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VETERANS & CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MINUTES

10 A meeting of the Veterans & Consumer Affairs Committee of the
11 Suffolk County Legislature was held hybrid via Zoom
12 video-conferencing/in-person in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative
13 Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725
14 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on June 2, 2023.
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16 **Members Present:**

17 Legislator Nick Caracappa - Chairperson
18 Legislator Anthony Piccirillo - Vice Chair
19 Legislator Sarah Anker (excused)
20 Legislator Bridget Fleming
21 Legislator Leslie Kennedy
22 Legislator Al Krupski
23 Legislator Robert Trotta
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25 **Also in Attendance:**

26 Presiding Officer McCaffrey
27 Frank Tassone - Chief Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature
28 Bill Duffy - Counsel/Suffolk County Legislature
29 Bob Martinez - Aide to Legislator Caracappa
30 Chris DeLuca - Aide to the Presiding Officer
31 Elizabeth Stroehlein - Budget Review Office
32 All Other Interested Parties
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34 **Minutes Taken By:**

35 Gabrielle Severs - Court Stenographer
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1 (The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.)
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3 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

4 Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen. Sorry we're a couple minutes
5 late. Welcome to our Veterans and Consumer Affairs Committee. If
6 you can all please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance by our
7 Legislator Colleague Al Krupski from way out east.

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9 (Pledge of Allegiance)

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11 If you can all stand for a moment of silence just in recognition of
12 all our men and women in service, our healthcare workers, and our
13 men and women in law enforcement.

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15 (Moment of Silence Observed.)

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17 Thank you.

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19 Before we get going, I'd like to thank all our pages who are in the
20 audience today, part of our Page Program at the legislature. We
21 had quite a few at our prior committee meeting earlier today, so we
22 welcome them to the legislature, our future leaders.

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24 All right. Mr. Clerk, can we have roll call?

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26 (The roll was called by Chief Deputy Clerk Clark.)

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28 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

29 Oh, Madam Clerk. My apologies. Roll call. I am here.

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31 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

32 Present.

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34 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

35 Here.

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37 **LEG. FLEMING:**

38 Here.

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40 **LEG. ANKER:**

41 (No response.)

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43 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

44 Here.

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46 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**

47 Present.

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49 **LEG. ANKER:**

50 (No response.)

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52 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

53 Legislator Anker has an excused absence for today.

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55 **CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK CLARK:**

56 Six.

1 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
2 Thank you. Any correspondence?
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4 **CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK CLARK:**
5 All correspondence have been distributed accordingly.
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7 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
8 Thank you, Madam Clerk. Public portion. I see no public speakers;
9 is that accurate, no public speakers? All right. We will move
10 past public portion. Seeing no appointments. Presentations, none.
11 We are going to get to tabled resolutions. That is **IR 1429,**
12 **Adopting Local Law No. -2023, Local Law to amend Chapter 563 of the**
13 **Suffolk County Code regarding the required records and inspection**
14 **of records of precious metal and gem exchanges and dealers in**
15 **second-hand articles. (Co. Exec.)**
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17 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**
18 Motion to approve.
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20 **LEG. KENNEDY:**
21 Second.
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23 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
24 Motion to approve. Anybody on the motion?
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26 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
27 Could we go over the details with that?
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29 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
30 Want to use your mike?
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32 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
33 Why not? Could we go over the details of that, please? Just give
34 us the specifics. I'll ask the sponsor.
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36 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
37 Sure. Actually, I can tell you that --
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39 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
40 Well, it's not the sponsor. I thought this was something
41 different. Yeah, we could ask the administration then.
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43 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
44 Well, I don't see anybody here. Is anybody here from the
45 administration? Oh. Okay. There we go.
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47 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**
48 Someone from Consumer Affairs too.
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50 **MS. CHOWDHURY:**
51 Hi. We have someone from P.D. and Consumer Affairs if you have any
52 questions for them. If you have any questions for Law, we could
53 either table it or we could discharge it.
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55 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**
56 Well, if I may. What my understanding is the county had several

1 lawsuits in regards to this issue, so what we're doing is trying to
2 clear up the language that identifies and puts on the record when
3 the sales are done, certain amendments, all in the backup, all in
4 the reso, what additional information is going to be required in
5 this legislation just so it's clear and unambiguous as far as the
6 date of sale, the amount of the worth of the gem and the gold at
7 the time of sale. It's just more documentation so it prevents any
8 mischievous activity from going on in these situations.

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10 I'm not sure if that satisfies you, Legislator Krupski. If not,
11 we'll make a motion to table.

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13 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

14 It does. Thank you.

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16 **LEG. FLEMING:**

17 Sorry. If I may, Mr. Chair, just also from a law enforcement
18 perspective, making sure that these records are kept accurately is
19 a very, very important law enforcement tool, so I think that's the
20 direction that the sponsor is moving in to ensure that it's regular
21 and orderly, which I think is very helpful to the police.

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23 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

24 Right. You'll see all the amended language outlined in part five
25 of the required records so it's just a demand for more stringent
26 identification and documentation at the time of sales. So and then
27 it goes on and on. You'll see all the differences. So it's sort
28 of like -- wow. It's quite extensive, actually. It's much needed
29 from the county's perspective. It was asked to be done. Counsel
30 is aware of the priors and supports it, so I have no issue with it.
31 Anybody else?

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33 **LEG. PICCIRILLO:**

34 All good.

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36 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

37 Seeing none, we have a motion and a second. All in favor?
38 Opposed? Abstentions?

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40 **CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK CLARK:**

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43 **CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:**

44 All right. IR 1429 is approved. Seeing no further business before
45 us, we stand adjourned.

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47 (The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.)
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