

WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE
of the
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Ways and Means Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on Wednesday, December 11, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Lou D'Amaro - Chairman
Legislator Steve Stern - Vice-Chairman
Legislator Robert Calarco
Legislator John Kennedy
Legislator Lynne Nowick

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Renee Ortiz - Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature
Sarah Simpson - Assistant Counsel to the Legislature
Justin Litell - Aide to Legislator D'Amaro
Paul Perillie - Aide to Legislator Gregory
Debbie Harris - Aide to Legislator Stern
Greg Moran - Aide to Legislator Nowick
Ali Nazir - Aide to Legislator Kennedy
Robert Lipp - Director, Budget Review Office
Laura Halloran - Budget Review Office
Tom Vaughn - County Executive's Office
Lance Reinheimer - Vanderbilt Museum
Rick Brand, Newsday
All other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Gabrielle Severs - Court Stenographer

*(*The meeting was called to order at 11:13 a.m.*)*

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Okay. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to Ways and Means Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature. Please rise and join the the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Rob Calarco.

(*Salutation*)

Once again, good morning. Turning to our agenda, the committee has not received any correspondence this morning, for the record. We'll go to Section III, which is Public Comments. I have received four cards this morning. If there's anyone else present who would like to address the committee this morning, please fill out one of these yellow cards. They're made available to you from our clerk, and we'll be happy to hear what you have to say. So with that said, I'm going to call the first speaker. It's our sheriff, this morning, Vincent DeMarco. Sheriff DeMarco, welcome and good morning.

SHERIFF DEMARCO:

Good morning, Mr. Chairman. Good morning, Legislators. I'd like to read a statement on behalf of myself, Sheriff Vincent DeMarco, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas J. Spota, and Suffolk County Clerk Judy A. Pascale. We testify today in strong opposition to Introductory Resolution number 2032, a proposed Local Law which would amend the county charter. While the proposed resolution purports to bring the county charter into conformity with the New York State constitution and to give the county more flexibility to administer this county's government, the underlying purpose of this amendment is to establish a mechanism for the removal or abolishment of any county officer or agency during his or her elective term of office.

While this proposed resolution does not affect the county's state constitutional offices of district attorney, the county clerk, or the office of sheriff, which the New York State Court of Appeals reaffirmed in a recent decision on term limits, it does affect our local representatives. It is reasonable to confer upon the county the ability to establish its own form of government and make changes that reflect the will of the people, but we do not believe it is within our rights to abolish an elective office midterm and after the voters have spoken by electing that official to a specific term for a specific purpose. What sense does it make for the voters to vote their conscience in an election only to have that official's elective office abolished by the county executive and this legislative body through a relatively simple process?

It is also possible under this proposed local law that a county executive or a legislator could be removed from office if one or the other political party had sufficient power and would deem it in its best interest to do so. This could be done by abolishing that office or by curtailing or transferring to another county officer or agency any power of an elected county officer. We all know that politics has a way of encroaching into government, and it is, therefore, imperative that when it comes to these very significant matters that we have appropriate check and balances in place to constrain elected officials from taking actions that do not reflect the will of the people.

In closing, we would like to register our strong objection to IR 2032 as it currently stands, any proposed changes to the county charter to increase the full monopoly of county home rule powers should be balanced with similar language which protects the rights of the citizens and voters to determine their public representatives to vote for their term of office.

If you'll indulge me, I'd like to speak just on my behalf now, if I may. You know, I could tell you that I have spoken to the New York State Sheriffs' Association. I am sure that the district attorney

and the clerk have spoken to their respective associations, and they all work very closely together on issues of mutual concern. And if this law is passed, I assure you the county will face multiple lawsuits against it. In closing, I urge all of you to vote no on 2032 and protect the elected officials in this county, including the legislature, and protect the constituents and voters who elected all of us. Vote no and prevent Suffolk County from becoming a banana republic. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Thank you, Sheriff DeMarco.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Yes, Legislator Kennedy.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Good morning. How are you? I know that ordinarily we don't have question and answer during the public portion.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

During the committee, it's permissible.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Okay. Since Sheriff DeMarco is not able to be with us during the public hearing, I would at some point like to have the opportunity to be able to speak with him a little further, as you choose.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

If the sheriff has the time now, we'd be more than happy to do that now, Legislator.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Thank you for being here sheriff; I appreciate it. Your statement at the public hearing was a pretty forthright and strong statement as well. I have been, since seeing this bill first introduced and looking at it, I have really been mystified as to what the genesis of it is. I certainly didn't hear anything from the administration as to logic rationale or what prompted it. In being one of the electeds that might actually be impacted by it, I guess I foolishly thought that maybe I'd get a phone call for the logic. But how about you; did anybody reach out to you? Did the county executive or the staff speak to you beforehand? Did you have any idea what prompted this or what brings this -- brought to bear to really kind of alter the whole foundation and structure of county government.

