can come here, but they could never 
get home if they didn't have a car, yet we have car-free day and 
all the County worries about is the bicycles. Well, that's all 
well and good, but what about the buses? For 50 years nothing has 
changed. Please, hopefully in 2019 we can make some real changes. 
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. Next, Kelly Platt.

MS. PLATT:
My name is Kelly Platt. I am here today for the purpose of 
providing an update to this Legislative body with the continuing 
issue surrounding Supreme Court Justice Andrew Crecca.

During my recent custody trial, my daughter's law guardian, Laura 
Golightly, subpoenaed Dr. {Jane Hourson Kelly} from Child and 
Family Psychological Services. Dr. Kelly's services are regulated 
entirely by the contracts through Suffolk County as she as well as 
her partner, Dr. {Barbara Burkhart} receive hundreds of cases 
throughout the Family and Supreme Court of Suffolk County each and 
every month. Their offices have been referred and hired by these 
courts, quite often the same judge or judges such as Judge Andrew 
Crecca without fail to evaluate even parents' fitness or lack 
thereof in custody cases for the sole purpose of deeming one parent 
unfit.

I urge this Legislature to subpoena their files over the last seven 
years and you will find a habitual pattern of routine and 
continuous findings that the mother is the unfit parent. I 
unfortunately happen to be their next victim of corruption, at the 
urgency of not only my daughter's attorney, Laura Golightly, but by 
Judge Andrew Crecca. The evaluator offered a mental diagnosis of 
me without following proper protocol, failing to perform or refer 
me to other proper specialists for consultation, proper objective 
testing such as an EEG, a CatScan, an MRI or a PET-Scan, yet Drs. 
Kelly and -- but Dr. Burkhart offered time and again subjected 
diagnosis not backed by objective evidence thereby being deficient, 
inadequate and improper diagnosis that stands up in court time and 
again.

Legally these doctors are not permitted to offer any diagnosis but 
do, especially with Judge Andrew Crecca. Their diagnoses are 
weighed heavily and area always in line with the opinions of the 
attorney for the child. Judge Andrew Crecca has refused to allow 
documentary evidence I had against my husband to be placed in the 
court record, but invariably my husband's attorneys, Thomas McNally 
to submit everything and anything. I urge this Legislature to 
order the entire minutes of my custody trial.

Justice Andrew Crecca continues to remain bias in my case and 
against women in general. My daughter and I continue to be victims 
of his corrupt administration of justice. He continues to violate 
my constitutional and civil rights in connection with the filings 
and motions in court. In fact, I was advised by justice Crecca
that I am not permitted to file any further motions; and if I do, I will be held in contempt and face jail time. A complete miscarriage of justice and the judicial systems that our systems rely on. Where is Tim Sini in all this? He’s ignoring my calls and cries of injustice since he was elected and sworn into office and many women who are before Andrew Crecca have lost custody of their children, removed from their marital home and lost all financial support and some have been held in contempt of court --

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-- and placed in jail for no reason but want to be with their child.

P.O. GREGORY:
Please wrap up.

MS. PLATT:
Sure. A model code a judicial conduct reads, "A judge shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence and independence, integrity and impartiality of the judiciary and shall avoid improper -- impropriety and the appearance of impropriety. Judge Andrew Crecca has not upheld that standard for every ruling, has favored my husband including removing my children from my custody with no abuse charges, no abuse of alcohol and drugs, no arrest charges against me. Judge Andrew Crecca needs to be removed from the bench immediately with judicial misconduct punishment. Judge Crecca is trying to erase me from my daughter's life by not allowing me or my family contact with her; this is parental alienation and I have every right to be a parent in my daughter's life. Tim Sini, when are you going to step up --

P.O. GREGORY:
Ms. Platt, please wrap up.

MS. PLATT:
-- and protect domestic violence victims and go after these corrupt and bias judges? If you fail to help domestic violence victims, then simply step down from your position as an elected official. I am a good mother and I want my daughter returned to me immediately. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Alton Byrd? Mr. Bird is -- I forget his exact title, but he's Vice-President.

MR. BYRD:
Of Business Operations.

P.O. GREGORY:
With the Long Island Nets. I met with him a few weeks ago and I asked him to come before us and just introduce himself. There you go.
MR. BYRD:
Thank you. I just want to take a couple of minutes to really test the knowledge of the Legislators here in Suffolk County. Thank you for allowing me to speak, and wanted to share with you that the NBA has a franchise here on Long Island that represents Long Island, it does not represent Nassau County, it represents both Nassau County and Suffolk County. The NBA has an NBA G-League franchise that plays at Nassau Coliseum in West cb Live, and over the past 18 months since we moved to Long Island we have participated in over 200 community events in both Nassau and Suffolk County. One of our better players for the last two years has been a Suffolk County resident, JJ Moore from Brentwood, but we also represent Long Island as we play in the NBA's G-League which is part of the NBA family of brands; the NBA, the WNBA, the NBA2K, and also the NBA G-League. I wanted to encourage and invite the Legislators that sit on Suffolk County Legislature to join me in supporting the Long Island Nets, part of the Brooklyn Nets affiliate and also part of the BSA Global family of brands. BSA Global owns Barclay Center, also owns the Brooklyn Nets, also owns the Long Island Nets, Nassau Coliseum, Webster Hall and the Brooklyn Paramount. And just wanted to kind of introduce the brand, introduce the team and introduce the organization to Suffolk County and encourage any of you, as Legislators, who are looking for a professional sports team on Long Island who avidly and articulately participates in community events, to reach out to me either through Presiding Officer Gregory or any one of you that is interested. I have met with and talked to a couple of you, but really believe that as a basketball team and as a community asset, we have a lot to offer children and families on Long Island in Suffolk County with the activities we participate in both at Nassau -- at Nassau Coliseum but also in the communities here in Suffolk County.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you,

MR. BYRD:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, Nicolas Calderon; and then on deck, John Fratta.

MR. CALDERON:
Hello. My name is Nicolas Calderon, I'm a Public Policy Advisor with The Nature Conservancy on Long Island. The Nature Conservancy is a global leader in conservation. We have a strong presence on Long Island due to the care residents have for the environment and the challenges that we face here.

I'm here to speak in support of Resolution 1813, 14, 15 and 17. These resolutions pertain to improving water quality by creating and expanding connections of untreated wastewater to modern sewer facilities. For these resolutions it would allow State and Federal funding of $388 million to be used for the projects at voters approval.
I'm also here to speak in support of Resolution 1852, a Local Law to preserve open spaces in the Mastic/Shirley Conservation Areas. Members of the Suffolk County Legislature, as we speak wastewater for nearly half a million septic tanks and cesspools is seeping into the ground through our groundwater and into bays and harbors causing fish kills, toxic algae blooms and severely impacting a vibrant shellfishing economy that once thrived on Long Island.

As you may know from accounts like this, nitrogen pollution from sewage has become widely accepted as a major contaminant to the water we drink and to surface water, and we depend on these resources for our health and quality of life. As such, a large effort to modernize wastewater infrastructure is under way and justified. These resolutions are a part of that effort and will provide wastewater treatment services to nearly 6300 homes immediately upon construction, mitigating 200,000 pounds of nitrogen from sewage each year and extending these benefits to thousands of other households further down the line.

Approving these resolutions ultimately allows the public to decide on the matter. At The Nature Conservancy, we support the public's right to vote to protect water quality and we are committed to working with these communities and in these communities to ensure that the resolutions and ballot measures pass.

I would also like to speak in support of Resolution 1852 and thank Legislator Sunderman for his initiative here. The resolution is a Local Law to preserve open space that are marked for storm threat abatement in the Mastic/Shirley Conservation Area. Living on an Island for sea level rise and storm preparedness, we must make smart development and conservation decisions to protect low-lying areas designated for conservation where public funds and effort have already been invested and to protect families from pouring their money into property that would expose them to risk of future loss. We ask you to pass this resolution. Thank you for your time and attention.

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P.O. GREGORY:
All right, thank you. John Fratta; and then on deck, Robert Ferrito.

MR. FRATTA:
Thank you, Presiding Officer Gregory. My name is John Fratta, I'm the Chair of the New York State Commission for Social Justice of the Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy and America. I'm here today to speak in favor of Resolution 1858. I would like to personally thank Legislator Flotteron for presenting that resolution, really appreciate it, and for the members of the Ways & Means Committee that voted in favor of bringing it to the floor.

Italian-Americans have a long history in this great country and a lot of that history, a lot of that history gets lost in Hollywood and the various books and periodicals. We forget about the positive image of Italian-Americans, we forget about Amerigo
Vespuci, Dimaggio, and I could go name and name and name of Italian-Americans. It's very important for us to recognize the positive achievements of Italian-Americans, and by passing this resolution, that's exactly what you're going to be doing. So I urge you to support it and I really thank you for your efforts in this. Thank you very much.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right, thank you, sir.

Applause

Mr. Ferrito. And then on deck, Justin Skelly it looks like.

MR. FERRITO:
Good evening, Chairman Gregory. Thank you. I'm battin clean-up for the Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy and America. I am the New York State President, and just a little bit of history, we are the oldest and we are the largest organization of Italian-American men and women in the United States. Sixty-three lodges throughout the entire State of New York, over 7,000 members, 17 members throughout the -- 17 Grand Lodges throughout the United States over 35,000 members. We donate hundreds of thousands of dollars to charities throughout the entire state, throughout the entire country supporting Anemia, Alzheimers, Autism, and a number of other charities. We donate just in the State of New York close to $200,000 in student scholarships to young students going on to college.

Applause

I just want to ask you to please support this resolution. My Chairman John Fratta just explained to you why I want to ask you to please recognize the contributions that Italian-Americans have made to this country and I ask you to support this resolution and ask you to please join every other municipality, almost every municipality in the State of New York that supports Italian-Americans and recognizes October as Italian-American appreciation month.

Applause

I want to thank Legislator Flotteron, and I believe it was cosponsored by Leslie Kennedy, for introducing this resolution to the floor and everyone else who had cosponsored it through the Ways & Means Committee. So, and I want to thank a number of Legislators here that sit on this board that belong to the Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy and America. So thank you very much.

Applause

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Thank you, sir. Justin Skelly, and then Lance Reinheimer.

Applause

MR. SKELLY:
Good evening, Legislators. My name is Justin Skelly and I'm a producer for the North Fork TV Festival. The Festival premieres independently-produced pilots; in addition to pilots, the festival hosts panels featuring today's leading show runners and actors. To
create a full festival experience, the festival also hosts parties featuring local food, wine and beer venders. We hosted our 3rd Annual Festival this past month from Thursday, September 6th to Saturday, September 8th in Greenport and Peconic -- and Peconic. Hundreds of Suffolk County residents attended the festival and our events doubled in size from the previous year.

We greatly appreciate the support we receive each year from the Suffolk County community and I'm here today to thank Legislator Lindsay and all the Suffolk County Legislators for your early and steadfast support as we look forward to 2019. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. Lance? And then Joel Salas.

MR. REINHEIMER:
Thank you. Lance Reinheimer, Executive Director of the Vanderbilt Museum. I'm here today to speak on behalf IR 1844 which is a budget amending resolution, Capital Budget amending resolution that appropriates $25,000 for planning for the replacement of the cooling system in the Vanderbilt planetarium.

This system is over 25 years old. In 2012 the County spent over $30,000 to make repairs to the system while they were renovating the planetarium; this year the museum spent $36,000 to make an emergency repair in June before the summer season was starting. The current system uses coolant R-22 which is a low pressure coolant not supported by industry, not manufactured anymore and as this coolant breaks down, the system becomes less efficient.

The new system uses R-410A which is a high pressure coolant. This requires a complete change of equipment; the coils condensers, the coils in the air handlers, the piping. This resolution appropriates $25,000 for the design of the system so that we can go out to bid. I spoke extensively to Public Works about the process, the benefits of bidding and the benefits of having a design before you bid, and it's been Public Works experience that they can save several hundred thousand dollars rather than using an annual contractor. For example, medical -- for example, the Medical Examiner's building, the annual contract cost to replace their coolant component was $700,000; they bid the job, it came in at $450,000. The DPW building in Yaphank, the annual contract cost without design was $800,000, they awarded the bid for $438,000 when they had the design contract and they were -- spec'd the system for that particular job.

When you retrofit the building, the air handler coils have to be designed specifically for this building, specifically for the loads, specifically for the capacity of our auditorium. We want to prevent an emergency replacement of this equipment, we're on borrowed time. We need to protect our biggest revenue generating piece of the museum and there are benefits; direct energy savings by replacing a system that, at best, is 60% efficient with a higher efficient system; reduced maintenance costs, and cost avoidance by consuming less energy with scheduled rate changes we'll end up
saving money for our operating budget which we can use to enhance
visitor visitation.

So I would appreciate it if you support this. If you do, you'll
see me again in December when I ask for the construction. So I
just want you to know, this is a first piece planning, I will be
back. The job, we estimate, is $150,000 for construction. I'll be
here if you have any questions when you address this resolution.
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Thanks, Lance. Joel Salas; and then on deck is Mark
Murray.

MR. SALAS:
Good afternoon. My name is Joel Salas, I'm a restauranteur and the
reason for my presence is because I'm taking a project in
Huntington Station --

MS. MAHONEY:
Can you speak closer into the mic, please.

MR. SALAS:
Okay. In Huntington Station and I have a unique scenario. The
property has been taken by the County and the resolution should be
passed today because I need to get on to my project as soon as
possible. The weather is not on my side any longer because it's
getting older and I need to start some renovations. And especially
I want to thank Tom Donnelly and staff and I urge all of you to
help me on this resolution to be passed today and thank you very
much.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right, thank you, sir. Mr. Murray; and then on deck, Caroline
Maher.

MR. MURRAY:
Thank you. Good afternoon, Presiding Officer Gregory. My name is
Mark Murray and I join Mr. Salas in support of the request for
property on 1711 New York Avenue, it's a Certificate of Necessity.
The property's been redeemed by the County and Mr. Salas is the
contract vendee to purchase this property which is in a very
critical part of Route 110. It's in a development, it's an area of
concern to the County and to the Town of Huntington.

We've been in contract for the purchase of this property since
April 23rd. The redemption has held things up. Mr. Salas can no
longer get this property ready, he can't even put in permitting
because the County is technically the owner, so he's trying to beat
the weather and get this building operational in time before the
winter comes. It's just a matter of fairness, of basic fairness.
Especially, Mr. Lindsay, I ask you, because it's just not fair that
the rest of the County can't enjoy the food this man prepares
like you and I can because of Viva La Vida in Oakdale. Huntington
should be able to share it, and then we'll talk about the rest of
the County as we go on, but this is what we're worried about today.
Thank you very much. Have a good day.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. You got me a little hungry there. Caroline Maher; and then Diana Weir.

MS. MAHER:
Good afternoon, Legislators. My name is Officer Caroline Maher of the 7th Precinct and I'm here today to talk about IR 1851. I represent the Suffolk County Police Explorers who, as some of you may know, are youth between 14 and 21 who are interested in a career in law enforcement. The County Program has 215 youths and at this time we provide training and lectures on important topics to them. They serve their communities through food drives and crowd control at events such as marathons. This program teaches them to respect themselves and the police in their communities and it affords them opportunities such as youth academies, on-line college credits and internships.

I've had Explorers in my past go on to law enforcement careers throughout the United States and I'm encouraged that this resolution, if you accept it, will allow these recruits to stay here on Long Island and service their own communities. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. Ms. Weir? Oh, there you are. Ms. Weir; and then John Turner.

MS. WEIR:
Good evening, Presiding Officer, Members of the Legislature. I'm Diana Weir, I'm the Director of Housing and Community Development for the Town of Southampton, and thank you for allowing me to speak in support of Resolution 1787, and that is to give us an extension on the 72-h properties that you give to the towns and municipalities for affordable housing. These are the last five parcels that we have in inventory from the County and we lapsed seven years because the economy wasn't that great and builders weren't really able to build and banks weren't lending. But now I'm happy to let you know that those five properties are being built. One was already built by Habitat and is currently occupied and they're working on the homeowner getting a mortgage. Suffolk County Habitat For Humanity is taking over the Peconic Habitat For Humanity, so they're having a couple of issues in that transition.

And as an aside, I would also like to give kudos to your Economic Development team and your Community Development team at the County. They're a new team, they're awesome to work with, they're so cooperative and very informative in explaining to us everything that's going on with community development and housing. So I want to give a shout out to Jason, Justin, Lorraine -- Rosemarie and Lorraine. Thank you so much.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. Mr. Turner; and then on deck, Ryan McGarry.
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MR. TURNER:
Good afternoon, Presiding Officer Gregory, Members of the Legislature. For the record, my name is John Turner and I serve as a Conservation Policy Advocate for the Seatuck Environmental Association, and I wanted just to read into the record a letter that I read into the record at the recent Ways & Means Committee in support of IR 1301 which is a Local Law to require installation of advanced treatment systems at auction properties. As the Conservation Policy Advocate for the Seatuck Environmental Association, a conservation organization involved in and concerned about wildlife and water quality issues, I'd like to express the organization's strong support for the above-referenced legislation which is before your committee; is actually before the full Legislature today.

We applaud Legislator Hahn for sponsoring this important measure and urge that it be approved by the Suffolk County Legislature and signed into law. If enacted, this legislation will require owners who acquire improved or unimproved properties sold by Suffolk County at public auction to install innovative on-site wastewater treatment systems. For improved properties, the installation of an innovative treatment system must take place within 180-days of the sale and for unimproved properties at the time of development.

The County auction to take place next month has more than 50 improved properties and approximately 80 unimproved properties for sale. Assuming the sale of many or all of these properties, we can expect in 2019 Suffolk County will begin to meaningfully reduce nitrogen loading to the County's drinking water aquifers and coastal water bodies, thereby taking a decisive step and targeting excess nitrogen which County Executive Bellone has rightfully called public enemy number one.

It is important to note that this proposal is highly consistent with and builds upon many other County actions; many of those actions supported by the Legislature. Some recent, some implemented years ago that are components of a comprehensive and systematic strategy to address the significant problems caused by excess nitrogen emanating from individual wastewater systems. Indeed, were it not for these other measures, this legislation would not be possible.

There is a very long journey in front of us; it's going to be at least decades long as we begin the effort to restore the health of our aquifers and coastal waters. Let's take this important step which hopefully is the first of many to reduce nitrogen loading from residential development by passing this important issue.

I can add two other things. One is you may have seen the editorial in Newsday that opined about this in support of the Legislature passing it. And I can also take off my Seatuck hat and quickly put on my Town of Brookhaven hat and let you know that the Supervisor of the Town of Brookhaven, Supervisor Ed Romaine strongly supports this legislation and urges its adoption.

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So on that note I'll conclude; it's 15 minutes -- 15 seconds early and thank you.

P. O. GREGORY:
Thank you. Okay, Ryan? There you are. Ryan McGarry; and then Stephen Ruth? That can't be true, they said you weren't coming back.

(*Laughter*)

MR. McGARRY:
Good afternoon, Presiding Officer, Members of the Legislature. Thank you for giving me the opportunity here to speak today. My name's Ryan McGarry representing Suffolk County AME. At Government Operations Committee I read a statement into the record in support of IR 1752; I just want to reread that for benefit of the full body.

This past Summer, following the lead of Governor Cuomo, County Executive Bellone signed an Executive Order to protect the privacy and personal information of County workers who, in the wake of the Janice v. {Afsm} Supreme Court decision, were being targeted with unwanted propaganda, and in some instances were being subjected to harassment and intimidation tactics stemming from and funded by the same partisan organizations that bank-rolled the Supreme Court case in the first place. This is an ongoing and concerted effort to weaken organized labor and the road unions of their ability to bargain collectively.

While we appreciate the County Executive's efforts to protect Suffolk County workers and applaud his leadership on this front, his Executive Order is unable to protect all Suffolk County employees. It can only, by its nature, pertain to the employees and departments under his direct purview. That is why we're here today, to support IR 1752 as it both codifies the Executive Order and expands its reach to cover all Suffolk County workers. We commend Legislator Martinez for her leadership in recognizing the limitations of the Executive Order and thank her for her efforts to draft, submit and sponsor this resolution. While critics of Governors -- of the Governor's efforts tried to derive his order by claiming it would provide few additional protections and were already guaranteed by law, AME understands just how imperative this bill is. We understand that in addition to the protections it provides, it is the context and message of this legislation that are tantamount.

While there may be little the Suffolk County Legislature can do to challenge the law of the land as determined by the United States Supreme Court, we understand that as Legislators you are the representatives of both your local districts and of Suffolk County at large. You are the leaders and voices of this County. IR 1752 gives you the opportunity to send a message and tell union-busting propagandists that their harassment and intimidation techniques aren't welcome here in Suffolk County, that this is a County that stands with labor.
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It is our sincere hope that you'll choose to support IR 1752 and stand with us, that you will choose to stand up to protect the rights of the employees who keep working for this County each and every day. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Thank you, Ryan. Stephen Ruth and then Joseph Prokop.

MR. RUTH:
Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen. The reason why I am here today is because this is the first fatality of one of my Facebook friends in front of the cameras. His name was Steven Benjamin and he passed away only a few blocks from my house. He died in front of the People's Bank in Centereach where I do business, where all the bank tellers in my bank applaud me for my actions because they've all been forced to pay hundreds of dollars in red light camera tickets, as well as the whole neighborhood over there. Again, we know that the red light cameras are primarily in lower and middle income areas.

Furthermore, Steven Benjamin was a young man. He had a good family and his friends are very, very distraught. I don't think it's right that as soon as I said I wasn't going to come back to the Legislature meeting, within a few days the contract was renewed with the red light camera company. I don't understand how that's possible when through this crusade we've uncovered intersections with increases over 700% with injury. There was an intersection of Waverly Avenue and Sunrise Highway where there was a thousand percent increase in accidents. I don't understand how as soon as I say I'm not going to be at the Legislature meeting, it comes down the line to renew the contract that quick. And then I also don't understand how all the deaths get brushed under the rug and why Newsday and News 12 never report that these accidents pertaining to fatalities are happening at red light camera intersections. Why is it never reported? The public wants to know.

As far as Newsday and News 12, how do you respond to the allegations that News 12 and Newsday are conspiring with other corporations to hide the red light camera crash data and all the accidents with increases, all the intersections with increases in accidents throughout the County? I want to know how News 12 and Newsday responds to those allegations, that they are conspiring with other corporations such as Xerox, Cablevision, Hink Electric, other corporations they are conspiring to hide this evidence from the public. There's intersections that have increased one those percent; how is that not making the news? How is this fatality that happened last night right in front of the cameras, how did they get by by not -- without saying that it took place at a red light camera intersection? These are things that the public wants to know. By them saying, Watch News 12, you'll see it first; that is a crock of shit, all right, Ladies and Gentlemen? That is a crock of shit.

P.O. GREGORY:
No, no, no.
MR. RUTH:
I'm saying -- you can say whatever you want.

P.O. GREGORY:
No, no.

MR. RUTH:
Another person died and I'm tired of it. You can say it's inappropriate.

P.O. GREGORY:
It is inappropriate.

MR. RUTH:
It is inappropriate that the public is being fed fake news. We want to know when these accidents with fatalities happen in red light camera intersections and we're tired of what's going on here; it's fake news and we're tired of it. We want to know when people die in red light camera intersections, that's the bottom line. We want to know when people die in red light camera intersections and we want the true accidents with injury. We want to know without the pedestrians being excluded from the annual safety report and without the bicyclists being excluded from the annual safety report.

Mr. Nolan, you can roll your eyes. It's not proper what you're doing, but you can roll your eyes, it's not surprising. You know what was done was breaking the law, that New York State Engineering Law Article 145, Section 7201 was violated; these cameras were not supposed to be installed without the professional engineers signing off on them.

(Timer Sounded)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, your time's up.

MR. RUTH:
And now we have another fatality, his name was Steven Benjamin. I want everybody to remember his name --

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you.

MR. RUTH:
Steven Benjamin died in Centereach in front of the cameras which he completely opposed and supported me for fighting and now it's -- it comes down to his demise.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you.

MR. RUTH:
You're welcome.
P.O. GREGORY: Joe Prokop; did I pronounce your name right? And then Brian Terranova.

MR. PROKOP: Thank you, Presiding Officer and County Legislators. My name is Joseph Prokop, I'm the Village Attorney at the Village of Greenport and I'm here tonight to ask your support for Resolution 1786, it's a resolution granting an extension of time regarding a 72-h property that is currently owned by the Village.

The extension is necessary because of the planning time that was required for the Village to do an important project with the Habitat for Humanity. It includes an abandonment of property, adjacent property by the Village to contribute to this property -- project and your adoption of this resolution would allow this -- as I said, this important project involving a Habitat For Humanity project to be completed and we ask you for your support. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY: Thank you, sir. Brian Terranova; am I pronouncing your name right?

MR. TERRANOVA: No.

P.O. GREGORY: No? Then Rita Palma is on deck.

MR. TERRANOVA: Yeah, I just wanted to pass on this.

P.O. GREGORY: Okay, all right. Rita Palma, are you here? Catherine Casey?

Okay. And then Melissa Shea is up.

MS. CASEY: Good evening. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I am Catherine Casey, I am the Executive Director of the East Hampton Housing Authority and I'm here in support of Resolution 1700, Authorizing funding for infrastructure for Gansett Meadow.

The East Hampton Housing Authority is the owner, 50% owner/manager. We will be responsible for all of the operations. The Housing Authority is a public benefit organization, we're a body corporate and politic. We have three other properties in our inventory, the oldest one is just approaching 30 years. The East Hampton real estate market is such that affordable -- the need for affordable housing, we will never be able to really keep pace with it, it will never decrease, certainly not in my lifetime. Less than 3% of the housing stock in East Hampton qualifies as affordable. East Hampton has the second highest poverty rate of the five East End towns; that may be a little surprising, Riverhead is number one of the five East End towns.
We also in East Hampton have the CPF Program which is an excellent, excellent program that preserves land. Everything that is preserved is taken out of play for development, and East Hampton currently is approximately 95% built out.

So I want to thank you for your time and attention this evening regarding Resolution 1700. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:

MS. GIOSA:
Good evening. My name is Allison Giosa, Georgica Green Ventures, and I am here tonight in regards to Resolution 1700 for the affordable housing development, Gansett Meadow Gansett Meadow located in Amaganset, New York.

Georgica Green Ventures is working with Ms. Catherine Casey and the East Hampton Housing Authority on this very important project and I would like to thank Suffolk County and the Board of Legislators and request your support for this very important development. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:

MR. WINNIE:
I'm coming here today because I would like to make a proposal over the revenue designation of the red light cameras. I'm of the belief that if a government is genuinely concerned for a cause, that being safety, they will not only collect in the name of that cause but also invest in the name of that cause. So I would like to propose a statute that dictates all, 100% of the funds collected from the red light cameras, be used to invest in driver safety programs. Does anybody have any opinions on that idea?

P.O. GREGORY:
This is the public portion, our rules don't allow us to engage. This is your opportunity to speak before us, so if you have any -- if you have a statement you can issue it to the Clerk or you can finish it, but we're not going to entertain any questions.

MR. WINNIE:
Okay. That wasn't actually a serious questions, it was more of an authenticity test and you failed.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, thank you. Harold -- Harold; all right, Harold. You have three minutes. Paixao.

MR. PAIXAO:
I'm just saying about your lights, street lights; sometimes they go a little -- like if you're on a green, it may change a little too quickly when you go under it and you can be volable to a ticket on
that. Sometimes it'll just change a little too fast. If you
didn't want to like give it the gun going under there. On a
cautions light they definitely change very -- on caution you don't
go under it because you will get ticketed, I guarantee that.

Another light, we'll say on the corner of Clark -- it was two
lights down north of Sunrise and 112, Clark Street 112. The light
never changed and people kind of like had to go under it, and
people are sitting there like 15, 20 minutes, the light would never
change. So just to be aware of around -- you know what I'm saying,
just to be aware of it. And I know you guys keep a good protocol
on public safety, so when something happens I think people should
get up and like report these things so you're aware of it.

LEG. SPENCER:
Thank you.

MR. PAIXAO:
And I think people should be made aware; just an awareness.

LEG. SPENCER:
We really appreciate it.

MR. PAIXAO:
You know something?

(Mr. Paixao approaches dais to shake hands with Legislators)

Thank you so much. You're good people.

(*Laughter*)

P.O. GREGORY:
I'm sorry. Are you -- you have to go back.

(Mr. Paixao continues to shake hands with Legislators)

So that's all the cards that I have. Is there anyone else that
would like to speak that has not already spoken?

MR. PAIXAO:
Bye-bye.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Take care, Harold.

MR. PAIXAO:
I'm going to get going. I'm sorry.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
See you later, Harold.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Seeing none, I make a motion to close the public portion.
LEG. FLEMING:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Fleming. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Thirteen (Not Present: Legislators Trotta, McCaffrey, Donnelly & Spencer - Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, we will get to the agenda.

I make a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

LEG. SPENCER:
Motion.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Fourteen (Not Present: Legislator Cilmi, McCaffrey, Trotta & Donnelly).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I'm going to recognize Legislator -- well, I guess
Legislator Flotteron for the purposes of making a motion to take a
resolution out of order.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Make a motion to take Resolution 1858 designating --

MR. RICHBERG:
He's not on the mic.

