

**CONSUMER PROTECTION & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
of the
Suffolk County Legislature**

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Consumer Protection & Government Operations was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Auditorium at the William Rogers Legislative Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on **November 14, 2001**, at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Cameron Alden
Legislator Michael D'Andre
Legislator Bill Lindsay

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Legislator Fred Towle
Legislator Andrew Crecca

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Sabatino, Legislative Counsel
Warren Greene, Aide to Legislator Cameron Alden
Nanette J. Essel, Aide to Legislator Vivian Fisher
Bruce Dragonette, Assistant Director of Consumer Affairs
Kevin Beyer
Steven Wunderlich
Carl Yellon, Aide to Legislator Andrew Crecca
Todd Johnson, County Executive's Office, I.R.
Joe Muncey, Budget Review Office
Meghan O'Reilly, Presiding Officer Tonna's Office
Jim Spero, Assistant Director, Budget Review Office
All Interested Parties

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(The meeting came to order at 10:10 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Good morning. Now, we going to start the Consumer Protection Committee and we'll do with the Pledge of Allegiance and we'll have Bill do it. Thanks.

SALUTATION

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Okay, we have a couple cards and Kevin Beyer is the first card that we have. Good morning Kevin. How are you doing?

MR. BEYER:

Kevin Beyer, 2 Rodsfield Court, Huntington, New York. I came today just to -- we're speaking about fees, the fee increase at the service stations. And one of my big problems was that we weren't notified if anything is going to happen and my other problem is it's not the twenty five dollars, it's 100 percent increase on a fee. I don't understand the justification behind this. I've brought along with me copies of fees that I do pay. Unlike an accountant or somebody else that has maybe one fee, I have about twelve fees here with me that I pay yearly. It's about two to three of them that are paid quarterly and one that's paid every six months on a monitoring of fire suppression system.

We're getting hammered with these fees from every angle. We get it from the EPA. We get it from the federal. We get it from the local governments. We get it from the Towns. We need to know when are these fees going to stop being increased at the rates they are being increased. The things that are being imposed upon, just my industry. We're a small industry. Where is the money going to come from? We have to -- we were going to raise the cost of gasoline, raise the cost shop repairs. We don't -- we can't afford to keep doing this in this -- in Suffolk County.

I live in Suffolk County, so I'm paying property taxes, which are going up on all my stations. I'm paying my own home property tax and I have to deal with another increase and it's 100 percent increase. Nobody came to say can you handle this burden? Is this too much of a burden on your industry? It's just arbitrarily, here's 100 percent increase. It's only a twenty five-dollar increase. But it's a lot when you start -- when you look into the scheme of things and like I said, some of these costs that I'm paying for. I'm paying a sign fee. A sign, to have a sign outside, I'm paying a fifty dollar fee a year. To have tanks in my ground, I'm paying a few hundred dollars a year. It just -- it doesn't end. I have two different fire suppression fees. I have a monitoring fee and I have an inspection fee. Well, if they're monitoring that should be enough. But no, I have a monitoring and an inspection fee and it's not once a year. It's all the time. Our industry can't handle every time we're turning around getting another fee. We just can't handle this all the time.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Legislator D'Andre.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

The gentleman makes a good point. What's your name?

MR. BEYER:

Kevin Beyer.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

Kevin Beyer. Kevin makes a very good point. The County just raised property taxes and taxes on fuel oil and to go ahead and keep adding these fees, it's going to take us to the poor house by nickels and dimes. And you make a very good point. I sympathize with you. I think, for now, let's put this bill in limbo. We've done enough taxing for one year. Let's go into next year without any more taxing, for God's sakes. Let's give these people a break. That's my opinion sir.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Okay Mike. Any questions? Do you have anything more to say or --?

MR. BEYER:

Just that we -- I can leave this for you guys to look at. I made copies of them. Because I usually bring copies with me every time I come. It makes it easier to see, you know, the fees that we do pay. And there's a lot of fees in here. That there's fees that are not here because the oil companies actually pay the underground storage tanks, because that's federal government fees that we don't get but I have to pay them and they are a few hundred dollars a year also. So -- like I said it has to come from somewhere. It has to -- you know, we have to pass it along somewhere or we have to absorb it. And our industry, if you look around, you see most of the stations, a lot of them little by little are closing down. So then what you're going to have is just you're going to have the major companies, just like you have a Costco or a BJ's. And we're going to be putting the small people out and people are going to eventually leave Long Island again. And we're going to have that same vicious circle that we had ten years ago. So that's my statement for today.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Okay, thanks. Any questions?

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

No, sir.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Okay, thanks.

