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Revitalization Improvements at the Coram Plaza

CORAM, NY – Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker, along with Legislator Rob Calarco, has formed the Coram Plaza Revitalization Task Force in response to quality of life concerns in Coram. The task force is made up of many stakeholders from the community including elected officials from the State, County, and Town, local civic leaders, property managers, police, and representatives from not-for-profit organizations.

Since Legislator Anker formed the task force last month, the community has seen improvements in safety and quality of life around the plaza. An increase in police patrol of the area has resulted in several arrests, and as suggested by the task force, store owners within the shopping plaza have increased their private security. Legislator Anker has also worked with police officers from the 6th precinct and the staff of Lighthouse Mission to successfully relocate their mobile food pantry to the Suffolk County Probation building on Middle Country Road.

"Since the creation of the Coram Plaza Revitalization Task Force, the community has noticed a substantial difference in the quality of the Coram Plaza," said Legislator Anker. "Working with the property managers, Suffolk County Police, local elected officials, and not-for-profit organizations has truly made a difference in the community. I look forward to continuing to work with stakeholders to improve the conditions of the plaza and to revitalize this important economic engine in Coram."

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In addition to increasing security around the plaza, Legislator Anker has also been working directly with Governor Cuomo's office and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to clean up the NYSDOT wooded parcel near the Coram Plaza. Increasing visibility in this area may reduce the use of these woods as a camping area for displaced individuals. Suffolk County Department of Social Services, Long Island Coalition for the Homeless, Hope House, and Service for the Underserved will continue to provide assistance to these individuals. For more information, please contact Legislator Anker's office at 631-854-1600.

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