P.O. GREGORY:
Your mic's not on.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Sorry. I would like to make a motion to take Resolution 1858 out
of order, Designation of October as Italian-American Appreciation
Month.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Second the motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
So on page nine. Motion by Legislator Flotteron, second by
Legislator Kennedy to take IR eight -- what is it, 1850 --
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**LEG. FLOTTERON:**
The last page, all the way in the back.

**P.O. GREGORY:**
I'm sorry, I said page nine. 1858 out of order. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**MR. RICHBERG:**

**LEG. FLOTTERON:**
I'd like to make a motion to approve 1858.

**P.O. GREGORY:**
Motion to approve IR 1858(-18) - Designating October as “Italian-American Appreciation Month” in Suffolk County (Flotteron). Second by Legislator Kennedy. Anything, anyone on the motion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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**MR. RICHBERG:**
Fifteen (Not Present: Legislators Trotta & Donnelly - Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

**P.O. GREGORY:**
Motion is carried. Congratulations. List me as cosponsor.

*Applause*

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**LEG. FLOTTERON:**
Thanks. For my fellow Legislators, everyone that voted yes, I have Italian cookies for you. Thank God nobody voted no, you all can have one.

(*Laughter*)

**P.O. GREGORY:**
All right, I've got a list here.

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Page seven, IR 1786, at the bottom, Authorizing a two-year extension for the development of one parcel of land transferred pursuant to the 72-h Affordable Housing Program to the Incorporated Village of Greenport (County Executive). Make a motion to take out of order -- I'll accept a motion to take out of order from Legislator Krupski. I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**MR. RICHBERG:**
Fifteen (Not Present: Legislators Trotta & Donnelly - Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

05:43PM

**P.O. GREGORY:**
Okay, I'll entertain a motion from Legislator Krupski to approve. Second by Legislator Calarco.

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LEG. BERLAND:
I'm sorry, which one?

P.O. GREGORY:
This is IR 1786, bottom of page seven.

LEG. BERLAND:
Okay, thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, everyone good? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Fifteen (Not Present: Legislators Trotta & Donnelly - Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, Legislator Fleming.

LEG. FLEMING:
Thank you, Mr. Presiding Officer. I make a motion to take out of order IR 1700; one, seven, zero, zero.

P.O. GREGORY:
What was that, IR 1700?

LEG. FLEMING:
One, seven, zero, zero.

P.O. GREGORY:
I'll second. What page is that? Oh, okay, in Government Ops. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions to take out of order?

MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen (Not Present: Legislator Donnelly - Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, IR 1700-18 - Authorizing funding of infrastructure improvements and oversight of real property under the Suffolk County Affordable Housing Opportunities Program (Gansett meadow) (County Executive). Motion by Legislator Fleming. I'll second that motion.

LEG. FLEMING:
On the motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
On the motion, Legislator Fleming.

(*The following was taken and transcribed by Lucia Braaten - Court Stenographer*)

LEG. FLEMING:
Thank you, Mr. Presiding Officer. I have had an opportunity to speak with most of you about this, and I certainly appreciate your
support for this important resolution. This represents the possibility of, or the promise to build a non-age-restricted, transit-oriented, mixed income, multi-family development just less, less than a half a mile from the Amagansett Long Island Railroad train station. Also will be served by the 10B bus that we recently made changes to to better serve the community's East Hampton families. It will be 12 one-bedrooms, 12 two-bedrooms, 12 three-bedrooms, and one four-bedroom unit.

This site is 4.66 acres. It's been zoned and recommended for affordable housing since 1985. And I think that sort of indicates how difficult it is to build affordable housing in East Hampton. In East Hampton, we have less than 300 affordable units. Our second home economy makes -- unfortunately, makes property values very high, and, at the same time, makes it very difficult for ordinary families to afford to purchase homes and to stay. We also have terrible traffic problems, as you know.

So the fact that it's difficult to find affordable housing on the East End is even worse for our small businesses, as they try to find employees who are able to get to work on time and stay at work.

The East Hampton Housing Authority purchased this property in 2016 for $3.4 million. Our support of this project of $1.128 million for infrastructure improvements is a tiny fraction of the $23 million funding overall for the project.

I know that the Legislators on this horseshoe understand how challenging it is to build affordable housing in Suffolk County, and especially out on the East End and how really desperately important it is. As Ms. Casey mentioned, the Housing Authority in East Hampton will be co-developers. It is certainly the intention to keep these inventory of units in affordability, because it's a great and pressing need in our community.

So I appreciate the conversations I've had with all of you, and I do appreciate your support. Thank you, Mr. Presiding Officer.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Legislator Krupski.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
I know this has a lot of local support. I got a letter from the Supervisor in East Hampton asking for support of this project. I have a question for Jason Smagin, if you could. Welcome, Jason.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
Hi. How are you, Legislator? And thank you, Legislator Fleming, for that wonderful introduction regarding the project.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
So I have to ask you, because this is an investment in public money for this, for this project. This -- and I think some of these projects are done in perpetuity, because if you build affordable housing and you -- it's affordable for a while, then it's not
affordable, it becomes just market rate more housing. So could you
tell me the fate of this project? Is it going to be affordable in
perpetuity?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
So our program, as we've discussed, you know, most of the time that
we have a -- one of these affordable projects come forward. Our
program requires that the project be affordable for a certain
period of time. It's very minimal. When it goes above 30 years,
it allows us to forgive the actual amount given. Here, this money
is going to be paid back in this scenario, and it's going to be
restricted for 30 years.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
So who's paying it back?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
The actual -- the developers that are being issued the money will
be paying back the money.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Oh. There's like a schedule for 30 years?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
It's -- it gets triggered at the time. Under the development
agreement, it gets triggered when the 30 period -- 30-year period
starts, and when then the amount is due.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Do you have like an alarm on your phone?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
I hope I am here in 30 years.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
I'm sure you will be, you're a young man. So that -- you're saying
that County investment of publicly taxed dollars are going to be
paid back to the County, then, that can be used for an additional
Affordable Housing Project, presumably, at that time?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
So I -- and, again, I would actually defer to BRO on this, because
I believe the money paid back might be -- go into the general -- I
don't believe it gets cycled back into --

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Okay.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
-- our capital projects.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Okay. That's -- but it could, it could be used for that, then.
If it's going back to the General Fund, it could be used for --
it could be used for that.
DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
I guess, yes, that's correct.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
So the other question I have is it's -- you know, the headline is it's an affordable housing project. Could you give us an idea of the rents for these units?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
The information is included with the development plan that was submitted, it is one of the exhibits. But just to give the idea, again, it depends on what restriction, whether it's 30% unit, whether it's a 50%, a 60% unit. But the rents are consistent with our program. This did receive a local municipality approval for this project. It -- and these rents are consistent. But if you would like a range, the 120% unit, the one bedroom could be about $2190. The 50% unit, one bedroom, 1,095. The two bedroom at that AMI, 1315. The three bedroom, 1,518. Again, there's multiple different AMI kind of grades, and each of those would change the amount of rent that they're allowed to receive, but it is restricted.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
And the Town will do the administration of the -- of the people renting?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
The East Hampton Housing Authority.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Very good. Thank you. Thank you, Jason.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
Absolutely.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Berland.

LEG. BERLAND:
Jason, I have a question for you. I don't understand why we're not advocating for affordable housing in perpetuity. So can you just explain that for me? Because I know in Huntington, when things were built 30 years ago and everyone was like, "Oh, 30 years is such a long time," and now those units at Highview by the Huntington Train Station are market rate. And those people that, you know, bought them, you know, thinking that, you know, they were going to get a windfall in 30 years, and we think 30 years is such a long time away, but it's not. It was like a blink of an eye, and now all of those houses are market rate. So I don't understand why if these are rental units why they can't be affordable in perpetuity, I think they should be. So why are they not?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
So, again, as I spoke to you earlier, the code pretty much doesn't restrict it that way. In regards to why wouldn't the project be restricted that way, we are a very small funding source to this
project. The State is, you know, funding a bulk of this. And
normally, with any other county or town where these projects are
existing, it's the large kind of money will control what the
project is like. If any type of restriction happened like that, I
don't know if the State would approve it, and I don't know if
projects would be able to happen here.

LEG. BERLAND:
Well, I beg to differ. Then how does all the affordable housing in
Huntington that's built in perpetuity happen? It doesn't just
happen by private money, it's a, you know, public/private, you
know, combination often.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
So I think it, again, depends on the type of project and the
different funding sources they would receive. I would have to look
at what their financials look like to try to compare it to one of
these projects coming forward.

LEG. BERLAND:
But doesn't it defeat the purpose of building affordable housing
stock to have it in 30 years be market rate? Because in 30 years
from now, those apartments are going to be significantly more
expensive, and nobody who needs affordable housing in 30 years is
going to be able to rent anything there.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
So it sounds like we're having kind of a policy discussion. In
regards to this project, particular, the East Hampton Housing
Authority is a 50% member of this project. Their goal is to create
affordable housing, and they have to consent to any sale in the
future of this project becoming market rate. As Catherine Casey
from that organization had said, she wants to keep this project
affordable in perpetuity.

LEG. BERLAND:
But it's not.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
We're not restricting it like that, but just because we're not
restricting like that doesn't mean it would be or wouldn't be.

LEG. BERLAND:
Based on my experience, when they're not affordable in perpetuity,
they don't stay affordable. They get turned over, and people want
to make more money with what they have, and it defeats the purpose
of affordable housing. So, I mean, you know, I am totally in favor
of affordable housing. I'm in favor of affordable rental and
ownership, but I'm not in favor of temporary affordable housing.
And 30 years might seem like a long time, but I don't think it is.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
On those projects you're describing, there might not have been a
not-for-profit partner on those. Again, I would have to see the
exact project you're speaking of and try to compare whether this is
apples to apples. Here we're talking about a particular project
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where there is this entity that is in existence and does have a say in what happens to this project going forward.

LEG. BERLAND:
Right. And I think they should say it should be affordable in perpetuity, so I can't support it, but good luck.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Fleming.

LEG. FLEMING:
If I may, through the Presiding Officer, just in response to Legislator Berland's question. This project, like the projects in Southampton, which are the first multi-unit projects that have been built ever in the Town of Southampton, this is the first multi-unit project that is not going to be 100% senior housing, I believe, in East Hampton; is that correct, Katie?

MS. CASEY:
We do have multi-family.

LEG. FLEMING:
The multi-unit, though, that this -- the big -- the size of the project, most -- we only have in Amagansett 27 units, and they're all senior. But, at any rate, we are able to get these projects done, Sandy Hollow in Southampton, Speonk in Southampton, and this in Amagansett because of the State tax credit program under New York State Homes and Community Renewal Program, where State tax credits are used to finance a program and then sold on the open market in order to finance the developer's investment.

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In order to get through that very complicated process in order to get these significant funds, the developer needs to get a tax opinion that says that he can repay the funds. If you diminish the value by attaching to the title restrictions such as affordability in perpetuity, he will not or she will not be able to receive that tax opinion, and you will not be able to get these projects financed.

I know I was on the Town Board for five years trying to get one 26-unit project financed and developed, and we were only able to do it once we had a developer who knew how to make his way through this Homes and Community Renewable -- Renewal Program that issues the State tax credits. So, unfortunately, I mean I appreciate what Mr. Smagin is saying, that our project -- our 16 -- what's the number of it, 1611? 6411.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
6411, yes.

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LEG. FLEMING:
Is not designed to require that sort of reduction in the property value of these developments because we offer such a small supportive role to the overall project. If we were to blow it up by requiring something that lowers the value of the property so much, then these folks would not be able to get the housing -- the
funding that they get in order to build in this very, very difficult market.

So I think that besides your answers, Jason, about the -- about the County program itself, these unique projects have that extra requirement, which is -- which is certainly the reason why. And it's also the reason why we have to get -- we are getting the money paid back. Oftentimes, if you're not being funded through NCR, you are -- the County forgives that significant investment. We're going to be recouping that significant investment. Thank you, Presiding Officer.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Kennedy.

LEG. KENNEDY:
I knew what this was about prior to everyone speaking, now I'm a little confused. East Hampton Housing Authority has 50% ownership. The County of Suffolk has the other, or the Georgica Ventures?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
Yes, Georgica Green Ventures.

LEG. KENNEDY:
All right. And what we're being paid back on is infrastructure?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
So we actually -- so the 6411 program is actually a reimbursement for infrastructure on the project area. So we -- once the project is complete, that's when we actually will close and issue the check in this type of project. In this particular project, once the affordability period with the County has been -- has been completed, we would actually get the money back.

LEG. KENNEDY:
So, at the end of 30 years, the ownership will remain with the East Hampton Housing Authority and with Georgica Ventures, and then the two of them together will have to make the decision as to whether or not we keep -- put on another 30 years of affordable housing.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
At that time, the County's restriction has been lifted. The State may have a longer restricted. We're saying for at least 30 years we're going to be restricting this project. I believe here the State is restricting this project 50 years. So, at that time, in 30 or 50 years, when it could be reconsidered, like I said, you have an entity with a 50% stake that has a say on what happens with this project, and this goal of this entity is to create and keep affordable housing.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Okay. We're still taking a little bit of a risk on that, but I can accept that. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Trotta.
LEG. TROTTA:
This is a $20 million project?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
Yes, I believe a little over 23 million.

LEG. TROTTA:
Twenty-three. And we're going to give one-point what?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
1.128.

LEG. TROTTA:
So it's about 5%. And what -- what are they going to do with that 1.28?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
What is that money going to be used for? It's going to be used for, as which allowed under the code, sewer treatment plant onsite, landscaping, roads, things like that. Their costs are well above the amount that we're going to be reimbursing for.

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LEG. TROTTA:
Okay. So -- and when are they going to pay that money back?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
At the end of the restriction period under the development agreement.

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LEG. TROTTA:
So we're going to give them $1.2 million now and they're going to pay us back in 30 years of -- is there any interest on that?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
There is no interest on it. What the County is receiving is we're able to restrict the units to have this affordable opportunity and get this project built in an area that surely needs it, as Legislator Fleming --

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LEG. TROTTA:
And who's going to own this?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
What was that?

LEG. TROTTA:
Who owns the project? Who owns the building? Who's collecting the rent?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
So the fee owner is going to be Gansett Meadow Housing Development Fund Company, Inc. So I believe that the East Hampton Housing Authority is the one that's going to be actually managing the project.
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LEG. TROTТА:
But this is going to be a private owner?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
It's going to be owned by an entity that's made up of the East Hampton Housing Authority and a private developer.

LEG. TROTТА:
And what is the breakdown of who owns how much?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
Fifty percent and 50%.

LEG. TROTТА:
Okay. So we're give a $1 million interest-free loan for $30 million at a time when we're 3.6 billion in debt, we -- bond has been downgraded five times and we're crashing. Thank you.

P. O. GREGORY:
Okay. Legislator Berland.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yeah. I just want to -- I just want to understand one thing here, that Legislator Fleming had said that it lowers the value of the property if it's affordable. But aren't you in an affordable program to begin with? So how does it lower it if it's affordable in perpetuity?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
So, in regards to the lower of the property value, when a property is restricted, it's losing value, because it's not able to charge rents that market rents could charge. So that's where you're seeing loss in what the property is able to receive, because the property, at that time, it's restricted, it cannot be anything else. So, therefore, you've lost the amount of value in the property. If a property, just to give an example, if a property is restricted that it has to be open space, there's a lot of value lost in that property for any type of developer trying to do anything. So there's multiple ways the properties lose value, and this is type of one of them.

LEG. BERLAND:
Right. But how can you argue both sides of the coin, though? You're making it affordable, so you have affordable housing when you're recognizing that it's going to be worth less. But at some point you're going to stop and turn around and say, okay, now it's not going to be worth less, now we want it to be market rate, you know, maybe, or maybe if they agree.

You know, I understand that these are like few and far between, but maybe they should learn from other towns that have done it over and over again and seen what the -- you know, what the negative effect is when affordable housing goes market rate, and the negative affect it has on people who need affordable housing. So, you know, I don't -- I don't understand how you can say it will create and keep affordable housing when it's not affordable in perpetuity.
How do you justify it? So you're saying create and keep affordable housing for 30 years or 50 years, and then goes back?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
So, again, in this particular -- you know, for the particular project, we have an entity that owns 50% of it, is looking to keep this project affordable forever, and they have a 50% vote on what happens to this project. It seems like we're trying to discuss the, you know, kind of policy in the program-wise. We're working within the rules of the program that exists today. And each developer who's bringing an application and bringing an application to HCR is working in those same parameters. HCR had funded four projects on Long Island. All four were in Suffolk County this year, zero in Nassau. So if things like that change, I don't know what it would mean for the future of affordable housing coming here to Suffolk County.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Kennedy.

LEG. KENNEDY:
So this -- now we pay this back at the end of 30 years, not monthly, not yearly, at the end of 30 years. So my guess here, Jason, is it's -- the same thing is going to happen with this property that happened with one in Huntington Station about eight months ago, where the 30 years came to an end and they decided not to pay us, because we cut a deal saying we'd keep it in perpetuity. Is that -- is there a way -- I know with this one, there's -- we can't do it. But is there a way that in future negotiations on this, we can get a yearly payment back, so that in the end, negotiations are pure negotiations, not we did it for free anyway?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
So, again, how the financing is structured, you know, I can't answer to that particularly. I don't believe the financing would work on a lot of deals if it is structured like that. As Legislator Fleming had emphasized, we're a small percentage. We really are gap filler. We're what helps get this actually created. The State is the bulk of this funding, and the State is issuing this money to come here to Suffolk County to build these opportunities where we get this economic return and get these opportunities. So this investment, even though it's small compared to the entire project size, it's -- it would be kind of a lot to be -- to restrict it differently than the largest funder of the project.

LEG. KENNEDY:
I understand what you're saying. If there's a way that you can check into that in the future, because the land in the Hamptons has been designated for affordable housing. This is a relatively small Affordable Housing Project, but we can't afford to continue to participate knowing that it's always iffy negotiations, and in the end, we don't get anything back.
DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
So, again, you're talking about the -- you're talking about a situation where a resolution had come to the Legislature and the Legislature had voted on doing something and taking action. So, in the future, if the Legislature decided not to take that action, then it would have been a different circumstance. I can't guarantee what the Legislature will do at any time, let alone in 20, 30 years from now, if that resolution does come forward.

LEG. KENNEDY:
I would give you 90% that the majority of the Legislature at any time would want to keep people housed.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Legislator Flotteron.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Just again, I'm going to clarify. So it's one -- what is the exact dollar amount? Because just in a short description here, I don't have it. It's 1.2 million from the County?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
1.128 million.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
And where is this -- this is just bonded money, or is this from a special fund?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
This is -- actually, this would be bonded money. It's Capital Program 6411.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
And this will be repaid through the mortgages they're paying? Or I just want to understand.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
How -- you're asking how the developer is actually going to be paying the money back to us?

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Well, yeah. Is this a gift money, or is this going to be paid back?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
No. This is -- as we've been stating, this is going to be paid back at the end of the affordable period.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
In 30 years. So a long time. Is there interest payments being paid, too?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
We're going to be restricting this for at least 30 years. And as Legislator Kennedy had just asked the question, no, there won't be any interest payments paid. It's going to be -- the full amount
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that we're issuing at this time is paid back at the end. Again, it's consistent with the program as established.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Okay. So we're paying the principal, the County will be paying the principal and the interest right now, and we might be able -- we'll be made whole on the principal 30 years from now?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:

On the 1.128 million is the required amount to be paid back.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Okay. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Well, you know, I support this. Prior to me coming on the Legislature, I think probably 12 years ago, if not more, the Legislature convened a study that -- I think that Rutgers University did on the need for affordable housing in Suffolk County. So I came on in 2008. Probably, 2006, 2005 that happened. At that time, they said 90,000, we needed 90,000 affordable units of affordable housing in Suffolk County. We have done nothing anywhere near that. And so to say, "I'm not going to support affordable housing today because of" -- you know, because it's a 30-year commitment, I mean, I think we're kind of almost cutting our nose to spite our face. We know there's a significant need, but to say that "I'm not going to support affordable housing here today because it may not be there 30 years from now" is just going to put us further behind.

So I support this, and I think we should do whatever we can to ensure that working with housing development, community housing agencies, that this -- these types of projects remain in perpetuity workforce housing. But to say, "I'm not going to do it today" is certainly going to put us in a worse off position tomorrow. So I support this.

I think Legislatures in the past, Executives in the past have been smart to fund this program as a part of our -- it's in our annual budget. And I think it's money worth investing, it is an investment. Our children, our young people are leaving Suffolk County because they can't afford to stay here, and we're doing -- we're trying to do our part. And we're glad to have -- I'm certainly glad to have partners at the Town level that understand and appreciate the needs and the significance of projects like this, and particularly on the East End of East Hampton where these projects are very rare. I think we should have affordable housing and workforce housing projects in every town in the -- in the County. Some are more active in these type of projects than others. But we have a willing partner. Fifty percent, I think it's -- I think it's -- you know, it's something that I certainly look forward to supporting. So. Oh, you want to -- you have another question, Legislator Flotteron?
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LEG. FLOTTERON:
Yes. Again, I'm not sure if it's to yourself, Jason, or Mr. Lipp. What is that payment, the principal and the interest going to be each year on this -- that we're borrowing for the County?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
I'm sorry, I didn't hear the question.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
The 1.1 million, what is the principal and interest payment? What will it be each year to the County?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
I would defer to BRO on that.

MR. LIPP:
Okay. So what would happen is we would issue a serial bond, and it typically is 12 years as of late, it could be more or less. And that would be part of our either Spring or Fall borrowing with about 120 other projects in with that. And it would be -- if it was a 12-year bond, it would be an average of 123,000 a year. Total of about 30% of it would be interest. So for every dollar, you add another 30 cents for interest, and you'd be putting about $123,000 under debt service in the General Fund Operating Budget.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Okay. Thank you.

MR. LIPP:
For 12 years.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Just in general, I'm very supportive of affordable housing initiatives, but right now with our fifth downgrade, I won't be able to approve this right now. We have to just really -- there's the regular taxpayers who can't afford to live here. So thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
I mean, I'm not sure what that means, "regular taxpayers". These are residents of Suffolk County.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Where everyone else gets taxed to subsidize this. We can't afford this anymore. We have to do our necessities, or what we're required to do by law, and this, we cannot afford it anymore.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right. Legislator Spencer.

LEG. SPENCER:
I am a former Housing Authority Chairman before I started this position, and there is some differences between the project in Huntington Station, where there were homeowners that were put in that affordability program and they were forgiven that portion to allow them to build equity. This is different where the Housing Authority is 50% owner. And it is in perpetuity by the fact that
the Housing Authority is 50% ownership because of HUD guidelines. It's -- as long as they retain that, unless that changes, then -- and we have, at least in my Housing Authority, when I was chair, many projects that were under this situation. And, in fact, unless the ownership changes to less than 50% from the Housing Authority, it will be affordable in perpetuity.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Anyone else? All right. So we have a motion on I.R. 1700 and a second. All in favor? Opposed?

LEG. BERLAND:
(Raised hand)

LEG. TROTTA:
(Raised hand)

LEG. FLOTTERON:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Fourteen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I recognize Legislator Fleming again.

LEG. FLEMING:
Motion, Mr. Presiding Officer, to take out of order I.R. 1787.

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1787 is on Page 8. It's Authorizing a two-year extension for the development of five parcels of land transferred pursuant to the 72-h Affordable Housing Program to the Town of Southampton. (Co. Exec.). I'll second that motion. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? To take out of order.

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Motion by Legislator Fleming to approve, second by Legislator Krupski.

LEG. TROTTA:
On the motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
On the motion, Legislator Trotta.

LEG. TROTTA:
How long have they had this land? What's it worth? 
DIRECTOR SMAGIN: 
I apologize. What is the I.R. number we're discussing?

P.O. GREGORY: 
1787. It's the two-year extension for the five parcels in the 72-h program in Southampton.

LEG. FLEMING: 
Through the Chair, this is what Ms. Weir was speaking at during Public Portion.

06:13PM

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
Okay. So these were transferred, the four parcels were transferred in 2002. It received a Legislative extension in 2016 for the two-year extension. As Diana from the Town had come up and explained, this is making progress, this is moving forward, but because it was outside of that two-year timeline is why we're back here.

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LEG. TROTTA:
So we gave it to them in 2002. How big are these parcels? And where are they?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
So we have -- I have the addresses or tax map numbers that's listed in -- it should be as an exhibit or a Schedule A to the resolution.

LEG. TROTTA:
I mean, if someone could come up here and let us know. I think if you turned around, she's behind you.

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MS. WEIR:
These properties are in Riverside-Flanders area.

P.O. GREGORY:
Mic.

MS. WEIR:
Oh, sorry. Thank you. They're in the Riverside-Flanders area. They will be homeownership.

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LEG. TROTTA:
How big are they?

MS. WEIR:
They're probably going to be about 1300 square feet.

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LEG. TROTTA:
No, the lots, how big are --

MS. WEIR:
Oh, the lots are usually undersized. Anything we get from the County under 72-h usually have some challenges.

06:14PM

LEG. TROTTA:
But you're going to be able to build houses on them?
MS. WEIR:
Yeah, they're building now. We already went to bid.

LEG. TROTTA:
They're building now in --

MS. WEIR:
It went to contract. Yes, because we were in the process, and then they -- you know, we had to come and get more of an extension to finish it. But there is a contractor, there are specs. Everything has been done, it's been put out to bid.

LEG. TROTTA:
Can you explain to me why you had this since 2002 and it's 2018 and you're just building them now?

MS. WEIR:
Well, as I mentioned, the economy was not good, and Southampton had been a little lax in a lot of their 72-h properties. Since that time, all the properties that we own have been built, and these are the last five that we have under the County's 72-h Program.

LEG. TROTTA:
Are they all being built already, all five of these -- this is five lots?

MS. WEIR:
All the other ones that we owned, we owned about 40, probably, they've all been built or returned back to the County. Some of them were not buildable, we couldn't get --

LEG. TROTTA:
How many is this for right now?

MS. WEIR:
This is for five.

LEG. TROTTA:
And all five of them are being built right now?

MS. WEIR:
One was already built. Habitat for Humanity of Peconic built it, and the family that was in there couldn't get a mortgage. So they're living there paying rent to Habitat, which is affordable housing, so I really don't have a problem with that, I hope you don't. And now that Suffolk County Habitat is taking over Peconic, they will be getting the mortgage and working that through. But people are living in that home already.

LEG. TROTTA:
So they couldn't afford a Habitat for Humanity house. That's pretty sad.

MS. WEIR:
It is. And, again --
LEG. TROTTA:
What about the other four lots, are they -- are they -- are any of
these empty? Are any of these empty lots?

MS. WEIR:
Well, not right now, they're being constructed.

LEG. TROTTA:
All five of them are already -- okay, thanks.

MS. WEIR:
Well, the four have a contractor building now, but the other one
was built already.

LEG. TROTTA:
Is there a stick? Is there a foundation on the ground on all four
of these?

MS. WEIR:
You know, I wouldn't know, I haven't gone to see. I haven't gone
to the site, but they're probably being --

LEG. TROTTA:
We owed 16 years since we gave these to you.

MS. WEIR:
Yes, absolutely. And that happened in a lot of the towns. I mean,
it was -- it was just a difficult time.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
Again, the Town does believe that this is the last extension
needed, that it will be constructed before this extension ends.
So I just want to emphasize that point.

MS. WEIR:
Yes.

LEG. TROTTA:
I want to emphasize that we're $3.2 billion in debt and our bond
rating is crashing, so okay.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Anyone else? We have a motion and a second on 1787. All in
favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Sixteen. (Not Present: Legislator Flotteron; Absent: Legislator
Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right. Next one on -- next one down, I.R. 1851,
Legislator Sunderman makes a motion to take out of order,
establishing -- I.R. 1851 - Establishing an application fee waiver
policy for civil service exams. (Sunderman) I'll second that to
take out of order. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen. (Not Present: Legislator Flotteron; Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Sunderman, second by Legislator Martinez to -- on the motion.

LEG. SPENCER:
Sure. This waives the fee. This waives the fee for the -- for the exam. And what's the overall budgetary impact on that? How much is the fee?

MR. LIPP:
So the fee is $125. An estimate would range maybe from, well, a maximum of 6500. Given the number of people that are in that program that would be eligible for the test, the total would be 6500, but probably not everybody would take the test, I would assume.

LEG. SPENCER:
Sure. I understand that we're in a budgetary crisis, but we really have to do great humanitarian efforts like this, and I'd like to thank Legislator Sunderman for doing this. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Put list me as a cosponsor. All right. And next, I have a request from Legislator Hahn, Page 11, in Ways and Means, to take I.R. 1301 out of order, Adopting Local Law to require installation of Advanced wastewater treatment systems at auctioned parcels. (Hahn)

LEG. HAHN:
Motion to take it out of order.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Hahn to take it out of order. I'll second to take it out of order. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. And Resolution -- motion by -- motion to approve by Legislator Hahn.

LEG. HAHN:
(Nodded yes)

LEG. FLEMING: I'll second it. I'll second it.


LEG. HAHN: That was to me, or who was that to?

