

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Steve Levy
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 27, 2011

COUNTY LEGISLATURE
SUFFOLK COUNTY, N.Y.
RIVERHEAD

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RECEIVED

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. 1098-2011, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON NEW BUS FARES

Dear Presiding Officer Lindsay and Members of the Legislature:

I AM RETURNING HEREIN RESOLUTION 1098-2011, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON NEW BUS FARES vetoed in its entirety.

These are extraordinarily hard conditions our taxpayers are facing. Too many of our residents are losing their jobs, paying more into their benefits and some even seeing their pensions reduced. Major tax and fee increases are the last thing our residents wish to see in these very difficult economic times.

The tax and fee increases passed by the Legislature over the past month were, and are, avoidable. Had we simply closed the nursing home by January 1st and required employees to contribute to their healthcare, as I recommended in my proposed budget, the taxpayers could be given a break.

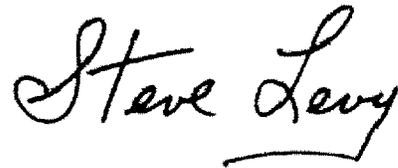
Over the last month the Legislature increased the property tax, removed the cap on gasoline taxes, increased fees charged to individuals seeking access to our parks; increased fees for services provided to the public through our Medical Examiner's office and our County Clerk's office, and increased fees for individuals seeking applications to our Suffolk County Planning Commission. Additionally, the Legislature is poised to vote for a \$0.50 increase in bus fares, which has a disproportionately high impact on the poor and working class.

Hopefully, the Legislature can work in the upcoming year toward moving the huge losses of the nursing home off of our books and require employees to pay a fair share into their healthcare costs. Every month that goes by without these measures being

implemented is millions of dollars that are wasted. We cannot tax and fee our way out of difficult economic times.

For these reasons, I urge the Legislature to sustain my veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Levy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the "y" at the end.

Steve Levy
County Executive of Suffolk County

Intro. Res. No. 2037-2011

Laid on Table 11/22/2011

Introduced by Presiding Officer Lindsay, Deputy Presiding Officer Viloría-Fisher and Legislators Cooper, Gregory, Kennedy, Montano, Nowick, Schneiderman

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WHEREAS, the 2012 Adopted Operating Budget includes revenue from an increase in the County's full bus fare from \$1.50 to \$2.00; and

WHEREAS, the County's bus fares have not been increased in many years and are significantly lower than regional standards; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works should hold public hearings on increasing bus fares prior to implementation; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Director of Transportation Operations in the Department of Public Works is hereby directed to hold, as soon as possible, public hearings to consider raising full bus fares from \$1.50 to \$2.00, except on Routes S92 and 10C where the full fare will be increased from \$2.00 to \$2.25 to reflect Sunday bus service; to increase the fare for students from \$1.00 to \$1.25; and to increase the fare for seniors, persons with disabilities and Medicare card holders from \$.50 to \$.75; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Director of Transportation Operations' written report on the findings of the public hearings and recommendations regarding an increase in bus fares shall be submitted to the County Executive and each member of the Suffolk County Legislature no later than forty-five (45) days subsequent to the conclusion of the Public Hearings; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the revenues generated from the increased bus fare shall be utilized by the Transportation Division of the Department of Public Works to support bus service in Suffolk County, including Sunday bus service on routes S92 and 10C as authorized by Resolution No. 206-2011; and be it further

4th 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: December 20, 2011

APPROVED BY:


County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 12-28-11

Intro. Res.

2037

Res. No.

1098

December 20, 2011

Motion:

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

Co-Sponsors:

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

Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
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	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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___ 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADOPTED
___ NOT ADOPTED

Tim Laube

Roll Call ___ Voice Vote