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Presiding Officer Lindsay Shifts Legislature Meetings to Riverhead

PO Seeks To Give East End Residents Better Access to Government

HAUPPAUGE, NY, JANUARY 19, 2010 – With the Suffolk County Legislature’s newly renovated meeting room in Riverhead completed, Legislature Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay has scheduled six of the Legislature’s 14 meetings for the Riverhead site.

“I am glad to move some of our meetings to the East End, because it gives residents in the eastern part of our county a better chance to make their views and concerns known and have a direct say in county government,” said Presiding Officer Lindsay. “One of my primary goals as a County Legislator and Presiding Officer is to make government more accessible and open to all our residents.”

“As the county seat, the County Legislature should hold at least half its meetings in Riverhead,” said County Legislator Ed Romaine. “The new calendar places six of the fourteen meetings on the East End. I am grateful the East End finally received the parity it deserves.”

“They call Riverhead the County Center,” said County Legislator Jay Schneiderman. “That may be true geographically, but not politically. For years only a few token meetings were held in Riverhead with the bulk of the meetings being held in Hauppauge against my protests. But this year is different with 1/3 of the meetings being conducted in Riverhead providing easy access for East End residents and the ability to highlight the needs of the region. I welcome anyone from the community to come to the beautiful new auditorium to share their views and participate in County government.”

The meetings will be held in the Riverhead County Center meeting room off Route 51 in Riverhead at 9:30 a.m. on March 2, April 27, June 22, August 17, October 12 and December 3.