

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Steve Levy
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 7, 2008

Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay and
Members of the Suffolk County Legislature
William H. Rogers Legislative Building
725 Veterans Memorial Highway
Smithtown, New York 11787

Re: Resolution No. 499-2008 [B.A. 9 2008]; Amending the Proposed 2009-2011 Capital Program and the Proposed 2009 Capital Budget (CP 2159)

Project No. 2159 – Project Name: Learning Resource Center - Grant Campus

Dear Presiding Officer Lindsay and Members of the Suffolk County Legislature:

I am returning Resolution No. 499-2008 vetoed because we must have the courage to say “No” to the projects we want in order to have the capacity to say “Yes” to those the residents of Suffolk County truly need.

We should plan for what we need and can afford. We should not place everything and the kitchen sink into our Capital Budget simply in the hope that it might become eligible for some State funding because County taxpayers still have to match any funding that comes from the State.

No other College in New York State has three (3) gyms, three (3) libraries, and three (3) specialized areas of teaching.

We must once again think of the College as a single institution with three (3) campuses and not as three (3) separate colleges, each requiring the exact same configuration of staff, buildings, and facilities. In 1996, the College Board of Trustees confirmed the philosophy of one (1) College with three (3) campuses after receiving an independent consulting firm’s report on its operations.

We must return to the original goal of the college to provide an affordable two (2) year education as a springboard for future advancement up the economic ladder of success.

As I have consistently stated, the County finds itself with an extraordinarily high level of authorization to borrow that has resulted in a large backlog of capital projects, now totaling \$542 million as of March 2008. Suffolk County is in need of fiscal discipline.

In one fell swoop on June 24, the County Legislature added over \$28 million in county spending and over \$42 million in debt to the County's finances on three college projects. Is there ever a project presented by the college to which the Legislature says "No?"

Ironically, many legislators have been engaged in grandiose speeches complaining of what they termed an intolerably high level of "pipeline" debt. Yet, these same legislators continue with an insatiable appetite to spend and show an inability to say "No." The only way to control this pipeline debt that so many have complained about is to actually say no and sustain these vetoes.

The Western Campus already has a library for this two year institution. Additionally, the County just built a \$14.5 million library on the eastern campus last year. Where does the spending end?

I have consistently reminded everyone that "**we simply cannot have it all**". We have to exercise fiscal discipline in order to protect the taxpayers of this County from unacceptably high tax increases.

For these reasons, I am compelled to veto Resolution 499-2008 - Project No. 2159, in the amount of \$32.4 million, as the cost of which exceeds Suffolk County taxpayers' ability to pay.

Sincerely,



Steve Levy

County Executive of Suffolk County

Capital Program and Capital Budget Amending Resolution No. 9-2008
 Introduced by Legislator Losquadro, Montano, Romaine, and Schneiderman

**RESOLUTION NO. 499-2008, AMENDING THE PROPOSED
 2009-2011 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND THE PROPOSED 2009
 CAPITAL BUDGET (CP 2159)**

WHEREAS, the County Executive has presented a Proposed Capital Budget for 2009 and a Proposed Capital Program for 2009-2011; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Legislature has held two public hearings on the proposed capital program and budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections C4-19 and C4-20 of the Suffolk County Charter, the Suffolk County Legislature wishes to amend the proposed capital program and budget; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Proposed 2009 Capital Budget and the Proposed 2009-2011 Capital Program be and they hereby are amended as follows:

PROJECT NO.: 2159 PROJECT NAME: LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER – GRANT CAMPUS
 DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY COLLEGE

| COST ELEMENTS | Proposed Capital Program and Budget | | Proposed Capital Program | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|------------------|
| | TOTAL | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | Subsequent Years |
| Planning Design & Supervision | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Land Acquisition | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Construction | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Site Improvements | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Furniture & Equip. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL EST. COST | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

