

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Steve Levy
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 22, 2009

Presiding Officer William Lindsay
And Members of the Suffolk County Legislature
William Rogers Building
725 Veterans Memorial Highway
Hauppauge, New York 11788

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 454 -2009, AMENDING THE PROPOSED 2010-2012 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND THE PROPOSED 2010 CAPITAL BUDGET

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. 454-2009, Project No. 2159 – Project Name: Learning Resource Center, Grant Campus 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 anything 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.

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. We warned that the millions spent on the new library at the Brentwood Campus was just the tip of the iceberg. This expenditure was unnecessary from the start.

In one fell swoop on June 9, the County Legislature added over \$18.3 million in county spending and over \$9.5 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. The only way to control this pipeline debt that so many have complained about is to actually say no and sustain these vetoes.

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 \$629 million dollars of pipeline debt as of March 2009. We must exercise fiscal discipline.

The Western Campus already has a library for this two-year institution. Additionally, the County just authorized a 14.5 million dollar library on the eastern campus in 2007. Where does the spending end?

As a result, 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 454-2009 - Project No. 2159, because it has unreasonably accelerated the pace of this project and pushed monies from subsequent year funding into 2010.

Sincerely,



Steve Levy

County Executive of Suffolk County

Capital Program and Capital Budget Amending Resolution No. 2-2009
 Introduced by Legislators Montano, Alden, Romaine, Kennedy, Vilorio-Fisher and Cooper

**RESOLUTION NO. 454 -2009, AMENDING THE PROPOSED
 2010-2012 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND THE PROPOSED 2010
 CAPITAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the County Executive has presented a Proposed Capital Budget for 2010 and a Proposed Capital Program for 2010-2012; 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 2010 Capital Budget and the Proposed 2010-2012 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		Subsequent Years
	TOTAL	2010	2011	2012	
Planning Design & Supervision	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$0	\$800,000 B \$800,000 S	\$0
Land Acquisition	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$25,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,500,000 B \$12,500,000 S
Site Improvements	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Furniture & Equip.	\$5,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,900,000 B \$2,900,000 S
TOTAL EST. COST	\$32,400,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$1,600,000	\$30,800,000

PRIORITY RANK: 41

COST ELEMENTS	Adopted Capital Program and Budget		Adopted Capital Program		
	TOTAL	2010	2011	2012	Subsequent Years
Planning Design & Supervision	\$1,600,000	\$800,000 B \$800,000 S	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land Acquisition	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$25,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,500,000 B \$12,500,000 S
Site Improvements	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Furniture & Equip.	\$5,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,900,000 B \$2,900,000 S
TOTAL EST. COST	\$32,400,000	\$1,600,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$30,800,000

PRIORITY RANK: 50

NOTE: This resolution advances \$1.6 million for planning from SY to 2010 to provide the Grant Campus with sufficient library and student support space to accommodate the growth in enrollment, and to remedy the library space, which is deficient according to SUNY guidelines.

DATED: June 9, 2009

APPROVED BY:

VETOED

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 6/19/09

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

CAPITAL PROGRAM AND CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2-2009

2010

	2010 PROPERTY TAX LEVY	2010 COST TO AVG TAXPAYER	2010 AV TAX RATE PER \$100	2010 FEV TAX RATE PER \$1000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.000	\$0.000

2010-2012 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	-\$1,169,793	-\$2.16	-\$0.002	-\$0.003

NOTES:

- 1) SOURCE FOR NUMBER OF FAMILY PARCELS AND CORRESPONDING ASSESSED VALUATION: SUFFOLK COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 2008.
- 2) SOURCE FOR TOTAL TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION FOR COUNTY PURPOSES: RESOLUTION NO. 973-2008
- 3) SOURCE FOR EQUALIZATION RATES: 2008 COUNTY EQUALIZATION RATES AS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT AND ADOPTED BY THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE ON 11/18/08.

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

Approve

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Override Veto

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Recess

APPROVED FAILED _____

No Motion _____ No Second _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED

ADOPTED

NOT ADOPTED

Tim Laube

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call Voice Vote