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SUFFOLK LEGISLATURE

March 23, 2010

GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Please note this meeting begins at 4:00 p.m.

HOT TOPICS

- 1. Increasing Legislative Oversight of Major Changes to Law Enforcement Policy** (Vote Scheduled)
- 2. \$ for Environmental Review of Yaphank Project** (Vote Scheduled)
- 3. Requiring tax cut bills to ID offsetting cost cuts** (Vote Scheduled)
- 4. Improving Access to Public Defibrillators** (Votes Scheduled)
- 5. Requiring Homeless Sex Offenders to Wear GPS Devices** (Vote Scheduled)
- 6. Property Tax exemption for Disabled veterans** (Vote Scheduled)
- 7. Expanding Suffolk's Law Against Bias Acts** (Public Hearing 2:30)
- 8. Banning the Sale of Drinking Games & Aerosol Dusting Products to Minors** (Public Hearing 2:30)

The Suffolk County Legislature will hold a General Meeting on Tues, March 23, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Rose Caracappa Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Bldg., 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge - (631) 853-4070. *Public Portion* will be held after the Salute to the Flag, invocation and other presentations. As always, the Presiding Officer intends to begin the agenda **promptly at 4:00 p.m.**

BILLS OF INTEREST WHICH WILL BE VOTED ON INCLUDE:

- IR 1127** A Charter Law requiring sound budget practices to ensure fiscal responsibility. (Stern)
- IR 1263** appropriating funds in connection with the development of County owned land in Yaphank for an Environmental Impact Statement (CP 6420). (Co. Exec.)
- IR 1095** Directing DHS to make its database of AED locations available to emergency 911 dispatchers. (Lindsay)
- IR 1096** Directing DHS to develop signs for locations of automated external defibrillators. (Lindsay)
- IR 1257** Confirming appointment of James L. Tomarken, MD, as Commissioner of Health Services. (Co. Exec.)
- IR 1145** Requiring homeless sex offenders to wear GPS tracking devices. (Eddington)
- IR 1164** to guarantee continuity and stability in County Law Enforcement and ensure adequate resources for public safety. (Eddington)
- IR 1054** to address the penalties for unsafe helicopter operation in Suffolk County. (Romaine)
- IR 1146** Directing the Department of Public Works to hold public hearings on new bus fares in order to advance Sunday bus service. (Schneiderman)
- IR 1175** expanding eligibility for County real property tax exemption to include disabled veterans. (Co. Exec.)

Public Hearings Recessed from 3/2 these are public hearings, the only votes taken on these bills will be to close or to recess the public hearing, members of the public fill out cards to speak for up to 5 minutes

- I.R. 1004** –to strengthen the independence of the Ethics Commission. (Montano) *Ways & Means*
- I.R. 1029** –to provide a fixed five-year term for the Police Commissioner. (Cooper) *Public Safety*
- I.R. 1037** –to expand the functions of the Council on Environmental Quality to include advising Suffolk County on bicycle routes. (Schneiderman) *Environment, Planning & Agriculture*
- I.R. 1129** - to ensure the integrity of prescription labels in Suffolk County. (Cooper) *Health & Human Services*
- I.R. 1174** –amending Chapter 8 of the Suffolk County Code. (Co. Exec.) *Environment, Planning & Agriculture*
- I.R. 1176** –to repeal the Suffolk County Energy Tax via public referendum. (Romaine) *Budget & Finance*

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I.R. 1200 –to establish a Common Sense Policy for Special Mtgs of the Legislature. (Lindsay) *Ways & Means*

I.R. 1219 –to increase the property tax exemption for Cold War Veterans. (Romaine) *Veterans & Seniors*

I.R. 1222 –requiring Advisory Boards to conduct Open Meetings. (Romaine) *Ways & Means*

I.R. 1228 –to expand Suffolk County’s Law Against Bias Acts. (Gregory) *Public Safety*

I.R. 1229 –prohibiting the sale of aerosol dusting products to minors. (Horsley) *Health & Human Services*

I.R. 1230 –banning the sale of drinking games to minors. (Cilmi) *Health & Human Services*

I.R. 1231 –requiring owners of private residential communities to ensure emergency access to roads after snowfall. (Romaine) *Public Safety*

I.R. 1276 –to expand opportunities to create housing under the 72h Transfer Program. (Schneiderman) *Labor, Workforce & Affordable Housing*

I.R. 1298 –to change the composition of the Vanderbilt Museum Board of Trustees. (Lindsay) *Parks & Recreation*

The full agenda can be accessed online at <http://legis.suffolkcountyny.gov/>