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2010 YEAR END REVIEW

Highlights of Suffolk County Legislative Accomplishments

HAUPPAUGE, NY, DECEMBER 30, 2010 – The Suffolk County Legislature is respected nation-wide for its accomplishments over the decades. Suffolk has earned nation-wide notoriety 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, preparing to put 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:

- 1st in the Nation Registry for Animal Abuse Offenders. (Cooper) (LL55) (Effective 5/23/11)
- Banned the sale of aerosol dusting products to minors (Horsley) (LL31)
- Banned the sale of drinking games to minors. (Cilmi) (LL 22)
- Increased the penalties for unsafe helicopter operation in Suffolk County. (Romaine) (LL14)
- Strengthened citizen protections against sex offenders (Lindsay) (LL34)
- Hate Crimes law expanded (Gregory) (LL17)
- Strengthened the County’s Crack House law (Browning) (LL 25)
- Banned the sale of certain synthetic cannabinoids to minors (Schneiderman) (LL26)
- Prohibited demonstrations at Funeral Services (Stern) (LL30).
- Strengthened the enforcement of clothing bin identification requirements. (LL 4 -2010)
- Required sound budget practices to ensure fiscal responsibility. (Stern) (LL 6)
- Waived sewer connection fees for economic revitalization in urban renewal areas. (LL11)
- Strengthened and improved regulation of the installation and servicing of portable fire extinguishers and automatic fire extinguishing systems. (LL 13)
- Property tax exemption expanded to include disabled veterans (LL16) & Cold War veterans (Romaine) (LL19)
- Required advisory boards to conduct open meetings. (Romaine) (LL 21)
- Established prompt contracting & payment policies for not-for-profit organizations (Gregory) (LL40 & 41)
- Guaranteed continuity and stability in County Law Enforcement and ensure adequate resources for public safety. (Eddington) (LL42)
- Established fair and objective procedures for contracting title insurance work (Kennedy) (LL-44)
- Regulated utility poles on County road right-of-ways. (Eddington) (LL-46)
- Established safeguards for the integrity of sales made at precious metal and gem exchanges. (Barraga) (LL50)
- Established an automated calling policy prior to distributing rabies baits in Suffolk County. (Stern) **IR 2073**
- Established a Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) Legislative Oversight Committee. (Romaine) **IR 1980**

Awaiting Action by the County Executive:

- Reduced minors’ access to spray paint. (Browning) **IR 1863**
- Strengthened and expanded Suffolk’s Social Host Law. (Cilmi) & (Montano) **IR 2010 IR 2037**
- Established minimum standards for Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Devices. (D’Amaro) **IR 2013**
- Required Homeless Sex Offenders to report their overnight locations. (Eddington) **IR 1939**
- Increased County bus fares for the implementation of Sunday bus service. (Schneiderman) **IR 2092**
- Allowed County-wide elected officials to fill positions on their own (Viloria-Fisher) **IR 2055**

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