P.O. GREGORY: Leslie.

LEG. HAHN: Got it.

LEG. KENNEDY: Is there anybody here that can speak to this? Anybody from Auctions, Land Purchase, Economic Development, County Executive, Santa Claus, anyone? Come on.

P.O. GREGORY: Jason, you're earning your money today.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN: Hi. How are you?

LEG. KENNEDY: Hello. How are you? Just a question. Putting these into some of the parcels, I just was reviewing earlier today all our parcel lists, so it's pretty hefty. Would this cost discourage people from bidding?

DIRECTOR SMAGIN: I can't say. This was Legislator Hahn's resolution. I cannot say what effect it would have on any type of auction property or auction sale.

LEG. KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

LEG. SUNDERMAN: (Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY: Legislator Sunderman.

LEG. SUNDERMAN: I just want to know why we're not looking at the conservation area versus every piece of -- on the auction block.

LEG. KENNEDY: Right.
DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
Again, so you're saying why this resolution isn't concentrated on a certain area?

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Yeah, more specific, instead of, you know, everywhere in Suffolk County.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
I can -- yeah, I apologize.

LEG. HAHN:
I mean, that should be to me, not to him, because it's my bill.

LEG. FLEMING:
Well, through the Chair.

(*Laughter*)

LEG. HAHN:
Is that through the Chair that you're asking permission to ask me?

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
So be it, through the Chair.

LEG. HAHN:
DuWayne, is it okay if I respond? I'm sorry. Presiding Officer Gregory, is it okay that I respond?

P.O. GREGORY:
(Nodded yes)

LEG. HAHN:
So, certainly the intent of this legislation is that any property that the County takes hold of and possession of, I feel we have the responsibility to put in place this technology, which will help us address, you know, public enemy number one, nitrogen. Our revenues, our largest revenue stream that we are overly reliant on, quite frankly, as a government are sales tax, heavily reliant on our tourism industry, heavily reliant on our -- the quality of our water. We, as Long Islanders, are -- our identity is tied to our water. We live here because of our access to our bays and our waterways and our beautiful -- you know, the Long Island Sound, the Great South Bay, the Peconic Bay. This is what it means to be Long Islanders.

And as we keep seeing the increase in red tide, brown tide, orange tide, green tide, blue-green algae, it's just harmful algal bloom after harmful algal bloom after harmful algal bloom, followed by beach closure after beach closure after beach closure. You can't get shellfish in many places where you used to just be able to, you know, reach out and grab them, and shuck them, and everything, eat them immediately, and now that's no longer what you can do here.
And the scientists have spoken. A main cause of the problems we have are what have brought down civilizations throughout history, you know, getting rid of your waste where you get your water, and it's a tremendous problem here. We know it. We have to address it. We have to address it with sewer systems, which we are working on with money from the State, and we have to address it by retrofitting most of our residences here. And so when the County takes possession of homes, even if it's for a short period of time, I feel we have the responsibility of making sure that they are upgraded, and properties that can be built on, that they are upgraded to have the latest technology to protect our most precious resource, our water.

So I believe it should be everywhere. We can discuss prioritized zones, it certainly could be a negotiated point. But I firmly believe that whether the nitrogen is getting to our water in three years, five years, 25 years, 50 years, it will get there because of how nitrogen travels, and these are facts that we know, that we understand. And I just believe that we have a responsibility as a government to make sure we're putting in the technology to protect our water. So that was our -- my intent.

LEG. FLEMING:
I move to table the bill, and if there's a second, I'd ask to be heard on the motion.

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Second.

LEG. FLEMING:
On the motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion to table by Legislator Fleming, second by Legislator Sunderman. But I do have a long list.

LEG. FLEMING:
Oh, on the motion to table.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right.

LEG. FLEMING:
Thank you. Yeah, just I recognize -- I would say that the intent behind the bill is an extremely good one. I agree with Legislator Hahn, that we have to take seriously the fact that we have 360,000 individual systems that we now know, because of modern science, are polluting our waterways and truly threatening our ecosystems, that's a fact, and we do have to start somewhere. At the same time, I judge from the hesitancy of the body to offer a second to this resolution it -- we may have difficulty getting support today. So it's my thought that we might take the thoughts of folks who have concerns about financial impacts, etcetera, and try to reformulate this bill in a way, or at least make amendments to the bill in a way that would garner broader support.
I would note that the -- well, we're talking about auctions here where properties are sold for cash, right? So we're not talking about -- this is not a home that is owned by someone who is unable to pay the bills. This is where a house is already on the -- or a property is already on the auction block that we're talking about, and it would be a cash sale. So I think that's something to consider. I think we may set limits on the value of the property, at which point, you know, at what value property we acquire these. But I totally agree that we've got to take it take seriously. It's going to hurt, but we've got to get it moving forward, because we do have a very real pollution problem in our waterways. I don't think we have the support today, and I would, as I say -- well, I have made the motion to table this resolution.

P.O. GREGORY:
Jason, I just want -- just a point of clarification. Properties at auction, is it required that it's all cash, or is it significant cash down payment? Because I know some of the properties sell for, you know, six figures. So, I mean, that's a sizable cash requirement.

DIRECTOR SMAGIN:
So, at the auction, a 20% down payment, plus a 3% auction charge, is -- needs to be paid at the actual auction date. When we actually come to do the closing, how the rest of that money gets paid, I cannot state whether it's, you know, cash, or whether they had received some type of mortgage. Either way, we're getting the money and issuing the deed.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right. I just want to -- I wanted to clarify that. Okay. Oh, I'm sorry. So there's a motion, so --

MR. NOLAN:
Going back the list.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. So we're going back to the list. Legislator Krupski was next on the list. And we do have a few minutes. At 6:30 we start the public hearings.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
So I just had a question for the sponsor about -- and I would -- I would support the tabling motion, too. I think there's a lot of questions here. This, certainly, idea has a lot of merit, and thank you for introducing it. Will you target certain areas where the County's undertaking this sub-ground watershed study, which has not been completed yet? Will certain areas be targeted, and will they relate to whether the parcel is developed or not, whether the building -- if there's a building, is it habitable? Would those people have to replace it? What's the timeline for, you know, for the replacement?

LEG. HAHN:
So the current bill does not target prioritized, you know, zones based on -- based on those studies. That certainly is something
that if this gets tabled today and we want to talk about, you know, negotiating a new version, that's something I'm willing to talk about. This bill does not go into effect until next year's auction. The first auction would be in '19. Is that what you meant by timeline?

LEG. KRUPSKI:
No. A timeline on the replacement of the old systems with the new ones.

LEG. HAHN:
Yeah. I believe it was 180 days from the time someone takes possession.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
And I -- so thank you. And I know you -- when you introduced this, you received support from your Supervisor, so that I know that's important. I'd like to see, you know, the input from all the other Supervisors in all the other Towns.

LEG. HAHN:
Yes. I know Legislator Donnelly had requested that, made a request to me personally. The same, I had reached out to my Supervisor -- I'm sorry. My Supervisor had reached out to me in support of this effort, Legislator Romaine in the Town of Brookhaven. Certainly, if I am not successful today, I will reach out to the ten Supervisors.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Well, it is at 6:30 and we have to recess this conversation for now and go to our public hearings. So we'll table this conversation until we get back to our agenda. And we have several or multiple public hearings.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

If you refer to Page 2 in the agenda, I.R. 1538 - A Local Law to Improve Regulation of Pet Dealers in Suffolk County. (Martinez) I don't have any cards for this public hearing. Is there anyone here that would like to speak on it? Please come forward.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Wait until next time. Recess.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Motion to recess by Legislator Martinez with the --

06:31PM

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Krupski.
LEG. TROTTA:
Motion to close.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Second.

(*Laughter*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All in favor to recess? Opposed? I'm sure you're all opposed, right, I guess?

(*Laughter*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Or abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I.R. 1756 - A Local Law to Prohibit Disclosure of Intimate Images in Suffolk County. (Lindsay) I have -- Laura Ahearn has filled out a card.

MS. AHEARN:
My name is Laura Ahearn. I'm the Executive Director of the Crime Victims Center, also known as Parents For Megan's Law, and I'm here today or this evening in support of I.R. 1756, a Local Law to Prohibit Disclosure of Intimate Images in Suffolk County, sponsored by Legislators Lindsay and Martinez.

About one in 25 Americans have either been threatened with or are victims of revenge porn. State laws in many states, including New York, prohibit the nonconsensual recording and distribution of sexually explicit images of another person. However, those laws do not protect those who either consented to be recorded or recorded images themselves, but in either case, did not consent to the distribution of those images.

Revenge porn, also known as nonconsensual pornography victims -- pornography, rather, victims suffer in silence, and, incredibly, without any recourse right here in Suffolk County and in New York State, while abusers have and continue to wreak havoc on their lives. Images and/or videos are sometimes used as a weapon by intimate partners seeking to maintain control over a relationship, to keep a particular partner in a relationship, by former intimate partners seeking revenge, or by stalkers or hackers seeking to extort money or favors from victims. Currently, New York is one of ten states that provide no legal protection for victims of revenge porn.

A few years ago, the CVC was contacted by a Long Island adult female who pled desperately with us to help her. She was a teacher and her ex-boyfriend, who was unhappy that she ended their relationship, began to send sexually intimate videos and pictures
of her and them together via email to all of her friends. When she
did not get back together with him, which was his aim, he escalated
and uploaded the images and videos to YouTube and other sites, and
then tagged the school, the actual school, public school that she
worked at. Needless to say, she was released from two separate
school districts in New York. He virtually destroyed her career.

Just one single revenge porn posting can literally tear apart a
person's life. It ruins their reputation, affects their current
and future employment, destroys relationships, subjects them to
harassment and online stalking, and can place them in significant
danger from others that will view it online, stalk them and try to
talk to them. Young women in particular are more likely to be
targeted. One in ten women under the age of 30 have experienced
threats of nonconsensual image sharing, a much higher rate than
either older men or women.

Last year, the CVC was contacted by an extremely distraught college
student. She was at a party with her boyfriend and they both were
drinking. While intimately involved, she noticed her boyfriend's
roommate video recording. She told him to stop and delete it, but
a full year later, her brother contacted her to tell her there was
a video of her having sex online. Although police intervened to
remove that video, it has turned up online in other places. This
bright, talented young lady wonders every day when that video will
surface, because it will, who will see it and when she's going to
lose her job and the relationships and her career.

P.O. GREGORY:
Laura, please wrap up.

MS. AHEARN:
She has no peace and will never have peace in her life, never. We
need to stop criticizing, judging or blaming revenge porn victims
and start holding revenge porn abusers accountable criminally and
civilly, and that's what this legislation does. We strongly
support its passage, and thank Legislators Lindsay and Public
Safety Chairwoman Monica Martinez for working together to champion
this critical legislation.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Thank you. Questions? No? Okay. That's -- anyone
else like to speak on this public hearing? Please come forward.
Okay. Legislator Lindsay?

LEG. LINDSAY:
Motion to close.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion to close by Legislator Limsay -- Lindsay, excuse me. Not
Limsay, Lindsay. Seconded by Legislator Martinez. All in favor?
Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Sixteen. (Not Present: Legislator Trotta; Absent: Legislator
Cilmi)
P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I.R. 16 -- 1762 -- excuse me -- A Local Law to Strengthen Disclosure Requirements in County's Land Acquisition Programs. (P.O.)
I don't have any cards for this public hearing, but if anyone would like to -- yes, Adrienne.

MS. ESPOSITO:
Good evening, Members of the Legislature. I just want to offer Citizens Campaign for the Environment support for this legislation. I understand that this legislation is crafted and designed to ensure even greater transparency in the purchasing of land in the County, and we feel that greater transparency is needed to ensure that the public gets the best value for their dollar.

I served on the Nassau County Advisory Board for both environmental bond acts, and, you know, after the Newsday story, it certainly seems that a little bit more transparency would have been helpful and meaningful. So we're asking you to learn from another county's mishaps, or at least another county's -- I'm not quite sure how to phrase it there. But I think what we need to do is just ensure the greater transparency. It's a good bill, and we hope that you will support it. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Thank you, Adrienne. Anyone else like to speak on it? Please come forward. Okay. I will make a motion to close. Do I have a second?

LEG. SPENCER:
Right here.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Lindsay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)
(The following testimony was taken by Lucia Braaten - Court Stenographer and was transcribed by Kim Castiglione - Legislative Secretary)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I.R. 1768 - Adopting Local Law No. -2018, A Local Law to provide property tax exemption for certain veterans who participated in Operation Graphic Hand. (Berland) I have one card, Frederick -- I'm trying, I'm sorry I can't read your last name. Is it Sherman? Frederick.

MR. SCHRAMM:
Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen. The reason why I'm here --

P.O. GREGORY:
You have to speak in the mic.
MR. SCHRAMM:
The reason why I'm here for this hearing is a resolution to approve a tax reduction on property tax for Suffolk Veterans who are Army Reservists activated for the mail strike. This resolution is needed because the U.S. Army Reservists, including myself, who joined for six years and were activated for the U.S. mail strike in March, 1970, have already been acknowledged with the passage of Veterans benefits by the U.S. Veterans Administration, the State of New York, New York City and our neighboring County, Nassau.

It is very unfair that our County of Suffolk has lagged behind in this legislation. It is very important to myself and to other Veterans who would benefit from this resolution because we all -- we are all senior citizens whose property taxes increase annually. Passage of this legislation could ultimately result in a reduction in our property taxes and the amount depending on the town and the house we reside in. I know for myself and my family it would mean continued life in Suffolk County more affordable. Thank you for your time and serious consideration of this matter.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Thank you, sir.

MR. SCHRAMM:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right. Thank you. Anyone else like to speak on this public hearing? No? Okay. Legislator Berland?

LEG. BERLAND:
Motion to close.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion to close by Legislator Berland. Second by Legislator Donnelly. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1769 - Adopting Local Law No. -2018, A Local Law to authorize conveyance of real property previously taken for delinquent taxes (83 Bellrose Avenue, East Northport, SCTM No. 0400-083.00-01.00-022.000). (Trotta) I don't have any cards for this public hearing.

LEG. TROTTA:
Motion to close.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Motion to close by Legislator Trotta, second by Legislator Donnelly. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)
P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1813 - Calling a public hearing for the purpose of considering the proposed establishment of Suffolk County Sewer District No. 27 - Forge River, CP 8134. (Co. Exec.) And I have several cards, the first being Frank Fugarino; and then on deck, Maura Spery.

MR. FUGARINO:
Good evening. I'm Frank Fugarino. I'm President of the Pattersquash Creek Civic Association. I represent 130 members, residences, in Mastic Beach. This creation of this sewer -- Suffolk County sewer district is so vital to us. Mastic Beach is an area that is coming back from years of neglect and so on. The sewer district is important to our commercial development especially, but it's also an environmental concern that I know that this Legislature appreciates, and that is we have high groundwater tables there. The only resolution is sewers. We have to begin somewhere.

At this point it's beginning -- it's up north of us, but those in Mastic Beach eventually in different phases will benefit. We very desperately need this. This is a return on investment because of the expanded commercial development that is likely to happen along Montauk Highway, down Mastic Road, eventually to Mastic Beach itself. So some Legislators had mentioned about this is hard times on the Legislature, but this is a return on investment, return for environmental reasons and also for additional commercial use.

So many of my neighbors cannot use their cesspools and are pumping out basements. Nearly more than you can expect. And sometimes we find families reaching out to us as civic leaders and say, "Can you help me? I have children and I can't use my cesspool for ten days after nor'easters". We had three or four of them this winter and that occurred. So I'm here to represent the positive support of that.

Also, one of the business owners, Carpet Express, has, and I want to present that to the Clerk, his letters to Ed Romaine in support, and to the Congressman, Lee Zeldin. So I guess I'm going to give this to somebody, and thank you for your time.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Thank you, sir. All right. Ms. Spery, Maura Spery, and then Adrienne Esposito.

MS. SPERY:
Hello, Legislators. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this matter. I'm going to echo what Mr. Fugarino said, and what I believe all of you already know. In Mastic Beach, which is an incredibly low lying community which has a ton of wetlands. We are currently in desperate need of sewers in the entire peninsula, which serves 60,000 residents, to try and handle that area. So such a low lying community absolutely needs the sewers.

I was a little surprised at Legislator Hahn's attempt to require people to upgrade their septic systems wasn't taken on more friendly. I'm sorry to say, we have to deal with this issue on
Long Island. We know we have 360,000 single and separate septic systems that are polluting our bays, our estuaries, our creeks and our rivers. We know that our shellfish business was absolutely decimated. We're talking about that we supplied 50% of this country the shellfish and we now do zero.

So one of the things in talking to people who might not want these sewers, because, unfortunately, the people who need it the most in Mastic Beach don't get the opportunity to vote on this. And although most of the money that will pay for this that came through New York Rising was supposed to be for vulnerable communities, we are the most vulnerable community. We are the reason that money came here, but we don't get a vote on it. We don't get to say "Hey, we want sewers in Mastic Beach", so the best we can do is ask you to please put it up for a vote for the people who are going to get it and to tell you how desperately, as you know Suffolk County needs it, but certainly our community, our peninsula and those of us in Mastic Beach need these sewers more than anything. And I try and tell people up there when they say, "Hey, it's $450, I don't have to pay that now". I say, "Well, do you want to live somewhere that's going to smell like raw sewage?"

Because the bottom line is if we don't take care of this, we are just going to be smelling raw sewage. I already do in Mastic Beach. If you drive around the wetlands and around the waterfront at certain times you will smell not just the marshland, you will smell raw sewage, so we have to deal with this. We have to do it to protect our water and I have to agree with Legislator Hahn.

You know, we are an island. We're all here because we love being near the water. If our water is going to be compromised having dead fish, algae and raw sewage, who's going to want to live here when it's just awful in the water. So thank you for your efforts. And please, please, put this vote on the schedule so that we can get sewers in Mastic/Shirley. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Adrienne and then -- I have you twice, Adrienne. Okay. Go ahead.

MS. ESPOSITO:
I count twice, thank you. I just want to warn you, Legislators, I'm going to be popping up for every one of the sewage referendums or prospective referendums. Citizen Campaign for the Environment strongly supports this initiative. We've been working for over a decade to bring sewage infrastructure to the Mastic/Shirley area. Many of you might know, but there is really no other solution to the pollution in Mastic other than a sewage treatment system. It's the only real way to deal with their water crisis.

What you may not know, and the good news is that this particular project will treat the sewage from three of the 14 subwatersheds in the Forge River. Those three watersheds are responsible for 50% of the nitrogen loading into the Forge. So this really will have substantive meaning to cleaning up the Forge River, not only economic results, not only helping homeowners flush their toilets.
during high tide or even when it rains, but it will also have
significant environmental ramifications. So all I can say to you
is take the State and Federal money, let the public vote on if they
want it. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. That's all the cards I have for Public Hearing 1813. Anyone
else like to speak on it? Please come forward. Okay. Seeing
none, I make a motion to close. Motion to close by Legislator
Sunderman.

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LEG. FLEMING:
I'll second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Fleming. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Fifteen. (Not Present: Legislators Berland and Spencer; Absent:
Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I.R. 1814 - Calling a public hearing for the purpose of
considering the proposed extension of Suffolk County Sewer District
No. 3 – Southwest (Zone A – Carlls River, CP 8139). (Co. Exec.).
Adrienne.

06:48PM

MS. ESPOSITO:
I'm not sure you need to hear from me at every one. So we support
all of these. The public has a right to vote. Look, you know the
drill, right? It's a rare opportunity to get Federal and State
funding for desperately needed sewer infrastructure on the South
Shore of Long Island. This funding is not only good economically,
it's good environmentally, and the public wants to vote on it.
Unfortunately, the vote will be in the middle of January, but it's
going to be an overwhelming victory for the public and for the
environment. Thank you. I'm not going to get up for the other two
but you know that we support them. Thank you so much.

06:48PM

P.O. GREGORY:
But you promised.

(Laughter)

MS. ESPOSITO:
I can if you want.

P.O. GREGORY:
I'm only kidding. All right. I'll make a motion to close, second
by Legislator Donnelly. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

06:48PM

MS. ELLIS:
Fifteen. (Not Present: Legislators Sunderman and Spencer; Absent:
Legislator Cilmi)
P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1815 - Calling a public hearing for the purpose of considering the proposed extension of Suffolk County Sewer District No. 3 - Southwest (Zone B - Connetquot River, CP 8157). (Co. Exec.). This is Zone B. I don't see any cards. Anyone want to speak? No. Same motion, same second. All in -- actually Legislator McCaffrey wants to make a motion to close?

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
I will. Well, yeah, on the motion to close, yes.

P.O. GREGORY:
I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Fifteen. (Not Present: Legislators Sunderman and Spencer; Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I.R. 1817 - Calling a public hearing for the purpose of improving facilities for Suffolk County Sewer District No. 3 - Southwest (Lateral Connections, CP 8501). (Co. Exec.). I don't have any cards. Is there anyone here that would like to speak on it? Please come forward. Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close by Legislator McCaffrey, second by Legislator Donnelly. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Fifteen. (Not Present: Legislators Sunderman and Spencer; Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1850 - Adopting Local Law No. -2018, A Charter Law to ensure the legality of Suffolk County fees. (Trotta) I don't have any cards for this one. Only kidding. (Laughter). Melissa Shea. Where are you? Okay. And then Michael Watt, he's on deck.

MS. SHEA:
Hello, everyone. Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you very much for letting me speak. This is my first time so I'm extremely nervous. I just wanted to say that I am the President of the Long Island Real Estate Investors Association here on Long Island. We are the largest chapter in all of New York. We have about 200 members and about 3500 affiliate members. We teach people how to fix and flip here on Long Island. And while that sounds sexy on HGT, the reality is we don't make that much money. We net about 15 to 20,000 each time we flip a home. I'm a mother of eight children, I have three that are Autistic, and so flipping houses allows me the lifestyle to take them to IEP meetings, to doctor's appointments, to therapies, and all the other countless doctor's appointments eight children allow -- the needs they have.

And so when these fees come on I imagine that when you wrote the legislation you just figured this would affect one person, one house and close the gap. Well, what it did to my family was the fees that we incur because of the way we finance our deals, it
comes out to be about 500 to $600 per transaction. At the end of the year, we do about ten flips a year, that was about $6,000 for me and my family, which meant two of the children could not go to Autistic camp this year.

This is a direct impact on my family, but what it also has is a direct impact on our community. On every rehab we do, and one of the reasons why I'm so passionate about it, is it brings about 16 to 18 -- 16 to 20 different professions together for a specific cause, really to get a home to a homeowner. And so realtors are affected by these fees, homeowners are affected by these fees, mortgage brokers, appraisers, the list goes on and on, attorneys. And so on an average -- somebody like myself the average would be about 20 per year.

We've now moved our business to Connecticut because we can afford it there. This is not good for Long Island. If you calculate how much of an impact a 50,000 renovation to local -- local businesses, that means the carpet guy, the roofer, the siding, that equates to in my community we have about 40 of us who do this. That's $80 million in revenue lost for our community. That's going elsewhere, because we're doing our business now in Pennsylvania and Connecticut. The recording fees in total do not even equal 300. While I was at my last closing, over $800 in recording fees.

I don't understand the fees. I understand that there's gaps in the community, but it feels like our community, our small group of flippers, if you will, are targeted so it feels discriminatory. If you need to fill gaps we're happy to work with you. We're happy to look at different solutions. But instead, we're fixing up somebody else's blighted houses. We're giving business to other communities. We should be doing this here on Long Island.

You were talking about just before about the sewers in Shirley and Mastic, and I do support that.

**P.O. GREGORY:**
Ms. Shea, your time has expired, but Legislator Trotta does have a question for you.

**MS. SHEA:**
Okay, sure.

**LEG. TROTTA:**
I actually think you're wrong and I think you're paying more, because every time you buy it you pay and then when you sell it you pay. You're not paying 550 a house, you're paying 1100 a house.

**MS. SHEA:**
That is correct.

**LEG. TROTTA:**
You said 550, but it's really $1100.

**MS. SHEA:**
It's $1100, correct.
LEG. TROTTA:
Thank you.

MS. SHEA:
So I'd just like more transparency in this and then you guys revisit this fee.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Flotteron has a question, question for you.

06:54PM
LEG. FLOTTERON:
I wasn't here when this fee came about. Is the recording fee for the parcels, what is that, $300 a parcel?

MS. SHEA:
They call it -- they have different names, but essentially they call it a mortgage or a tax verification fee. That's what they're calling it.

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LEG. FLOTTERON:
And the dollar amount on the parcel, what is it?

MS. SHEA:
So it's 300 per document. So if I have two transactions, so for instance, I have a loan for my regular purchase price and then I have to have a recorded rehab loan, all right, so that's two documents. That's $300 per document I have to have filed on top of the other recording fees. So my fees usually are about 900 to 1,000 on one transaction. And as this gentleman brought up before, Mr. Trotta, I have to sell it. On the back end I have to pay that fee again.

06:55PM
LEG. FLOTTERON:
And I'm not in real estate, but I had a resident tell me that they bought a regular, modest home and the property was -- it was a small piece of property but it was considered like four different tax map numbers so they ended up paying not 300, they ended up paying 1200. And to get a home equity loan it will be another 1200 and when they settle the loan they have to pay that. Is that true? Likes does multiple --

MS. SHEA:
That is true.

06:55PM
LEG. FLOTTERON:
A parcel is one piece of property.

MS. SHEA:
Parcel numbers, it goes by parcel number. That is true.

06:55PM
LEG. FLOTTERON:
Wow.

MS. SHEA:
And so it becomes a bit excessive. I mean, I think a lot of us are under the impression that this is, you know, we make lots of money.
But if you think about this, this is really burdensome even for a new homeowner who's never bought a home. They're struggling for every dollar they have. We talked about the burden of being affordable housing. Could you imagine getting a $1200 bill just to -- a simple clerk to record a document? It seem excessive.

**P.O. GREGORY:**

Thank you.

**MS. SHEA:**

Thank you very much for listening.

**P.O. GREGORY:**

All right. Michael Watt and then Hector Gavilla.

**MR. WATT:**

Good evening. My name is Michael Watt. I am a Long Island Regional Director for Reclaim New York Initiative, a 501(c)(4) organization whose mission is to educate and empower local residents to get them involved in the decisionmaking process at all municipal levels for the purpose of ensuring greater transparency and accountability. I am also a proud resident of Suffolk County and as such I'm here to express my support for I.R. 1850. A special thanks should go out to sponsor Robert Trotta and cosponsor Steve Flotteron for taking a lead on this measure.

It's been clearly established that once a fee exceeds the cost of the service provided it actually a tax and requires Legislative approval at the State level. To circumvent the law to close a budget gap is disingenuous at best and runs counter to the actions expected from small business owners and homeowners in the private sector. I.R. 1850 will hold Suffolk's feet to the fire in terms of ending the fiscal shell game that marks the County's insatiable need to spend taxpayers' money. We count on our elected officials to make the difficult decisions necessary to right the County's fiscal ship and either reduce spending or raise taxes with the full knowledge of the residents expected to pay those taxes. Business owners and homeowners make these tough decisions regularly and manage to do so within the parameters of the law. There's no reason to think Suffolk County should be any different.

**P.O. GREGORY:**

Okay. Hector Gavilla; and then on deck, Judy Pepenella.

**MR. GAVILLA:**

Hi. Good afternoon. My name is Hector Gavilla and I am a real estate broker for the past 15 years. And today I want to speak about supporting Resolution 1850. The tax map ID verification fee that you passed recently is actually an illegal fee. For many years when you bought a home and you had to record documents, record a mortgage, it was only $65, a flat fee regardless of how many documents you had. And then you increased that recording fee...
to $200. Then after that, you added a fake fee, which is called a
tax map ID verification fee, which is something that takes anybody
two seconds to make sure. And that fee actually was -- is $300 per
document.

So an average purchase for a new homeowner, it went from $65 to all
of a sudden $500, because it's $200 to record, and then $300
assuming it's just one document. If that same person now wants to
refinance, there's at least four documents you're talking about,
because they have to satisfy the first loan and then they have to
get a new loan. So you're looking.

MR. BYRD:
Least $1400 just to refinance a loan and all they want to do is try
to get lower payments to the point that they may decide not to go
forward with the loan.

So I know when, you know, you were thinking about passing this I
was up here begging you not to pass it, because we knew the
negative consequences and no one here spoke to anybody in the real
estate industry to try to see how this would affect people. And it
affects everybody. It's not just with purchasing a home or selling
a home, it's with any mortgage instrument, anything that you
record. For example, if you sell your home and then you buy a new
home, that's at least $1,000 that we're talking about. At minimum.

Now, you're not allowed to have charged this fee because it's
supposed to be equal to the services that you provide. And from
what I'm hearing from other people in my industry, the service has
not changed, it has not improved since you increased this fee. So
you just basically increased it from $65 to $1,000 depending on
what types of transactions are being recorded. So I strongly
recommend that you remove this fee altogether.

Now, another fee that I want to discuss also is with the red light
cameras. The State Law, that's the Vehicle Traffic Law 1111-b that
appears on everyone's red light camera invoices, states that you're
only allowed or only authorized to charge $50. So when you add
that $30 admin fee, that's illegal, and also it doesn't cost you
anything as per the contract. Thank you very much.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Thank you.