SHERIFF DEMARCO:

I have not heard from anybody from the executive's office on this bill. I thought I might have after the last public hearing, but I have not heard anything.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Nothing. Okay. Good. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

All right. Thank you, Legislator Kennedy. Next is our district attorney, Tom Spota. And Mr. District Attorney also, welcome and good morning.

D.A. SPOTA:

Thank you very much, and thank you for allowing me to speak. I, too, am appearing today with

respect to Introductory Resolution number 2032, which was introduced by the presiding officer at the request of the county executive. I speak to you today solely, not individually, but solely on behalf of the Office of the District Attorney of Suffolk County. I have a great deal of concern on behalf, again, of the Office of the District Attorney that the legislation, what they call the "common sense home rule reform," which this is called, and I think it's anything but that, but be that as it may, in my view, this legislation, if its introduced, if it's passed, would provide the county and the county executive the ability to abolish the Office of the District Attorney, which is a constitutional office; or to remove a present sitting district attorney during the term of his or her term of office so that if the law is allowed, a county executive in effect can abolish the elected office at any time during the term of the district attorney. And this of course would allow him to, in effect, regulate the terms that a district attorney may serve, and it's clearly, in my view, unconstitutional.

Let me read to you a section of the decision of our highest court, the court of appeals, this is a decision that was -- that came forth on, I think, August 22 of this year and here -- and I'll just read to you -- it's a short decision, but I'm only going to read one or two things. The Court of Appeals says that the Office of the District Attorney is, "plainly subject to comprehensive regulation by state law, not county law, leaving the counties without any authority to legislate in that respect. In this light, we view the limitation on the length of time a district attorney can hold office to be an improper imposition of an additional qualification for that position."

And even more importantly, they go on to say that "Permitting county legislators to impose term limits on the Office of District Attorney would have the potential to impair the independence of that office because it would empower a local legislative body to effectively end the tenure of an incumbent district attorney whose investigatory or prosecutorial actions were unpopular or contrary to the interest of county legislators. The state has a fundamental and overriding interest in ensuring the integrity and independence of the Office of the District Attorney." That, clearly, was a decision that pertains to this office, my office, the Office of the District Attorney of Suffolk County.

If this law is passed, it clearly, clearly is unconstitutional. I believe it's -- well, I know it's unconstitutional based upon the Court of Appeals decision, as it affects my office. That's why I speak for it. Fifteen years from now, we could have a county executive that, perhaps, is under investigation or a county legislator or legislators who might be under investigation by the district attorney; and if this law is in effect, what you are basically saying is that the county executive could at any time abolish the position, and that will never, never, never pass muster in a court of law. I am positive of that.

Equally, because the appellate division in so far as the sheriff and the county clerk affirmed Judge Gazzillo's decision, it clearly would be unconstitution-wise to them as well. That is my opinion as to them. As to the Office of the District Attorney, I am positive that it would be unconstitutional, so I ask you to take the appropriate action. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Thank you, Mr. Spota. Thank you for your comments. Next on our list, Mary McLaughlin. Mary.

MS. MCLAUGHLIN:

Mary McLaughlin, representing the League of Women Voters of Suffolk County, and I have a prepared statement. The League of Woman Voters of Suffolk County is most concerned about IR 2032 and asks this committee to table this resolution. A court decision removed the consolidation referendum from the November ballot. Suddenly, this issue seems garbed in new clothing, no longer limited to its stated goal to streamline this and save the taxpayers money. According to IR 2032 under Article IX of the New York State Constitution and the Municipal Home Rule Law, "Suffolk has been given a constitutional grant of power to adopt local laws governing the powers and duties and terms of local office.

"Also, the county may, among other things, abolish or create an elective county office; change the voting or vote power of an officer, change the method of removing an elected county officer during his or her term of office; or abolish, curtail, or transfer to another county officer or agency any power of an elected county officer."

The League is most concerned that this gives the appearance of being a maneuver that facilitates the politicizing of authority of the county executive now could result in political battles between another county executive and county legislature, potentially leading to either government paralysis or even perhaps restricting or eliminating senior county offices. Charter changes of such a magnitude nature, significant nature, should require slow deliberate discussion and not rush through one public hearing and not a full discussion by legislators. As the majority stated in July, "The people should speak." Thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Okay, Ms. McLaughlin, thank you for your comments this morning. Next card is from Ken Williamson. Mr. Williamson, good morning, sir.

