

Intro. Res. No. 1310-2009

Laid on Table 4/28/2009

Introduced by Legislators Beedenbender, Browning, D'Amaro, Schneiderman, Gregory and Stern

**RESOLUTION NO. 532 -2009, ESTABLISHING MANDATORY ETHICS TRAINING FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**WHEREAS**, it is important for government to maintain integrity and the highest ethical standards when conducting its business; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to entering government service, many employees and elected officials do not receive the training and information they need to avoid conflicts of interest and other ethical violations; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County does not currently provide new employees with the information they need to perform their duties while maintaining the highest ethical standards; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County's elected officials and their appointed employees should be trained to recognize and address ethical issues as they arise during their public employment; and

**WHEREAS**, establishing an ethics training program for elected officials and providing all employees with information about ethics will ensure that Suffolk County's public servants are aware of, and responsive to, ethical issues; now therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that all County elected officials who are elected or reelected on or after November 3, 2009, shall receive mandatory ethics training at the first available ethics training seminar after the elected official take the oath of office, for each term they serve; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Suffolk County Ethics Commission shall conduct at least two (2) ethics training seminars each even numbered year and one (1) ethics training seminar each odd numbered year; and be it further

**3rd RESOLVED**, that all employees appointed by County elected officials, including department and division heads, shall receive mandatory ethics training at the first available training seminar after the effective date of their appointment, commencing January 1, 2010; and be it further

**4th RESOLVED**, that all other employees hired by the County of Suffolk on or after January 1, 2010 shall receive an ethics booklet approved by the Suffolk County Ethics Commission which summarizes the County's Code of Ethics and shall sign a statement that they have received this booklet and understand that they must abide by the ethics provisions contained therein during their employment with the County; and be it further

**5th RESOLVED**, that all employees hired by the County of Suffolk after January 1, 2010 shall receive the ethics booklet at their orientation session; and be it further

**6th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Suffolk County Ethics Commission is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to develop the ethics training program for elected officials and their appointed personnel and the above described booklet, to be approved by the Suffolk County Ethics Commission; and be it further

**7th**           **RESOLVED**, that, at a minimum, the training program approved by the Ethics Commission shall include a review of the Suffolk County Code of Ethics and all other relevant provisions of State and County Law that relate to ethics and prohibited conflicts of interest; and be it further

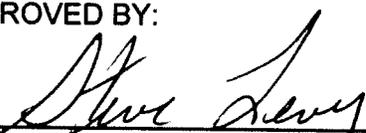
**8th**           **RESOLVED**, that the attorneys from the Department of Law assigned to assist the Ethics Commission shall work with the Director of the Suffolk County Ethics Commission to develop the above described training program and booklet and shall along with the Director of the Suffolk County Ethics Commission, be authorized to conduct the program on behalf of the Commission; and be it further

**9th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Suffolk County Ethics Commission is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to update the ethics training program and ethics booklet as appropriate as necessary, to be approved by the Suffolk County Ethics Commission; and be it further

**10th**           **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: June 23, 2009

APPROVED BY:

  
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County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 7-6-09

SUFFOLK COUNTY  
County Legislature  
RIVERHEAD, NY



*This is to Certify That I, TIM LAUBE, Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of said County on June 23, 2009 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Laube".

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Clerk of the Legislature

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**Motion:**  
 Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Beedenbender, Losquadro  
 Eddington, Montano, Alden, Lindsay, Viloría-Fisher, Barraga,  
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

**Co-Sponsors:**  
 Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Beedenbender, Losquadro  
 Eddington, Montano, Alden, Lindsay, Viloría-Fisher, Barraga,  
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

**Second:**  
 Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Beedenbender, Losquadro  
 Eddington, Montano, Alden, Lindsay, Viloría-Fisher, Barraga,  
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R	
1	Edward P. ROMAINE						
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN						
3	Kate M. BROWNING						
4	Brian BEEDENBENDER						
6	Daniel P. LOSQUADRO						
7	Jack EDDINGTON						
9	Ricardo MONTANO						
10	Cameron ALDEN						
11	Thomas F. BARRAGA						
12	John M. KENNEDY, JR.						
13	Lynne C. NOWICK						
14	Wayne R. HORSLEY						
15	DuWayne GREGORY						
16	Steven H. STERN						
17	Lou D'AMARO						
18	Jon COOPER						
5	Vivian VILORIA-FISHER, D.P.O.						
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.						
Totals		18					

**MOTION**

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 Table Subject To Call  
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 Take Out of Order  
 Reconsider  
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APPROVED  FAILED \_\_\_\_\_  
 No Motion \_\_\_\_\_ No Second \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION DECLARED**

ADOPTED  
 NOT ADOPTED

*Tim Laube*  
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 Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Vote 4