VETOED

PRIORITY RANK: Not Included

| COST ELEMENTS | Adopted Capital Program and Budget | | Proposed Capital Program | | Subsequent Years |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | | |
| Planning Design & Supervision | \$1,600,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$800,000B \$800,000S |
| Land Acquisition | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Construction | \$25,000,000 | \$0 | 0 | \$0 | \$12,500,000B \$12,500,000S |
| Site Improvements | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Furniture & Equip. | \$5,800,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$2,900,000B \$2,900,000S |
| TOTAL EST. COST | \$32,400,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$32,400,000 |

PRIORITY RANK: 41

NOTE: This resolution restores this project to the Capital Program by including a total of \$32,400,000 in SY to construct a new library with integrated state of the art information technology, classrooms, faculty offices, student/faculty workspace, and to house the campus' fine arts department on the Grant Campus; \$1,600,000 for planning, \$25,000,000 for construction and \$5,800,000 for furniture and equipment. This project is eligible for 50% state aid (\$16.2 million). The property tax impact associated with the increase in serial bonds in SY is not calculated since (1) it is not clear how far into the future this borrowing will be needed and (2) the intent of funding in SY is included mainly as a representation of the county's long-term planning needs. See Budget Review Office report p. 161.

DATED: June 24, 2008

APPROVED BY:

VETOED

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 7-7-08

Intro. Res. BA 9 Res. No. 499

June 24, 2008

Motion:

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

Co-Sponsors:

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

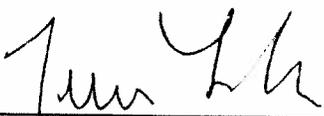
Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Beedenbender, Losquadro
 Eddington, Montano, Alden, Lindsay, Viloría-Fisher, Barraga,
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, 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 | / | | | | |
| 16 | Steven H. STERN | / | | | | |
| 17 | Lou D'AMARO | / | | | | |
| 18 | Jon COOPER | / | | | | |
| 15 | | | | | | |
| 5 | Vivian VILORIA-FISHER, D.P.O. | / | | | | |
| 8 | William J. LINDSAY, P.O. | / | | | | |
| | Totals | 15 | 1 | 1 | | → |

| MOTION | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve | |
| Table: _____ | |
| Send To Committee _____ | |
| Table Subject To Call _____ | |
| Lay On The Table _____ | |
| Discharge _____ | |
| Take Out of Order _____ | |
| Reconsider _____ | |
| Waive Rule _____ | |
| Override Veto _____ | |
| Close _____ | |
| Recess _____ | |
| APPROVED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAILED _____ | |
| No Motion _____ No Second _____ | |

| RESOLUTION DECLARED |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADOPTED |
| NOT ADOPTED _____ |



 Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call _____ Voice Vote

**FINANCIAL IMPACT
PROPERTY TAX LEVY
COST TO THE AVERAGE TAXPAYER**

CAPITAL PROJECT 2159- LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER- GRANT CAMPUS

2009

| | 2009 PROPERTY TAX LEVY | 2009 COST TO AVG TAXPAYER | 2009 AV TAX RATE PER \$100 | 2009 FEV TAX RATE PER \$1000 |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| TOTAL | \$0 | \$0.00 | \$0.000 | \$0.000 |

2009-2011 INCLUDING SUBSEQUENT YEARS

| | ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY | ANNUAL COST TO AVG TAXPAYER | ANNUAL AV TAX RATE PER \$100 | ANNUAL FEV TAX RATE PER \$1000 |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| TOTAL | -\$1,199,954 | -\$2.24 | -\$0.002 | -\$0.004 |

NOTES:

- 1) SOURCE FOR NUMBER OF FAMILY PARCELS AND CORRESPONDING ASSESSED VALUATION: SUFFOLK COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 2007.
- 2) SOURCE FOR TOTAL TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION FOR COUNTY PURPOSES: RESOLUTION NO. 1061-2007
- 3) SOURCE FOR EQUALIZATION RATES: 2007 COUNTY EQUALIZATION RATES AS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT AND ADOPTED BY THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE ON 11/20/07.

