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Intro. Res. No. 1558-2014
Introduced by Legislator Cilmi

Laid on Table 6/3/2014

**RESOLUTION NO. -2014, AMENDING THE RULES OF
THE LEGISLATURE TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS**

WHEREAS, this Legislature is required to hold a public hearing on all proposed local laws; and

WHEREAS, persons and organizations interested in proposed legislation often do not learn of the public hearing until sometime after it is closed; and

WHEREAS, the public should be given every reasonable opportunity to make their voice heard when the County Legislature is considering local legislation; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature should keep public hearings open for at least two general meetings to invite greater citizen participation in the legislative process; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that Rule 9(B) of the Rules of the 2014 Rules of the Suffolk County Legislature is hereby amended as follows:

RULE 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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- B.) Any Local Law, Charter Law, or Resolution which is the subject matter of a public hearing shall not be placed on the agenda for consideration by the full Legislature, shall not be eligible for approval by the full Legislature or by any Legislative committees, and no action shall be taken by the assigned committee pursuant to this Rule unless the underlying public hearing has first been closed. A public hearing on a proposed Charter Law or Local Law may not be closed until the public has had an opportunity to testify at the public hearing at two general meetings of the Legislature. A public hearing on a proposed Charter Law or Local Law may not be closed if the subject law is amended, in a substantial way, two or less business days prior to the scheduled public hearing.

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and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (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, and 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 resolution.

___ Underlining denotes addition of new language

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY PURSUANT TO § C2-15(A) OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY
CHARTER