

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Steven Bellone
SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 19, 2015

IR--1324

Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory 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 LEGISLATURE
SUFFOLK COUNTY, N.Y.
HAUPPAUGE

Dear Presiding Officer Gregory and Members of the Suffolk County Legislature:

I am returning IR-1324 **vetoed**.

While I appreciate the good intentions of this legislature, Suffolk County continues to experience financial difficulties. IR-1324 will cost Suffolk County taxpayers an estimated \$165,000 to comply with this year. When this bill passed there was no accompanying resolution identifying where these funds should be taken from in the existing budget. This resolution is essentially a self-imposed unfunded mandate.

I have spoken with many members of the Legislature, who while they support the intent of this resolution and the urge to take reasonable steps to protect the safety of the public who access county buildings, share my concern about its cost relative to its benefit. Had the sponsor offered a companion resolution to modify the budget pursuant to Charter C4-31(G) to pay for this \$165,000 change to our telephone system that would have presented an opportunity to this body to have a full-fledged debate on the fiscal impact.

I understand that this issue rose to national prominence as a result of a tragic case involving an incapacitated adult with a minor in a hotel room. While that incident was a tragedy and one we hope to avoid, a hotel room is fundamentally different from a Suffolk County office building where there are a minimal amount of unsupervised telephones. I plan to take executive action to provide instructional stickers on all telephones that the public has access to in county buildings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

STEVEN BELLONE
Suffolk County Executive

cc: All Suffolk County Legislators
Dr. Robert Lipp, Director, Budget Review Office
Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 82 -2015, DIRECTING ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO UPDATE MULTI-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS TO DIRECTLY DIAL 911

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk strives to protect the health and safety of County employees; and

WHEREAS, 911 is the universal emergency services line throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, currently, employees of Suffolk County need to dial 9 to get an outside line before dialing 911 when emergencies arise in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County should streamline employee access to emergency services by updating its multi-line telephone systems to dial 911 directly; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that all departments and agencies of Suffolk County government shall configure their multi-line telephone system to allow any call to 911 to be directly connected to a public safety answering point without the use of an access code; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that all departments and agencies of Suffolk County government shall also ensure that their multi-line telephone system will also be directly connected to a public safety answering point when the system's standard access code of 9 is used prior to dialing 911; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that Suffolk County departments and agencies not currently in compliance with the policy set forth herein shall reconfigure their multi-line telephone systems to comply with this policy at the time that their current telecommunications agreement expires, at the time the County has an option to extend such an agreement, or upon the improvement, upgrading or replacement of the County's multi-line telephone system; and

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: March 3, 2015

APPROVED BY:

VETOED

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 3/19/15

Intro. Res. 1324-14

Res. No. 82

March 3, 2015

Motion:

Krupski, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Hahn
Anker, Calarco, Lindsay, Martinez, Cilmi, Barraga,
Trotta, McCaffrey, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

Co-Sponsors:

Krupski, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Hahn
Anker, Calarco, Lindsay, Martinez, Cilmi, Barraga,
Trotta, McCaffrey, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

Second:

Krupski, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Hahn
Anker, Calarco, Lindsay, Martinez, Cilmi, Barraga,
Trotta, McCaffrey, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R
1	Albert J. KRUPSKI	↓				
3	Kate M. BROWNING					
4	Thomas MURATORE					
5	Kara HAHN					
6	Sarah S. ANKER					
7	Rob CALARCO					
8	William J. LINDSAY, III					
9	Monica R. MARTINEZ					
10	Thomas CILMI					
11	Thomas F. BARRAGA		↓			
12						
13	Rob TROTTA	↓				
14	Kevin J. MCCAFFREY					
16	Steven H. STERN					
17	Lou D'AMARO					
18	William SPENCER					
2	Jay SCHNEIDERMAN, D.P.O	↓				
15	DuWayne GREGORY, P.O.					
	Totals	17	0	0	0	0

MOTION	
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	Discharge
	Take Out of Order
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	Close
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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