Suffolk County
Project Name
 General Obligation Serial Bonds
 Level Debt

Term of Bonds: 20
 Amount to Bond: -\$16,200,000

| Date | Coupon | Principal | Interest | Total Debt Service | Fiscal Debt Service |
|------------|--------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 11/1/2008 | | | | | |
| 5/1/2009 | | | | | |
| 11/1/2009 | 4.000% | (\$539,804.24) | (\$660,150.00) | (\$1,199,954.24) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$319,076.49) | (\$319,076.49) | |
| 11/1/2010 | 4.000% | (\$561,801.27) | (\$319,076.49) | (\$880,877.76) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$307,629.79) | (\$307,629.79) | |
| 11/1/2011 | 4.000% | (\$584,694.67) | (\$307,629.79) | (\$892,324.46) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$295,716.63) | (\$295,716.63) | |
| 10/31/2012 | 4.000% | (\$608,520.98) | (\$295,716.63) | (\$904,237.61) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$283,318.02) | (\$283,318.02) | |
| 11/1/2013 | 4.000% | (\$633,318.21) | (\$283,318.02) | (\$916,636.23) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$270,414.16) | (\$270,414.16) | |
| 11/1/2014 | 4.000% | (\$659,125.92) | (\$270,414.16) | (\$929,540.08) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$256,984.47) | (\$256,984.47) | |
| 11/1/2015 | 4.000% | (\$685,985.30) | (\$256,984.47) | (\$942,969.77) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$243,007.52) | (\$243,007.52) | |
| 10/31/2016 | 4.000% | (\$713,939.21) | (\$243,007.52) | (\$956,946.73) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$228,461.01) | (\$228,461.01) | |
| 11/1/2017 | 4.000% | (\$743,032.23) | (\$228,461.01) | (\$971,493.24) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$213,321.73) | (\$213,321.73) | |
| 11/1/2018 | 4.000% | (\$773,310.79) | (\$213,321.73) | (\$986,632.52) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$197,565.52) | (\$197,565.52) | |
| 11/1/2019 | 4.000% | (\$804,823.21) | (\$197,565.52) | (\$1,002,388.73) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$181,167.25) | (\$181,167.25) | |
| 10/31/2020 | 4.000% | (\$837,619.75) | (\$181,167.25) | (\$1,018,787.00) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$164,100.74) | (\$164,100.74) | |
| 11/1/2021 | 4.000% | (\$871,752.76) | (\$164,100.74) | (\$1,035,853.50) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$146,338.78) | (\$146,338.78) | |
| 11/1/2022 | 4.000% | (\$907,276.68) | (\$146,338.78) | (\$1,053,615.46) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$127,853.02) | (\$127,853.02) | |
| 11/1/2023 | 4.250% | (\$944,248.21) | (\$127,853.02) | (\$1,072,101.23) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$108,613.96) | (\$108,613.96) | |
| 10/31/2024 | 4.250% | (\$982,726.32) | (\$108,613.96) | (\$1,091,340.28) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$88,590.91) | (\$88,590.91) | |
| 11/1/2025 | 4.250% | (\$1,022,772.42) | (\$88,590.91) | (\$1,111,363.33) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$67,751.92) | (\$67,751.92) | |
| 11/1/2026 | 4.250% | (\$1,064,450.40) | (\$67,751.92) | (\$1,132,202.32) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$46,063.75) | (\$46,063.75) | |
| 11/1/2027 | 4.250% | (\$1,107,826.75) | (\$46,063.75) | (\$1,153,890.50) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | (\$23,491.78) | (\$23,491.78) | |
| 10/31/2028 | 4.250% | (\$1,152,970.69) | (\$23,491.78) | (\$1,176,462.47) | (\$1,199,954.24) |
| | | | | | |
| | | (\$16,200,000.00) | (\$7,799,084.89) | (\$23,999,084.89) | (\$23,999,084.89) |