Friends,

2018 was a successful year for our community. Important legislation was created and passed, and community initiatives were strengthened. It is the honor of a lifetime to serve as your representative in the Suffolk County Legislature and I promise to continue fighting to protect taxpayer dollars, growing and developing our economy and defending our incredible natural resources.

In 2019, I will continue to support and introduce legislation that revitalizes our downtowns and attracts cutting-edge companies that retain our highly educated workforce. I maintain my commitment to voting against any unnecessary fees and hidden taxes and I will hold the line on County spending. I will work with my colleagues to find areas where there are redundancies and begin to discover new ways to streamline government and make sure we are operating as efficiently as possible.

I am excited for the year ahead and I look forward to working with all of you to continue to make our community a better place to work, live, and raise our families. I am eager to hear from community members and work with all of you to continue to further the progress we have been making and be able to assist and serve you in the best way possible.
Since I took office, I have focused on obtaining funding to implement a sewer system for the residents of Oakdale who have been affected by Hurricane Sandy and the elevated water table in the area. I have worked tirelessly to advocate for the quality of life of Oakdale residents and the reduction of nitrogen in the Great South Bay.

When the Great River referendum for sewer infrastructure was rejected by their residents, I immediately seized the opportunity to repurpose the funding to the Idle Hour region of Oakdale. Nearly two years ago, I supported legislation to commence design work needed for Oakdale to install sewer infrastructure in the future. With the assistance of Governor Cuomo and County Executive Bellone, I was able to pinpoint Oakdale as the most viable recipient of the $26.4 million in funds.

The $26.4 million grant will enable us to start Phase 1A of our sewer project. From this initial grant, we will be able to take the sewer infrastructure that is currently under Great River and bring it directly East into the West portion of Oakdale. This region was chosen for Phase 1A due to its proximity to the existing sewer connection and the amount of nitrogen that it is seeping into the Grand Canal and the Great South Bay.

This repurposing of funds is a crucial step in being able to sewer all of Oakdale and eventually extend the sewer infrastructure east to Sayville. I am thrilled to begin this project and will continue to fight for the residents of Oakdale to get the funding we need to get sewers to every single house and resident that so desperately needs them.
Putting an End to Revenge Porn

This past September, I was joined by District Attorney Sini, Sheriff Toulon, Laura Ahearn of Crime Victims Center/Parents for Megan’s Law, and my colleagues in County government to speak about the importance of my new legislation (IR 1756) which will combat the heinous act of revenge porn.

Cell phones, photographs, and videos go hand-in-hand in this day and age. It is easy for a person to snap a photo and send an intimate image to a partner on their cell phone; unfortunately, at a later time the recipient could decide to maliciously share the image without consent, with third parties. Sharing an intimate image that was not meant for distribution is a despicable form of retribution that we as legislators must work towards preventing. This act, commonly referred to as “revenge porn” needs to have criminal and civil liabilities.

It is time for Suffolk County to protect our residents from becoming a potential victim of this crime. This malicious act ruins lives and haunts the victim throughout their personal and professional endeavors. I am hopeful that this legislation will make individuals think twice before wrongfully sharing an intimate photo, or video.
Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and I were extremely pleased to announce a $300,000 grant from the Robert Gardiner Foundation as part of a groundbreaking ceremony this past November for the LT Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum and Sea Cadet Training Facility, the first U.S. Navy SEAL Museum in the Northeast.

The ceremony featured a presentation by the Gardiner Foundation, who announced that the museum had been awarded a $300,000 grant. This funding comes on the heels of a Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) grant from Governor Cuomo originally secured by Senator Tom Croci for $400,000.