MR. WILLIAMSON:

Good morning. My name is Ken Williamson. I'm a retired airline pilot, naval officer, and was trained as an engineer. I'm here representing myself. Over the past season, this legislature has brought upon itself ridicule and multiple defeats in courts. The failure of effort to merge into one office two disparate and repeating functions, comptroller and treasurer, stands up as testimony as some integrity in office still might exist in Suffolk County. Observers of all stripes have groaned in disbelief and asked in bewilderment how that measure advanced as far as it did. Reasonable citizens expect that embarrassment and defeat might bring repentance to this chamber. But no; we're now witnessing a renewed effort to subvert democratic rule to rule by one individual.

Make no mistake about it. If this measure passes, every member of this body will subject his own term of office to the whim of one individual. Is this what you deserve for your yourself? Is this what you intend for the citizens watching this circus? Will this produce the responsible government you want for your children and grandchildren? This measure will bring Suffolk County back into feudalism and the Dark Ages. This tactic draws from the playbook of a well-known writer of centuries past. The book is titled The Prince and was written by Niccolo Machiavelli in 1532. From his name, we get the pejoratives "Old Nick," referring to devilish impulses and Machiavellian referring to corrupt and unprincipled abuse of power by government leaders.

Machiavelli wrote from Florence, Italy, a majestic and grand center of culture and power. He astutely worked the loopholes and extolled tactics and schemes available to rulers to use in gaining a solidifying power. He pulled no punches, suffered no embarrassment in proclaiming his most divisive insights for subverting truth, honor, and duty.

Do you recognize Machiavelli's influences in today's efforts here in Suffolk County? I submit that his advice and practices are apparent in many parts of our land today, but we do not need to embrace Machiavelli or practice his principles of corrupt power here in Suffolk County. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Mr. Williamson, thank you for your testimony.

Next to address the committee this morning is Joan Travan from the Association of Municipal Employees.

MS. TRAVAN:

Good morning. Joan Travan, first vice president of AME. We are strongly opposed to IR 2032. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Thank you.

The last card I have this morning is from our treasurer, Angie Carpenter.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Good morning and welcome.

MS. CARPENTER:

Good morning. I will be equally brief. I just want to go on the record again as I did at the public hearing in opposition to 2032. Not only does it affect the Office of the County Treasurer, Comptroller, the offices that you see here today but all of the county legislators. You know, 58 years ago, whenever it was, that the county charter was adopted by the residents of this county or approved by the residents of this county and this particular article was in there, I think there was good thought behind it and don't see any reason for repealing that portion of our county charter. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Okay. Thank you. Okay. I have no further cards here this morning. Is there anyone else who would like to address the committee? For the record, there is no response.

D.A. SPOTA:

Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Mr. Spota.

D.A. SPOTA:

Could I ask a question of the committee? I forgot to ask this.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

It's not the procedure that we have.

LEG. NOWICK:

Who says no to the DA?

*(*Laughter*)*

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

No, hold on. I didn't say no yet.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Let's take the bill out of order.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Hold on. I got it.

D.A. SPOTA:

It's a very, very simple question.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Mr. District Attorney, it's the second bill on our agenda. It's coming up in literally one minute, and then, of course, we could invite you up when we have the bill before the committee, if that would be okay.

D.A. SPOTA:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Okay. Looking at the next section of our agenda, we'll turn now to Section IV. There are no presentations today, so Section V are tabled resolutions, and I'll call the first.

The first is **1701 of 2013, Amending the Rules of the Legislature (Browning)**. I'm going to offer a motion to table. Second by our vice chair, Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. ***Tabled (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)***

Next is Resolution **2032 of 2013, Adopting Local Law No. -2013, A Charter Law to implement Common Sense Home Rule Reforms (County Executive)**.

LEG. NOWICK:

Motion to table.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Second.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

There's a motion to table by Legislator Nowick. Second by Legislator Kennedy. Mr. District Attorney, I would invite you up at this time, and I had a question for you first. Do you have any questions for the committee?

D.A. SPOTA:

Just hopefully by way of clarification, it says here in the legislative intent in the third full paragraph, it says, and according to the law, it would give the county or the county executive "may, among other things, abolish or create an elective county office."

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

What are you reading from?

MR. NOLAN:

Third paragraph, intent section.

D.A. SPOTA:

Legislative intent, paragraph three.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Right. I see that.