MR. MEYER:

Would you like these Cameron?

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Yes, please.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

I move to --

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Mike, I have one more card on it, I think.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

Oh, yes.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

And then we'll get to the agenda.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

Oh, sorry.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Steven Wunderlich?

MR. WUNDERLICH:

Good morning. My name is Steve Wunderlich. I am President of the Long Island Gasoline Retailers Association. Just felt it important for me to come today to speak to the Legislators on this issue that Mr. Beyer had expressed all the increases that our industry has been facing. And I know that we have had very good communications with the Legislators. You've come to us and asked us for your help on certain matters. And I urge you now, to help us in these fee increases, because we just cannot stand anymore increases.

I understand that there's major budget problems in Suffolk County and of course, I own a repair shop. I've been in this industry for over twenty years. I live in Suffolk County. Our taxes are going up on my shop, on my home. I hear every day from our members how this -- how important it is for them to try to serve the motoring public and it's getting almost impossible for them to do that. We face more and more increases all the time and there's just -- it gets to a certain point where our members are turning to our office and expressing that they can just -- it just doesn't pay for them to stay in business anymore. They can go out and get a job at minimum wage sometimes and earn more money than they're earning at their stations.

We serve a major service to the motoring public and without our service, as gasoline retailers, most of us small independent shops have repair shops and it's getting to the point where, you know the industry is turning more and more towards gas and food marts. I was just driving to work today and I noticed on Vets Highway, there's a new Hess Station on the east side part of Vets Highway and now they're building another Hess Station on the west side of Vets Highway. These are major oil companies that probably aren't even going to come bother to waste their time on a twenty-five dollar fee increase that this bill is imposing. But for the small retailer that's a lot of money.

I must tell you a story that happened about a week ago. I had a customer of mine call up, she was stuck on Sunrise Highway, on the major part of the express Sunrise Highway and she was out of gas. She called me devastated that she was afraid to get out of her car. I

sent one of my employees over with gas, got her going and she said to me, I don't know what I would do without you. Well my members, who I represent, over a thousand gasoline independent gasoline retailers in the downstate area, over four hundred of them are in Suffolk County alone. We are being taken over by major oil companies, gas marts. We're being taken over by more and more large corporations that are doing away with the independent repair facility and gas operator. And these are people that live in our town. There are people that live in Suffolk County. They rely on us and it's getting close to the point where we just cannot afford to stay in business anymore.

Just Monday, I was reading in Newsday about an editorial and they were -- the editorial was expressing how they felt that the Legislature was moving in the right direction to increase taxes and fees that were being increased because we don't want to end up in the poor house. We need to be responsible to stay, to keep Nassau and Suffolk County profitable.

And I was just wondering what fees Newsday pays and what contribution Newsday makes to Suffolk County's budget problems? Is there a sales tax on the newspaper? Do we collect sales tax from the ads that Newsday collects? I don't think so. So I would just like to express to you the need for this Legislature to reconsider the fee increase that our industry faces every day. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Thank you very much for coming down.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Legislator D'Andre.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

You know, you're crying the blues here and rightfully so, I think on the fees. However, we've had to absorb big increases in gasoline. Almost two dollars a gallon a while back.

MR. WUNDERLICH:

That's correct. And whether the gas is two dollars a gallon, our --

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

There was nobody sympathizing for the public. You guys were giving it to us, not you guys but the big gas companies, you're just a --

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

It's important Legislator D'Andre, it's important to make a distinction between guys that maybe make a penny or two pennies on a gallon profit.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

I understand that. I'm only saying --

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Between that and the big oil company.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

Defending himself and rightly so, against these fees. But, we the public, you said you can't take it anymore and it would drive you out of business. We were being driven out of our homes with these horrendous gasoline prices. So remember, we the public, if I can use that term, were suffering these heavy increases and could nothing about it, except the right to gripe. Like we said in the Army, you deserve the right to gripe.

MR. WUNDERLICH:

Well, just keep in mind that when gasoline is two dollars a gallon, we're still making pennies.

When gas was thirty-four cents a gallon, we were making pennies.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

I'm just trying to give you another side of this same argument you're making. I sympathize.

MR. WUNDERLICH:

No, I understand.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

I sympathize with you. I think we have enough taxes. But I just wanted to bring that point up. A lot of people and a lot of them bought big gasoline guzzlers and they're stuck with those cars and the heavy gas consumption. So we've got problems all the way around. These are bad times now. So hopefully, we'll survive them and things will get better.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Thanks Mike. Legislator Lindsay?

LEGISLATOR LINDSAY:

Yes, I just wanted to say something to give you some kind of perspective of what we're up against. I don't think there's anyone around this horseshoe that wanted to raise taxes in any way. I don't think there's anyone around the horseshoe that wanted to cut services but we did. We cut twenty-one and a half million dollars worth of services. If you were here last week, there were people lined up to talk about, you can't cut this program, you can't cut that program, you can't cut this program. Here's what our problem is. Is we depended very heavily on sales tax revenue. People aren't spending money because they're not going out of their homes. Our revenue is down more than 10 percent. At the same time, our expenses have risen dramatically, primarily because of police costs. And a lot of the police costs are due to heavy overtime for security since the World Trade Center. I mean, we have Deputy Sheriffs at Westhampton Air Base. We have Suffolk County Cops at MacArthur Airport. We have Suffolk County Cops in places that they were never before. We have a bio-terrorism unit that's working around the clock with false scares about anthrax and other things. So it's not that nobody sympathizes with you or hears you, we do hear you. Nobody wants to raise taxes. As far as the consumer fees are concerned, if I'm not wrong and Bruce can correct me, I think it was two years ago, we raised a couple of fees, plumbers, electricians. The rest of them had been the same forever and ever and ever. So -- and it's no magic to this. If we don't raise consumer fees, we have to raise taxes somewhere else. But we have to fill that hole.

MR. WUNDERLICH:

I understand. All I'm expressing to you is that we all need to bear the burden. But we need to spread the burden around. And there are a lot of industries that don't add to the revenues that the Towns and the Counties need to collect and our industry has been bearing the burden for years and years and years and continue to bear the burden. And we just need a little assistance to keep our businesses alive.

And we contribute a major portion to the sales tax revenues by the sales of our gasoline and our repairs. And since 9/11, we have lost over 10, 20 percent of our sales and we cannot go out and just collect those revenues from somewhere else and raise other things. We have to absorb it and by absorbing it, our retailers take less pay, bring home less money to their home, for their families and I just feel that we have contributed the burden.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Kevin Beyer? Grab the microphone now Kevin.

MR. BEYER:

The only thing -- Steve's making the point, it's not fair across the board. You don't have an increase and add to the bars. There's no increase for 7-Elevens. There's no increase to lawyers, to accountants. Yes there is an increase to us again, not the only -- this is not the only increase and it is 100 percent. I have to keep stressing it; it's 100 percent. I'm not looking at it as twenty-five dollars. It's 100 percent increase. It's not fair. It's not across the board. They could have imposed a higher, you know sales tax and then it's across the

board. But with the fuel oil, it's going to everybody. Then it's going to LIPA, which goes back to my station again, so I'm paying an increase in this fee. I'm paying an increase in the LIPA electric at my stations, at my property, at my personal home. It's not across the board and it's not a fair -- this is not a fair playing field, just to go after us again. It seems like we're targeted again for another increase.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Thank you for your statement. Legislator D'Andre?

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

I have a little article here in the local newspaper and it shows where school tax rate for 2001, 02 is eighty one, fifty nine per hundred of assessed valuation. A 7 percent increase, which translates into three hundred and twenty dollars and forty cents for a home assessed at six thousand dollars, which my home is. So we're getting clobbered with this and you say they are not hurting -- they're hurting everybody. Everybody is in trouble.

MR. BEYER:

That's across the board.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

And we don't want to become like Nassau County and run on deficits and smoking mirrors. It may hurt but, at least, we're up front with the people.

MR. BEYER:

No, it's not being up front. You're absolutely right but that's across the board. That's what I'm saying. That was something across the board. There's nothing in here that in your -- that you're charging the doctors a fee, or you're charging the accountants a fee or 7-Eleven an extra fee or a bar. There's a bar on every corner.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

They're paying it one way or another. We're a land of taxes. Let's face it. You know what America is.

MR. BEYER:

Something that's coming just after our industry again.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

I know but I won't have it any other way. We still managed to sneak through with the best government in the world.

MR. BEYER:

That's all I needed to say. But I'm just saying it's something that's not across the board.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Okay.

MR. BEYER:

And it's something against our industry again.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

Taxes are here to stay.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Thanks Kevin. Steven asked that question and I don't know if Paul Sabatino can answer that. Does Newsday charge tax on the sale of the paper and also on the sale of their advertising?

MR. SABATINO:

Well, the sale of the paper is not. Advertising probably is but I'd have to look at the statute.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

We have a Newsday representative here but she's indicated that she doesn't know the answer to that question either. We're going to try to give you an answer to that but we don't have it today. We'll have to, as indicated check it in the statute.

