

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 30, 2011

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COUNTY LEGISLATURE
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY
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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. 1076 – 2011, APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS (CP 3117)

Dear Presiding Officer Lindsay and Members of the Legislature:

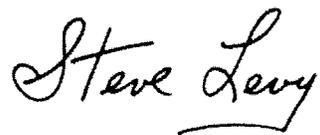
I am returning herein **RESOLUTION NO. 1076 – 2011, APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS (CP 3117)**; vetoed in its entirety.

The executive branch made a policy determination to scale back the capital budget to deal with the difficult economic conditions we face. Major infrastructure was given priority in order to spur economic development, but other items that might have breezed through in better years, were delayed.

The legislature often says that the capital budget doesn't authorize spending, it merely creates a plan. However by placing every item in the budget up for authorization, it shatters that concept and eliminates any form of prioritization in order to control debt service levels.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Levy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent underline under the word "Levy".

Steve Levy
County Executive of Suffolk County

cc: All Suffolk County Legislators
Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature
Christine Malafi, Esq., Suffolk County Attorney
Lynne A. Bizzarro, Esq., Chief Deputy County Attorney
Edward Dumas, Chief Deputy County Executive
Eric Naughton, Deputy County Executive for Finance and Management
Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive
Connie Corso, Budget Director
Eric Kopp, Assistant Deputy County Executive
Dan Aug, Director of Communications
Mark Smith, Deputy Director of Communications

RESOLUTION NO. 1076 -2011, APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS (CP 3117)

WHEREAS, the Police Commissioner has requested funds to purchase the replacement of an existing single engine A-Star helicopter for a second twin engine medevac helicopter; and

WHEREAS, this replacement will enable the Police Department to maintain its current helicopter fleet of four aircraft; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds within the 2011 Capital Budget and Program to cover the cost of said helicopter replacement under Capital Project No. 3117; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature, by resolution of even date herewith, has authorized the issuance of \$7,500,000 in Suffolk County Serial Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006, has established a priority ranking system, implemented in the 2011 Adopted Capital Budget and Program, as the basis for funding capital projects such as this project; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that it is determined that this program with a priority ranking of sixty-five (65) is eligible for approval in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), Env. Con. Law Art. 8, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action, pursuant to Volume 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations ("NYCRR") Section 617.5(c)(25) and (27), in that the resolution concerns purchase of furnishings, equipment and supplies, other than land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides or other hazardous materials, and adoption of a local legislative decision in connection with same; as a Type II action, the Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the proceeds of \$7,500,000 in Suffolk County Serial Bonds be and they are hereby appropriated as follows:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>JC</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
525-CAP-3117.516 (Fund 001-Debt Service)	28	Purchase of Additional Helicopters	\$7,500,000

DATED: December 20, 2011

APPROVED BY:

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County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 12-30-11

Intro. Res.

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Res. No. 1076

December 20, 2011

Motion:

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

Co-Sponsors:

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

Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vitoria-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	Sarah S. ANKER	/				
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	16	2			

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

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

Tim Laube

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call Voice Vote _____