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Intro. Res. No. 1187-2015

Laid on Table 3/3/2015

Introduced by Presiding Officer Gregory and Legislator Cilmi

**RESOLUTION NO. -2015, TO CREATE A GAMING
FACILITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the State of New York has authorized the Suffolk County Off-Track Betting Corp. ("Suffolk OTB") to operate a facility with 1,000 video lottery gaming devices; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk OTB has acquired 32 acres of land in Medford, Town of Brookhaven, the former site of a movie multiplex, to house their gaming facility; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk OTB has selected Delaware North, a global food service and hospitality company headquartered in Buffalo, New York, to construct and operate the gaming facility; and

WHEREAS, the state legislation that authorized Suffolk OTB to operate the video lottery gaming devices also exempted the proposed gaming facility from most local zoning requirements; and

WHEREAS, residents, service providers and community organizations in Medford have argued that their concerns about public safety and quality of life impacts associated with a gaming facility are not being heard and addressed; and

WHEREAS, while Suffolk OTB is a public benefit corporation that operates independently of Suffolk County government, this Legislature wishes to provide a mechanism and forum that allows the legitimate concerns of the local community to be aired and heard by the operators of the gaming facility; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a community advisory board that includes representatives of local civic organizations and service providers as well as Suffolk OTB, Delaware North, Town and County government, can help foster the communication and trust necessary to successfully site and operate a gaming facility; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Gaming Facility Community Advisory Committee is hereby established for the purpose fostering communication between and among the parties interested in the siting and operation of a gaming facility in Suffolk County; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that this advisory community will have the following membership:

- 1) Two representatives of civic organizations, to be selected by the County Legislature;
- 2) A representative of the local volunteer ambulance company;
- 3) A representative of the local fire department;
- 4) A representative of the Brookhaven Town Board;

- 5) A representative of the Suffolk County Police Department;
- 6) The Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature, or his or her designee;
- 7) A representative of Delaware North; and
- 8) A representative of Suffolk County OTB;

and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that this committee shall meet quarterly, or more often as agreed to by the committee; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the committee will terminate if Suffolk OTB fails to obtain a permit from the New York State Gaming Commission to operate a facility in Medford; and be it further

5th **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.

DATED:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: