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10 A meeting of the Economic Development, Planning, and Housing  
11 Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y.  
12 Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers  
13 Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New  
14 York on July 19, 2023.  
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16 **Members Present:**

17 Legislator James F. Mazzarella - Chairperson  
18 Legislator Trish Bergin - Vice Chair  
19 Legislator Stephanie Bontempi  
20 Legislator Kara Hahn  
21 Legislator Jason Richberg  
22 Legislator Robert Trotta  
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24 **Also in Attendance:**

25 Frank Tassone - Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature  
26 Hope Clark - Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature  
27 All Other Interested Parties  
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29 **Minutes Taken By:**

30 Gabrielle Severs - Court Stenographer  
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(The meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m.)

**CHAIRMAN MAZZARELLA:**

Good afternoon. Welcome to the Economic Development, Planning, and Housing Committee. Can we begin by rising for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Bergin.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

Remain standing just for a moment of silence for our military around the world and first responders here locally.

(Moment of silence observed.)

Thank you. Good afternoon, Madam Clerk.

**CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK CLARK:**

Good afternoon.

**CHAIRMAN MAZZARELLA:**

Roll call, please.

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

**CHAIRMAN MAZZARELLA:**

Present.

**LEG. BERGIN:**

Present.

**LEG. HAHN:**

Present.

**LEG. TROTТА:**

Here.

**LEG. RICHBERG:**

(Excused.)

**LEG. BONTEMPI:**

Present.

**CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK CLARK:**

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**CHAIRMAN MAZZARELLA:**

I believe Legislator Richberg has an excused absence.

Do we have any correspondence, Madam Clerk?

**CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK CLARK:**

All correspondence have been distributed accordingly, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRMAN MAZZARELLA:**

Thank you. Do we have any speakers for public portion?

1 **MR. DELUCA:**

2 There are no speakers, Mr. Chairman.

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4 **CHAIRMAN MAZZARELLA:**

5 Thank you. Is there anyone present that would like to speak on  
6 public portion? Seeing none, we'll move right to our tabled  
7 resolutions beginning with tabled resolution 1349.

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9 **1349, Authorizing funding of infrastructure improvements and**  
10 **oversight of real property under the Suffolk County Affordable**  
11 **Housing Opportunities Program (The Grove Apartments). (Co. Exec.) I**  
12 **will make a motion to approve.**

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14 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**

15 I'll second.

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17 **CHAIRMAN MAZZARELLA:**

18 Second by Legislator Bontempi. On the motion, Legislator Dominick  
19 Thorne.

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21 **LEG. THORNE:**

22 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, as I don't sit on this committee. I just  
23 wanted to take a moment to thank all of our colleagues for their  
24 patience on the tabling motion. The East Patchogue Focus Group,  
25 which is the civic in the area, did host a community meeting, which  
26 is one of my requirements of this project. They had great  
27 attendance. The builders and the developers certainly answered all  
28 the questions and overall was accepted, so we want to certainly  
29 thank my colleagues, the East Patchogue Focus Group as well as the  
30 developers and everyone involved for their patience and to allow my  
31 community to weigh in on this, so thank you for approving it, and  
32 we'll be happy to see that move forward.

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34 **LEG. HAHN:**

35 The people that happen to want to speak on this are going through  
36 security -- that want to speak on this, so what do you want to do?

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38 **CHAIRMAN MAZZARELLA:**

39 Okay. We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed?  
40 Abstentions?

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42 **LEG. TROTTA:**

43 Opposed.

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45 **CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK CLARK:**

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48 **CHAIRMAN MAZZARELLA:**

49 1549 is approved.

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51 Moving along. Tabled Resolution.

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53 **1577, Adopting Local Law No. -2023, A Local Law to amend the Hotel**  
54 **and Motel Tax Law. (Richberg)** I am going to motion to table for  
55 public hearing and second by Legislator Trotta. All in favor?  
56 Opposed? Abstentions?

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2 **CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK CLARK:**  
3 Five.

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5 **CHAIRMAN MAZZARELLA:**  
6 1577 is tabled for public hearing.

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8 **IR 1619, Designating Kaitlyn Ruitter as Suffolk County's Outstanding**  
9 **Youth in the Arts. (Bontempi)** Motion by Legislator Bontempi and  
10 seconded by Legislator Trotta. All in favor? Opposed?  
11 Abstentions?

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13 **CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK CLARK:**  
14 Five.

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16 IR 1619 is approved.

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18 Seeing no procedural motions, home rule messages, executive  
19 sessions, or tabled subject to call, this committee is adjourned.

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21 (The committee was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.)  
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