(Appause)

P.O. GREGORY:
Judy Pepenella and then Joseph Latini.

MS. PEPENELLA:
Hi. My name is Judy Pepenella. I'm here to read a statement from
the founder of the Conservative Society for Action. It stated
excessive Suffolk County fees are just another oppressive tax.
When will the abuse of Suffolk County taxpayers cease? For almost
a decade we have watched the erosion of fiscal responsibility here
in Suffolk County, deficits, excessive borrowing and a clear
disregard for taxpayers has sent our citizens fleeing from the County. As hardworking Suffolk taxpayers leave for the Carolinas or Florida, they leave their tax contributions with them. That leaves the rest of us here to make up the difference. But rather than respond to the yearly cry to do something about it, Suffolk County doubles down. They increase fees, those illegal fees, they increase taxes indirectly through fees. They expand red light cameras, they borrow and borrow more. They expand the deficit. We have a problem with that, folks. This is madness.

07:02PM

The thousands of members of the Conservative Society for Action support legislative proposal, and I keep saying H.R. so forgive me, I.R. 1850 and its intention to address the more than 70 million in fee overcharges. State Law specifically prohibits fees from exceeding the cost of specific services. Despite this obvious protection, Suffolk County has routinely ignored this law and continued to abuse the taxpayers.

07:03PM

If the County Executive and Legislature wants to raise taxes, then have the guts to do so. Illegal use of expensive fees is a gutless way to increase revenue and still have the nerve to tell taxpayers they have not raised taxes. Suffolk County taxpayers have been abused enough. The members of the Conservative Society for Action are offended by Suffolk County's illegal fee corruption and call on the members of the Suffolk Legislature to do what is right and that is to support H.R. 1850. Thank you.

(Applause)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, thank you. Oh, you had a question? Oh. Joseph Latini, and then Brandon Muir.

MR. LATINI:
Hi, everyone. My name is Joe Latini. I am a mortgage banker locally. And while I was sitting here, I folded up everything I was about to say and I'm not going to say that. I took a few notes. I'm going to ask you as such please to do me a favor and just look me in the eye for a couple of minutes, because what I'm about to say is probably a little critical. I'm not going to call you gutless, but it's a little critical, and I'd like to look you right in the eye as I'm doing it, please, especially Legislator Anker because my son goes to school in her district.

07:04PM

The problem here is as I'm sitting here I heard Presiding Officer Gregory talk about affordable housing and how important it is to him. And with due respect, Presiding Officer, you've been on the ballot maybe four or five times in the last five years, I don't know exactly, and this Legislative body is important. It's here to make the County run on a budget. So far this year you've made it hard for my nine-year-old to drink out of a straw, you've made it hard for my 92-year-old grandfather to take home his eggs in a plastic bag. What you've not done is manage the budget. And so the way we cover up for that is to add these fees onto homeowners and home buyers.

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While I'm sitting here today somebody had asked me when I get divorced and I want to buy my ex-husband, do I get hit with one of these fees? Actually, you get hit with three of these fees. You get hit to re-record the deed when you take him off of the note -- off of the deed. You get hit to record a new mortgage, and you get hit to record the satisfaction on the old mortgage. That's $1500. You know who gets hit the most here? Legislator Sunderman's district, other districts where there are people who are buying houses for 150 or $200 and they're paying 1500, $2,000 in total fees per transaction to record these things.

So I tell my son, don't just stand up and complain, have a solution. Here's the solution. The first solution is to support 1850. Should you not do that, I'm going to offer an alternative. The alternative is there is currently a lawsuit, a class action lawsuit, against these fees in the court, so you're either doing one of two things. You're either knowingly charging these fees illegally or you're not sure. I'm going to go with you're not sure. If you're not sure if these fees are illegal or not, you can pass a motion to put them all into an escrow account until the outcome of that trial. This way, if they are illegal, if they are deemed illegal, those folks, those hardworking folks who buy houses, can get that money back and you're not purposely doing something illegal to the residents of the County. And if anyone has any questions, you know, I hear some sort of numbers being batted back and forth that aren't exactly right. You know, listen, you can always ask me anything you want. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Thank you.

LEG. TROTTA:
DuWayne.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Trotta.

LEG. TROTTA:
Something just popped in my head.

MR. LATINI:
Sure. Go ahead.

LEG. TROTTA:
If someone's elderly parents were -- they were putting their house in a trust, would that require a change of a deed and all those fees?

MR. LATINI:
When you file a deed in trust, you have to re-file that deed. That's $555. Okay? Now, there's a lot of little things that you guys are hitting.

LEG. TROTTA:
So would it be twice?
MR. LATINI:
Well, no, you only have to do it once unless you're satisfying the
loan. The satisfaction would then also cost you $555. Okay?

LEG. TROTTA:
All right.

MR. LATINI:
So you understand? You had mentioned the parcels, the different
parcels. Nobody really mentioned the real kick in the heine
there, which is in Suffolk County when you -- if I, Joe Latini,
bought three parcels of land I would pay 555 to record each deed.
But here in Suffolk County if I buy them all under my name they
automatically get married into one. So you're hitting the fact
that it's costing me $1500 to record this, it turns into one deed.
How does that happen?

LEG. TROTTA:
Which is a good thing or a bad thing.

MR. LATINI:
It's neither here nor there except you're raping me on the fee.

LEG. TROTTA:
Okay. So I just wanted to know. So people putting houses in trust
are also paying this.

MR. LATINI:
Right, of course.

LEG. TROTTA:
Okay. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you.

LEG. TROTTA:
It's not even a transaction.

MR. LATINI:
Well, it's a transaction according to the County. You know, if you
ask a barber if you need a haircut, the answer is yes. The County
views everything as a transaction.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Brandon, you're up.

MR. MUIR:
Thank you for the time. My name is Brandon Muir. I'm the
Executive Director of Reclaim New York Initiative. And the last
time I was here I testified in front of the Budget and Finance
Committee and spoke about the challenges that Suffolk County faces,
which in many ways are no fault of your own. You were in a state,
which is largely unaffordable. You are trying to balance property
taxes with unfunded mandates which you cannot move. But
nonetheless, you're not doing yourself any favors with some of the
policies that have actually been talked about here tonight. But specifically when you get into an issue like Suffolk County fees, and what we're talking about today with 1850 is a step in the right direction to solve those fees.

My job, and I am blessed, because I get to wake up every day and help citizens understand what's actually going on in government. And some days that means we bash Republicans and some days that means we bash Democrats, and the chips fall where they may. Today we're bashing a law that was put on the books on advice of Counsel that we know to be illegal. These fees are not commensurate with the cost of providing service, because the argument that was made by this body was that one year it cost about $65 to provide the service and that next year it cost 200. Now, from an efficiency standpoint you have to take one of two positions. Either it costs 500 plus to put a stamp on a piece of paper and file that piece of paper, or we can all agree that this was done to drive revenue.

Several members of this body were on record during the deliberations highlighting the fact that we have a budget gap. We elect you to make those tough decisions, but in the case where you say, affordable housing is a good example, this matters to us. We are Legislators who will take care of our citizens. You then have to make the tough decision to look people in the face and say we're going to raise your taxes to do so.

1850 does three things. Number one, it forces the budget process to include a step to saying all of these fees are certifiably legal. It ensures when the money goes into that fee account it does not pass through to the General Fund, the only way you would plug that budget gap. And then at the end of the year if the fee brought in more revenue than you predicted, it rolls over into the next year. And you get to look your constituents in the eye and say we tried our best but there were more housing transactions this year than we planned and we're going to take care of you next year.

As bipartisan bills go, this is a slam dunk. It happened to be introduced by a Republican with a Republican cosponsor. But if you're not breaking the law right now, this is revenue neutral. You will not lose any money on this. But if you are breaking the law, then you will take a budget hit. We project that at around $68 million a year. 1850 is a step, it's not going to solve the problem, but at least it makes your decisions honest, and what you can't say right now is that you're either raising more money, tightening the belt. You're stealing from your neighbor and that has to stop. Thank you.

(Appause)

P.O. GREGORY:
Mr. Muir, Legislator Anker has a question for you.

LEG. ANKER:
Over here. So the question is, and I didn't vote on the fee, just so you know. But, you know, we are in a fiscal crisis in general. How do you suggest we raise revenue or deal with this deficit, you
know, are you saying that we should raise taxes instead of the fees? What's your overall perspective on that?

MR. MUIR:
So in the case of the fee in question, the tax map verification fee, the Real Estate Property Tax Office, and I may be off on the name of that, but it has an operating cost of around 1.3 million per year. The goal then of the fee that you're trying to bring in is to offset that cost. That would make it commensurate with the cost of providing the service. What you're bringing in right now is around $70 million. The budget gap that we're talking about on this one fee alone might be as high as $68 million. What the court case will determine ultimately is whether that will happen by force of law or whether you can get in front of it right now.

The core of your question is should we raise taxes or cut services essentially. I don't claim to be a Suffolk County Legislator. But what I can say is that if you do it by raising taxes, you will continue to drive out the people. Some of them spoke earlier who have already relocated their business to Connecticut. There is no answer to the downward spiral that this County is in, and many counties not just Suffolk County, where you can add taxes, push more money out or more people out and they take their money with them, and then you have to add more taxes on the people staying and you can see why this spirals downward.

So my short answer is a $3.11 billion budget is not in line with what the citizens of Suffolk County can afford, so I think you should get out the knife and start cutting.

LEG. ANKER:
And, again, we have, you know, since I've been in office since 2011. But, you know, again, the County is a fairly small portion of the property tax, and it's the state, it's the schools. What can you suggest that we can do with our school districts that have the vast majority of these heavily burdened property taxes?

MR. MUIR:
Yeah, I mean, you're looking at 30 -- three and four dollars, right, 75% of your property tax is going to schools, and there's no easy way around the fact that you are locked into public sector contracts which aren't affordable, and we need to have an honest conversation in this body and in counties across the state, as to whether or not we're getting value for our dollars.

I'll give you a good example. It costs, I think, $28,000 a pupil to educate New York students. The national average is about half that. If we were producing twice the student then I think we'd be in a good place, but we all agree with NAEP rankings of 19th out of 50 we're not doing that. So, again, the conversation goes back to getting value for our money. We need to have hard conversations in the state about things like the Triborough Amendment and Wicks Law, but no one really wants to have those conversations. So in the meantime you're left holding the bag and you have to look at your constituents in the eye and say I effectively have to raise these taxes. But that to me would be a much more honest option than the
back door and forcing fees on specific industries.

LEG. ANKER:
What about the fees that go to services. I think there was a fee that now -- the GPS that go to people -- businesses that are paying, now paying for services. In other words what -- you know, why does our government need to provide free services for businesses? And I guess that that's how this came about, so that I guess they thought well, let's just charge because we have to pay for the employees, we have to pay for the technology. Do you -- are okay with that type of fee?

MR. MUIR:
Can you clarify that? I'm not clear on what you're asking.

LEG. ANKER:
So there's a fee that the County charges for I guess the engineers to use the GPS technology that the County has, and these engineers are making money through their own private businesses. Are you okay with those types of fees?

MR. MUIR:
I mean, in principal the point of differentiating between a tax and a fee of course is with a fee you're providing a service. So what I hope comes out of the court case in question is not that government is supposed to be run on wishes and unicorns. I understand that there's a need for revenue. The point of the Constitution in this state is that that revenue is not derived from fees, it's derived from taxes.

(*The following testimony was taken & transcribed by Alison Mahoney - Court Stenographer*)

MR. MUIR: (Cont'd)
So to the extent that you have to cover the cost of providing the service, you should charge people that. And I suspect when you go back through and if you follow 1850 in this bill, you're going to find some places where you're actually undercharging. And that's an honest conversation, and we then need to look people in the eye and say, Well, this was a little bit low but this was too high.

My concern is when the stopgap measure is let's target an industry which essentially is defenseless, and some of the quotes during the deliberations last year were to the point, they're not going to not buy the house because we added $300 onto it. The fact is overlooking $300 like it doesn't matter is part of the reason why New Yorkers are leaving, right? Affordability is the number one reason cited. So I can't patch your budget for you, I don't begin to think that's an easy task, but we are asking for the decisions to reach that point to be made honestly. And if I'm sitting on Moody's Board and I'm doing the bond rating, I would suspect that they would reward something like that as you guys get closer to a really structured balanced budget.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right.
MR. MUIR:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
That's all the cards that I have. Anyone else like speak on this
public hearing, please come forward.

LEG. TROTTA:
Motion to close.

07:21PM

LEG. McCAFFREY:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion to close by Legislator Trotta. Second by Legislator
McCaffrey. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

07:21PM

P.O. GREGORY:
/Public Hearing on/ IR 1852-18 - Adopting Local Law No. -2018,
A Local Law to preserve open spaces in the Mastic-Shirley
conservation area (Sunderman). I do have a few cards. Mr. Turner; and then on deck, Frank Figarino.

(Brief Pause)

Sorry go ahead.

07:22PM

MR. TURNER:
It's okay.

LEG. FLEMING:
Sorry, my fault.

MR. TURNER:
Good evening, Presiding Officer Gregory and Members of the
Legislature. I'm wearing the hat of the Town of Brookhaven now.

07:22PM

And I know that Supervisor Ed Romaine wrote a letter to each of you
regarding Introductory Resolution 1852, and what I'd like to do is just read it into the record if I have time.

He's writing to say that he "urges the County Legislature to
support and adopt IR 1852. If adopted, this Local Law will
advance Suffolk County's longstanding interest in and
commitment to preserving property situated on the broad
Mastic-Shirley peninsula, thereby preserving ecologically
significant tidal and fresh water wetlands and reducing
structures that may ultimately be in harm's way. I applaud
Legislator Sunderman for sponsoring this important measure
that will protect the environment and the Mastics and
Shirley community."
"This area is low-lying with several thousand properties situated below the five foot land contour"; you heard some of this information from former Mayor Spery earlier. "It makes this area especially vulnerable to flooding and a destructive action of wave energy. Moreover, being so low, most of the undeveloped properties or vegetated tidal wetlands composed of high and low marsh dominated by cord grass and salt hay. These species and several others knit together these tidal marshes which can serve as effective buffers to storm surges and help flood attenuation."

"Over the past several decades, the County, Town of Brookhaven and the State of New York have worked to preserve properties in this environmentally important area. The County owns several hundred small parcels in the area, many of which have been dedicated to the County's Nature Preserve system; through your efforts, in fact. As the owner of several dozen parcels, Brookhaven Town has also targeted the area for open space protection and will be acquiring more in the near future," including two more today I can tell you. What's more, the State DEC has committed funding for open space for this area and preserved nearly a hundred acres."

"Government has a unique opportunity to simultaneously achieve two important goals, preservation of ecologically significant natural resources while implementing a plan to protect the property and human and environmental health through strategic retreat due to actual and impending sea level rise. Given the damage that Superstorm Sandy caused to several dozen residential structures with septic systems and oil tanks being disrupted which caused their contents to leak, this last goal is of paramount importance."

I will note that since Superstorm Sandy, Brookhaven Town has worked closely with the staff of New York Rising accepting not 17 but actually 41 storm-damaged homes now and they've undertaken their demolition restoring natural site conditions.

I think when the Supervisor sent the letter around to each of you, he sent some photographs, but I have those photographs, too, it's in the packet. If you take a look at the photos, on just a daily drive through the area you can see that the Mastic-Shirley area, particularly down by the water, is now starting -- is now experiencing chronic flooding; just nuisance flooding on a daily basis of high tide. Other people that live in the area can talk more about that. So the Supervisor's position is, again, let's take steps to preserve the environment in important areas and, again get people out of harm's way, and those goals are accomplished with Legislator Sunderman's Local Law. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right, thank you. Mr. Figarino, are you still -- oh, there you are. And Matthew Kogut is up next.
MR. FIGARINO:

Thank you. In addition to those issues mentioned by the Town's representative, as a resident there, there are additional concerns. There is a tremendous benefit to the community when you take away as often as you can those structures that contribute to a problem. The problem is multi-faceted. One of those is that these houses that are taken by the County often are a negative impact, have a negative impact on our quality of life. Those houses have been derelict and un -- in the end unsafe, and so they basically pose an opportunity for the wrong kinds of folks who want to invest and do nothing more than purchase something for the next handout, the next possible opportunity to make money at our expense, at residents expense. There are examples of that and they go over a number of years.

So I can mention to you, you know, 102 Hickory where a person bought at auction a house for $30,000 and then began with a hammer on his own, took the siding off the building. When I asked him, What are you doing and what are your plans, he said, Well, I expect that the firearm to Montauk Point plan will then benefit me and I will raise this house, the structure that the Town, at their expense, had to then demo just recently because it became an unsafe structure. So you're helping the community in that way, that is to remove structures from LLC, mostly LLCs. The latest one that was taken was at 105 Moriches Drive; again, a structure bought at auction. If I showed you the picture of this, I say structure, I don't call it a house. We are at the mercy of these folks who don't need the money, purchase from the County at small amounts of change and then leave that structure without improving.

As far as the impact on your budget, it is minuscule. The taxes in this area might be three to $4,000 on these kinds of homes, so there is no real damage or impact to your budget or to your coffers. The impact is to the residents of Mastic Beach as these houses are. It is also an impact because as you continue -- as the Town continues to work with the community to remove houses, you're helping us in terms of our resiliency issues to storms. The more houses the more opportunity there is for absorption of water, as you know, there's a benefit there. But most important, houses in the Mastic-Shirley Conservation area should not be placed in the hands of investors, these absentee investors have killed us over the years. A wonderful community that was once a beach front, you know, a beach community is now struggling and is on the way back with the help of the Town -- and with the help of our County Legislator, to be honest -- to bring back an area that has, you know, wonderful views, wonderful sunsets, wonderful sunrises. From my home I can see the ocean, and yet we are in an area that seems to have been labeled as depressed. So we need your support for the Legislator's position on this. Thank you.

07:29PM

P.O. GREGORY:

Mr. Figarino, I just have a quick question for you.

MR. FIGARINO:

Yeah, sure.
P.O. GREGORY:
And I'm not sure if you know or not; I should have maybe asked
Mr. Turner. So these are properties that the Town -- excuse me,
the County would take for lack of not paying taxes.

MR. FIGARINO:
Right. When you then place them at auction --

P.O. GREGORY:
Right.

MR. FIGARINO:
-- we are at the mercy of the investors. Take 102 Hickory, take
105 Moriches, and currently take 65 Dire; they don't come off that
often.

P.O. GREGORY:
Right. No, I get that. I get that.

MR. FIGARINO:
Okay.

P.O. GREGORY:
My question is, if you know, and these are obviously improved lots;
who's responsible for demolition of the building, the structure?

MR. FIGARINO:
Currently the addresses I cited were at the expense of the Town.
However, they get -- and then the property continues to be in the
ownership of the -- the ownership of the property continues to be
the original person. He can build a house there. Actually, he
probably would need an elevated house.

P.O. GREGORY:
But now we own that -- it's roughly a six to seven-year process
before the County actually takes it.

MR. FIGARINO:
Right.

P.O. GREGORY:
Right, you don't pay your taxes for three years --

MR. FIGARINO:
Right.

P.O. GREGORY:
-- we send you a notice, we give you time to redeem it --

MR. FIGARINO:
Right.

P.O. GREGORY:
Then we -- you know, it's three or four more years after that, so
it's a long time before someone doesn't pay their taxes and we
possess the property.
MR. FIGARINO:
Right.

P.O. GREGORY:
Then we would auction it or potentially transfer it through the Town to a not-for-profit for affordable housing purposes through our 72-h Program. So what I'm asking is -- it's our property at that point. So you're asking us for a property that is in our possession, not to sell it?

MR. FIGARINO:
Not to place it in --

P.O. GREGORY:
Or not to take it in the first instance?

MR. FIGARINO:
Not to place it at auction.

P.O. GREGORY:
Not to auction it. So then that expense would be --

MR. FIGARINO:
In some cases the Town has made the County whole, right, in terms of back taxes in some cases. I mean, there are various pools of money out there. Recently the Department of Agriculture, there is a program where the Department of Agriculture would reimburse --

P.O. GREGORY:
No, I'm just trying to figure out, because I'm looking at this and I'm saying, okay, you know, we'll obviously lose whatever revenue. And Jason Smagin who runs, his office runs auctions for us said we're going to lose whatever money it is to auction it, but we'll also incur an expense with the demolition. So we have to make -- I just want to make sure we have a full picture.

MR. FIGARINO:
Right. So there have been opportunities in the past, 45 Diana, for instance, was transferred from the County to the Town and the Town absorbed the cost of the demo. There have been these collaborations between Town and County. The important thing for the Legislature to understand is that you are making decisions that, if you make the right decisions, positively impact the residents on that block and so on --

P.O. GREGORY:
Yeah.

MR. FIGARINO:
-- in the community.

P.O. GREGORY:
Right.
MR. FIGARINO:
The cooperation between County and Town has been demonstrated many
different forms, in many different forms. The Nature Conservancy,
for instance, at times has helped pay for demos, and so. So
there's different options. Recently the Department of Agriculture,
for instance, was in a position to reimburse the Town for demos.
So other -- anything other than placing them at auction, because we
are getting killed, we've been killed over the years. These LLCs
are just grabbing these things, they have the money to wait it out
and the community suffers with a deplorable structure.

P.O. GREGORY:
Right. Okay. Well, thank you for coming down.

MR. FIGARINO:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Matthew Kogut and then Maura, Maura Spery.

07:32PM

MR. KOGUT:
Hello. My name is Matthew Kogut and I'm here speaking on behalf of
IR 1852 --

MS. MAHONEY:
Can you please speak closer into the mic?

MR. KOGUT:
Oh, yes. My name is Matthew Kogut and I'm here speaking to you on
behalf of IR 1852 sponsored by Legislator Sunderman. I want to
express my sincere support for this resolution. I think it's an
exceptional start to preserving lands here in Suffolk County.

As you all know, open space and funding space open preserve is far
and few between and is hard to come by here in Suffolk County. I'm
calling on the Legislature to pass this legislation to help protect
whatever critical land we can and do have here in the County
itself. Not only do I support this legislation, but I feel the
County should take a look at this resolution and use it as a
reference. Let this be used as a model for future parcels of lands
that may already be in or come in the County's possession and could
possibly be put to good use.

Having land that could be protected and preserved is a critical
investment to the wildlife, unnatural habitats that already live
here on Long Island and Suffolk County, and that have been living
here for decades and beyond. If we cannot only protect and
preserve critical lands here in the County but turn what we have --
but turn what we can into parkland for the enjoyment of residents
of Suffolk County, that would be an incredible asset. It would be
investing in the residents of this County and also the future of
this County and Long Island as well.

This is an excellent piece of legislation and should pass within
the Legislature tonight, or in the future. We need more protected
land in Suffolk County and this is where we should start. I
applaud Legislator Sunderman for proposing this legislation and
taking the lead with this important bill. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you, Matthew. Good to see you. Ms. Spery.

MS. SPERY:
Okay. Hi again. So I brought all these up because all of these
represent 33 years of studies, reports, conferences. Here we have
from 1985, The Great South Bay, An Outlook for the Future. The
Mastic Beach detailed study area strategies are as follows: "The
scattered residences and the flood zone adjacent to tidal wetlands
should be removed and relocated to inland locations. Suitable
upland parcels owned by the Town of Brookhaven or Suffolk County
should be identified and designated as appropriate sites for
relocation;" that was in 1985.

Then we have the Proposed Long Island South Shore Hazard Management
Program done by Long Island Regional Planning Board. This is
actually my favorite quote; "Although a retreat from the shoreline
should not be adopted as a simple, rigid rule for all situations,
the time has come to adopt it as a general policy around which
other policies and regulations like this one would be shaped.
Stated simply, whenever possible, wherever possible and as soon as
possible, development should be moved away from the shore line,"

We have the Narrow Bay Flood Plain Protection and Hazard Mitigation
Plan done by Suffolk County Planning Department in 1997. This is
the entire peninsula, the Narrow Bay. Relocation sites would be
made available to anyone who owns property within the Coastal
Environmental Hazard Zone that is either improved or not improved.
The privately-owned, environmentally-sensitive sites would be
exchanged for a County-owned upland relocation site.

It goes on. The New York Rising Community Resiliency Technique, it
talks about buyout, it talks about relocating people out of the
flood zones. We have the Manage Coastal Retreat, A Legal Handbook
on Shifting Development Away from Vulnerable Areas. This is
Columbia Law School, Center for Climate Change. They also say
buy-outs, do buy-outs, get people out of these areas. Now we talk
about last week, I was with the Regional Plan Associates at the new
shoreline, it was a conference done with the DEC, The Nature
Conservancy. We have The New Shoreline, Integrating Community and
Ecological Resilience around Tidal Wetlands. Here we have, because
I've been working with them over four years, the RPA on Mastic
Beach, because we are the canary in the coal mine. We are the
people who are getting crazy. Last year there were 14 high tide
cycles, I could not leave my house. I could not drive out of my
house because the road was under almost a foot-and-a-half to two
feet of water. We're talking 14 high tide cycles. It is now,
people are not dealing with it, the water is here.

What they said last week was publicly-owned land may be already be
protected from development, but even when not, it can be easier to
obtain protected status. What we are asking for is the properties
that come to you that is in the AE flood zones.

(Timer Sounded)

That is what this regulation says. When we are in a flood zone, that all these reports for 33 years says get everybody out of these flood zones in these low-lying areas. You're not going to be able to sewer 'em. My house in 30 years will be gone. My house in 20 to 25 years will be a summer residence. We have to deal with this. We're not dealing with it, and the first step to dealing with it -- and I'm going to tell you now, it is not going to cost you more money to let these homes go. You are never getting them cheaper than you're getting homes in Mastic Beach for taxes. So your policy is to move people out into County-owned properties in the uplands; you don't have to do this here.

P.O. GREGORY:
Ms. Spery?

MS. SPERY:
You own the properties. So I just please, please, please -- thank you so much, Legislator Sunderman, for taking this on and doing it in a very intelligent way. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Your time's expired, but Legislator Krupski has a question for you.

MS. SPERY:
Oh, thank you.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
So thanks for your comments. I've got a question, this is for "it should be retained by the County for open space purposes." Now --

MS. SPERY:
Correct.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
So my question to you is what does that mean? Because something that Legislator Fleming brought up I think last year and I think we all agreed on, when the County acquires parcels, any parcels for open space, especially ones that are vulnerable to, as you said, the high tide cycles, currently high tide cycles; you know, forget storm events and NorEasters.

MS. SPERY:
That's correct.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Could be -- especially ones that have already been impaired and impacted by development, either partial -- partially-filled or, you know, the grades change.

MS. SPERY:
Correct.
**LEG. KRUPSKI:**
Do you believe they should be used for more storm resiliency, if there's a project, great wetlands, either lower the elevation to create a lower spot in case of a rain event, but obviously, you know, planting them up and sort of recreating a marsh, a more natural landscape instead of just taking the house down and leaving it.

**MS. SPERY:**
Well, I think you have a couple of options. I think one of the things that should be considered is some of these parcels should be used for storm water retention. So to just do them all as open space and say You can't do anything I think is short-sighted. I do think there are things where wetlands can help us with storm water retention and how we get rid of our storm water. So there are also -- there might be sites that would be good for cluster systems for homes that are already there. So I would be against saying, Hey, you can't use -- I think if you had a purpose that was for the environment in helping deal with the environmental effects like storm water retention or a cluster system or something, I think you should have that opportunity as well.

**LEG. KRUPSKI:**
Thank you. That's the direction we're going in and I think it -- we should make it clear, I just want to make it clear on the record, this preservation purposes, that would be a purpose --

**MS. SPERY:**
A preservation purpose would be better.

**LEG. KRUPSKI:**
-- of preservation to use some of these parcels for that.

**MS. SPERY:**
And I would just like to point out that I believe East Hampton gave back their $9 million, USDA money. And I can tell you that the peninsula and the conservation area could use that money to very good effect and you could buy a tremendous amount of property down there that would do really good stuff with that nine million; way more than you can buy in East Hampton, that's for sure.

**LEG. KRUPSKI:**
I have another question. Do you think the Town -- the Town controls land use and zoning; should the Town be more proactive in allowing more development in these areas?

**MS. SPERY:**
I think the Town has showed great leadership, Ed Romaine especially, in saying, No, the Town has been as proactive as the County has been in buying up these properties and taking them down, working with The Nature Conservancy, working with the Citizens Campaign for the Environment. I think -- again, 33 years of studies, we know what we have to do down there, we just have to have the courage to do it.

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LEG. KRUPSKI:
Okay. And the tide's coming up, you better go home.

MS. SPERY:
(Laughter). Yeah, thank you very much. The moon's not full, though.

P.O. GREGORY:
Ms. Spery, Legislator Lindsay has a question for you.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Hi. Good evening. Thank you for your testimony this evening.
My question is I'm not as familiar with your area, obviously, it's not the district that I cover, but in my district we have parts of Oakdale and Sayville that were ravaged by Superstorm Sandy and some of those parcels were purchased through the New York Rising Program. I'm trying to envision how this would work in Mastic and Shirley, because in those communities you'll have -- you know, where there's cluster homes you'll have house/house/empty lot, house/house/empty lot, and I don't -- I'm trying to envision how that really helps in terms of creating new wetlands or restoring the wetlands on those particular parcels.

