

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Steve Levy
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 24, 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

RE: VETOED RESOLUTION 803, AMENDING THE 2011 OPERATING BUDGET AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PROVIDE RENT FOR THE EAST HAMPTON HEALTH CLINIC

Dear Presiding Officer Lindsay and Members of the Legislature:

I am returning herein **RESOLUTION NO. 803, AMENDING THE 2011 OPERATING BUDGET AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PROVIDE RENT FOR THE EAST HAMPTON HEALTH CLINIC** vetoed.

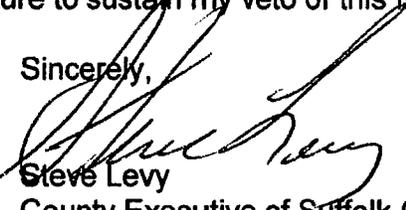
The clinic in East Hampton was established as a partnership with the understanding that the County would provide the services while Town would provide the facility. Through the years this has been a mutually beneficial arrangement; however, during these economic times it is inconceivable that we would enter into an arrangement that would force us to now pay for this space we had been receiving for free from the Town, especially since these services can be provided at our nearby Southampton clinic. The East Hampton adjunct was opened only on the condition that the Town would provide the space. It is difficult to justify adding this expense at a time when other clinics are losing millions in State Aid.

It is not our goal to close this facility; rather we are only seeking to maintain the integrity of our partnership with East Hampton Town and insure that they continue to abide by their commitment to fund this space.

Many legislators have opined that the Proposed 2012 budget is lacking revenues; something with which the Administration disagrees. But if that were the case, the Legislature should be looking for places to cut spending, not add to it.

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

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
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

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Res. No.

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October 11, 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		17	—		1	—

MOTION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve
Table: _____
Send To Committee _____
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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

**RESOLUTION NO. 803 -2011, AMENDING THE 2011
OPERATING BUDGET AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PROVIDE RENT FOR
THE EAST HAMPTON HEALTH CLINIC**

WHEREAS, the 2011 Operating Budget does not include sufficient funds for a lease extension for the East Hampton Health Clinic; and

WHEREAS, the current lease with the East Hampton Housing Authority expired on June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the lease extension was unanimously approved by the Suffolk County Space Steering Committee which includes Executive representatives on April 21st; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Hampton has spent a significant amount of funds to retrofit the building as a Health Clinic and has provided the building to the County for the last ten years at an annual rent cost of one dollar; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Hampton had the option to enter into an agreement with the East Hampton Housing Authority and did not exercise that option; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 lease amount would provide for a half year (July through December) or \$16,250; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the Interfund Transfer to Capital account (001-IFT-E525-9600) to cover this expense; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Legislature to provide \$16,250 to fund the lease extension for the remainder of 2011; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-31 (G) of the Suffolk County Charter now allows amendment of the County Operating Budget by County Legislators four times during the fiscal year as long as the amendment reduces, lowers, terminates or cancels appropriations; abolishes positions of employment; terminates contract agencies; terminates or reduces the size of County programs or departments, or makes transfers of appropriations that are offset by reductions in other programs; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the 2011 County Operating Budget is hereby amended as follows and that the County Comptroller and the County Treasurer be and hereby are authorized to transfer the following funds and authorizations:

APPROPRIATIONS:

FROM:

<u>FD</u>	<u>AGY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>OBJ</u>	<u>ACTIVITY NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
001	IFT	E525	0000	9600	Transfer To Funds	-\$16,250

TO:

<u>FD</u>	<u>AGY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>OBJ</u>	<u>ACTIVITY NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
001	DPW	1363	0000	4410	Rent: Offices & Buildings	+\$16,250

and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that the moneys appropriated pursuant to this resolution shall be used for the sole and exclusive purpose of funding the lease extension for the East Hampton Health Clinic in accordance with the terms approved by the Space Steering Committee on which the County Executive is represented; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature directs the County Executive to expediently appropriate these funds for the sole and exclusive purpose of keeping the East Hampton Health Clinic operational.

DATED: **OCT 1 1 2011**

APPROVED BY:

VETOED

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 10-26-11