D.A. SPOTA:

You see where it says in the third line, also the county "may, among other things, abolish or create an elective" office, and then it goes on. I just wanted to know what the other things were. Maybe your legislative counsel can help me.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Well, I think "also the county may, among other things, abolish or create an elective county office" -- Mr. Spota, do you have a copy of the operative provision? If you have a copy of the bill, I believe it's in there.

D.A. SPOTA:

Where is the -- tell me what that is.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

It's passed the legislative intent section. In section two, it says "amendments" on the second page of the bill.

D.A. SPOTA:

Article 1024 of the Suffolk County Charter is hereby amended? Is that what you mean?

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Yeah. Below that, you see "effects on term of elective officials."

D.A. SPOTA:

Yes, I see that.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

That's the provision that would be deleted from the charter should this bill pass.

D.A. SPOTA:

Okay. Why do they have "amongst other things"? That's what I don't understand.

MR. NOLAN:

Mr. District Attorney, we didn't -- I didn't write the bill. It's a county executive bill. The language that's quoted in that paragraph comes right from the municipal home rule law, things that can be done by referendum. I don't know what they're referring to by "amongst other things."

D.A. SPOTA:

I see. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

I'm not sure I do, either. All right. This bill was submitted, of course, by the county executive's office. Is there anyone here from the county executive's office that would like to offer any words on this bill?

MR. SCHNEIDER:

Absolutely.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Good morning, Mr. Schneider, and welcome.

MR. SCHNEIDER:

You bet. Thanks, Mr. Chairman. Thanks, Committee Members. I've hopefully gone to the Joan Travan School of Public Speaking here today. On behalf of the county executive, we are asking that IR 2032 be tabled at this time. Over the next several weeks, the county executive looks forward to sitting down with all of our elected officials including the comptroller, as well as the incoming leadership of the legislature and see how we can work together to accomplish our mutual goals of saving taxpayer dollars, consolidating government and providing vital services to the people of

Suffolk County.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

So while that's ongoing, you're requesting a tabling of this particular bill?

MR. SCHNEIDER:

We are requesting a table at this time while that conversation is ongoing, and we believe that working together we can hopefully accomplish our mutual goals.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Okay. I appreciate that. Legislator Nowick, please go ahead.

LEG. NOWICK:

Good morning, John.

MR. SCHNEIDER:

Good morning.

LEG. NOWICK:

Good decision, by the way. Can I ask you while we're still talking about this legislation, in way of an explanation if this was to come forth, I had heard District Attorney Spota say that it would be in the purview of the county executive to decide whether or not an office should be abolished. Does that mean only through a referendum, or it just can be abolished, anyway?

MR. SCHNEIDER:

No. I mean, you know, the Machiavelli and The Prince notwithstanding, the county executive does not, will not, never would have the authority to unilaterally abolish an office, so any decision that would have to be made would have to be in conjunction with this legislative body and via referendum through the people -- by the people of Suffolk County. But that said, we are seeking a table today.

LEG. NOWICK:

I am pleased that your seeing it, but I just, because this is my last Ways and Means Committee meeting, and because I will be leaving the legislature due to the ever popular term limits, I just want to say ahead of time in case I miss my opportunity, to my colleagues be very, very careful if a piece of legislation like this does come back to the table in January because let us not forgot the democratic process is in the hands of the voter. And if there is an election and the voter chooses to put someone in office, it is with due respect that we leave that person in office for their term, and that is the right and the choice, and this is what we all embrace. It's up to the voter. So I just wanted to say, because I won't be back here in January if this comes back, beware.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Thank you, Legislator Nowick. Legislator Kennedy, please go ahead.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Couple of things; one, first of all, I think it's wise to go ahead and seek the table. Actually, what I would ask you to do is a couple of things. Either state here that it's not your intention to go ahead and attempt to bring it forward on Tuesday or either withdraw the bill. Table, table subject to call, quite frankly, we have four electeds that are here today. Would I you, I probably would've picked up the phone to them and saved them a trip today if this was the county executive's intent. Nevertheless, here we are today, so we should give this some sense of finality. Is it your intention or the county executive's intention not to go ahead and seek to do anything with this in a couple days from now?