MS. SPERY:
Well, most of the houses now that are going to be around them have been elevated, so the wetlands are allowed to reestablish around most of the elevated properties. The water's allowed to continue to go through.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Okay.

MS. SPERY:
To me, the bottom line is the more you can buy up the better. We're all leaving. We're all going to be gone in 30 years, the ones down in the AE-7 and 8 Flood Zone.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Right. And we've seen that, too, just in the real estate values --

MS. SPERY:
Right.

LEG. LINDSAY:
-- actually have not come back, primarily those areas.

MS. SPERY:
Climate bubble is what they call it in real estate.

LEG. LINDSAY:
But we've also seen through the FINS Program with trying to restore Fire Island Seashore and the battle that we've gone through with some of the homeowners where the homes were built in front of the dunes rather than behind them, trying to take those properties or get them to sell them is a very long process, very difficult process. You know, I agree with the legislation, I just -- I'm
trying to envision how it's going to be successful because it's going to be so piecemeal.

**MS. SPERY:**
And I can just tell you one thing is that in six years people who six years ago had no -- want a buyout at all, I can't even tell you how many of these people approach me now and say, *Can I get a buyout?* Now it is -- the tables have completely turned 180 on that; people want buy-outs, people want to get out, now that it floods all the time.

**LEG. LINDSAY:**
Well, thank you again for your testimony. I appreciate it.

**MS. SPERY:**
Thank you so much for the time.

**P.O. GREGORY:**
Oh, I have a question for you, too. And this may be an unfair question, so I apologize.

**MS. SPERY:**
That's okay.

**P.O. GREGORY:**
As a former Mayor, I figured you may know it. So how many homes are we potentially talking about?

**MS. SPERY:**
I think if we're looking at the whole Mastic-Shirley Conservation area in the AE Flood Zones, which would probably encompass AE-6, maybe, that's not as bad. It's about 900 to a thousand, the ones that were I think most severely affected would be about 307. I think there's 380 to 400 in the FIMI Plan, that would be people in the flood zone that they would elevate.

**P.O. GREGORY:**
Okay.

**MS. SPERY:**
About 400 homes.

**P.O. GREGORY:**
Now, are you aware of any funding that may be available for the demolition?

**MS. SPERY:**
Yes. We're always looking and are trying to get funding. I mean, there are grants and different programs that we're aware of that we'd like to get.

**P.O. GREGORY:**
Okay. Legislator Krupski.
LEG. KRUPSKI:
So you brought up -- the Presiding Officer brought up the question of funding. Why wouldn't Brookhaven Town consider the 2% Real Estate Transfer Tax as a source of funding to start purchasing these parcels and do the environmental restoration that would be necessary?

MS. SPERY:
I think that question goes to that gentleman over there; he's the expert in it.

07:45PM

LEG. KRUPSKI:
I'm happy to hear.

P.O. GREGORY:
That wouldn't be appropriate.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
That's okay.

P.O. GREGORY:
But Legislator Sunderman has a question.

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
We're not taking anybody's home, we're taking anybody off the auction block which right now only consists of one piece of parcel with no home on it and one home, just this cycle. So there's not many on this cycle, so it's not like there's 480 coming back this round.

P.O. GREGORY:
No, I understand that. The only reason I ask is because I know in some areas people are -- you know, because of the situation they're abandoning their homes.

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Correct.

P.O. GREGORY:
So I'm thinking prospectively, three, four, five, six years from now there potentially could be a flood of homes and what could that potential cost be to us if the Town is not willing to -- because it could cost roughly 20 to 30, maybe $40,000 to demolish a house. You know, you're talking hundreds of -- it could be millions of dollars, that's the only reason why I even bring it up.

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
I'm going to work with the Town on an IMA on that.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay.

MS. SPERY:
Just to let you know, we're working on some things about maybe doing a conservancy down there, that also would be able to get funding to take these homes down and purchase these properties.
P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right, thank you.

All right, that is the last card I have for that Public Hearing. Anyone else like to speak? No? Okay. Rudy? Legislator Sunderman?

LEG. SUDDERMAN:
(Hand gesture).

P.O. GREGORY:
What does that mean? (Laughter).

LEG. SUDDERMAN:
Sorry; motion to close.

P.O. GREGORY:
It was like a baseball sign like safe, is that -- what is that?

LEG. SUDDERMAN:
Motion to close. (Inaudible).

P.O. GREGORY:
(Laughter) Yeah, a hit and run. Motion to close by Legislator Sunderman. Second -- who was the second?

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, I'm going to skip over 1856 for now and go to (Public Hearing on) 1865(-18), but I don't have any cards. It's (Adopting Local Law No. -2018), A Charter Law To Clarify Campaign Finance Board Procedures (D.P.O. Calarco). Anyone here like to speak on it? Okay. All right, seeing none --

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Motion to close.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion to close by Legislator Calarco. I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).
P.O. GREGORY:
All right, (Public Hearing on) the 2019 Operating Budget and Program. Anyone here like to speak on that public hearing? Please come forward. Okay, I'll make a motion to close. Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Sixteen (Not Present: Legislator Martinez - Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
/Public Hearing on) Southwest Sewer District Assessment Roll. Anyone here to speak on that, please come forward. Okay, I'll make a motion to close. Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Sixteen (Not Present: Legislator Martinez - Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
I would like to make a motion to set the date for the following Public Hearings on November 20th, 2018, at 2 PM, Rose Caracappa Auditorium, Hauppauge, New York:

IR 1964, a Local Law to improve and strengthen the County's Public Nuisance Property Law; IR 1972, a Local Law to amend the Composition of streamlining the operation of the Suffolk County Senior Citizens Advisory Board; and IR 1996, a Local Law to increase the fines related to the sale of e-cigarettes to persons under the age of 21.

I have a second by Legislator Lindsay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MS. ELLIS:
Sixteen (Not Present: Legislator Martinez - Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, at this time we're going to take a ten minutes recess and we're going to come back and do the Public Hearing for 1856.

(*Brief Recess: 7:49 p.m. - 8:07 p.m.)*

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right, so we are back in session. We're going back to the Public Hearings. We have (Public Hearing on) IR 1856 before us, (Adopting Local Law No. -2018), A Local Law to restrict information regarding salary and earnings (“RISE Act). First I have is Dulce Rojas.

MS. ROJAS:
Hi. My name is Dulce, I will be speaking on behalf of SEPA Mujer and also as myself as somebody that lives here for -- since 1995 in Suffolk County.
So in representation of SEPA Mujer, we are a Latino organization on Long Island; we also serve immigrant victims of domestic violence, mostly women and girls. So SEPA Mujer here -- we're supporting the RISE Act because it's taking steps towards ending gender pay gap, it's a step towards ending gender inequality, violence in the workplace and sexual harassment.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports full-time American Women tend to earn $0.70 for every dollar that a man makes, and that study that I'm mentioning was made five years ago and there hasn't been much progress made. So as advocates for Suffolk County community that includes immigrant women and girls, and the elephant in the room is that there is immigrants in this community, I'm speaking on behalf of them, obviously. So immigrant women between the ages of 23 and 29, myself included as a U.S. Citizen as well, we make up 6% of overall immigrant population residing in the U.S., which is basically 2,796,400 women who are facing even greater pay discrepancy compared to their already low-earning U.S. born counterparts. So we need to continue to work -- the work that began in 1848 in the women suffrage movement and ensure that all women are treated equally.

So I just want to say thank you for acting on this critical issue that is so important to all communities across the board, not just Latina immigrants obviously, but for our youth that is just entering the workforce here and many are struggling to stay and live here on Long Island, myself included. So as somebody that came to live here in 1995 and now is a U.S. citizen and I studied here, graduated from St. Joseph's College, I think the RISE Act makes me hopeful that my work, professionalism, studies and experience will be more valuable and more important than what my last employer decided to pay me if there was any gender bias. So all women deserve a fair chance and I just want to say thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you. Dulce, Legislator Trotta has a question for you.

LEG. TROTTA:
You know, when I heard this that women -- I thought it was 78% -- wait, 78% of women. I was concerned that it was, you know, for equal jobs, and apparently the statistic isn't for equal jobs. So what I did was I took the liberty of taking the County Executive's staff and the funny thing was the average men's salary was 107,000 and the average woman salary was 83,000, which is exactly 78%.

MS. ROJAS:
Uh-huh.

LEG. TROTTA:
So I have a handout for the other Legislators just to say that while I think that figure for -- I shouldn't say, I don't know what the answer is for related jobs, so like a teacher, a female teacher and a male teacher I would hope would make the same salary, and I think that's true contractually with different unions, but I think when he used those numbers he was talking about in general. And given his own office, that strikes perfectly, 107,000 for men and
83,000 for women. So I don't know if that's true. I am for equal
-- women and men doing the same job should absolutely make the same
money. But I don't think that figure you're using is correct
because the County Executive himself would be guilty of it if that
were true. So I just --

MS. ROJAS:
So the figures that I gave were from the U.S. Census Bureau.

08:11PM

LEG. TROTTA:
Yeah, but I think that's women and men in general. Like
historically maybe men are the breadwinners and they may make more
money, women might be working part-time, you know, so there's more
factors than that. Because, you know, clearly --

MS. ROJAS:
There definitely is more factors --

LEG. TROTTA:
-- the County Executive who introduced this bill would be guilty of
the same thing.

08:12PM

MS. ROJAS:
So, yeah, I mean, that's more to the reason why the reso should
pass then. I'm speaking on behalf of my work here at SEPA Mujer,
and I can probably guarantee you that 90% of the women that we
represent probably didn't fill out a Census Bureau.

LEG. TROTTA:
Yeah. What I'm saying is --

MS. ROJAS:
So I would assume those numbers are also way off.

LEG. TROTTA:
-- statistics sometimes, you know, aren't true; I don't want to say
they lie, but you can make them say different things. So while I'm
for 100% a woman doing the same job as a man should get paid the
same, but I think the statistics you're using and the County
Executive's using are a little disingenuous, so. Not purposefully
on your part.

08:12PM

MS. ROJAS:
Yeah. I mean, the issue's still the same, that there's still a
gender pay gap.

LEG. TROTTA:
I know, but I think the County Executive is using this as like a
political thing where look what I'm doing for women, and in
actuality he's guilty of the same thing.

08:13PM

MS. ROJAS:
I don't know what he's doing, but if it's to benefit the community
and the women in here, then I'm all for it, so.
LEG. TROTTA:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right, thank you.

Applause

Elizabeth Ulcuongo? I'm sorry if I've mispronounced your name.

(*Ms. Ulcuongo's testimony will be translated by Ms. Mujer*)

MS. ULCUONGO:
Hello. I'm from SEPA Mujer. I've lived here for 13 years. I'm grateful for the opportunities that have been given to me living here. It's been a lot of sacrifice and work, but I'm grateful. So it was difficult for me to follow what was going on because of interpretation, but I know that it's for the pay gap and for fair wages and transparency.

So the 13 years that I've been living here, my pay has always been the same regardless of my work experience. So the working factors is hard, it's tough. In one of them I even had an accident damaging ligaments in my column. And not even -- with all that my wages got better. So not even with my experiences did my pay go up once. And now I'm getting paid 11 because of the change in New York State, but not even with that is enough to stay in my home. Thank you. That's all I can say.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you.

Applause

Okay. Matthew Kogut; and then on deck, Benjetta Miller.

MR. KOGUT:
All right, I'm back. Hey, guys. I'm here to speak in support of the RISE Act. I don't want to take up too much of your time, but I felt compelled to speak before you guys tonight because I, too, belong to a minority that is often faced with diversity and is often disenfranchised.

I stand before you tonight in support of this crucial piece of legislation because one should not be discriminated against on any level within the workforce because of their gender, their race or prior compensation at a previous place of employment. The purpose of this legislation is simple; as stated in the bill, its intent is to prohibit employers from inquiring about and relying on prior or current salary information when setting compensation for new employees. We hear about all too often how one is automatically disadvantaged because they are a woman or because of their race or ethnicity. Why should compensation history play into that type of discrimination as well? If a particular individual is qualified for a certain position, he or she should get paid the same amount regardless of who they are or how much they've been paid in the
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past.

In conclusion, I ask that you please take a step in the right direction. Please do your part to end discrimination. We need to strengthen the laws we already have on the books and this legislation does just that. With this legislation before you, even if it doesn't pass, I think it still provides us the unique opportunity to keep this conversation going. We must keep the conversation going on discrimination and the role it plays in today's society. Discrimination is alive and well in our society today and it comes in various shapes and sizes and in many different forms and variations. With a robust debate that will ensue amongst this Legislature tonight and in our own personal lives, we should all continue to discuss and debate and continue to attempt to counteract the ways of the many forms of discrimination continue to plague our society.

With that being said, I again implore you to support the RISE Act. Let's have Suffolk County move in a progressive direction, a direction in which discrimination does not belong. Thank you for your time and thank you for listening. Thank you.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Thank you, Mr. Kogut. Our next speaker is Benjetta Miller. Benjetta?

MS. MILLER:
Benjetta.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Benjetta; I'm sorry, hard J. Followed by Madeline McConney.

MS. MILLER:
Good evening, Legislators. My name is Benjetta Miller and I'm here speaking as a Board Member of the Long Island Progressive Coalition.

The Long Island Progressive Coalition is a nearly 40-year old progressive organization that fights for racial, social and economic justice on the local, State and Federal level. I'm here to speak today in favor of the restricting information on salaries and earnings, or RISE Act. I would like to begin by thanking County Executive Steve Bellone and the Legislators that are here, Ms. Hahn and Legislator Gregory and their staff, that took leadership on this issue, because once again it makes Suffolk County one of the leaders in progressive policies.

LIPC supports the RISE Act because the problems of the gender pay gap is a real institutional and sustained issue on Long Island and the RISE Act will reduce pay inequities for women, especially women of color and those long out of work by barring employers from seeking or using job applicant salary and benefit history in hiring.
In New York State -- and my numbers came from the Department of Labor. In New York State, women only make 89 cents to every dollar that a man makes, and in Suffolk County it's worse, it's $78 -- $0.78, sorry, to every dollar that a man makes. And when you break it down to women of color, women -- African-American women earn $0.64 to every dollar; and Latinas, they earn $0.55 to every dollar that a man makes. So in a County where the cost of living is astronomical and thousands in our community are struggling to pay for food, housing, medical bills and the cost of transportation, we must do everything that we can to eliminate the gender pay gap and level the playing field for all women in Suffolk County. That is why Long Island Progressive Coalition and myself urge the Legislators to pass the RISE Act. Thank you.

Applause

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Thank you, Ms. Miller. Our next speaker is Madeline Quintyne-McConney -- I hope I got that right -- followed by Retha Fernandez.

MS. QUINTYNE-MCCONNEY:
All right. My name is Madeline Quintyne-McConney and I'm here representing the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, the Suffolk County Chapter. I'm going to defer my spot to our President who is here because I wasn't sure she was coming, so she's going to speak and her name is Collette Morgan.

MS. MORGAN:
Thank you. Thank you, Madeline. Good evening, everyone. Thank you, Legislators. My name is Collette Morgan and I am speaking on behalf of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, the Suffolk County Chapter. Our organization represents 63 chapters in 27 states in the District of Columbia and our goal is to advocate on behalf of women of color, and our Suffolk County Chapter does that by me being here today.

Statistics aside, because they've been eloquently stated by the previous speakers, the one thing job seekers hate is that dreaded salary question, especially if you know you're underpaid, and sometimes you may not even know that you're underpaid. If you answer it you may be -- and you exaggerate, now you've told a lie, okay, and some people have no problem doing that, but women have a problem doing that and they like to come forward honestly.

People should be paid for what they're worth, okay. We need to ban the question altogether. This will assist us in our advocacy efforts to fight wage discrimination and the gender pay gap that gets further and further perpetuated by this question. It causes inequalities and inequities that snowball over time. And as someone stated, sometimes it starts right when you graduate from college and you get your first job and you don't go in and negotiate that first job correctly and then you're banned for years and years and years and you have to pay for this inequity.

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If you're moving from a lower cost living area and you move into Suffolk County and you have all these qualifications but you were paid a lower wage, why should you have to suffer this inequity? Offers should be based on the candidate's capabilities to perform the job function. This will benefit everyone in Suffolk County if people are paid what they deserve to be paid. It will help families, it will help heads of households, it will help men, it will help women, black, brown and all races. I urge you to support this legislation.

**Applause**

**D.P.O. CALARCO:**

Thank you so much. Our next speaker is Retha Fernandez followed by Jennifer Hernandez.

**MS. FERNANDEZ:**

Thank you. My name is Retha Fernandez, I am the Project Director of the State of Black Long Island Equity Council which is a project convened by the Urban League of Long Island. We support adopting Resolution 1856, a Local Law to restrict information regarding salary and earnings as it will help Long Island become a fair and equitable region.

Long Island is losing $24 billion each year due to racial injustice and inequity in areas that impact our individual well-being and the overall success of our region. We have to put more money into the hands of the men, women and young professionals to boost our economic growth and vitality. Pay equity, paying job applicants fairly all the time offers our workers the ability to fully participate in the economic vitality of the region, regardless of their race or ethnicity, income, neighborhood or gender. The RISE Act and the work that we do at the Urban League of Long Island will help break the cycle that keeps women and people of color trapped in low pay. The racial and gender wealth gap has been documented and it's growing. The distance between what white Americans and black Americans earn is larger than it's been in almost 40 years.

On Long Island, the wage gap between college-educated blacks and college-educated whites is $8 an hour. Women of color with a Bachelor's Degree earned $13 an hour less than white men and $4 an hour less than white women.

Across the country we've recently begun to recognize and activate on equal pay day in April, the day that signifies it takes women four additional months to earn what a man earned in the previous year. But what does that look like? A white man works January through December and makes $100,000. A white woman works January through December, then has to continue working until April of the next year to make $100,000. A black woman works January through December, then to April and must continue working until August of that next year to make that same $100,000; that's nearly two years later.
Research points to bias and discrimination, both gender and racial, as factors for this pay gap. The RISE Act offers a way to potentially eliminate biases by basing an applicant's pay on the market value of the role and not the person. It is legislation that could help make wages more fair and equitable for Long Islanders. On behalf of the Urban League of Long Island, I thank the members of the Suffolk County Legislature and the Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone for supporting the residents of this County, creating a pathway to economic well-being and helping to grow a better Long Island for all of us. Thank you.

*Applause*

**D.P.O. CALARCO:**
Thank you, Ms. Fernandez. If you could stay right there, Legislator Flotteron has a question for you.

**LEG. FLOTTERON:**
Yeah, I just want to get clarification. Is this for the same job title you're seeing the difference of the pay, or that's --

**MS. FERNANDEZ:**
For the same job, yes.

**LEG. FLOTTERON:**
Same job.

**MS. FERNANDEZ:**
The $13 an hour difference?

**LEG. FLOTTERON:**
Yes.

**MS. FERNANDEZ:**
Yes.

**LEG. FLOTTERON:**
The same job. And what report was this from?

**MS. FERNANDEZ:**
This is based on research that the Urban League of Long Island did, the Empowering Black Long Island Equity Profile; you can find the full report on our website.

**LEG. FLOTTERON:**
Okay. Thank you.

**MS. FERNANDEZ:**
You're welcome.

**D.P.O. CALARCO:**
Thank you so much. Okay, our next speaker is Jennifer Hernandez followed by Lisa McQueen-Starling.
MS. HERNANDEZ:
Presiding Officer Gregory and all members of the Legislature, my
name is Jennifer Hernandez. I come before you this evening as a
lifelong Suffolk County resident; born at Stony Brook University,
raised in Coram, now residing in Farmingville. I'm the daughter of
hard-working immigrant parents who own two thriving businesses here
in Suffolk County. I'm a mother of two young sons and I'm the
cofounder of Empowerment Collaborative of Long Island. We are a
non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the impact and
incidences of abuse and trauma among the most disenfranchised and
marginalized individuals within our communities here in Suffolk
County.

Through my work with Empowerment Collaborative of Long Island, I
have had the honor to witness individuals overcome adversities,
heal from traumas such as domestic violence, community violence,
poverty, lack of education, incarceration and more. But these
success stories did not happen without the hard work of the
individual and a solid support system often cobbled together by
caring and compassionate community members. And in order for these
individuals to continue to be successful, raise healthy children in
a safe and stable environment, we need the gender and minority wage
gap to come to a close.

I stand before you to voice my full support of the RISE Act and
applaud County Executive Bellone, Presiding Officer Gregory,
Legislator Martinez, Legislator Hahn, Legislator Anker, Legislator
Berland, Legislator Fleming and all members of the Legislature for
their efforts to rectify inequalities in the workplace. Thank you.

Applause

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Thank you, Ms. Hernandez. Our next speaker is Lisa
McQueen-Starling.

MS. McQUEEN-STARLING:
Good evening, and thank you. My name is Lisa McQueen-Starling and
I am a Human Resources Executive with over 25 years of experience
and I have my consulting company which is called the Starling Group
and we do intense recruiting and I felt it was important that I
come here to support the RISE Act.

Equal pay means that men and women in the same employment
performing equal work must receive equal pay, as set out by the
Equal Pay Act of 1963. If you're an employer, you must observe
this law. This not only applies to salary but also applies to
contractual terms and conditions of employment such as holiday
entitlement, bonuses pay and reward programs and pension payments
and other benefits. And I wanted to share with you as being my
experience in HR for over 25 years, this law benefits employers as
well. Employers in both private and public sector benefits by
providing equal pay. Organizations that treat staff fairly may
find an increase in productivity that comes from higher morale and
employee commitment. They'll also find it easier to recruit and
retain a skilled workforce as well as sustaining or improving their
reputation.

Transparency pay structure gives employees confidence that their pay is fair and non-discriminatory, reducing the risk of an equal play -- pay claim. I can only tell you, being in HR, when we got a claim of discrimination in pay, it's time-consuming. Companies -- the morale goes down in companies, and if the case goes public then there goes the stock. So equal pay and supporting this bill, I really have to commend the Legislature for taking an advanced step forward in putting a bill like this in Suffolk County because it -- it eliminates all those forms of discrimination when it comes to pay, because when someone can pay and afford -- and take care of their household, it eliminates a lot in a family's household. So I strongly urge the Legislature in passing this bill, and thank you for your time.

Applause

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Thank you, Ms. McQueen-Starling. If you can stay right there for a moment, we have a question for you. Ms. Starling, Legislator Lindsay has a question.

MS. McQUEEN-STARLING:
Hi.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Hi, Ms. Starling. Thank you for coming in tonight and thank you for your testimony. My question -- so it sounds like you have your own recruiting firm?

MS. McQUEEN-STARLING:
Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY:
And do you have a certain niche that you specialize in or a certain type of jobs that you place?

MS. McQUEEN-STARLING:
Well, most of them are probably administrative positions.

LEG. LINDSAY:
And do they -- do the employers ask for a salary history when they apply?

MS. McQUEEN-STARLING:
Yes, all the time.

LEG. LINDSAY:
And what would happen if they wouldn't supply one?

MS. McQUEEN-STARLING:
I'm sorry?
LEG. LINDSAY:
What would happen if the applicant refused to supply a salary history?

MS. McQUEEN-STARLING:
They don't -- they will not move forward.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Okay.

MS. McQUEEN-STARLING:
They will not move forward whether they are fully qualified, excellent, they want to know that salary history.

LEG. LINDSAY:
And when they post the job or they come to you looking for people to place, do they give you a range, a high and a low of what they're willing to pay for that position?

MS. McQUEEN-STARLING:
Yeah, they usually give us their compensation range, they give us the min, the mid-point and the max they want to hire the person at.

LEG. LINDSAY:
And then how often do you see, once that salary history is provided, that if it's on the lower end of the range that's what the offer is, if it's on the higher end of the range then, in turn, that would be what the offer would be, that would be made for that candidate.

MS. McQUEEN-STARLING:
That's correct.

LEG. LINDSAY:
So yet could have the same candidate, based on those figures, could end up on the lower end of the range if they have a lower salary history as opposed to a higher end of the range if they have a higher salary.

MS. McQUEEN-STARLING:
Absolutely. With the same --

LEG. LINDSAY:
Same qualifications, everything.

MS. McQUEEN-STARLING:
Same qualifications, everything, that's what normally happens.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Okay.

MS. McQUEEN-STARLING:
And what usually then perpetuates from there is that if that person is hired into the organization, someone's going to say people are not private about how much they make; "Well, I make this."
LEG. LINDSAY:
Sure.

MS. McQUEEN-ST LARLING:
And then that's where it starts.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Thank you so much. I appreciate it.

MS. McQUEEN-ST LARLING:
You're welcome.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Okay, thank you very much. I have no other cards. Is there anybody else in the audience who would like to address the Legislature at this time on this topic? Seeing none, do I have a motion to close? I'll make a motion to close.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Second.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Second by Legislator Martinez. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

D.P.O. CALARCO:
The motion is -- the Public Hearing is closed.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, so we were -- prior to Public Hearings we were in discussion on IR 1301. There was a motion to approve, there also was a motion to table. 1301 is in Government -- no, Ways & Means; page 11, the first bill in Ways & Means. I did have a list. Do people still want to speak or do you want to entertain a tabling motion?

LEG. TROT TA:
Just -- I mean, just table it.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. So, tabling motion takes precedence on IR 1301; just a reminder, (Adopting Local Law No. -2018,) A Local Law to require installation of Advanced wastewater treatment systems at auctioned parcels (Hahn). All in favor to table? Opposed? Raise your hands. Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen (Opposed: Legislator Hahn - Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay.

All right, I want to get to -- on page six, IR 1482.
LEG. McCAFFREY:
Motion to take out of order.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion to take out of order IR 1482 by Legislator McCaffrey.
Second -- I'll second. IR 1482(-18) - Authorizing appraisal of land under the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program, as amended by Local Law No. 24-2007, active parkland component, Marine Inc. Property–Town of Babylon–(SCTM No. 0100-189.00-02.00-010.000) (Presiding Officer Gregory). All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions to take out of order.

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I'll make a motion to approve IR 1482.

LEG. McCAFFREY:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator McCaffrey. And on the motion anyone? Just to give you a quick highlight, this is a property, it is a -- it's a private marina, the Town of Babylon is looking to partner with the County and the purchase of it. They want -- they've created an historic district, they want to create an historic -- a public marina in their historic district. It has a rating of 61 and this would be a great thing, I believe, for the County. Legislator Krupski on the motion.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Is there anyone here from the town to answer any questions?

P.O. GREGORY:
Deputy Supervisor Antonio Martinez is in the audience to answer questions; no relation to our wonderful Legislator Monica Martinez. Tony, you can come up to the mic right there.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
That wasn't the question.

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh. Monica said, "Well, that was the answer though."

(*Laughter*)

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ:
Good evening.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Welcome.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ:
Thank you.
LEG. KRUPSKI:
So I've got a question about the Town's intention here, and I think we had a discussion with some of my colleagues. There's different shellfish programs that are running throughout the County, most of them through Cornell Cooperative Extension, their Marine Program. Summer volunteer programs like SPAT and others are -- you know, can be more commercial. Would you be willing to entertain some sort of shellfish program at that marina once the Town has control of the operations there?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ:
Absolutely.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Great. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Anyone else? Legislator McCaffrey?

LEG. TROTTA:
It's just an appraisal, right?

P.O. GREGORY:
Yeah, yeah.

(*Laughter*)

Oh, man! All right.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ:
So is that a yes?

LEG. McCAFFREY:
It's an okay on your appraisal; He committed to the appraisal.

P.O. GREGORY:
That's the best you get.

LEG. McCAFFREY:
But Deputy Supervisor, thank you for coming tonight. You know, as you know we already do in the Town of Babylon, or as the Town of Babylon already does, we have -- many of these programs in terms of the environmental, we have down by Gilgo Beach.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ:
We have the equicenter.

LEG. McCAFFREY:
We have the equicenter there, so the Town of Babylon already takes that very seriously. But just can you speak about the historic nature of this? I know that the Presiding Officer spoke to about how this was created, you know, many years ago and we want to bring it back to some of its former glory in that area.
DEPUTY SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ:
Absolutely. Thank you very much. Again, I'm Councilman and Deputy Supervisor Tony Martinez on behalf of Supervisor Rich Schaeffer. Copiague, the American Advantage in 2007 became a Historical District within the Town of Babylon. It was a community that was designed in the architecture of Venice; in fact, I think the County Executive, when he was Town Supervisor, purchased some gondolas and we may have them in storage because it's been for a while and we've trying to acquire this piece of property. It is one of the last pieces of historical properties really in the Town of Babylon.

It houses two administrative buildings which are the buildings where the folks would come in to purchase their homes, and if you can imagine the Venice in Italy, that's what it was supposed to look like. Recently we are replacing some old bridges that were -- well, not destroyed, but they were undermined during Sandy and through the Grocery Program we were able to secure 10,000 -- $10 million from the State and we're renovating those. The community supports it. We have the folks in the American Venice that support it, the Chamber of Commerce supports it; in fact, the entire community supports this.