The proposed state-of-the-art facility is being constructed on the property of Charles P. Dominy Park in West Sayville. The museum will be built and utilized in honor and memory of LT Michael P. Murphy, a graduate of Patchogue Medford High School (Class of ’94) and Pennsylvania State University (Class of ’98). After completion of his college degree, he worked diligently to become a Navy SEAL; after years of hard work and dedication he was bestowed the honor of United States Navy SEAL Lieutenant. LT Murphy lost his life on June 28, 2005 while serving in Afghanistan. For his actions, bravery, and valor, he was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart as well as the Medal of Honor which quite notably made him the first member of the Navy to receive the award since the Vietnam War. The Museum is due to open November 2019.
Over 5,000 Valentine’s Day Cards Collected for Active Duty Military and Veterans

I’d like to thank the local elementary, middle, and high schools that participated in crafting Valentine’s Day cards for our active duty members, and the 18 veteran organizations, and active military posts who graciously agreed to distribute cards to their organizations. It is incredibly important to bridge the gap between our youth and our veteran population. Suffolk County is home to the most veterans in New York State, and it is imperative to teach our youth that we must show them respect and gratitude for the sacrifices they’ve made for our country. I’m proud of all the students who participated, and I am ecstatic that I was able to distribute over 5,000 Valentine’s Day cards to men and women so deserving of kindness.

10th Semi-Annual Holbrook Cleanup Was a Great Success for the Community

This past October, my office along with the Holbrook Chamber of Commerce sponsored our tenth semi-annual Holbrook Cleanup in October. Over 100 Holbrook residents assisted with the cleanup in order to improve the aesthetic of their hometown. Volunteers met at my office to pick up their bags, gloves, and garbage pickers bright and early on that fall day. Many were returning volunteers who look forward to the bi-annual event.

Every community cleanup we host is filled with eager volunteers, and admirable community service efforts by all. It is important for me to carry on my father’s tradition, and maintain a strong partnership with the Holbrook Chamber of Commerce. The clean-ups are paramount in the beautification of our neighborhood. As always, I am proud of the children and adults who consistently donate their time to this cause. I look forward to the next cleanup in the spring on April 27th.
I attended the Connetquot Foundation for the Advancement of Children Gala this past March to present an award that the foundation named in honor of my father. This year the William J. Lindsay award went to Barbara Lightstone, former principal of the Edward J. Bosti Elementary School; Raymond Carta, president of the Connetquot Cares Community Coalition; and the West Sayville Fire Department.

Since 2005, CFAC has helped students in need, providing free tutoring, supporting community events, and providing more than $175,000 in school, community, and financial grants. The grants help to purchase equipment and supplies, support special student assemblies, and finance training that directly benefits the students of the Connetquot community.

My father, who served as Suffolk County Legislature’s Presiding Officer for many years was a founding member of the Connetquot Foundation. The award in his honor is given yearly to members who go above and beyond to educate and empower the children of Connetquot Central School District time and again.

I am so honored to be able to present this award to the people in my community that show such dedication and initiative to helping foster the young minds of our children.

Legislator Lindsay Presents the Character Excellence Award to Suffolk County Students

This past June, I presented several of Suffolk County’s most outstanding students with the Character Excellence Award this past June. The award is an acknowledgement of elementary school students who display exemplary characteristics and demonstrate the ability to grow into strong and resourceful adults. I am proud to be able to publicly acknowledge these wonderful students and am excited to see how they will grow in the future and wish them all the best.
Legislator Lindsay Introduced Legislation Establishing the Long Island Manufacturing Task Force

The Long Island Legislative Task Force has been meeting in full force since I created it at the end of 2017. Co-sponsors of this legislation included Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory, Legislator Kara Hahn, and Legislator Tom Muratore. This legislation was approved unanimously.

I am proud to be the chair of this integrative panel, formed in response to 8,000-plus job openings on Long Island. The Long Island Manufacturing Task Force aims to drive business to Long Island, as well as encourage the current and future workforce to value businesses on Long Island.

“Manufacturing in Suffolk County isn’t just assembly line work like normally thought of but is technologically based. With the passage of IR 1832-2017 we will be able to look at the industry in innovative ways. This will allow us to help create jobs and keep people on Long Island and Suffolk County.”

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