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LEGISLATOR ALDEN FILES CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM LEGISLATION

Suffolk County Legislator Cameron Alden has filed landmark legislation that would make it illegal to solicit money from County employees, people doing business with Suffolk, recipients of funding from Suffolk's Industrial Development Agency, and not-for-profit groups.

The Alden proposal is being introduced in the form of a public referendum. "There is a perception that government contracts are oftentimes awarded on the basis of political contributions, and not upon the qualifications and cost effectiveness of the proposed vendor. "This proposal, if approved, would end that perception," he said. Alden maintains that several recent events prompted him to file the legislation.

"We've got to do something to improve the confidence, to improve the perception that people have of us. What I'm hearing is people saying our government is for sale. My legislation, if approved by my colleagues in the Legislature and signed by the County Executive will put an end to that," he concluded.

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ALDEN CONCERNED ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY AFTER HIGHWAY PATROL UNITS PULLED FROM LIE AND SUNRISE HIGHWAY



When County Executive Steve Levy called another special meeting of the Legislature to deal with Suffolk's fiscal crisis back in July, Legislator Cameron Alden began questioning members of his staff concerning Mr. Levy's decision to yank Suffolk County highway patrol units from Sunrise Highway and the Long Island Expressway.

Following a number of incomplete answers to his questions, Legislator Alden asked Presiding Officer William Lindsay to request that the County Executive make a rare appearance before

the lawmaking body. "People are rightfully concerned with their safety, and my office has received numerous telephone calls in relation to police presence on Sunrise Highway."

Alden stated that there were 13 less officers patrolling the roadways, which he maintained could in fact impact response time, in addition to precinct coverage. "While I believe members of the Sheriff's Department provides much needed coverage of these two roadways, officers from our highway units are specifically trained to handle emergency occurrences that may occur," he said. The Alden statements were made during the middle of summer. Now, two members of Long Island's Congressional delegation have spoken out against the

County Executive's plan. Both Steve Israel and Tim Bishop said recently that Suffolk County is better off with police officers patrolling both roadways than with deputy sheriffs.

In a related development, Alden was one of 17 Legislators to sign correspondence supporting Governor David Paterson's proposal enacting a \$50 surcharge on summonses issued on the Long Island Expressway and Sunrise Highway. The letter was sent to the Governor's Office by Presiding Officer William Lindsay. "Your proposal is certainly a major step in the right direction as we all strive to solve this problem in a true spirit of cooperation," said Alden.



Legislator Alden is shown conferring with Presiding Officer William Lindsay concerning the County Executive's decision to pull Suffolk's Highway Patrol Units from the Long Island Expressway and Sunrise Highway. During the discussion, Alden asked Mr. Lindsay to ask the County Executive to address members of the lawmaking body to get an update on the situation. Mr. Levy never responded to Mr. Lindsay's formal request.

LEGISLATOR ALDEN REMINDS HIS CONSTITUENTS “DON’T BE THE VICTIMS OF A CHECK SCAM”

Someone sends you a check or money order. They ask you to deposit it to your account and then wire-transfer them the money-minus a hefty bonus for you, a “thank you” for helping them out.

Do you think you should wire money to a stranger?

Well United States Postal Inspectors hope you say absolutely not. The offer may sound like a great deal, but as usual what sounds too good to be true, usually is. The check you receive is probably counterfeit, and guess what; you’ll be out the money. Here’s how the scam works...

- The sale’s “pitch” pretty much stays the same, but it may appear in various disguises for instance... You’ve overpaid for an item you sold on the internet and asked to wire-transfer back the extra money.
- You receive a check and notification that you’ve won a foreign lottery or sweepstakes. You’re told to deposit the check, representing a portion of the winnings, and wire-transfer \$2,000 to \$5,000 back to “cover the taxes” so you collect the rest of the money.
- A work at home offer promises that, in return for depositing a money order or check to your bank account, you can keep a percentage of the money after wire-transferring the rest.

Needless to say the check or money order you eventually receive for deposit will turn out to be counterfeit. It will be returned to your bank unpaid, and the full amount will be deducted from your account.

It is important to note that you are responsible for any check or money order you deposit to your account. If it turns out to be counterfeit, or is returned unpaid for any reason, you are fully responsible for the loss.

If you believe you were victimized, contact your nearest Postal Inspection Service Office by calling 1-877-876-2455.

PINK RAYS OF HOPE



Shown with Legislator Alden at the lighting ceremony are Dr. Green, Lorraine Marciano, Lorraine Pace and Regina Israelian.



H. Lee Dennison Building in Hauppauge is one of a number of national structures glowing in pink during the illumination initiative in October.

Legislator Alden, a breast cancer survivor, has worked in conjunction with the Estee Lauder Global Landmarks Illumination Initiative for the past eight years in an effort to increase awareness in both men and women that early detection saves lives.

IN RONKONKOMA

ALDEN HONORS AN “EAGLE SCOUT”

Legislator Alden recently joined with members of Boy Scout Troop 197 at a ceremony honoring Ronkonkoma resident Matthew Gregory Leibowitz following his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. “It is with deserving acknowledgement that the Boy Scouts of America award this honor to one of its young citizens,” said Alden.

Shown with Leg. Alden and Eagle Scout Matt Leibowitz are Judge James P. Flanagan, his sister Jennifer, parents Judy and Mark and Town of Islip Supervisor Phil Nolan.



IN EAST ISLIP

ALDEN SWEARS IN NEW BOARD

Legislator Alden recently joined with members of the East Islip Historical Society to swear in this year’s new Board. Legislator Alden has been instrumental in securing much needed funding so the Historical Society can continue to flourish and educate our community of its past history.

Shown with Legislator Alden are East Islip Historical Society’s Vice President Ted Sanford, President Michael Attanasio, Treasurer Rita Burke, Secretary Vivian Boos, and Recording Secretary Kathryn Ewart.

IN ISLIP

ALDEN SALUTES VETERANS

Over the years, Legislator Alden has always honored our military personnel and our veterans by attending ceremonies in his Legislative District, at Armed Forces Plaza at the H. Lee Dennison Building in Hauppauge, and at Bald Hill in Farmingville. “It is always a great honor to attend these events and salute our country’s brave men and women,” said Alden.

Shown with Legislator Alden is Melody Thomas, Commander of the Islip American Legion Rusy-Bohm Post 411.

