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Suffolk County Legislature 2011 Review

HAUPPAUGE, NY, DECEMBER 30, 2011 – The Suffolk County Legislature is respected nation-wide for its accomplishments over the decades. Suffolk has earned recognition nation-wide for ground-breaking laws such as its cell-phone ban and DWI vehicle seizure law, its smoking ban and bottle bill, the Ephedra, DXM and detergent additive bans and its “comparable worth,” “item pricing” and “living wage” laws.

“The Suffolk County Legislature last year once again put the concerns of the people of Suffolk County first, continuing to hold the line on general fund property taxes, putting more police officers on the street to protect public safety and cutting costs wherever possible while maintaining essential county services,” said Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay (D-Holbrook). “We will continue to battle to insure the safety and well-being of all the residents of Suffolk County.”

Highlights from the 2010 Legislative Sessions:

- Banned the use of coal tar-based pavement sealer, a first in New York State. (Lindsay) (LL 747) (Effective 7/1/12)
- A Local law establishing the Animal Abuse Registry to prevent animal abusers from adopting or purchasing pets, first in the nation. (Cooper) (LL 395)
- A Charter Law establishing a new Board of Ethics. (Lindsay) (LL 828)
- A Charter Law to update and strengthen Ethics and Disclosure Rules. (Lindsay) (LL 827)
- A Local Law to protect the public from injury caused by accumulated snow or ice on moving commercial motor vehicles. (LL 519)
- Establishing "Understanding, Accepting, and Respecting our Cultural Differences Week" in remembrance of Marcelo Lucero. (Romaine) (LL 178)
- Increasing County Bus Fare on two routes for the implementation of a pilot program of limited Sunday Bus Service. (Schneiderman) (LL 206)
- A Local Law to ban the sale of synthetic cocaine being marketed as “Bath Salts” in Suffolk County. (Cooper) (LL315)
- Establishing a Sober Home Oversight Board. (Browning) (LL603)
- A Local Law mandating prompt reporting of children missing in Suffolk County. (“Caylee’s Law”). (Cooper) (LL 753)
- A Local Law to establish a public registry of unscrupulous home improvement contractors in Suffolk County. (“Contractors Wall of Shame”). (Cooper) (LL 1130)
- A Local Law to ban the sale of fuel gel in Suffolk County. (“Michael’s Law”). (Romaine) (LL 645)
- Approving funding to establish a Skate Park in Sayville. (Lindsay) (LL 79)

- A Local Law to require responsible disposal of expired and unused medications by hospitals, nursing homes, hospice facilities and long-term care facilities. (Cooper) (LL 181)
- A Local Law requiring registered sex offenders to register with Park Police when staying in county parks overnight. (Lindsay) (LL 917)
- A Local Law to restrict the residence of sex offenders near amusement parks. (Gregory) (LL31)
- A Local Law establishing a Food Policy Council for Suffolk County. (Viloria-Fisher) (LL 26)
- A Local Law to improve the safety and security of Suffolk County through the use of surveillance cameras. (Cooper) (LL 32)
- Establishing a Historic Structure Restoration Pilot Program. (Horsley) (LL 918)