

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

A regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Robert Calarco, Vice-Chairperson  
Legislator Kara Hahn  
Legislator John Kennedy  
Legislator DuWayne Gregory  
Legislator Lou D'Amaro  
Legislator William Spencer

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Legislator Kate Browning, Chairperson

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature  
Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel to the Legislature  
Barbara LoMoriello, Deputy Clerk, Suffolk County Legislature  
John Ortiz, Budget Review Office  
Bobby Knight, Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay  
Michael Pitcher, Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay  
Justin Littell, Aide to Legislator D'Amaro  
Marie Berkoski, County Executive's Office  
Russ McCormick, Sergeant-at-Arms, Suffolk Detectives Association  
Michael Sharkey, Chief of Staff, Suffolk County Sheriff's Office  
Laura Ahearn, Parents for Megan's Law  
Other Interested Parties

**TAKEN AND TRANSCRIBED BY:**

Lucia Braaten, Court Stenographer

**(\*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:09 P.M. \*)**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CALARCO:**

Okay. Good morning and welcome to the Public Safety Committee meeting. Unfortunately, our Chairwoman, Legislator Browning, is not able to be here with us today. She's in her Ireland with her family and our prayers are with her. We'll get started with the Pledge, led by Legislator Spencer.

**(\*Salutation\*)**

And if I could just ask everybody to remain standing for a moment of silence, as we do at this committee, for all of the people protecting us, both domestic and abroad.

**(\*Moment of Silence\*)**

Okay. Thank you. All right. As I mentioned, Legislator Browning is not able to be here today. My name is Legislator Calarco, I'm Vice-Chair. I will be chairing today's committee. I have no presentations; we have no cards. Is there anybody in the audience that would like to address the committee this morning? Seeing none, we'll move on to the agenda.

**TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

Okay. We're going to start with tabled resolutions. ***I.R. 1065 - A Charter Law to provide for fair and equitable distribution of public safety sales and compensating use tax revenues (Schneiderman)***. I'll make a motion to table.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Second.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Second.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CALARCO:**

Seconded by Legislator D'Amaro. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Abstain.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Abstain.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CALARCO:**

Resolution is tabled. ***(Vote: Tabled 4-0-2-1/Abstain: Legs. Gregory and Spencer/Absent: Chairperson Browning)***

***I.R. 1233 - A Charter Law to clarify the process for distributing public safety sales tax revenues to municipalities outside the Police District (Schneiderman)***. I'll make a motion to table.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Second.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CALARCO:**

Seconded by Legislator D'Amaro. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Abstain.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Abstain.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CALARCO:**

The resolution stands tabled. *(Vote: Tabled 4-0-2-1/Abstain: Legs. Gregory and Spencer/Absent: Chairperson Browning)*

*I.R. 1528 - A Local Law to ensure advanced planning for emergencies by nursing homes, long-term care facilities and group homes for the disabled, "Prepared To Protect Our Most Vulnerable Citizens Act". (Stern).*

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Motion to approve.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CALARCO:**

I have a motion to approve.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Second.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CALARCO:**

Seconded by Legislator D'Amaro. All those favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Resolution is approved. *(Vote: Approved 6-0-0-1/Absent: Chairperson Browning)*

*Home Rule Number 4 - Requesting the State of New York to amend the Tax Law, in relation to within the County of Suffolk for public safety purposes of sales and compensating use taxes, Senate Bill S.2638 and Assembly Bill A.3735 (Schneiderman).*

I'll make a motion to table.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

I'll second for discussion purposes.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CALARCO:**

Second by Legislator D'Amaro. I believe this is a State law that would require us to do what two of the previous resolutions do in terms of revenue sharing with the East End.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Okay, got it.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CALARCO:**

Okay? All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Abstain.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Abstain.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CALARCO:**

Resolution is tabled. (*Vote: Tabled 4-0-2-1/Abstain: Legs. Gregory and Spencer/Absent: Chairperson Browning*)

**INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS**

Moving on to Introductory Resolutions. *I.R. 1665 - Approving an increase in the fleet of the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services funded through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) (FFY2010) grant (County Executive).* I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Second.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CALARCO:**

Second by Legislator D'Amaro. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Resolution is carried. (*Vote: Approved 6-0-0-1/Absent: Chairperson Browning*)

*I.R. 1684 - Accepting and appropriating 100% Federal funds awarded as pass-through funding by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to the Suffolk County Department of Probation and authorizing the County Executive to execute related agreements (County Executive).* I'll make a motion to approve and place on the consent calendar.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Second.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CALARCO:**

Seconded by Legislator D'Amaro. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion is carried. (*Vote: Approved 6-0-0-1/Absent: Chairperson Browning*)

*I.R. 1691 - Accepting and appropriating 100% Federal funds awarded by the U.S. Marshals Service to the Suffolk County Department of Probation, and authorizing the County Executive to execute related agreements (County Executive).*

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Motion.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CALARCO:**

Can we do same motion, same second, same vote? (*Vote: Approved 6-0-0-1/Absent: Chairperson Browning*).

Okay. That is all I have on the agenda. I'll reiterate, was there anybody who would like to address the committee? Seeing none, we are adjourned.

**(\*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:14 A.M. \*)**