MR. SCHNEIDER:

It is the county executive's intention to engage in a conversation over the next several weeks, as I stated, with electeds in the county as well as, you know, respecting the fact that we're going to have an incoming leadership of the legislature and engage in that conversation about how we can accomplish our mutual goals. So there is -- certainly, we would not be seeking to move this forward on Tuesday.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Good. Thank you. I appreciate that. Also, what I would ask is in whatever conversation you have with the generally electeds or countywide electeds, you know, as an elected legislature, obviously, that legislation as it was initially introduced had impact for me. I'll talk about the office that I had come from and had spent nine years in the county clerk's office. Similar to District Attorney Spota, you know that that is an office that actually is a duality. It is a state constitutional officer as well as a local county officer. So what District Attorney Spota about, I think, is really critical to the essence of democracy and how it functions. We would never want to have some kind of potential impact for any of our officers for doing their job as the electorate elected them to do any more so than the county executive seeks to go ahead and have someone standing behind or having the potential to exercise some consequence for forming the duties or performing the duties. I think it's important across the board, John -- and look, maybe the motive really is cost-savings, consolidation, streamlining a function. Ironically, as a republican, that's what I support. It's just I think the methodology here really was extremely questionable and best to go ahead and to have had this decision that this thing goes away in its current form. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Thank you, Legislator Kennedy. And Mr. Schneider, I'm also very encouraged by your request to table this bill. As I stated during the public hearing, I had serious reservations about this legislation as well if it's operative effect was to permit the removal of an elected elected official midterm. I, myself, am not sure that passing this bill even affects that issue if you read the legislation itself, but we'll leave that for another day. I'm very encouraged by the fact that you're asking to table this bill because I think that's exactly what people want us to do is to sit down and have some rational conversation about this and work out what's best to meet all of our common goals, which is, of course, to make government more efficient and protect taxpayers and every elected official in this room here today, of course, wants to meet those goals, and if we're going to have a discussion that gets us towards that, I think that's a positive thing. So with that said, if there's no one else who would like to be heard on this bill, I'll call the vote. The motion is to table. It has received a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. The resolution is **tabled**.

(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)

Thank you, Mr. Schneider. Thank you, Mr. District Attorney, Madam Clerk, and Sheriff DeMarco also, we appreciate it, and Angie, our treasurer; thank you very much for your testimony this morning.

Okay. The next resolution on the agenda is 2060, **Adopting Local Law No. -2013, A Local Law amending Local Law No. 38-2013 to clarify the fee structure for the Traffic and Parking Violations Agency (Calarco)**. This bill has been authored by one of our members, Legislator Calarco.

LEG. CALARCO:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. The resolution is adopted.
Approved (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)

Okay. Section VI of the agenda, **Introductory Resolutions**. The first is **2068, Adopting Local Law No. -2013, A Local Law to strengthen policy against dual public salaries (Cilmi)**. Requires a public hearing. I'll offer a motion to table. Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **Tabled/Public Hearing (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

2072 of 2013, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Douglas J. Woelk (SCTM No. 0100-179.00-01.00-130.000) (County Executive). I'll offer a motion to approve and place on the consent calendar. Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
Approved/Consent (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)

Resolution 2073 of 2013, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Douglas J. Woelk (SCTM No. 0100-184.00-02.00-018.000) (County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote, and, without objection, same vote. **Approved/Consent (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

Resolution 2077 of 2013, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Alice Elaine Dye and Kristie Raynor, as tenants in common (SCTM No. 0200-355.00-02.00-006.000) (County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved/Consent (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

Resolution 2078 of 2013, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Charles Cruz and Dennis Cruz (SCTM No. 0500-189.00-01.00-006.000) (County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved/Consent (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

Resolution 2079 of 2013, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Gerard Pallotta (SCTM No. 0100-141.00-03.00-002.001) (County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved/Consent (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

Resolution 2080 of 2013, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act William A. Jacobs, II (SCTM No. 0600-033.00-01.00-008.000) (County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved/Consent (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

Resolution 2081 of 2013, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Hakim Punter (SCTM No. 0500-184.00-01.00-054.000) (County Executive). Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved/Consent (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

Resolution 2083 of 2013, Authorizing certain technical correction to Adopted Resolution No. 783-2013 (County Executive). This changes a fund number in a resolve clause. I'll offer a motion to approve and place on the consent calendar. Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **Approved/Consent (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**.

There has been a request for executive session this morning from the county attorney's office. I'll offer a motion to go into executive session. Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. We are now retiring into executive session. We'll be back on the

record shortly.

(*Committee met in executive session from 11:47 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. *)

Back on the record. In executive session, the committee has authorized the settlement of the following case: Kathleen Seaton as administratrix of the estate of Jose S. Colon, et. al. against the County of Suffolk.

There being no further business before the committee, we are adjourned. Thank you.

(*The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. *)