This can be a big thing, not just for Babylon but I think for the entire County. Copiague used to be known as the Marconville, but a lot of the structures from Marconville are no longer there and all that remains are street names. And it's unfortunate if we lose the last -- you know, another structure that has historical value, because then all we're going to see are pictures. And the Town of Babylon is committed to bring it back to its grandeur of the 1920s, and we're also committed to work with the County and supply and commit 50% of the cost for everything. In fact, I have -- if you don't mind, I have a -- I had a statement that I had put together and if you allow me I would like to read it. (Brief pause). Presiding Officer?

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh, sure, yes.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ:
All right. So that way I can answer some of your questions.

Good evening. I'm here today to speak on behalf of the Town of Babylon, Supervisor Rich Schaeffer, the Office of Historic Services in the Copiague American Venice Community.

Since 2007 the Babylon Town Board has been working to highlight the historical importance of the area which was designed to emulate the beauty of Venice, Italy, when it was conceived in 1925. The Board designated the area as the first historic district in the Town of Babylon over ten years ago. We have identified acquisition and redevelopment of the marina at 711 Montauk Highway, Lindenhurst as the next step in this process. Since this designation, the American Venice Community has grown to over 1200 homes filled with residents and community groups who share our vision to preserve the rich history of their waterfront area. I ask you, the Suffolk County Legislature, to partner with the Town of Babylon to further
our efforts in this cost by voting to authorize the appraisal, lend
under Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program.

The marina property located on Montauk Highway, currently owned and
operated by RPM, Inc., is for sale, and there are some other issues
there -- I believe they owe some taxes, too -- and could become the
gateway to the American Venice community. The Town of Babylon is
willing to evenly split the cost of the acquisition and any
associated cost -- such as appraisals, tidal searches,
environmental site assessment reports, etcetera -- with the County
as described in Town of Babylon Resolution 668 which I will submit
to the Clerk for the record. The Town of Babylon passed a
resolution unanimously -- and I have a certified copy of the
resolution, Resolution No. 668 -- Requesting Suffolk County to
acquire certain property in the Hamlet of Lindenhurst known as 711
Montauk Highway, pursuant to the new Suffolk County Drinking Water
Protection Program as amended by Local Law No. 24-2007 and
authorizing execution of an agreement between the Town of Babylon,
the County of Suffolk for the maintenance by the Town of Babylon of
the same.

The concept plant is here. If acquired and redeveloped, the
location will remain a marina with some aquaculture component to it
and whatever this body thinks is appropriate, and it will be open
to all Suffolk County residents and it will be maintained by the
Town of Babylon in perpetuity. This yet is another opportunity for
Suffolk County to preserve a piece of Long Island's rich history,
much like the giant duck in Wading River.

So I'm hoping that you can approve this appraisal, and it's just
the first step. But I'd like you to think about really preserving
this place. I think it would be -- the Town of Babylon is known
for its parks and we already are maintaining one of your parks in
perpetuity -- no, not in perpetuity, we have a lease, and that's --
that's Van Bourgondien and we're about to invest $1.8 million in
this park which belongs to you but it's open to all of Suffolk
County but maintained by us.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. I think they're all beat; no (laughter).

All right, no more questions. We have motion and a second on
IR 1482. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, great. All right.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR MARTINEZ:
Thank you very much.

P.O. GREGORY:
Thank you, Tony; excuse me, Deputy Supervisor.
Legislator Fleming makes a request to take IR 1853 out of order which is on page seven and it's Appoint a member to the Single-Use Plastic Reduction Task Force (Julie Lofstad)(Fleming). I'll second that motion. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Fleming makes a motion.

LEG. FLEMING:
Motion to approve.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion to approve.

LEG. HAHN:
(Raised hand).

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Hahn.

LEG. HAHN:
She's here.

LEG. FLEMING:
On the motion, Mr. Presiding Officer.

P.O. GREGORY:
On the motion.

LEG. FLEMING:
Councilwoman Lofstad is here.

P.O. GREGORY:
Anyone have any questions for the Councilwoman?

LEG. FLEMING:
She's been here. So --

P.O. GREGORY:
She couldn't make the committee but she said she wants to come today.

LEG. HAHN:
You might want to just bring her down; she came all this way.

P.O. GREGORY:
So Ms. -- excuse me, Councilwoman? Right. Oh, there you are, okay.

COUNCILWOMAN LOFSTAD:
Hi. Good evening.
P.O. GREGORY:
Hi.

COUNCILWOMAN LOFSTAD:
I just wanted to say that I'm honored to be here tonight. I'm looking forward to sharing my passion about single-use plastic reduction -- and I'm not kidding -- with the task force. I'm also proud that I could represent our stakeholders such as small businesses who I'm sure have some input into anything that we discuss in the task force. So I'm looking for your support for my appointment to the task force. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Well, thank you for your willingness to serve and all that you do already as a Councilperson. Legislator Spencer has a question.

LEG. SPENCER:
Hi. Good evening, Councilwoman. Thank you for your time and coming out. I just wondered, since we're discussing this, have you kind of been following the news with what happened in New Jersey recently?

COUNCILWOMAN LOFSTAD:
Can you be more specific?

LEG. SPENCER:
Oh, okay. I think they just passed some -- I apologize, they took some very aggressive action in eliminating, making -- banning a lot of plastic products.

COUNCILWOMAN LOFSTAD:
I think I read something about that --

LEG. SPENCER:
Yeah, so I was just --

COUNCILWOMAN LOFSTAD:
-- but not the details.

LEG. SPENCER:
I was very excited about that and, you know, I thought it offered a potential opportunity for the task force. So I apologize, it wasn't a gotcha question, but thank you. I do appreciate your willingness to serve.

COUNCILWOMAN LOFSTAD:
There's lots of communities that are passing some good legislation, so I think it's something that we can look at and try to move forward with what makes sense for here as well.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Anyone else? Okay, we have a motion, a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, congratulations.

COUNCILWOMAN LOFSTAD:
Thank you very much. I appreciate the chance to serve. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. Looking for great things.

Okay, page six, IR 1784A, I make a motion to take out of order. It's page six, it's in Budget & Finance, it's IR 1784A, it's the Bond Resolution (of the County of Suffolk, New York, authorizing the issuance of $175,000 in Bonds to finance the cost of a settlement in a general liability case against the County) for amending the 2018 Operating Budget and appropriating funds in connection with bonding for a settlement for a liability case against the County. So I make a motion to take out of order. Second by Legislator Sunderman. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I will make a motion to approve 718 -- 171884? How does that work?

(Laughter)

1784A, Bond Resolution. Do I have a second?

LEG. DONNELLY:
(Raised hand).

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Donnelly. On the motion, does anyone have any questions? It's a liability case. Okay, roll call.

(*Roll Called by Mr. Richberg - Clerk of the Legislature*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Yes.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Yes.

LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.
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LEG. McCAFFREY: Yes.
LEG. TROT TA: No.
LEG. KENNEDY: Yes.
LEG. FLOTTERON: Yes.
LEG. CILMI: (Absent).
LEG. MARTINEZ: Yes.
LEG. LINDSAY: Yes.
LEG. ANKER: Yes.
LEG. HAHN: Yes.
LEG. MURATORE: No.

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LEG. SUNDERMAN: Yes.
LEG. FLEMING: Yes.
LEG. KRUPSKI: Yes.

08:50PM

D.P.O. CALARCO: Yes.

08:50PM

MR. RICHBERG:
Fifteen (Opposed: Legislators Trotta & Muratore - Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

08:50PM

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, IR 1784(-18 - Amending the 2018 Operating Budget and appropriating funds in connection with bonding for a settlement for a liability case against the County)(County Executive). Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

08:50PM

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).
P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right. And Legislator Donnelly, you wanted to take 1950?

LEG. DONNELLY:
The CN, right, yeah.

P.O. GREGORY:
Did you still want to do that?

LEG. DONNELLY:
Sure.

P.O. GREGORY:
All right, in the red folders, this is the last request we have on our list. IR 1950, Legislator Donnelly wants to make a motion to take IR 1950(-18) which is Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Adela Fernandez (SCTM No. 0400-142.00-03.00-126.000, 0400-142.00-03.00-127.000 and 0400-142.00-03.00-128.000) (County Executive).

LEG. BERLAND:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Berland to take out of order. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Motion by Legislator Donnelly. Second by Legislator Berland. Anyone on the motion? This was the gentleman that came earlier. Okay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right, let's get to where we were.

All right, Tabled Resolutions, IR 1538(-18) - Adopting Local Law No. -2018, A Local Law improve regulation of pet dealers in Suffolk County (Martinez). Motion to table by Legislator Martinez. I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, Budget and Finance:
IR 1757(-18) - Amending the 2018 Operating Budget and transferring funds to the Suffolk County Council Boy Scouts of America (Lindsay). Motion by Legislator Lindsay. I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 1760(-18) - Adding depository to list of Designated Depositories for Suffolk County pursuant to Section 212 of the County Law (Sterling National Bank)(P.O. Gregory).

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Calarco. I'll second.

LEG. BROWNING:
(Raised hand).

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Berland. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 1761(-18) - Approving County funding for a contract agency (North Fork Television Festival)(Lindsay). Motion by Legislator Lindsay. Second by Legislator Sunderman. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 1766(-18) - Amending the 2018 Operating Budget and transferring funds to Babylon Youth Institute, Inc. (Donnelly). Motion by Legislator Donnelly. I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
IR 1805(-18) - Authorizing the County Executive to execute a Foreign Trade Zone Operating Agreement with LNK International, Inc. (County Executive). Motion.

LEG. McCAFFREY:
Motion.

Economic Development
P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator -- who was that, McCaffrey? Second by Legislator Berland. All in --

LEG. KRUPSKI:
On the motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
On the motion, Legislator Krupski.

LEG. KRUPSKI:  
So who would I -- is there -- oh, thank you. I've got a question about this resolution in general. Does the County have the right to -- so this basically removes the ability to collect taxes on certain products as they move across international borders?

DIRECTOR ZARA:
Right. So, just to give you some -- Regina Zara, Economic Development & Planning. We administer the Foreign Trade Zone No. 52 for the County as the grante.

There are three primary benefits that a company would be entitled to entering into a Foreign Trade Zone agreement with the County; primarily that would be the deferral of tariffs, the reduction of tariffs or the elimination of tariffs. So if you have, as you mentioned, a foreign product coming in to the Foreign Trade Zone and the company doesn't put that out into the marketplace for six months; well, they don't have to pay the tariff on that when it first comes in, so that would be a deferral of tariffs. When they do put it out into the marketplace, then they would be taxed on it.

If a product comes in to the Foreign Trade Zone and it's reexported out, there's no tariffs on that, so that's the elimination of tariffs. And the reduction of tariffs would be if a product comes in to the Foreign Trade Zone raw material, it's mixed with another material and it goes out into the marketplace in a different form and a different product code, that could be a reduced tariff depending on the product that goes out into the market place.

LEG. KRUPSKI:  
Who makes that decision?

DIRECTOR ZARA:
The Foreign Trade Zone's Board.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Right. Now, is this limited to any -- right now the pharmaceuticals, which seems to be a big market for pharmaceuticals in this country, whether you think that's good or bad. But is this -- is this something that any company, say I'm going to export soy beans so I'd like to set up -- I would go to your department and say I'd like to bring in soy beans and we're going to export them to China, we're not going to have a tariff on them because we don't -- well, we don't want to pay the tariff. So we'd much rather just go through the Foreign Trade Zone and deal directly to a grandeur and somewhere else.

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DIRECTOR ZARA:
Right. So let me just be clear that the Foreign Trade Zone cannot be used to evade the special tariffs that you're seeing on the Federal level. So they would have to pay that tariff, the special tariffs that are being attached to the goods that are coming in. And the only thing that is not allowed in the Foreign Trade Zone is retail trade, so you can't conduct any retail business in the Foreign Trade Zone.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
What tariffs are you allowed to evade in the Foreign Trade Zone?

DIRECTOR ZARA:
Well, there's different product -- I mean, every code, every product has a different tariff on it, that's regulated by an inventory control system that is also enforced by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. So there's compliance, there's regulation by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the tariffs are established by the Foreign Trade Zone's Board which functions under the U.S. Department of Commerce.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Do we have any local representation on that board?

DIRECTOR ZARA:
No, it's a Federal -- it's a Federal body.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
So they regulate the location? So they have to -- you have to -- they have to approve the location of this Foreign --

DIRECTOR ZARA:
Right. So the process is is that if a company feels that they could benefit from the Foreign Trade Zone, the County, as the grantee, would sponsor their application and help shepherd it through, put them in touch with the Foreign Trade Zone's Board, they would be better educated on whether or not they qualify. They go through a series of process, not only with the Foreign Trade Zone's Board but also with U.S. Customs and Border Protection and that's how the application moves forward.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Well, thank you.

DIRECTOR ZARA:
You're welcome.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Kennedy?

LEG. KENNEDY:
I'm good.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Lindsay.
LEG. LINDSAY:
I just wanted to clarify one of the questions that Legislator Krupski had. I think in the example that you had given with the soybeans, it was an export not an import; was that correct?

LEG. KRUPSKI:
That was the example I used to try to understand the function of it.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Right. The Foreign Trade Zone only has jurisdiction over imports. It doesn't have any jurisdiction over what's exported to another country, that's their prerogative as to whether or not they will charge a tariff on the goods that are being imported into their country. This is for goods that are coming into our country. In some cases, they are sent back out where if you're importing raw material, putting that into your product and then re-exporting it out to other parts of the world, that's another method where they use -- utilize where they're able to avoid the tariffs on the amount of the raw material that they import that's ending up ultimately getting exported in that product.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Avoid the tariffs that otherwise our government would be collecting?

LEG. LINDSAY:
Correct.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Huh.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Anyone else? All right, so we have a motion, a second on IR 1805. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. KRUPSKI:
I'm going to abstain.

MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen (Abstention: Legislator Krupski - Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, IR 1806A, Bond Resolution (of the County of Suffolk, New York, authorizing the issuance of $500,000 in Bonds to finance the cost of the Downtown Revitalization Program - Phase XVI. (CP 6412.324), which is allocating and appropriating funds for Phase XVI in connection with the Downtown Revitalization Program. I'll make a motion.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Calarco. Roll call.
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("Roll Called by Mr. Richberg - Clerk of the Legislature")

P. O. GREGORY:
Yes.

D. P. O. CALARCO:
Yes.

LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

08:58 PM

LEG. DONELLY:
Yes.

08:58 PM

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

08:58 PM

LEG. McCAFFREY:
Yes.

08:58 PM

LEG. TROTTA:
No.

08:58 PM

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yes.

08:58 PM

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Yes.

08:58 PM

LEG. CILMI:
(Absent).

08:58 PM

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Yes.

08:58 PM

LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

08:58 PM

LEG. ANKER:
Yes.

08:58 PM

LEG. HAHN:
Yes.

08:58 PM

LEG. MURATORE:
Yes, please.

08:58 PM

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Yes.

08:59 PM

LEG. FLEMING:
Yes.

08:59 PM

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Yes.
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MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen (Opposed: Legislator Trotta - Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, IR 1806(-18) - Allocating and appropriating funds (Phase XVI) in connection with the Downtown Revitalization Program (CP 6412) (County Executive). Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

08:59PM

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

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P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1838 -- me, too, Jason -- Authorizing a “shark tank” forum to promote efficiency in County government. (Lindsay) Motion by Legislator Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Wonderful.

(*Laughter*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Myself, that is. No, I'm only kidding. I'll second it. Any questions on the motion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

08:56PM

P.O. GREGORY:
List me as a cosponsor.

EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1660 - To appoint member to the Suffolk County Youth Board Coordinating Council representing Legislative District No. 11 (Renee DeCrescenzo Clock). (Co. Exec.) Motion by Legislator Flotteron, I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

08:56PM

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1771 - Extending the Suffolk County Child Care Commission. (Martinez) Motion by Legislator Martinez, I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

08:57PM

ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING & AGRICULTURE

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. 1482 we did earlier. I.R. 1636 - Authorizing appraisal of land under the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program,
as amended by Local Law No. 24-2007, Simms property - Town of Riverhead (SCTM Nos. 0600-119.00-02.00-001.000, 0600-119.00-02.00-056.000, 0600-119.00-02.00-057.000 and 0600-119.000-02.00-058.000). (Krupski) Motion to --

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Motion to table.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion to -- motion to table by Legislator Krupski, I will second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1780 - Authorizing appraisal of land under the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection program, as amended by Local Law No. 24-2007 - Overton Preserve addition (SCTM No. 0200-544.00-01.00-010.001) - Town of Brookhaven. (Co. Exec.) Motion by Legislator Calarco, second by Legislator Sunderman. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1781 - Authorizing the acquisition of land under the New Enhanced Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program 2014 Referendum - land purchases for Open Space Preservation (CP 8732.210) - for the Manorland properties, LLC property - Pine Barrens Core - Town of Brookhaven - (SCTM No. 0200-410.00-02.00-002.000). (Co. Exec.) Motion by Legislator Sunderman, second by Legislator Krupski. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1782 - Authorizing the acquisition of land under the New Enhanced Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program 2014 Referendum - land purchases for Open Space Preservation (CP 8732.210) - for the Price Family Trust property - Mastic/Shirley Conservation Area - Town of Brookhaven - (SCTM No. 0200-984.60-06.00-037.000 f/k/a 0209-036.00-01.00-037.000). (Co. Exec.) Motion by Legislator Sunderman, second by Legislator Krupski. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen.

LEG. TROTTA:
Opposed.
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MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1785 - Authorizing appraisal of land under the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program, as amended by Local Law No. 24-2007 - Mastic/Shirley Conservation Area addition (SCTM No. 0200-978.90-12.00-015.000) - Town of Brookhaven. (Co. Exec.) Motion by Legislator Sunderman, second by Legislator Muratore.

All in favor?  Opposed?  Abstentions?

08:58PM

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:

08:59PM

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1848 - To appoint member of the Suffolk County Planning Commission representing the Town of East Hampton (Joan Morgan McGivern). (Co. Exec)

08:59PM

LEG. FLEMING:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Fleming, second by Legislator Krupski.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Yes.

08:59PM

P.O. GREGORY:
All in favor?  Opposed?  Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1849 - To appoint member of the Suffolk County Planning Commission representing the Town of Southold (Thomas J. McCarthy). (Co. Exec.) Motion by Legislator Krupski, second by --

08:59PM

LEG. FLEMING:
(Shook head no)

P.O. GREGORY:
No.  Second by Legislator Calarco.  All in favor?  Opposed?

Abstentions?

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MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I.R. 1853 we did earlier.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, PERSONNEL, INFORMATION TECH & HOUSING

P.O. GREGORY:
1700 we did earlier. I.R. 1752 - Adopting a Local Law to safeguard the privacy of County employee information. (Martinez) Motion by Legislator Martinez, I'll second.

LEG. SPENCER:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
1786 we did earlier. 1787, 1851 we did earlier.

HEALTH

Okay. I.R. 1824A - Bond resolution appropriating funds for the Purchase of Equipment for Groundwater Monitoring and Well Drilling (CP 8226) and approving the purchase of a replacement vehicle in accordance with Section (B) (6) of the Suffolk County Code and in accordance with the County Vehicle Standard Law. (Co. Exec.) I'll make a motion, second by Legislator Krupski. Roll call.

(Roll Call by Jason Richberg, Clerk of the Legislature)

P.O. GREGORY:
Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Yes.

LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
Yes.

LEG. TROTTA:
No.
LEG. KENNEDY: 
Yes.

LEG. FLOTTERON: 
Yes.

LEG. CILMI: 
(Absent)

LEG. MARTINEZ: 
Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY: 
Yes.

LEG. ANKER: 
Yes.

LEG. HAHN: 
Yes.

09:00PM

LEG. MURATORE: 
No.

LEG. SUNDERMAN: 
Yes.

LEG. FLEMING: 
Yes.

09:00PM

D.P.O. CALARCO: 
Yes.

MR. RICHBERG: 
Fifteen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY: 
Okay. I.R. 1824, same motion, same second. All in favor?
Opposed? Abstentions?

09:00PM

MR. RICHBERG: 
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY: 
I.R. 1862 - Directing the development of model opiate overdose
protocols for hospital emergency departments. (Hahn) Motion by
Legislator Hahn.

09:01PM

LEG. SPENCER: 
Second.

P.O. GREGORY: 
Second by Legislator Spencer.

LEG. KRUPSKI: 
On the motion.
P.O. GREGORY:  
On the motion.

LEG. KRUPSKI:  
I did reach out to two hospitals, my two hospitals, to see their  
reaction to this and they were both supportive, so I'll be happy to  
support this.

09:01PM  
P.O. GREGORY:  
Okay. Legislator Kennedy.

09:02PM  
LEG. KENNEDY:  
I was supposed to have a speaker here today from one of the  
hospitals. I went directly to the ERs, and what they suggested,  
that either ER physicians be put on this or ER nurses. As a nurse  
who had years ago worked in the ER, physicians have a protocol for  
any kind of overdose already, but they'd like to be a part of this  
rather than just administrators.

LEG. HAHN:  
Oh, I don't know that it specifies administrators. I mean, they  
could be the appointment from the hospital. So, you know, we can  
look for that when we find the people to fill the positions, for  
sure.

09:02PM  
P.O. GREGORY:  
Okay. Legislator Sunderman.

09:02PM  
LEG. SUNDERMAN:  
For Counsel. I asked in committee. I just want to know, does it  
open up liability for the hospitals once we put a council together  
or a best practices to the other. Do we open up the liability for  
the hospital once this is in place, that all of a sudden someone  
doesn't follow the best practice and now there's a liability open  
because the County Legislature implemented this best practice?

MR. NOLAN:  
Well, we're not imposing this on the hospitals. We're developing  
the protocols. The hospitals can adopt them or not adopt them,  
that's going to be up to them. So we're not, we're not imposing  
this on them, because we cannot, that's correct. Okay. Did I  
answer? I think if they adopt the protocols and then they -- you  
know, they deviate from the protocols in delivering treatment to  
people, then there might be an issue for them, but that's on them.

09:02PM  
LEG. SUNDERMAN:  
So, just to verify, so if the hospital adopts the protocol, then  
they're responsible?

09:03PM  
MR. NOLAN:  
Well, then they -- I think they'd be expected by any reasonable  
person to adhere to those protocols that they themselves have  
adopted. And if they deviate from them in a significant way and  
they cause injury to somebody, then they're going to have a  
problem.
P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Kennedy.

LEG. KENNEDY:
To the sponsor. Kara, I'm going through this and it says a 
representative of a Level 1 trauma center. The only one we have 
here in Suffolk is Stony Brook. But, still, we have Northwell, 
we have Catholic Health Services. Can --

LEG. HAHN:
That's why there are three other hospitals to be represented.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Well, where does it say that? Am I missing this?

MR. NOLAN:
There's an amendment.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Say it again.

LEG. HAHN:
Do you have the older version? There was an amended version that 
has -- hold on. I have my version here somewhere.

MR. NOLAN:
There's an amended version which added language saying that there 
would be representatives from three hospitals to be appointed by 
the County Legislature, in addition to the trauma -- the Level 1 
trauma center and the hospital council that we -- Legislator Hahn 
added further representation for the hospitals.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Okay. Then I have the older one. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, anyone else --

LEG. HAHN:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:

MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen. (Not Present: Legislator Sunderman/Absent: Legislator 
Cilmi)

LEG. HAHN:
Thank you very much.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I.R. 1868 - Directing the Department of Health Services to 
conduct soil and groundwater testing at the BOMARC property, 
Westhampton. (Pres. Off.) I'm going to make a motion to table. 
We're going to table it one cycle.
Parks & Recreation

1. **LEG. FLEMING:**
   Second.

2. **P.O. GREGORY:**
   Second by Legislator Fleming. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

3. **MR. RICHBERG:**
   Sixteen. (Not Present: Legislator Sunderman/Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

**PARKS & RECREATION**

4. **P.O. GREGORY:**
   I.R. 1776 - Authorizing use of Gardiner County Park in West Bay Shore by the NYC Second Chance Rescue for its Blink Voice 5K Dog Walk Fundraiser. (Co. Exec.)

5. **D.P.O. CALARCO:**
   Motion.

6. **P.O. GREGORY:**
   Whose district?

7. **LEG. FLOTTERON:**
   (Raised hand)

8. **P.O. GREGORY:**
   Motion by Legislator Flotteron, second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

9. **MR. RICHBERG:**
   Sixteen. (Not Present: Legislator Sunderman/Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

10. **P.O. GREGORY:**
    I.R. 1783 - Approving a License Agreement for Emily Lauri to reside in Meadow Croft Cottage at Middle Road, Sayville, New York 11782. (Co. Exec.)

11. **LEG. LINDSAY:**
    Motion.

12. **P.O. GREGORY:**
    Motion by Legislator Lindsay, I'll second. On the motion, anyone? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

13. **MR. RICHBERG:**
    Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

14. **P.O. GREGORY:**
    I.R. 1795 - Bond Resolution of the County of Suffolk, New York, authorizing the issuance of $150,000 in bonds to finance the acquisition of furniture and equipment for improvements to campgrounds (CP 7009.510).
D.P.O. CALARCO:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Calarco, I'll second. On the motion, anyone? All in favor?

LEG. TROT TA:
Bond.

P.O. GREGORY:
My problem. Sorry about that. Roll call.

(Roll Call by Jason Richberg, Clerk of the Legislature)

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Yes.

P.O. GREGORY:
Yes.

LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
Yes.

LEG. TROT TA:
No.

LEG. KENNEDY:
No.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
No.

LEG. CILMI:
(Absent)

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

LEG. ANKER:
Yes.

LEG. HAHN:
Yes.
LEG. MURATORE:
No.

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
No.

LEG. FLEMING:
Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Yes.

MR. RICHBERG:
Twelve.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
Change that. Hold on. I'm a no on that, please. I'm sorry, I wasn't paying attention.

MR. RICHBERG:
Eleven. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Bond fails. 1840 - Establishing a sunscreen dispensing program at County park properties. (Berland) Motion by Legislator Berland, second by Legislator Donnelly.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Yeah.

P.O. GREGORY:
All in favor?

LEG. TROTTA:
On the motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay.

LEG. TROTTA:
No. I just read in the bill, which I'm concerned with, I've got to find it, on Resolved No. 3, I think it says the County could be on the hook for this. I don't know what I did with it, but it's here somewhere. Yeah, in Resolved No. 3, it says the Department shall solicit sponsorships and partnerships with health organizations, for-profit (sic) corporations, sunscreen manufacturers or other interested parties to the greatest extent practicable to minimize the cost of installing dispensers and supplying sunscreen. So I don't know if that means if we don't get it, we're going to pay for it, and I will not be supporting paying for putting up sunscreen and buying sunscreen. So I don't know if anybody can answer that.

MR. RICHBERG:
Sure, I can answer that. And I said in committee, I have absolutely no intention of having the County pay a dime. It's going to be at most $5,000 for a three-year supply of sunscreen,
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plus dispensers. And we're very close to a deal with either one of three sponsors or three sponsors.

LEG. TROTTA:
So I, you know --

LEG. BERLAND:
So I can tell you, it's not going to be the County paying for it.

LEG. TROTTA:
Okay. So it's October, we're not going to need this. So I'd just suggest that we table it for a round to make sure that it's in order, and that it was not going to cost us anything. And I don't think anyone's going to be using sunscreen for the next few months anyway.

LEG. FLOTTREON:
I'll second on the tabling.

LEG. BERLAND:
On the tabling motion. I would ask that it not be tabled. I mean, you know, we want to have things ready, and things take a long time to move. And I have, you know, pledged that I will not put any, you know, resolution on to, you know, charge the County anything for this, and I'm not going to do that. So, other than my word, I don't know what else you want to take care to do that.

LEG. TROTTA:
Well, you can table it for a session, put it in the bill, and I'd be more than happy to support it.

LEG. BERLAND:
No, I'm not. I'm not -- I don't think it's necessary.

LEG. SPENCER:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Spencer.

LEG. SPENCER:
Well, I wouldn't support the tabling motion, because I think that just really being aware of just how important this is, and it is going to take time to get going. And Legislator Berland has given us her word that she won't have any funding impact on it. I know she's been working on this for a long time. I think that there's a significant medical need. I -- all the time I see cancers on the face and skin of people that easily having sunscreen available really makes a huge difference. And sometimes, you know, many people go out and they don't necessarily have access, and this really is a great idea that Legislator Berland is putting forward. And I believe this is something we should move forward with. And so I will be not -- I will be supporting this wholeheartedly. So thank you.
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P.O. GREGORY:
Yes, and then Legislator Flotteron.

LEG. BERLAND:
I would also just like to add that, you know, as someone who is -- suffers from skin cancer, I've had numerous procedures and various parts of me cut out to get the cancer off of me, if I -- you know, I should have used sunscreen more when I was a kid. And part of this is, you know, to get people who are not aware that they should be using sunscreen to use it.