MR. WUNDERLICH:

You know if I could just leave with one note? Since the 9/11 disaster, a lot of the Police, the EMT's, the Fire Departments have been raised and praised and they've done a fabulous job. And it has cost New York, this County, the State, a lot of money and you're absolutely correct, we need to get this money from somewhere and where are we going to get it from, fees, taxes? That's where the County generates its income. When the 9/11 disaster hit, our office got many calls from News 12, from different media, from the general public -- was calling them stating that a lot of our gasoline retailers were gouging by raising the prices at the pumps, which was -- you know, such a ridiculous statement. It didn't happen. If gas prices raise -- could raise two cents in the morning, could raise -- drop two cents in the afternoon, we all know what this industry is like. It's the big oil companies are driving the prices daily. But you know we don't get any credit for being there for the motoring public. Operating our business is 24 hours a day, being there 10, 12 hours a day serving the public, keeping them safe. You know, we're asked to be environmentalists by having Inspection Programs. We're asked to have safe fire prevention systems. We're asked to do all of these things to protect our land, to protect our County and all we keep doing is getting dumped on.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

I don't agree with that. This country is built up on taxes and fees and what not. And there's a lot of people out there doing a good job, as you are doing a good job servicing the public and the free entrepreneurial spirit still reigns here. It's your choice whether you want to be in the gas business, plumbing business or what have you. So to say that they're dumping on you, I don't agree with that. I will agree that it's a free entrepreneurial system, everybody can be in business for themselves and a guy can start here without much money. The opportunities are great and look at these foreigners coming over here manning these stores for 24 hours a day. They're not saying a word of complaint. They're happy to grab that store. They see the opportunity. We're spoiled. The opportunity has been here a long time. I was one of them. I was in business for years because of the opportunities. Yes, taxes are a nuisance. I agree with you. We shouldn't have as much as we have. But that's the way our country is good, bad or indifferent. So while I sympathize with you, remember the good part. The free entrepreneurial system is alive and everybody has his shot at it and a chance to take advantage of it as you have. You were not born wealthy, right?

MR. WUNDERLICH:

Right.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

So don't -- before you knock this country, let me tell you, the opportunities are great. You can start from the bottom all the way to the top and that's happened to a lot of people in this country, a lot of people. So good, bad or indifferent, my country.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

All right, thanks for coming down. The way I characterize what he said is similar to some people back in Boston, many, many years ago that weren't real happy with the taxation situation. But also different businesses are required to be tax collectors for the government and it's in a different proportion than what we might think. It's not really across the board. There are some businesses that don't really collect taxes and then there's other businesses, like the gasoline retailers that collect tons of taxes and they're not compensated by any governmental entity for that job that they do. Having said that, that's the end of the cards. Is there anybody else out there that wanted to address the committee? Seeing nobody jumping up and rushing to the front of the auditorium, we're going to go to the agenda and --

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

I make a motion to table subject to call, this tax bill.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

All right --

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

Is that what we're on?

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

No, first we're on -- we have to do Resolution 1490. That's a Local Law to establish healthy bottled water-labeling law and I'm going to make a motion to approve, second by Legislator D'Andre. All those in favor? Opposed? 1490 is approved.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS:

I.R. NO. 1490-01 (P) A Local Law to establish healthy bottled water labeling law. ASSIGNED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HEALTH (Legislator Cameron Alden)

VOTE: 3-0-0-2 APPROVED

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

1792, I've been asked by the sponsor to table that and I'm going to make a motion to table that, second by Legislator D'Andre. All those in favor? Opposed? That stands tabled.

I.R. NO. 1792-01 (P) A Local Law to establish "Three Strikes, You are Out" cancellation of County Occupational Licenses for violators of Employment Laws. ASSIGNED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (Legislator Joseph Caracappa)

VOTE: 3-0-0-2 TABLED

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Introductory Resolutions 1260 adopting a Local Law to impose motor fuel facilities use fees in Suffolk County.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

I make a motion to table subject to call.

MR. SABATINO:

A public hearing has to be held.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

This has to be tabled for a public hearing. So motion to table by Legislator D'Andre, second by myself. All those in favor? Opposed? That's tabled for a public hearing.

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS:

I.R. NO. 2060-01 (P) Adopting Local Law No. 2001, A Local Law to impose motor fuel facilities use fees in Suffolk County. ASSIGNED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (Legislator Paul Tonna)

VOTE: 3-0-0-2 TABLED

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

2061 motion to table by Legislator D'Andre for a public hearing, second by Legislator Lindsay. All those in favor? Opposed? That's tabled for a public hearing.

