

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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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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.

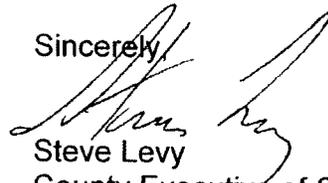
If the Legislature is indeed serious about controlling debt, it has to sometimes say 'No', and the Vanderbilt Museum is the perfect place to begin.

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
Lynne A. Bizzarro, Esq., Chief Deputy County Attorney
Christopher Kent, Chief Deputy County Executive
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

Intro. Res. No. 1202A-2011

BOND RESOLUTION NO. 278 -2011

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$50,000 BONDS TO FINANCE THE COST OF REWIRING OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS AT THE SUFFOLK COUNTY VANDERBILT MUSEUM (CP 7445.313)

THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said County Legislature) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The County of Suffolk, New York (herein called the "County"), is hereby authorized to issue bonds in the principal amount of \$50,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (referred to herein as the "Law"), the Suffolk County Charter and other applicable laws, to finance the cost of rewiring of historic buildings at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum. The estimated maximum cost of the project described herein, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$50,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$50,000 bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized pursuant to this resolution and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the County to pay the principal of said bonds or notes and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. The period of probable usefulness applicable to the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 12(a)(2) of the Law is fifteen (15) years.

Section 3. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the County for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the County, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Resolution No. 320 of 1966, as amended by Resolution No. 81 of 1972, and Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of

the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the County Legislature relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and relative to executing contracts for credit enhancements and providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, are hereby delegated to the County Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval by the County Executive, and the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary or in full, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Law in the official newspaper(s) of the County.

DATED: March 22, 2011

APPROVED BY:

VETOED

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: April 7, 2011

Intro. Res.

1207A

Res. No.

278

March 22, 2011

Motion:

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

Co-Sponsors:

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

Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore,
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						
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	14	2	-	-	-

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No Motion _____ No Second _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED
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Tim Laube

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call Voice Vote _____