

**RESOLUTION NO. 647 -2016, TO ESTABLISH THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY NEXT GENERATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, statistics show that Long Island's population of young people has declined steadily over the past four decades; Long Island lost 15 percent of its 20 to 34 year-old population during the last census period compared to a 5-percent increase in that population nationwide, with 70 percent of young workers on Long Island stating that they are likely to move away in the next five years; and

WHEREAS, government, business and civic leaders share the goal of reversing this "brain drain" trend; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County residents aged 22-35 are underrepresented in County government; and

WHEREAS, convening a group of Suffolk County residents aged 22 to 35 to offer their thoughts and opinions on County legislation, projects, policy and planning could provide useful solutions that would help Suffolk County achieve this goal; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Next Generation Advisory Council is hereby established for the purpose of bringing together the County's top young minds and leaders to weigh in on and help craft proposals and legislation that directly affect young professionals and their future on Long Island; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the term "next generation" refers to individuals presently between the ages of 22 and 35 years of age; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that this Council will be comprised of the following council members, for a total of 20:

1. A next generation County resident appointed by the Presiding Officer;
2. A next generation County resident appointed by the County Executive;
3. A next generation County resident appointed by each of the Legislature's 18 Legislators. If a Legislator chooses to forgo selecting a member, the Presiding Officer may select a member in that Legislator's place;

and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the Presiding Officer will select the group's chairperson; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, the chairperson will appoint from the membership liaisons to each of the Legislature's 12 committees, and those liaisons will be responsible for tracking legislation that affects the next generation of Long Islanders; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that legislation affecting next generation residents includes but is not limited to any legislative action that would affect housing, employment and economic opportunities for Suffolk residents ages 22-35; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that this Council as a whole shall meet, at a minimum, four times annually; and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, that at these meetings, the Council will consider the legislation flagged by the Council's liaisons; formulate ideas for potential legislation or projects; discuss how such legislation or projects will affect next generation residents; and either provide written comments to the Clerk, legislation sponsors or appropriate Legislature committee chair, or in the alternative select a representative from the Council to address the Legislature at a Legislature committee meeting or General Meeting; and be it further

9th **RESOLVED**, that 11 members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting the business of the Council; and be it further

10th **RESOLVED**, that the Council will submit an annual report on the State of Long Island's Next Generation to the Presiding Officer and each member of the Legislature summarizing its findings, opinions and feedback from the year; and be it further

11th **RESOLVED**, that the reports and suggestions developed by this group will be non-binding and advisory in nature; and be it further

12th **RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall provide clerical services associated with the month-to-month operation of this Council, as well as supplies and postage as necessary; and be it further

13th **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: July 26, 2016

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: August 1, 2016