I.R. NO. 2061-01 Adopting Local Law No. 2001, A Local Law to impose occupational licensing fees. ASSIGNED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION &

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (*Presiding Officer Paul Tonna*)

VOTE: 3-0-0-2 TABLED

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Sense Resolutions: 92-2001 Memorializing resolution requesting the United States Postal Service to review and consider new zip for South Setauket. Motion by Legislator Lindsay, second by myself. All those in favor? Opposed? All right that's going to the full legislative body.

SENSE RESOLUTIONS:

NO. 92-2001 Memorializing resolution requesting United States Postal Service to review and consider new zip for South Setauket. ASSIGNED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (*Legislator Vivian Fisher*)

VOTE: 3-0-0-2 APPROVED

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Tabled Sense 67-2001 Memorializing resolution requesting State of New York to prohibit discriminatory zone pricing by retail chain stores. We don't have anybody presenting anything on this. I'll get in touch with Legislator Fields. So I'm going to make a motion to table this, second by Legislator D'Andre. All those in favor? Opposed? That's tabled.

TABLED SENSE RESOLUTIONS:

NO. 67-2001 (P) Memorializing resolution requesting State of New York to prohibit discriminatory zone pricing by retail chain stores. ASSIGNED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (*Legislator Ginny Fields*)

VOTE: 3-0-0-2 TABLED

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

69-2001 Memorializing resolution requesting State of New York to repeal State taxes on price of gasoline.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

I thought we passed this?

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

No. I don't think we did. The federal one passed. Are you going to approve it? Motion to approve by Legislator Lindsay, seconded by myself. All those in favor? Opposed? Okay that's going to the full legislative body.

NO. 69-2001 Memorializing resolution requesting State of New York to repeal State taxes on price of gasoline. ASSIGNED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (*Legislator Ginny Fields*)

VOTE: 3-0-0-2 APPROVED

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

78-2001 Memorializing resolution requesting State of New York to authorize Suffolk County to regulate registration and licensing of taxicabs within Suffolk County.

LEGISLATOR D'ANDRE:

Motion to table subject to call.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Okay, motion to table subject to call by Legislator D'Andre. Okay, come on up for a minute? Because at the last -- at our last committee meeting, there was a couple questions as far as

jurisdiction and what she wanted to accomplish with this and maybe you can just give us an overview of what --

MS. ESSEL:

Maybe just to tell you how this started is a thought.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Well actually, if you can get to the nuts and bolts of it because Consumer Affairs had raised a number of questions as far as how they were going to coordinate the overview of this. And how many people they would need to actually hire to go and coordinate this program.

MS. ESSEL:

I think this was a Memorializing resolution for the State to look into it. Mainly because of -- in Brookhaven Town, the Legislator went before the Town of Brookhaven and that's where it was brought up that it was a State issue not a County or a Town issue.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Can I -- hang on just one second?

MS. ESSEL:

I'm sorry.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Paul Sabatino, isn't it the case on Long Island that mostly the Towns regulate taxicabs at this point?

MR. SABATINO:

The current State Law authorizes Towns to exercise the licensing jurisdiction.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

So maybe Brookhaven gave her a misstatement there.

MS. ESSEL:

Well, I think that Brookhaven Town felt that it should be a State issue not --

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Okay, feeling that it is a State issue, you know that's different than -- they do have the authorization by State Law to regulate their taxicabs.

MS. ESSEL:

I think there was a reluctance on their part. They felt it was a State issue, so that's why the Legislator was going forward to say that. The State should, you know, look into it across the board.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Okay, now has Legislator Fisher have discussions with Consumer Affairs? Because they also said that there's a manpower problem here in enforcing this?

LEGISLATOR LINDSAY:

Maybe we could table this and give Legislator Fisher a chance to meet with Scully, Gardner --

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Can we do that? Okay.

MS. ESSEL:

Okay, great.

LEGISLATOR LINDSAY:

We could work out the particulars.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Legislator D'Andre, can I change your motion to a motion to table? Legislator D'Andre is making a motion to table, second by Legislator Lindsay. All those in favor? Opposed? Okay this is tabled until the next meeting.

NO. 78-2001 Memorializing resolution requesting State of New York to authorize Suffolk County to regulate registration and licensing of taxicabs within Suffolk County. ASSIGNED TO PROTECTION & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (Legislator Vivian Fisher)

VOTE: 3-0-0-2 TABLED

MS. ESSEL:

Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Okay, thank you. The next one is tabled subject to call, so that's it right, the agenda? Okay that finishes the agenda. Anybody else want to address us? I don't see anybody that's indicating that they want to address us. So motion by Legislator Lindsay, second by myself to adjourn. We stand adjourned. Thank you.

(The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.)