

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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Steve Levy
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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August 19, 2010

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. 720-2010 MANDATING IMPLEMENTATION OF
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO HOUSE HOMELESS SEX OFFENDERS**

Dear Presiding Officer Lindsay and Members of the Legislature:

I am returning herein **Resolution No. 720-2010; "Mandating Implementation of Comprehensive Plan to House Homeless Sex Offenders"** vetoed in its entirety.

This resolution directs the Department of Social Services to implement "the new program for housing homeless sex offenders in congregate shelters" no later than October 15, 2010.

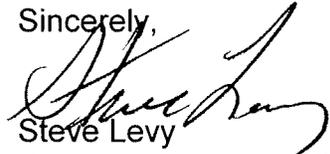
As you are aware, Resolution 417-2010 terminated the use of the voucher system and directed the Department of Social Services to request proposals from the private sector for housing this small population. Only one provider responded to the request, with a plan that specifies the provider will only locate shelters without any prior notice to community members or their elected officials.

This Legislature has yet to act on that one proposal that was received. But before mandating an implementation date which may or may not be feasible, the Legislature must fully vet and accept the proposal, or develop alternatives.

By signing this resolution, I would be giving credence to the ill-advised policy promoted in the Presiding Officer's Resolution 417-2010 that voided the voucher system, which was the only realistic way we could be able to quickly phase out use of trailers on the East End.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain my veto of this resolution.

Sincerely,


Steve Levy 08/19/10
County Executive of Suffolk County

cc: All Suffolk County Legislators
Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature
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Edward Dumas, Chief Deputy County Executive
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Dan Aug, Director of Communications
Mark Smith, Deputy Director of Communications

Intro. Res. No. 1672-2010
Introduced by Legislator Schneiderman

Laid on Table 6/8/10

**RESOLUTION NO. 720 -2010, MANDATING
IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO HOUSE
HOMELESS SEX OFFENDERS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 417-2010 terminated the voucher system employed by the Department of Social Services to house homeless sex offenders; and

WHEREAS, one of the key goals underlying Resolution No. 417-2010 was to close the sex offender trailers sited in Riverhead and Westhampton; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 417-2010 directed the Department of Social Services to develop a new comprehensive program to house homeless sex offenders in congregate shelters located on an equitable basis throughout Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 417-2010 did not provide a date certain for implementation of the new comprehensive program for housing sex offenders; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Social Services is hereby directed to implement the new program for housing homeless sex offenders in congregate shelters, as provided for in Resolution No. 417-2010, no later than October 15, 2010; and be it further

2nd 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: **AUG 03 2010**

APPROVED BY:

VETOED

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date:

AUG 19 2010

Intro. Res. 11072 Res. No. 720

August 3, 2010

Motion:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Losquadro
 Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vilorio-Fisher, Barraga,
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Co-Sponsors:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Losquadro
 Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vilorio-Fisher, Barraga,
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Losquadro
 Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vilorio-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	Thomas MURATORE	/				
6	Daniel P. LOSQUADRO	/				
7	Jack EDDINGTON	/				
9	Ricardo MONTANO		/			
10	Thomas CILMI		/			
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		10	8			

MOTION
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___ Take Out of Order
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___ Override Veto
___ Close
___ Recess
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No Motion ___ No Second ___

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

Tim Laube
 Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call ___ Voice Vote