And you're going to -- although you're not going to put the dispensers up until, you know, next summer, you know, you are going to -- at least I am going to really try to have an education campaign between now and then, you know, get ready for the summer, which is the time that you really have to concentrate on using it. But, frankly, you should be using sunscreen all year long when you go out. So, you know, not that we're going to put it up and have it accessible to people all year long, because they're not using those parks and the beaches, but I want to have an education campaign starting, so I'd like to start this sooner rather than later.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Flotteron.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Just a question. One, I'm supportive of the whole idea. I'm worried about skin cancer, but, again, worry about the expense. If there's a way maybe to amend this even right now with your pledge on the record, I'd be very supportive of it. Just that right now, when we have no -- no money, I'm worried about the risk of just rolling forward without that. Because I know myself how expensive suntan lotion is, and that's why some people don't get it, and this is a great opportunity. We can bring all my cousins out here to fill up on suntan lotion. I'm only kidding. But --

("Laughter")

LEG. FLOTTERON:
But, anyway, if you know me, you know I'm being honest there. But let's say, if there's a way, I don't know if we could just amend that little sentence of funds towards it, because maybe why not give the donor license to do the dispensary in the parks or something. You know, it doesn't have to cost a dime. It's really maybe going out for that Request For Proposal or something that they want to have, you know, again, the little -- the machine with the little name on it.

LEG. BERLAND:
No, but it's not a Request For Proposal. There's the IMPACT Melanoma that manufactures the machines. They deal with Coppertone that has the sunscreen that works with the machines. And you're talking $5,000 maximum for a three-year program, so you're not talking about a lot of money. And I'm saying I'm not going to have the County pay any of it.
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LEG. FLOTTERON:
How many parks would this take care of, this $5,000?

LEG. BERLAND:
Twenty. I'd say 21 or 23. Yeah, I think it's like 60 -- I don't have the figures in front of me. I think it's $60 a dispenser or $70 a dispensers, and then the sunscreen is in cases of four units. And the way we figured it, for three years, we're looking for $5,000. So it's not breaking anybody's bank. And I'm telling you that I'm not going to come back to the -- you know, to the Legislature and say, "Legislature, can you please put $5,000 in for this program." So, you know.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
With these dispensers, is there anything to protect from, to be blunt, because suntan lotion is very expensive, of people hoarding it and stuff.

LEG. BERLAND:
Well, we did it in the Town of Huntington. We started it as a pilot program and it was very successful at Crab Meadow Beach, and then we put it at 15 locations in the Town. There were no incidences of hoarding it or using it. It's like a -- it's like a soap dispenser.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Okay.

LEG. BERLAND:
So you have to put your hand under and then it goes. There's no room to put like an empty jar under there to sit there. And, you know, it works by a sensor with your hand, just like I don't think people are really hoarding --

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Didn't know it was a dispenser.

LEG. BERLAND:
-- you know, like soap, you know. If they are, we should change the soap dispensers. But it's kind of like we have the dispensers for that -- what was that, the -- that other stuff, that --

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Hand sanitizer.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yeah, hand sanitizers. Now we have empty dispensers because no one's using hand sanitizer. But nobody was hoarding hand sanitizer, so --

LEG. TROTTA:
They're all empty.

LEG. BERLAND:
Right, that's why.
LEG. MC CAFFREY:
They weren't even hoarded.

(*Laughter*)

LEG. BERLAND:
It's just a sensor, it really worked.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Legislator Martinez.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
To the sponsor, if I may. What about the type of sunscreen that
will be in the dispenser? My only concern would be allergic
reactions. What protocols or what steps are we taking to prevent
something like that?

LEG. BERLAND:
Well, IMPACT Melanoma uses hypoallergenic sunscreen lotion, it's
all-natural. Coppertone is what they're using now, and it's an all
natural, I think it UVB 50, I believe it is what they're -- is what
they're using now. They have not had anybody that has had any
reactions. We didn't have any reactions from anybody in the Town.
That doesn't mean that somebody isn't going to possibly have a
reaction to it, but, you know, it's hypoallergenic.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Can we possibly have something to just safeguard that? I mean, I'm
allergic to sunscreen just in general, I don't really wear it
(laughter). But just to make sure that people have -- maybe like
put a -- you know what I mean? Like maybe have a number. I don't
know. Just somewhere someone can call if anything were to happen,
just to kind of safeguard.

LEG. BERLAND:
Well, on the dispensers, there is a -- like a square in the front
of all the dispensers, which, you know, in theory will have the
person's -- company's name that sponsors it, and it -- you know, it
can say, if you have any allergic reaction, you know, contact -- I
don't know. I'll put my office number on it, if you want
(laughter). I don't know who you contact if you're having an
allergic reaction to it. You know, see your -- see your physician,
you know, and get treated for it. But there -- like I said, there
haven't been any reactions so far, that I'm aware of.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Okay. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Anyone else?

LEG. SPENCER:
One more thing.
P.O. GREGORY:
Oh, Legislator Spencer.

LEG. SPENCER:
Just one more quick comment. And just being aware, as a head and
neck surgeon, the relevance of skin cancer, and every patient that
comes in, I'm kind of looking at their freckles and bumps. If you
think of $5,000, and I can tell you this with a matter of
certainty, if you just take our County employees alone that are
insured and you take one evaluation for skin cancer, and you're
literally talking about protecting hundreds, you've paid for this
ten times over. Okay. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right. So we have a motion and a second. All in favor?
Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. TROTTA:
There's a tabling motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh, I'm sorry, I totally forgot. You're right, you're right. So
there was a tabling motion by Legislator Trotta, second by
Legislator Flotteron, was it? Tabling motion goes first. All in
favor to tabling?

LEG. TROTTA:
(Raised hand)

LEG. MURATORE:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
Opposed?

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Opposed.

P.O. GREGORY:
Abstentions? It's just the tabling motion. Opposed to tabling, raise your hands.

LEG. HAHN:
(Raised hand)

LEG. KENNEDY:
(Raised hand)

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
(Raised hand)

LEG. BERLAND:
(Raised hand)

LEG. DONNELLY:
(Raised hand)
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LEG. SPENCER:
(Raised hand)

D. P. O. CALARCO:
(Raised hand).

P. O. GREGORY:
All right. Okay. Tabling motion --

LEG. BERLAND:
Motion to approve.

MR. RICHBERG:
Wait.

P. O. GREGORY:
All right. So you want to -- all right. Let's do it again. This is a tabling motion.

(*Laughter*)

P. O. GREGORY:
Those who are in favor of tabling 1840, raise your hands.

LEG. TROTTA:
(Raised hand)

LEG. FLOTTERON:
(Raised hand)

LEG. MURATORE:
(Raised hand)

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
(Raised hand).

P. O. GREGORY:
To table, yes to table.

MR. RICHBERG:
Three -- four.

P. O. GREGORY:
Those opposed, raise your hands.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
(Raised hand)

LEG. FLEMING:
(Raised hand)

LEG. HAHN:
(Raised hand)

LEG. ANKER:
(Raised hand)
LEG. LINDSAY:
(Raised hand)

LEG. MARTINEZ:
(Raised hand)

LEG. KENNEDY:
(Raised hand)

LEG. MCAFFREY:
(Raised hand)

LEG. DONNELLY:
(Raised hand)

LEG. BERLAND:
(Raised hand)

LEG. SPENCER:
(Raised hand)

D.P.O. CALARCO:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
(Raised hand) Those who can't make up their minds, raise your hands.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
(Raised two hand).

(*Laughter*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Abstain? Okay. Tabling motion fails. We have a --

LEG. BERLAND:
Motion to approve.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion to -- we have a motion to approve and second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. TROTTA:
Opposed.

MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right.

LEG. HAHN:
(Appause).
LEG. BERLAND:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:

09:19PM

LEG. SPENCER:
I'm sorry. One, on the -- I have some information. I just want to --

P.O. GREGORY:
Well, let's finish the motion. So you have a motion.

LEG. SPENCER:
This is --

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Calarco. On the motion, Legislator Spencer.

LEG. SPENCER:
This is the improvement, appropriating funds -- oh, first one. I'm going to make a motion to table on that one.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Motion to table 1841A, or 1841, I'll second. All in favor? Opposed?

09:19PM

LEG. SPENCER:
Well, on the motion, there's just a brief explanation before you need to move.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay.

LEG. SPENCER:
Okay. So Lance has been waiting literally 12 hours today, so, Lance, would you come forward for just a moment, please?

09:19PM

P.O. GREGORY:
He hasn't been here 12 hours, come on now.

LEG. SPENCER:
He's been here, yeah.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
He was here at 9:30?

09:19PM

LEG. SPENCER:
Oh, I'm sorry, it's an evening meeting. Not that long.

MR. LIPP:
He thought it was a morning meeting.
LEG. SPENCER:
You're right, you're right. He was outside.

(*Laughter*)

MR. REINHEIMER:
I actually did come here at 9:30 and it was -- it was empty.

LEG. SPENCER:
Thank you very much. All right.

(*Laughter*)

MR. REINHEIMER:
As I was driving here, I had that. But I spoke to the Commissioner of Public Works. He knows that appropriating and bonding for $25,000 for planning is something that the Legislature has issues with, and I agree. So we, the Commissioner and I agreed that we should try to table this. He's going to go back to Public Works, see if this could be done inhouse for planning. It is crucial that the system is planned for bidding.

LEG. SPENCER:
There we go.

(*Applause*)

MR. REINHEIMER:
But thank you.

LEG. SPENCER:
So that's -- but we made a motion to table. Listening to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, we're going plan this inhouse. So thank you, Lance.

MR. REINHEIMER:
Thank you very much.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
We love you.

(*Laughter*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right. Motion to table. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1844 - Bond Resolution of the County of Suffolk, New York, authorizing the issuance of $200,000 in bonds to finance the cost of waterproofing, roof and drainage improvements at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum (CP 7439.317).
LEG. SPENCER:
Motion to approve.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion to approve by Legislator -- excuse me -- Spencer, second by Legislator Berland.

LEG. KENNEDY:
On the motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Roll call. Oh, on the motion? Okay.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Can I just ask a question? This is for -- which buildings are we doing the roof?

MR. REINHEIMER:
Okay. This is for -- this is campus-wide. It's our ongoing waterproofing program for all buildings. We have issues with the bell tower, we have issues with the various sections of the mansion. This is to restore some of the facades and water -- I should say -- yes, this is waterproofing, right.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Right.

MR. REINHEIMER:
So this is waterproofing. This is ongoing waterproofing that we have throughout the campus. So it's campus-wide, it's not specific to any one building. The resolution that appropriated the funds passed, I think it was in June, 18-0.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yeah, it did. Okay. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Anyone else? Okay. We have a motion and a second. Roll call.

(Roll Call by Jason Richberg, Clerk of the Legislature)

LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Yes.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
Yes.

LEG. TROTTA:
No.
LEG. KENNEDY: Yes.

LEG. FLOTTERON: Yes.

LEG. CILMI: (Absent)

LEG. MARTINEZ: Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY: Yes.

LEG. ANKER: Yes.

LEG. HAHN: Yes.

LEG. MURATORE: No.

LEG. SUNDERMAN: Yes.

LEG. FLEMING: Pass.

LEG. KRUPSKI: Yes.

D.P.O. CALARCO: Yes.

P.O. GREGORY: Yes.

LEG. FLEMING: Yes.

MR. RICHBERG: Fifteen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

LEG. SPENCER: Thank you, Bridget.

P.O. GREGORY: Okay. *I.R. 1857* - Accepting the donation of a tick warning sign from Good Sam (Samaritan) Hospital. (Flotteron)

LEG. FLOTTERON: Motion.
LEG. KENNEDY:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Flotteron, second by Legislator Kennedy.

LEG. TROTTA:
On the motion. I mean --

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P.O. GREGORY:
Who's that?

LEG. TROTTA:
Me.

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh, Legislator Trotta.

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LEG. TROTTA:
It says I wasn't present, but I remember voting on that. We had the whole thing about Good Samaritan.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
You walked out.

LEG. TROTTA:
I walked out? Did I?

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Statistically, he's right.

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LEG. TROTTA:
It doesn't matter. It doesn't matter. It just -- I just -- I mean, we talked about having advertising for the -- for the hospital, or some big thing. I might have walked -- I don't know. I just remember the whole thing.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yeah, you walked out at some point.

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P.O. GREGORY:
I wasn't there, so I couldn't tell you.

LEG. TROTTA:
I was probably eating. Okay.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Maybe.

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P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Legislator Martinez.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Just a quick question to the Commissioner. Don't we have a sign shop that can do these signs for us? Is this included in the budget so we can these at our parks, instead of going through a

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donation through a hospital where we're going to be displaying their name?

COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:
We do have a sign shop that can make signs, correct.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
So why -- why aren't we going through the sign shop to put up signs at our parks indicating that there may be ticks around, to the sponsor, if you don't mind, through the Chair?

LEG. FLOTTERON:
I would wish they would be in all the parks, but right now we don't have them in all the parks. And we had a hospital reach out to us, "Why don't you have one? We will sponsor one." It was no different than the last resolution on sun tan lotion where we're getting something maybe free, and there might be just an emblem on it. They're not saying come to our hospital, or these phone numbers. It's just a little disclosure on the bottom, no different than any other donation, just like we sometimes have park benches and other things with people's names on it.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
How much would it cost the County to make a sign indicating that there are ticks in our parks? Would you be able to have those numbers right now, or are signs included in our budget that we already have existing?

COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:
Well, I don't know, I don't the extent of the sign, I don't know the size of it. I haven't really seen what's on it. I do know there was a problem that was brought up about having the logo of the hospital on there as an advertisement, but I thought that was already going to be discussed, and it was discussed prior.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
To give you all the specifications, it's a 16-by-22 metal sign with basic information. But you have time, material, labor, it's not just whatever the sign would be. We have a lot of parks. I do hope we would grow to other parks. This is really just to start the conversation, and along with we're getting this free right now, so we're ready for it.

COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:
Right, yeah. I don't have a price off the top of my head, I couldn't tell you what it costs.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Would you be able to look further into the other parks? Because I think that it is very important to indicate that there may be ticks around and take proper precaution.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Agree.
COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:
There are, there are signs up throughout a lot of parks, we do get
them. The Board of Health posts a lot of signs for ticks and also
mosquitoes.

LEG. FLEMING:
Through the Chair, also throughout the parks, there are signs that
show that -- sort of instruct employees how to protect themselves
against ticks, as I recall.

COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:
Yes.

LEG. FLEMING:
In Montauk, yeah.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
So I'm assuming that we didn't have one at Gardiner Manor.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Exactly. Actually, maybe going a little deeper on this, there's
even two people in the area that I'm friends with are -- blunt, are
dying of ALS, and they were -- they believe it was -- this came
from chronic Lyme Disease originally. There's no scientific proof
of any of that, but that's why, truthfully, I'm a little extra
passionate about people learning about Lyme Disease, because
there's a lot of people walking around with chronic Lyme Disease
and they don't even know they have it.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Where will the sign be placed?

LEG. FLOTTERON:
In Gardiner Manor Park, and, again, will be under the direction of
the Department, just like even the sign we originally went through
Legal, in the office, in the Legislature's office to see what was
the proper way of setting this up.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Okay. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Anker.

LEG. ANKER:
I have a question. Do we have other types of sponsors regarding
our parks, whether benches, or fences, or signs? And do we allow
that in Suffolk County for a business to sponsor a particular item?
In other words, would the -- that person would pay the County to
have their name on a sign or a bench, or something like that?

COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:
Correct. The only thing that we have in place right now is a tee
sign in any of the golf courses for $200.
LEG. ANKER:
So it's not against Suffolk County's law to have businesses pay the
County to advertise?

MR. NOLAN:
We actually have a program, Legislator Anker, which I think has
probably not been successful, where we offered -- businesses can
pay the County to name something in a park. In this particular
case, there's no money transaction. The hospital apparently came
to Legislator Flotteron, offered a donated sign. Legislator
Flotteron's Office asked me how we would effectuate this happening,
and I said, you know, one way we could do it is by a simple
resolution like this, and that's why this resolution is before us
tonight. We have to pass a resolution to accept a gift.

LEG. ANKER:
And, again, I appreciate, you know, again, the hospital donating
the sign. But it goes back to the idea of sponsorship and
marketing. The County needs money. I really think we need to be
much more proactive in going after businesses, whether it's for
them to sponsor a road, you know, the road cleanup. I think it --
I feel it's been very successful on a State level, you see the
signs along the Long Island Expressway. But we have so many parks
and there's -- I read in a report, 15 million people came to Long
Island for the tourism, you know. So maybe that's something we can
look into to be more aggressive in finding that -- those funds
those advertisers will pay for items on County property. So thank
you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Legislator Kennedy.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Lake Ronkonkoma Park we have three benches. Each were bought by
the families of deceased children who played in the park as a
remembrance. I don't think -- yes, we do. We could start a much
larger program that every hospital should do a tick sign, or every
hospital or business can do a bench at some park, that would be
lovely. But the offer right now of a free sign with adequate
instructions on what to do, I think sometimes we have to take
what's given to us for nothing. And, obviously, there's a specific
dark that the hospital must have been getting a lot of clientele
from, so maybe it needs a sign now.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Legislator Hahn.

LEG. ANKER:
I think it's a lost source of income. I think maybe they want to
donate, you know, $20,000 to do, you know, 50 signs. I think it's
a start, and I like the donation part, but we need money. As a
fiscal conservative, we need money. So I think that would really
be a really wonderful thing, to look into gaining more funds for
the County and tapping into those financial resources.
LEG. KENNEDY:
That's what I said.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Hahn.

LEG. HAHN:
Yes. Sorry, my computer froze for a second there. I actually did ask, because I was -- I was thinking that the content wasn't -- you know, like I thought there could be a little bit more to the content on the signs, because, you know, knowing about ticks and things that get recommended, I thought -- I asked Dr. Tomarken to have Dr. Scott Campbell review the sign, and he said this summer we gave 500 CDC, so the Center for Disease Control, tick trail signs to Suffolk County parks for distribution as part of our tick bite prevention education program. So were those 500 signs put up throughout Suffolk County parks?

COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:
Yeah. They were put up, I think it was at the end of last year.

LEG. HAHN:
It said this summer.

COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:
Yeah. Well, I think they're paper signs.

LEG. HAHN:
And so do we have -- like where would they have been put?

COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:
If it's the check-in stations, or if -- there are the boards in the campsites.

LEG. HAHN:
Okay. Five hundred of them, though. Do you think 500 went up?

COMMISSIONER BERDOLT:
I don't think 500 went up, no.

LEG. HAHN:
No, okay. He did suggest -- he said that the Good Sam sign messaging is fine and nothing is incorrect, but he would suggest adding a line about performing tick checks daily. But, you know, he thinks that, obviously, any sign letting us be aware of ticks and tick bite prevention is important, but you might want to consider adding a line about performing the tick checks daily.

I have three different signs that -- I could pass these around. The one is the Good Sam sign, obviously, with their logo and their name on it. And then the "Be Tick Free" warning sign from the New York State Department of Health, that goes up in parks, as well as the CDC sign. I can pass them around and you can just see the differences between them.

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P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Flotteron.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
One, if there's any other -- any suggestions of, you know, maybe a little different wording, I'll bring it to the hospital. One I just know, and just in general business, we put too much in, people might not read things. This is just a little simple thing, be aware of this. If you know the park, it's a very large park, it's very bucolic, a lot of walking and running. A lot of people call it the dog park.

Other thing, so, you know, this is just starting a dialogue. Part of this is really no different than the last resolution, even the suntan lotion. This is just something that's needed. And there will be -- there is a tiny bit of marking on the suntan lotion, just like in the bottom of the sign. It's just a little stamp. It's not -- we're not selling the naming rights here. It's not like, you know, the ball field in Central Islip. We could always look in all those other opportunities. This is just a suggestion of a little sign of information. Hopefully, this will grow over time that we have the education in all the parks. But, again, it's a free donation.

I do again agree with other ideas of rebuilding parks. I'll be blunt, I did it in the Town of Islip. I had $3 million worth of capital improvements all through donations. This is just a tiny, little pittance thing. But this is part of also to engage some of the corporate sponsors when we're working nicely with them. And I'll be working diligently with actually the hospital, besides others, for other donations, and to some things much larger that I'm working on. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:

LEG. FLEMING:
I just note that Brian Kelly, who's a member of the Tick Control Advisory Committee, does have a full-size tick suit that he's willing to come out for any event, if you'd like to warn people. It's a lovely full-size tick suit, so -- and he donates it, too.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
I hope I'm not too short for it, but okay.

LEG. FLEMING:
No, they supply an actor in the suit.

("Laughter")

LEG. BERLAND:
No, he has to be in the suit.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. So we have a motion and a second on 1857. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
MS. ELLIS: Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

PUBLIC SAFETY

P.O. GREGORY: Okay. I.R. 1763 - Resolution amending Bond Resolution No. 413-2018, Adopted on May 15, 2018, relating to the authorization of the issuance of $20,000 in bonds to finance the installation of Fire, Security and Emergency Systems at County facilities. (CP 1710.328).

LEG. FLEMING: Motion.

P.O. GREGORY: Motion -- who was that?

LEG. FLEMING: (Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY: Motion by Legislator Fleming. Second --

LEG. KRUPSKI: I'll second.

P.O. GREGORY: By Legislator Krupski.

LEG. KRUPSKI: And on the motion.

P.O. GREGORY: On the motion.

LEG. KRUPSKI: So is this -- so, currently, we're operating in a building with apparently a nonworking fire system. And if we have a fire there, we have to call -- someone has to call 911. I'm not sure if this money could be used in the building at 423 Griffing.

P.O. GREGORY: Okay.

LEG. KRUPSKI: There is no warning sign saying that there's -- fire alarm system doesn't work. I don't know if there's anyone here from Public Safety or DPW who could answer if that -- this money could be spent on 423 Griffing.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Good evening. I believe the funds are intended for security in this building. I was not aware of -- at your building, but we can certainly talk about it. I think we've been talking about the security system in the building. I know we are doing a fire alarm
system throughout the County. I mean, we should talk.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Thank you for that attention.

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh, Legislator McCaffrey.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
Commissioner, so this is -- this is part of a larger bill that we already approved, right, a bond, and this is just appropriating that portion to go to that particular building?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
That I don't know.

MR. NOLAN:
This is -- this is a bond we already approved. It's only -- it's a technical correction to the bond resolution, changing the period of probable usefulness from 25 to 15 years. That's all this resolution is doing. It is a very minor technical correction.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
So we had approved the $20,000 bond before?

MR. NOLAN:
Correct, correct. This is just fixing that resolution. The PPU is incorrect.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
So it's not a -- we're not approving a bond resolution?

MR. NOLAN:
It's fixing, it's correcting a technical error in a bond resolution we already adopted.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
It doesn't really say that. And what does it need to pass?

MR. NOLAN:
I would say it would need 12 votes since it's a bond resolution, even though it's just a technical correction to it.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
I have a question.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Flotteron.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
I'm sorry. So this is, like you said, just a technical correction. This is for the length of years, and this was already approved to be bonded?
MR. NOLAN:
We've already approved the appropriating resolution and the bond
resolution. The PPU that was cited in the bond resolution --

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Dumb question. PPU, what is that?

MR. NOLAN:
Period of probable usefulness. How long it's going to -- the life
of the project is was incorrect. Bond Counsel wants us to correct
it from 25 to 15 years.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right. So we have a motion and a second. Roll call.

(Roll Call by Jason Richberg, Clerk of the Legislature)

LEG. FLEMING:
Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Yes.

LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
No.

LEG. TROTTA:
No.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yes.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Yes.

LEG. CILMI:
(Absent)

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

LEG. ANKER:
Yes.
LEG. HAHN:
Yes.

LEG. MURATORE:
No.

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
No.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Yes.

P.O. GREGORY:
Yes.

MR. RICHBERG:
Thirteen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1794 - Accepting the donation of a Polaris All-Terrain Vehicle from the Central Pine Barrens Commission for use by the Suffolk County Police Department with a temporary increase of fleet. (Co. Exec.) Motion by Legislator Martinez.

LEG. MURATORE:
(Raised hand).

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Muratore.

LEG. SPENCER:
On the motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
On the motion, Legislator Spencer, was it?

LEG. SPENCER:
Yes. If this is a donation, why isn't it on the Consent Calendar? And when you say temporary increase in the fleet, are we going to give it back? What is that? Can someone just tell me technically what that means?

P.O. GREGORY:
We've got the Lieutenant.

LIEUTENANT HOMAN:
Good evening, Legislators. Good evening. A temporary increase in the fleet is just an administrative technique, so that we can carry it on our inventory of having the ATV. And then, hopefully, when that ATV has its useful life, we could then replace it with another, hopefully, in the future.

LEG. SPENCER:
So a -- so it's a permanent increase, then, right? I mean, why? I guess there might be reasons. I mean, what -- what's the problem with us having another vehicle in our fleet? Is there some
regulations? I mean, we're accepting it. Our fleet increases by one. What does the -- that temporary increase -- maybe, is it a budget issue?

**LIEUTENANT HOMAN:**
It's just an accounting, budgetary, carry it over from year to year.

**LEG. SPENCER:**
Understood. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, sir. And why wasn't this a Consent Calendar issue? Is there any liability or any --

**MR. NOLAN:**
Because it's -- because it's increasing the fleet, which is any time we increase the fleet, it needs -- we don't typically put those on the Consent Calendar. But Legislator Calarco wanted me to note that the resolution states that the vehicle will constitute a temporary increase to the fleet, and shall only be replaced at the end of its useful life with another vehicle obtained in a similar manner at no cost to the County. So when this vehicle reaches the end of its life, it will only be replaced by another donation, according to the terms of the resolution.

**LEG. SPENCER:**
Understood. Thanks.

**P.O. GREGORY:**
Okay. All right. So we have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**MR. RICHBERG:**
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

**P.O. GREGORY:**
I.R. 1796 - Bond Resolution of the County of Suffolk, New York, authorizing the issuance of $750,000 in bonds to finance the cost of renovations to the Yaphank Correctional Facility (CP 3009.321). I make a motion.

**LEG. SUNDERMAN:**
(Raised hand)

**P.O. GREGORY:**
Motion by Legislator Sunderman.

**LEG. MURATORE:**
(Raised hand)

**P.O. GREGORY:**
Second by Legislator Muratore. Roll call.

(Roll Call by Jason Richberg, Clerk of the Legislature)

**LEG. SUNDERMAN:**
Yes.
LEG. MURATORE:
Yes.

LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
Yes.

LEG. TROTTO:
No.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yes.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Yes.

LEG. CILMI:
(Absent)

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

LEG. ANKER:
Yes.

LEG. HAHN:
Yes.

LEG. FLEMING:
Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Yes.

D. P. O. CALARCO:
Yes.

P. O. GREGORY:
Yes.

MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).
P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I.R. 1797 - Bond Resolution of the County of Suffolk, New York, authorizing the issuance of $2,600,000 in bonds to finance the cost of improvements to the (County) Correctional Facility, Charlie-One-Four-One (C141) in Riverhead (CP 3014.118, .328 and .522). Same motion same second.

LEG. KENNEDY:
On the motion.

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P.O. GREGORY:

LEG. KENNEDY:
Is there anybody here from Corrections, the Jail? No? Okay. Go ahead.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Roll call.

(Roll Call by Jason Richberg, Clerk of the Legislature)

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Yes.

LEG. MURATORE:
Yes.

LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
Yes.

LEG. TROTTA:
Yes.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yes.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Yes.

LEG. CILMI:
(Absent)

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Yes.
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LEG. LINDSAY: Yes.

LEG. ANKER: Yes.

LEG. HAHN: Yes.

LEG. FLEMING: Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI: Yes.

D.P.O. CALARCO: Yes.

P.O. GREGORY: Yes.

09:43PM

MR. RICHBERG: Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I.R. 1800 - Accepting and appropriating Federal funding in the amount of $17,500 from the United States Department of Justice, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF), for the Suffolk County Police Department's participation in OCDETF operations and investigations with 79.71% support. (Co. Exec.) Motion by Legislator Sunderman, second by Legislator Muratore. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG: Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1801 - Accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of $20,500 in Federal pass-through funding from the New York -- from the State of New York's -- State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, for the Suffolk County Police Department's Motorcycle Safety Enforcement and Education Program with 80.11% support. (Co. Exec.) Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG: Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1803 - Accepting and appropriating a supplemental amount of Federal funding in the amount of $6,819.22 from the United States Department of Justice, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF), for the Suffolk County Police Department's participation in OCDETF operations and investigations with 79.21% support. (Co. Exec.) Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
MR. RICHBERG: Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).


(Roll Call by Jason Richberg, Clerk of the Legislature)

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LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Yes.

09:44PM

LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

09:44PM

LEG. DONELLY:
Yes.

09:44PM

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

09:44PM

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
Yes.

09:44PM

LEG. TROTTA:
Yes.

09:44PM

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yes.

09:44PM

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Yes.

09:44PM

LEG. CILMI:
(Absent)

09:44PM

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Yes.

09:44PM

LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

09:44PM

LEG. ANKER:
Yes.

09:44PM

LEG. HAHN:
Yes.

09:44PM

LEG. MURATORE:
Yes.
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LEG. FLEMING:
Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Yes.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Yes.

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay I.R. 1807, same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1818 - Accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of $175,016 in federal pass-through funding from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to provide enhanced enforcement of motor vehicle and traffic laws and regulations with 79.85% support. (Co. Exec.) Motion. I'll make a motion, second by Legislator Muratore. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1864A - Amending the 2018 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds for the Forensic Sciences Medical and Legal Investigative Consolidated Laboratory (CP 1109). (Co. Exec.) I'll make a motion to approve.

