

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Steve Levy  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 7, 2011

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

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SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
100 VETERANS MEMORIAL HWY  
SMITHTOWN, NY 11787

RE: RESOLUTION 277-2011; APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH  
REWIRING OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS AT SUFFOLK COUNTY VANDERBILT  
MUSEUM (CP 7445)

Dear Presiding Officer Lindsay and Members of the Legislature:

I am returning herein Resolution No. 277 -2011; "APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH REWIRING OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS AT SUFFOLK COUNTY VANDERBILT MUSEUM" and its accompanying Bond Resolution 278-2011 vetoed in its entirety.

For the last two months, legislators, including the sponsor of this resolution, have continually made statements at committees, at the general sessions of the Legislature and in the media about their concern over the amount of debt the county has generated. Yet the Legislature continues to pass appropriating and bonding resolutions to fund legislator's pet projects on a regular basis.

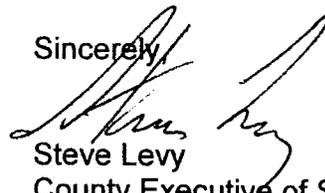
If the Legislature is indeed serious about controlling debt, it has to sometimes say 'No', and the Vanderbilt Museum is the perfect place to begin.

The Vanderbilt Museum has struggled financially for many years, and has been unable to put together a concrete plan towards becoming self-sustaining. In the interim, projects continue to be funded at the museum – always under the argument of a desperately needed repair or upgrade.

The Legislature, if serious about debt, should consider self-imposing a moratorium through the end of this year on Vanderbilt Museum capital projects, in order to give the Museum board an opportunity to develop a plan for sustainability which includes operations and capital projects on a priority basis.

For these reasons, I urge you to sustain my veto.

Sincerely,



Steve Levy  
County Executive of Suffolk County

cc: All Suffolk County Legislators  
Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature  
Christine Malafi, Esq., Suffolk County Attorney  
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Christopher Kent, Chief Deputy County Executive  
Edward Dumas, Chief Deputy County Executive  
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Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive  
Connie Corso, Budget Director  
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Dan Aug, Director of Communications  
Mark Smith, Deputy Director of Communications

**RESOLUTION NO. 277 -2011, APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH REWIRING OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS AT SUFFOLK COUNTY VANDERBILT MUSEUM (CP 7445)**

**WHEREAS**, the Interim Executive Director of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum has requested construction funds for the Rewiring of Historic Buildings at the Vanderbilt Museum; and

**WHEREAS**, the Museum's existing electrical system is seriously outdated and does not meet current electrical codes or load demands of a public museum, which poses a major security, maintenance and public safety concern; and

**WHEREAS**, rewiring of the historic buildings at the Museum is essential to the protection of the historic buildings, Museum collections and the safety and well-being of the Museum's staff and its visitors, and

**WHEREAS**, there are sufficient funds within the 2011 Capital Budget and Program to cover the cost of said request; and

**WHEREAS**, that this Legislature, by resolution of even date herewith, has authorized the issuance of \$50,000 in Suffolk County Serial Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 571-1998, Resolution No. 209-2000 and Resolution No. 461-2006 established the use of a priority ranking system, implemented in the Adopted 2011 Capital Budget, as the basis for funding capital projects such as this project; now, therefore be it

**1<sup>st</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that it is hereby determined that this project, with a priority ranking of thirty-eight (38) is eligible for approval in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 471-1994 as revised by Resolution No. 571-1998, Resolution No. 209-2000 and Resolution No. 461-2006; and be it further

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the proceeds of \$50,000 in Suffolk County Serial Bonds be and they hereby are appropriated as follows:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
525-CAP-7445.313	Rewiring of Historic Buildings at Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum	\$50,000

and be it further

**3<sup>rd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the County Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take such action as may be necessary, for the rewiring of historic buildings at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum; and be it further

**4<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Lead Agency, hereby finds and determines that the adoption of this law is a Type II action, pursuant to Title 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(C) (21), (22) and (27), since it constitutes a local

legislative decision in connection with the maintenance, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes. As a Type II action, the Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA.

DATED: March 22, 2011

APPROVED BY:

**VETOED**

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: April 7, 2011

Intro. Res.

1202

Res. No.

277

March 22, 2011

**Motion:**

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

**Co-Sponsors:**

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

**Second:**

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore,  
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, 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	Thomas MURATORE					
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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	1			

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

*Tim Laube*

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Vote