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Introduced by Legislator Cilmi

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**RESOLUTION NO. -2013, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW
NO. -2013, A CHARTER LAW TO IMPROVE THE
ACCURACY OF FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS**

WHEREAS, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on _____, 2013 a proposed local law entitled, "**A CHARTER LAW TO IMPROVE THE ACCURACY OF FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS**"; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that said local law be enacted in form as follows:

LOCAL LAW NO. -2013, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

**A CHARTER LAW TO IMPROVE THE ACCURACY OF FISCAL
IMPACT STATEMENTS**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF
SUFFOLK**, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

This Legislature hereby finds and determines that the County of Suffolk carefully examines the costs associated with government functions to ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.

This Legislature also finds that, during these difficult economic times, the County has trimmed expenses to maintain a balanced budget, including making the difficult decision to reduce the County's workforce.

This Legislature further finds that with a smaller workforce, the County of Suffolk must focus on its "core missions" and must not needlessly divert its shrinking resources.

This Legislature recognizes that there are actual costs associated with "opportunity costs".

This Legislature finds that policymakers need specific information when a proposed policy will result in "opportunity costs", to determine if the proposal is truly feasible for the County to undertake given its limited staffing.

This Legislature determines that all fiscal impact statements for legislation should describe in detail any opportunity costs associated with the proposal.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to amend Article II of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER to require fiscal impact statements to detail the "opportunity costs" associated with proposed legislation in terms of employee time and associated monetary costs.

Section 2. Amendment.

Article II of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER is hereby amended as follows:

**ARTICLE II.
COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

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§C2-12. Legislative consideration of proposed local laws and resolutions.

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D. Fiscal impact statements.

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(5) Such statement of fiscal impact shall contain, but not be limited to, the following information:

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(h) An analysis of any opportunity costs to the County associated with such legislation, if applicable, including an estimate of the number of employee hours to be expended and the actual monetary costs to the County in terms of salary and benefits for said employee hours.

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Section 3. Applicability.

This law shall apply to all actions occurring on or after the effective date of this law.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 5. SEQRA Determination.

This Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21), and/or (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration,

management and information collection. The Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this law.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

___ Underlining denotes addition of new language.

DATED:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: