



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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SUFFOLK LEGISLATURE

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## GENERAL MEETING ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

**Public Portion** There were 30 individuals who signed up to speak during the public portion at the beginning of the meeting.

### HOT TOPICS

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| 1. Lag payroll or layoffs for Police             | <b>Tabled 18-0-0-0</b>      |
| 2. Mandatory Ethics Training                     | <b>Approved 18-0-0-0</b>    |
| 3. Appointment of Greg Blass as DSS Commissioner | <b>Approved 18-0-0-0</b>    |
| 4. Community/Victory/Recession Gardens           | <b>All 3 bills Approved</b> |

### Votes of Interest:

<b>IR 1296</b> Enhancing Admin Budget Deficit Control for Fiscal Years 2009 & 2010 to proportionately include the Police District in the Budget Mitigation Plan (Co. Exec.)	<b>Tabled 18-0-0-0</b>
<b>IR 1473</b> To evaluate County properties for Community Garden purposes. (Romaine, Gregory)	<b>Approved 16-0-0-2</b>
<b>IR 1547</b> Establishing a Long Island Victory Garden Task Force (Viloria-Fisher)	<b>Approved 18-0-0-0</b>
<b>IR 1471</b> Establishing a grow green-save green initiative by promoting "Recession Gardens" in client benefit applications (Horsley)	<b>Approved 16-0-0-2</b>
<b>IR 1516</b> Approving Gregory Blass as Commissioner of the Dept of Social Services (Co. Exec.)	<b>Approved 18-0-0-0</b>
<b>IR 1107</b> To enhance efficiency in the selection and leasing process for County buildings (Romaine)	<b>Tabled 17-0-0-1</b>
<b>IR 1456</b> Requiring the Department of Health Services to establish the objective criteria for dredging projects (Schneiderman)	<b>Approved 17-0-0-1</b>
<b>IR 1310</b> Establishing mandatory ethics training for Co. employees and Elected Officials (Beedenbender)	<b>Approved 18-0-0-0</b>

<b>Public Hearings</b>	<p><b>The Public Hearing on Procedural Motion 9</b> – Authorizing the inclusion of new parcels into existing Agricultural Districts in the Towns of Brookhaven, Riverhead, Southampton and Southold. (Lindsay) was <b>Closed</b>.</p> <p><b>The Public Hearing on I.R. 1290</b> –to enact a grading policy for food establishments. (Losquadro) was <b>recessed</b>. The hearing will continue at the Legislature’s August 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.</p> <p><b>The Public Hearing on the 2009 – 2010 Suffolk County Community College Budget</b></p> <p><b>I.R. 1290</b> –to enact a grading policy for food establishments. (Losquadro) was <b>recessed</b>. The hearing will continue at the Legislature’s August 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.</p> <p><b>I.R. 1314</b> –to authorize a County registry for domestic violence offenders was <b>recessed</b>. The hearing will continue at the Legislature’s August 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.</p> <p><b>I.R. 1347</b> –banning the sale of e-cigarettes to persons under the age of 19 (Cooper) was <b>recessed</b>. The hearing will continue at the Legislature’s August 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.</p> <p><b>I.R. 1415</b> –banning the sale of drop-side cribs in Suffolk County (Horsley) was <b>recessed</b>. The hearing will continue at the Legislature’s August 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.</p> <p><b>I.R. 1418</b> –to reduce the use of disposable bags by retail stores (Viloria-Fisher) was <b>closed</b>. The bill will now go before the Legislature’s <i>Envir., Planning &amp; Ag Committee</i>.</p> <p><b>I.R. 1467</b> –authorizing an optional lag payroll for certain Elected County Officials (Co. Exec.) was <b>closed</b>. The bill will now go before the Legislature’s <i>Budget Committee</i>.</p> <p><b>I.R. 1485</b> –to prevent double taxation for public safety services in certain towns and</p>
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villages (Romaine) was **closed**. The bill will now go before the Legislature's *Public Safety Committee*.

**I.R. 1508** –addressing invasive non-native plant species. (Schneiderman) was **closed**. The bill will now go before the Legislature's *Environment, Planning & Agriculture Committee*.

**I.R. 1545** –requiring fairness in cooperative home ownership (Co. Exec.) was **closed**. The bill will now go before the Legislature's *Ways & Means Committee*.

**I.R. 1546** –establishing the Suffolk County Shellfish Aquaculture Lease Program in Peconic Bay and Gardiners Bay (Co. Exec.) was **closed**. The bill will now go before the Legislature's *Environment, Planning & Agriculture Committee*.

**I.R. 1558** –implement a cost savings measure to help mitigate budgetary shortfall (Co. Exec.) was **closed**. The bill will now go before the Legislature's *Budget & Finance Committee*.

*All vote counts are subject to Legislative Clerk Confirmation.*

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