LEG. BERLAND:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Berland. On the motion, anyone?

LEG. TROTTA:
Yeah. Just this is for actual work, rather than planning?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
(Nodding yes)

LEG. TROTTA:
Gil, you're nodding. I mean, that's yes?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Yes.

LEG. TROTTA:
We're not spending $350,000 to plan to replace the hood?
COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
No. This is for actual work to be done. It's an interim project between what we're doing now and the eventual replacement of the entire ventilating system. This will allow us to replace all of the controls and all of the 50-plus hoods that are within the M.E.'s Building.

LEG. TROTTA:
Okay.

09:46PM

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. We have a motion and a second on 1864A, roll call.

(Roll Call by Jason Richberg, Clerk of the Legislature)

09:46PM

P.O. GREGORY:
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Yes.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
Yes.

LEG. TROTTA:
Yes.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yes.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Yes.

LEG. CILMI:
(Absent)

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

LEG. ANKER:
Yes.

LEG. HAHN:
Yes.

LEG. MURATORE:
Yes.
LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Yes.

LEG. FLEMING:
Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Yes.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Yes.

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I.R. 1864, same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION & ENERGY

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1788 - Authorizing illumination of the H. Lee Dennison Executive Office Building for Mental Health Awareness. (Co. Exec.) I make a motion to approve.

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

LEG. LINDSAY:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Lindsay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1804 - Authorizing the East Moriches Fire District to purchase fuel from Suffolk County under the County’s Fuel Management/Preventive Maintenance Inventory Control System which was authorized by Resolution No. 1233-1997. (Co. Exec.)

LEG. KRUPSKI:
(Raised hand)

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Krupski, second by Legislator Sunderman.

P.O. GREGORY:
All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
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MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1809 - Accepting New York State Transformative Investment Program grant and amending the 2018 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with construction of Suffolk County Sewer District No. 6 - Kings Park (CP 8145). (Co. Exec.) Motion by Legislator Trotta?

LEG. TROTTA:
Yes.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Kennedy. On the motion?

LEG. TROTTA:
Yeah. Gil, this says for planning.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Yes, it is.

LEG. TROTTA:
Planning for what?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
The resolution requests approval and acceptance of a grant from New York State for an amount to -- not to exceed 20 million. It includes planning.

LEG. TROTTA:
When -- okay. It's already even planned, this thing.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
There is a portion --

LEG. TROTTA:
It's been planned to death.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Right, but we have to now -- we still have to finally locate where the pump station is going to go. Let me step back. It's a grant for $20 million: $18 million of it is for construction. The $20 million dollars -- sorry. The $2 million is for completion of the plans. We have to locate the pump station, revise the plans, get the contract -- we never went to full completion of contract documents, so they have to be completed. And it will also -- yeah, it will also include construction inspection.

LEG. TROTTA:
So it's actually $20 million.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
It's $20 million is the total grant.
LEG. KENNEDY:
State grant.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Correct.

LEG. TROTTA:
And I hope, I hope that we're not spending 10,000 -- we have plans, I've seen the plans.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Correct.

LEG. TROTTA:
They're in my office.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
But the plans have to be completed. We have the --

LEG. TROTTA:
So we don't necessarily have to spend $2 million.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Correct.

LEG. TROTTA:
Okay.

LEG. KENNEDY:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Kennedy.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Okay. I'm not satisfied with that answer. What does that mean, we don't necessarily have to spend 2 million for planning? Because I don't think we have to spend 1 million for planning --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
It's -- again, it's --

LEG. KENNEDY:
-- or 500,000 for planning.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Right. It's going to include both completion of the contract document, so that we can go out to bid. There'll be a -- you know, it's a minor amount of work, but it is -- we never got to that point with the previous documents. We have to go out to bid. There is a bid review period. There will be construction -- there will be questions for the engineers that will have to be answered. And then this also -- that percentage of the 2 million will be for construction inspection as well, to assist us in the construction of the sewers for Kings Park.
LEG. KENNEDY:
And we can do that for 18 million? What am I not getting here?
Something's not right with this.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
No. We believe that the 18 million is what we can do the work for.
We have to run -- we're going to run the main down Main Street,
it's going to run over towards --

LEG. KENNEDY:
And build the pump station --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Right.

LEG. KENNEDY:
-- for 18 million.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
And then it's going to run up to the Kings Park treatment plant.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yeah.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
And it has capacity for it. Actually, we're not going to run it to
the treatment plant.

LEG. KENNEDY:
I know.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
We're going to run it to a manhole that feeds into the treatment
plant.

LEG. KENNEDY:
I know it has capacity. Been there, done that.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Right.

LEG. TROTTA:
I think we already spent 2 million on the design for this back in
2009.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Yes, yes. But we have to -- first, as I said, we didn't have the
final location of the pump station. We have to -- once we've
finalized that --

LEG. TROTTA:
Just tell me it's not going to cost $2 million.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
We will do everything in our power to make sure it doesn't, that's
all I can say.
P.O. GREGORY:
Okay.

LEG. KENNEDY:
You're going to be gone.
(*Laughter*)

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
No, I'm speaking for the Department.

LEG. TROTTA:
Wait. Wait a minute. Are you going to be working for the company that's going to be designing this, is that --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
No, no.
(*Laughter*)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Anyone else? All right. So we have a motion and a second on 1809. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1810 - Amending the 2018 Operating Budget and amending the 2018 Capital Budget and Program, appropriating funds in connection with the replacement of a service vehicle for the Suffolk County Department of Public Works Transportation Division and accepting and appropriating Federal and State Aid and County funds (CP 5658). (Co. Exec.) Motion by Legislator Krupski?

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Yes.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Yeah, okay. Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1816 - Accepting a 100% reimbursable grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development - Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program for Fire Island Back-Up Generation and Resiliency Project and authorizing the County to accept this grant and amending the 2018 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds (CP 1831). (Co. Exec.)
LEG. FLOTTERON:
I make a motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Flotteron. Second by Legislator Lindsay?

LEG. LINDSAY:
(Nodded yes)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. On the motion, anyone? All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Add me as a cosponsor, too.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. 1819 we did earlier. I.R. 1823A - Appropriating funds in connection -- oh, I'm sorry, we didn't do 1819. I'm sorry.

I.R. 1819 - Bond Resolution of the County of Suffolk, New York, authorizing the issuance of $100,000 bonds to finance security-related improvements to the Bomarc site, Westhampton (CP 1830.310). (Pres. Off.) I'll make a motion -- I'll second the motion by Legislator Fleming to approve. On the motion, anyone?

Okay. This is -- as you may recall we established the BOMARC Advisory Committee to look at the facility. We're looking at making some improvements. We have P.D., we have the Sheriff's Office as part of the process, the District Attorney's Office, the Clerk's Office. Through this process, we realized that there needs to be some security enhancements. We're looking to put a gate around the property to secure the facility. We feel that there's some vulnerabilities there, and this is going to put a security gate. There -- we are concerned about, and the P.D., as well as the Department of Public Works is concerned about unlimited access to the facility. So we're going to -- looking in the future to have potentially an onsite guard to limit access into the facility. So this will help put up a fence around the property, as well as a gate. Okay?

All right. So we have a motion and a second. And I ask for your support. And roll call.

(Roll Call by Jason Richberg, Clerk of the Legislature)

LEG. FLEMING:
Yes.

P.O. GREGORY:
Yes.
LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
Yes.

LEG. TROTTO:
No.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yes.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Yes.

LEG. CILMI:
(Absent)

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

LEG. ANKER:
Yes.

LEG. HAHN:
Yes.

LEG. MURATORE:
Yes.

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Yes.

D. P. O. CALARCO:
Yes.

MR. RICHBERG:
Sixteen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P. O. GREGORY:
LEG. KRUPSKI:
(Raised hand)

P. O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Krupski. And roll call.

(Roll Call by Jason Richberg, Clerk of the Legislature)

09:55PM

P. O. GREGORY:
Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Yes.

LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Yes.

09:55PM

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
Yes.

LEG. TROTTA:
Yes.

09:55PM

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yes.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Yes.

LEG. CILMI:
(Absent)

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Yes.

09:55PM

LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

LEG. ANKER:
Yes.

LEG. HAHN:
Yes.

09:55PM

LEG. MURATORE:
Yes.

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Yes.
LEG. FLEMING:
Yes.

D. P. O. CALARCO:
Yes.

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P. O. GREGORY:
Okay. I.R. 1823, same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi).

P. O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1825 - Amending the 2018 Adopted Operating Budget to accept and appropriate funds in connection with the reconstruction of the Fire Island Barrier Beach and Dune Network from the Fire Island Inlet to Moriches Inlet (“FIMI”). (Co. Exec.)

D. P. O. CALARCO:
Motion.

P. O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Calarco.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Second.

P. O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Martinez. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P. O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1834A - Appropriating funds in connection with improvements to CR 41, Springs-Fireplace Road (CP 5582). (Co. Exec.)

LEG. FLEMING:
Motion.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Second.

P. O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Fleming, second by Legislator Krupski. On the motion.

09:56PM

LEG. FLEMING:
On the motion. If I could, through the Presiding Officer, I just want to compliment the Commissioner and his Department on the excellent job that's been done communicating with the community on
this particular project. It's a huge project, they've been waiting for a very long time, but members of your staff have come to the community and had meetings and been in touch with the Council Members on the -- on the East Hampton Town Board. And I think it's a really effective approach, so I just wanted to put that on the record.

P.O. GREGORY:

Okay. All right. We have a motion and a second. And roll call.

(Roll Call by Jason Richberg, Clerk of the Legislature)

LEG. FLEMING:
Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Yes.

LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

LEG. MCaffrey:
Yes.

LEG. TROTTA:
Yes.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yes.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Yes.

LEG. CILMI:
(Absent)

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

LEG. ANKER:
Yes.

LEG. HAHN:
Yes.

LEG. MURATORE:
Yes.

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LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Yes.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Yes.

P.O. GREGORY:
Yes.

09:57PM

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1834, same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

09:57PM

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1835 - Authorizing execution of an Agreement by the Administrative Head of Suffolk County Sewer District No. 7 - Woodside and MTK Electronics (BR-0880.2). (Co. Exec.)

D.P.O. CALARCO,
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Calarco, I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

09:58PM

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1836 - Authorizing execution of an Agreement by the Administrative Head of Suffolk County Sewer District No. 11 - Selden and All American Assisted Living (BR-1638). (Co. Exec.) Motion by Legislator Sunderman, second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

09:58PM

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:

09:58PM

LEG. MURATORE:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Muratore.

(*Laughter*)
You looked too excited, you jumped for it. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1846 - Authorizing the illumination of the H. Lee Dennison Executive Office Building in recognition of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness. (Co. Exec.)

09:58PM

LEG. LINDSAY:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Lindsay, second by Legislator Donnelly. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1847 - Bond Resolution of the County of Suffolk, New York, authorizing the issuance of $3,000,000 bonds to finance the construction of energy conservation improvements at various County facilities (CP 1664.325).

LEG. KRUPSKI:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Krupski, I will second.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
On the motion.

LEG. KENNEDY:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
On the motion, Legislator Krupski.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
It's my last chance, Gil. I don't have any questions, I just wanted to see you get up. No, I'm kidding.

(*Laughter*)

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Are these -- are these projects all related to energy conservation, or are they bundled towards general mechanical improvements?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
These are all energy conservation projects that will be done at various facilities.
LEG. KRUPSKI:
Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Thank you.

LEG. TROTTA:
I have a question.

LEG. KENNEDY:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Kennedy.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Okay, Gil. So do you have the list?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
I will in a second.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Okay.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Okay.

LEG. KENNEDY:
So it's $3 million is going towards what at what?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
It's going towards various projects, a total of 14 that we have
planned right now in various facilities, including the Jail, DPW
Building, Cohalan Complex, Riverhead Complex, Fourth Precinct,
Labor Building, Seventh Precinct, for projects such as interior
lighting improvements --

LEG. KENNEDY:
At the Fourth?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
What's that?

LEG. KENNEDY:
At the Fourth?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
At the Fourth --

LEG. KENNEDY:
Is lighting inside and outside?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Correct.
LEG. KENNEDY:
All right. I did see that list. Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
You're welcome.

P.O. GREGORY:
Legislator Trotta.

LEG. TROTTA:
The Fourth Precinct's relatively new. What are you doing?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
We're -- the -- we're going to be installing upgraded lighting, you know, that is energy efficient. We've been doing it in various facilities through the County, and this is just one of the ones that were --

LEG. TROTTA:
Like so --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Even though it's newer, these will be --

LEG. TROTTA:
We're changing the light bulbs?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
It's more than just changing the light bulbs. It's also the way they're energized. There's actually -- it's more than just pulling an old bulb and putting a new one. We actually in some cases have to put in the entire system. But the energy efficiency --

LEG. TROTTA:
I know a little bit about this. So you take the ballast out and you put LEDs light in or fluorescent lights?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
I believe so, yeah.

LEG. TROTTA:
That takes about 25 seconds to do, literally. I've done it in my house.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
I can't -- I can't speak to specifics about this, but I do know that that's part of what we're doing. We're also looking at replacing air conditioning in various units, so --

LEG. TROTTA:
Full air cond -- I mean --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Building 17, eventually.
LEG. TROTTA:
What's Building 17?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
That would be the Labor Building across the street. Then the Board of Elections is another one, so.

LEG. TROTTA:
So, all right.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
The -- yeah, okay.

LEG. TROTTA:
Bye, Gil.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
I'll leave it at that.

(*Laughter*)

LEG. TROTTA:
You're not going to miss it.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Legislator Flotteron.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
The lighting and some of the other improvements, is there a certain -- do you have in your head a pay-back period, like, you know, after seven years, you'll be -- this would be paid back and there'll be all savings?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
There was a list that was provided to the Public Works Committee. I don't -- I can't speak to the specifics of the payback, but there is a payback period. And I'm trying to look at this to determine where -- when that might be. Okay. It varies. Simple payback could be anywhere from 3.5 years to -- certain HVAC equipment would be 11 years. We're looking at other interior programs could be eight years. It varies depending on the building.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Perfect. Smart move. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:
Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. All right. Anyone else on 1847, right? Roll call.

(Roll Call by Jason Richberg, Clerk of the Legislature)

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Yes.
P.O. GREGORY:
Yes.

LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
Yes.

LEG. TROTTA:
Yes.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yes.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Yes.

LEG. CILMI:
(Not Present)

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

LEG. ANKER:
Yes.

LEG. HAHN:
Yes.

LEG. MURATORE:
Yes.

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Yes.

LEG. FLEMING:
Yes.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Yes.

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I.R. --
COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Thank you, everybody.

P.O. GREGORY: All right.

LEG. TROTTA: Bye, Gil.

P.O. GREGORY: All right.

(*Applause and Standing Ovation*)

P.O. GREGORY: Goodbye, Tonto.

MR. NOLAN: Who was that masked man?

(*Laughter*)

LEG. FLOTTERON: Go give him a hug.

P.O. GREGORY: I know. I'll get maybe like a big boot, boot footprint mark on my backside when I leave.

(*Laughter*)

P.O. GREGORY: All right. I.R. 1837 - Authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Brookhaven for the part-time assignment of a Veterans Service Officer to the Town of Brookhaven. (Co. Exec.)

WAYS & MEANS

P.O. GREGORY: 1301, we did earlier. I.R. 1745 - Amending the rules of the County
Legislature to provide notice of legal settlements. (Berland)  
Motion by Legislator Berland.

LEG. DONNELLY:  
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:  
Second by Legislator Donnelly. On the motion, anyone?

10:04PM
LEGG. TROTTO:  
Yeah, me. This is the one that, correct me if I'm wrong, we have no vote in it, correct? The other members of Legislature have no vote in it?

10:05PM
MR. NOLAN:  
Correct.

LEG. TROTTO:  
All right. I'm opposed.

P.O. GREGORY:  
Okay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. TROTTO:  
Opposed.

MR. RICHBERG:  
Seven -- Sixteen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:  

D.P.O. CALARCO:  
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:  
Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

10:05PM
MR. RICHBERG:  
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:  
I.R. 1759 - Authorizing the reconveyance of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 215, New York State County Law to John H. Eckhardt, IV and Susan Eckhardt, his wife (SCTM No. 0200-070.00-01.00-018.000). (Anker)

10:05PM
LEG. ANKER:  
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:  
Motion by Legislator Anker, I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1764 - Authorizing the reconveyance of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 215, New York State County Law to Mary Lou Paxton (SCTM No. 0400-070.00-05.00-027.000). (Spencer) Motion by Legislator Spencer, I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

10:06PM

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1770 - Authorizing the reconveyance of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 215, New York State County Law to Maryanne McGahey as to a ½ interest and Henry Frey and Frederick Frey, Jr., as co-executors under the last will and testament filed in Suffolk County Surrogates Court on December 9, 2011, as File No. 2011-4389 as to a ½ interest (SCTM No. 0200-895.00-04.00-014.001). (Calarco)

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Calarco, I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

10:06PM

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1779 - Authorizing the conveyance of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 72-h of the General Municipal Law - Town of Brookhaven - (SCTM No. 0200-755.00-02.00-017.000). (Co. Exec.) Motion by Legislator Sunderman, second by Legislator Muratore. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

10:06PM

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1811 - Authorizing the County Executive to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 9 to Lease with the Air National Guard. (Co. Exec.)

LEG. FLEMING:
Motion.

10:07PM

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Fleming.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Second.
P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Lindsay. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1812 - Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 Elise Csajko, formally known as Elise Schmitt and Matthew Csajko (SCTM No. 0200-836.00-01.00-023.000). (Co. Exec.)
I'll make a motion, and second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. 1829 was withdrawn. I.R. 1839 - Reappointing Commissioner of the Suffolk County Board of Elections (Anita S. Katz). (Pres. Off.)

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Calarco.

LEG. FLEMING:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Fleming. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
(Raised hand)

LEG. TROTTA:
(Raised hand)

LEG. KENNEDY:
(Raised hand)

LEG. MURATORE:
(Raised hand).

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
(Raised hand)

MR. RICHBERG:
Eleven. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
You got it? So you got four?
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LEG. FLOTTERON:
Abstain.

LEG. DONNELLY:
Flotteron voted yes.

P.O. GREGORY:
Don't get in trouble with the boss.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
No, abstain, abstain, abstain.

(*Laughter*)

P.O. GREGORY:
All right.  I.R. 1843 - Bond Resolution of the County of Suffolk, New York, authorizing the issuance of $500,000 bonds to finance upgrades and improvements to the County's Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) (CP 1782.112). Motion by Legislator Donnelly, second by Legislator Kennedy. Roll call.

(Roll Call by Jason Richberg, Clerk of the Legislature)

LEG. DONNELLY:
Yes.

LEG. KENNEDY:
Yes.

LEG. SPENCER:
Yes.

LEG. BERLAND:
Yes.

LEG. MC CAFFREY:
Yes.

LEG. TROTTA:
Yes.

LEG. FLOTTERON:
Yes.

LEG. CILMI:
(Absent)

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Yes.

LEG. LINDSAY:
Yes.

LEG. ANKER:
Yes.
10:08PM

LEG. HAHN:
Yes.

LEG. MURATORE:
Yes.

LEG. SUNDERMAN:
Yes.

LEG. FLEMING:
Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Yes.

D.P.O. CALARCO:
Yes.

P.O. GREGORY:
Yes.

10:08PM

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
I.R. 1845 - Bond Resolution of the County of Suffolk, New York, authorizing the issuance of $200,000 bonds to finance the improvements to Building 158 - Civil Service/4th District Court, Hauppauge (CP 1140.310). I'll make a motion, second by Legislator Calarco.

10:09PM

LEG. TROTTA:
On the motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
On the motion, Legislator Trotta.

LEG. TROTTA:
This is just the building across the street that we just talked about $3 million. What improvements -- oh, he left already. Don't worry about it, just go.

10:09PM

LEG. KENNEDY:
District Court.

P.O. GREGORY:
District Court.

LEG. TROTTA:
Okay. Go ahead.

10:09PM

LEG. KENNEDY:
Different.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Roll call.

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(Roll Call by Jason Richberg, Clerk of the Legislature)

P.O. GREGORY: Yes.
D.P.O. CALARCO: Yes.
LEG. SPENCER: Yes.
LEG. DONNELLY: Yes.
LEG. BERLAND: Yes.
LEG. MC CAFFREY: Yes.
LEG. TROTTA: No.
LEG. KENNEDY: Yes.
LEG. FLOTTERON: Yes.
LEG. CILMI: (Absent)
LEG. MARTINEZ: Yes.
LEG. LINDSAY: Yes.
LEG. ANKER: Yes.
LEG. HAHN: Yes.
LEG. MURATORE: No.
LEG. SUNDERMAN: Yes.
LEG. FLEMING: Yes.
LEG. KRUPSKI: Yes.
MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. **I.R. 1855 - Authorizing the reconveyance of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 215, New York State County Law to Catherine Krupski fee simple subject to a life estate by Matsumi I. Krupski (SCTM No. 0200-828.00-03.00-028.000).** (Krupski) I'll make a motion.

10:10PM
D.P.O. CALARCO:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Calarco.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
On the motion.

10:10PM
P.O. GREGORY:
Yes, on the motion, Legislator --

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Just to state on the record, it's not a direct relation.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay.

LEG. FLEMING:
No relation whatsoever.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Well, I mean, somewhere down the line, but it's not, not a relation.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay, no relation. Okay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

10:10PM
P.O. GREGORY:
**I.R. 1858** we did earlier. **I.R. 1869 - Directing the County Attorney to study the feasibility of bringing an action against -- you got to be kidding me -- manufacturers of per- and poly -- Help me.**

LEG. FLEMING:
Polyfluoroalkyl.

10:10PM
P.O. GREGORY:
What? If you can't pronounce it, you shouldn't -- no, I'm only kidding.

LEG. FLEMING:
PFA.
P.O. GREGORY: All right. Polyfluoroalkyl.

LEG. FLEMING: Say PFA.

P.O. GREGORY: -- substances. Okay, there we go.

10:11PM

P.O. GREGORY: Motion.

LEG. FLEMING: Motion by Legislator Fleming, second by Legislator Krupski. Okay. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG: Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

10:11PM


MR. RICHBERG: Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

10:11PM

P.O. GREGORY: Okay. I.R. 1934 - Accepting and appropriating a Subaward from Long Island University (LIU), the Pass-Through Entity (PTE) of a grant award funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) for a project entitled “Long Island Mathematics and Teacher Education Scholarship Program,” 100% reimbursed by federal funds at Suffolk County Community College. (County Exec.) Motion by Legislator Muratore, second by Legislator Donnelly. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG: Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

10:12PM

P.O. GREGORY: I.R. 2001 - Accepting and appropriating 100% state pass-through grant funds from the Long Island Regional Planning Council for a feasibility study to evaluate the creation of a countywide wastewater management district. (County Exec.)

10:12PM

P.O. GREGORY: Motion.

LEG. MURATORE: (Raised hand)
P.O. GREGORY:
Second by Legislator Muratore.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
On the motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
On -- who is that? Oh, Legislator Krupski.

10:12PM

LEG. KRUPSKI:
So there's a -- in the packet here, there's a letter from Karen Dauphinais, Division of Water, to Ms. Cole, who is the Deputy Executive Director of the Long Island Regional Planning Council, and it says fully executed contract for the development of the Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan, contract is for 2,875,000. Is that -- is that part of -- is that going to be part of this study, or was that -- how is that -- oh, hi, Director Lansdale. Thank you. How is -- is that -- how does that letter relate to the $500,000 that LICAP is going to -- I'm sorry -- LINAP is going to use to study this proposal?

10:13PM

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
The Long Island Regional Planning Council received funding through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in part to manage LINAP, the Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan. This funding resolution would direct -- would accept 500,000 of that grant award from the Regional Planning Council to be appropriated to Suffolk County for a specific task outlined in LINAP.

10:14PM

LEG. KRUPSKI:
I thought the original contract from the State with LINAP was $5 million, not 2. --

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
It is. So this is a sub-task, this is one of many tasks. So this task is a -- they've appropriated 500,000 --

LEG. KRUPSKI:
No, but the --

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
-- out of the 5 million.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
But the --

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
The 5 million was appropriated to -- jointly to the Long Island Regional Planning Council and also Department of Environmental Conservation.

10:14PM

LEG. KRUPSKI:
And that's where the split for the 2.8 --

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
Yes.

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LEG. KRUPSKI:
-- million was.

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
Yes.

LEG. KRUPSKI:
Okay. All right. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Hi, Sarah. I have a question. So this is just a study that
they're going to present to the County, I guess, at some point for
implementation, or would there have to be a vote?

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
This would be a study that the County would conduct in partnership
with the members of LINAP, as well as the Long Island Regional
Planning Council, and was a recommendation contained within both
the IVM Study a few years back and the Comprehensive Water
Resources Management Plan. Any of the action items would have to be -- any of the recommendations contained in the report would come
to the Legislature for your consideration.

P.O. GREGORY:
Why would we need a countywide district, why is that a task that's
being looked at?

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
This is to look at a countywide wastewater district long term for
possible revenue streams, as well as financing of wastewater
upgrades.

P.O. GREGORY:
So any idea as to how this would be -- who would oversee it? Is it
another additional -- like another layer of government, another
agency? Like how --

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
The feasibility study would flesh that out and look at all options
for management, as well as revenues and expenses.

P.O. GREGORY:
Is this what they were talking about? There's been some
conversation about a fee on water. Is this what this is in
relation to?

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
This is a followup to that, yes.

P.O. GREGORY:
So the mechanism to accept that revenue?

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
The mechanism, this is a mechanism, a resolution to accept $500,000
in funding to conduct that study and get the answers that you're
asking.
P.O. GREGORY:
Is there State author -- there's no State authorization anywhere in this process; is that true?

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
That would be -- that's actually one of the tasks, is to look at the legal parameters of who needs -- at what levels of government do we need authorization to proceed, if that's what we'd like to advance. So looking at all of that, what the State approvals are, what the County approvals are. It's a feasibility study.

P.O. GREGORY:
Right. I just -- I haven't had really a chance to look at it. So how would this interface with the Water Authority? I mean, we have a countywide water -- obviously, it's not -- they're not a wastewater management district, but they are an authority. So how does that -- I don't understand the differences.

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
Right. That would be discussed in the report and evaluated, the management structure and whether that's a separate entity, or whether it could be potentially merged with other organizations.

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh, so that could be potentially -- it could be merged with the --

DIRECTOR LANSDALE:
That could be explored, yes.

P.O. GREGORY:
Oh, okay. All right. All right. So we have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
All right. 1950 -- oh, I'm sorry. In the red folder we have a few CNs. We did 1950 earlier.

We have I.R. 1999 - Granting a temporary waiver of Suffolk County Residency requirements for the employment of Gayle B. Kass-Neumann, Ph.D. Okay. Anybody here that could talk to this? Hello.

MS. CULP:
Hi. Jen Culp with the Department of Health. We have been searching for a full-time permanent candidate for this position for about 18 months now. We have advertised through Civil Service, through word of mouth, through Indeed, and we have finally come up with a candidate. She meets all qualifications, she has experience in the field, she's done site visits, is a supervising psychologist whose main job will be at the Jail doing forensic evaluations, suicide watch support, individual sessions, Section 70 -- 730s, 508 transfer supports.
Several -- I would say the majority of medical titles already have waived the residency requirement, and that title is not one of them. So we will be coming back to request that we do add this title to the residency waiver in the future. She's a qualified candidate, and we did a CN, because we would really like to offer her the position, get her working, and not lose her. It's a competitive field.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. Anyone else? Okay. We have a motion and a second. All in favor?

MR. RICHBERG:
We don't.

P.O. GREGORY:
We don't have a motion and second?

MR. RICHBERG:
No.

P.O. GREGORY:
I thought we -- all right. I'll make a motion to approve, second by Legislator Fleming. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I.R. 2000 - Designating October as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in Suffolk County.

LEG. ANKER:
Motion.

P.O. GREGORY:
Motion by Legislator Anker. Second by Legislator --

LEG. MURATORE:
(Raised hand)

LEG. HAHN:
(Raised hand)

P.O. GREGORY:
Hahn (Laughter).

LEG. ANKER:
On the motion, real quick.

P.O. GREGORY:
Who is that? Oh.

LEG. ANKER:
On motion. I just want to mention, you guys have a little -- little brochures. Please use those. Put that on social media, and
if you want to do press releases. But, again, we're making this
the official designation of "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" as
October. So if you can get the word out, I'd greatly appreciate
it. Thank you.

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. I'd like to waive the rules and follow -- lay the following
resolutions on the table: I.R. 1997 to Parks, I.R. 1998 to EPA,
the public hearing for November 20th, 2:00 p.m., at Hauppauge.

LEG. MARTINEZ:
Second.

P.O. GREGORY:
Seconded by Legislator Martinez. All in favor? Opposed?
Abstentions?

MR. RICHBERG:
Seventeen. (Absent: Legislator Cilmi)

P.O. GREGORY:
Okay. That is all that we have on our agenda. We stand adjourned.
Get home safely.

(*The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 p.m.)

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