

# SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR KARA HAHN



## FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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### *Legislator Kara Hahn Marks First 100 Days in Office Economy, Environment & Public Safety Top Priorities*

PORT JEFFERSON, NY – Tomorrow, Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn will mark her first 100 days in office during which she focused on initiatives to address the county’s fiscal crisis, protect the environment and respond to public safety concerns. During her first 100 days, Hahn sponsored nine pieces of legislation, including her most recent bill to pass the legislature which prohibits the acceptance of hydrofracking waste water by Suffolk County’s treatment facilities.

“During my first hundred days, I have met with many constituents, community leaders and business owners who are passionate about improving our community,” said Legislator Hahn. “They inspire me, and while these are tough times from an economic standpoint, I am convinced that we can continue to protect and enhance our way of life by focusing on innovative solutions to the issues that confront us.”

During the Suffolk County Legislature’s first general meeting of 2012, Legislator Hahn introduced a bill to increase government transparency and accessibility by requiring that audio of legislative meetings be posted on the Internet within two hours of the conclusion of each meeting.

From that starting point, she has kept a fast-paced schedule highlighted by constituent meetings and community events and has pursued a legislative agenda focused on protecting Suffolk County residents’ health, environment and quality of life. Here’s a snapshot of what Legislator Hahn has accomplished in her first hundred days:

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- Assumed leadership of the Legislature’s Environment Committee introducing legislation to move forward a proactive agenda that includes preserving additional open space, as well as prohibiting the acceptance of hydrofracking waste water by Suffolk County’s treatment facilities.
- Appointed as a member of the Parks & Recreation and Public Safety committees and the Suffolk County Government Operations Task Force, while also serving as Vice Chair of the Human Services Committee.
- Sponsored nine pieces of legislation dealing with issues ranging from environmental protection to public safety, including a bill to address the growing opioid epidemic among our youth with the launch of a police department Narcan pilot program that will help to save lives in cases of opioid overdoses.
- Co-sponsored two additional bills, one that specifically deals with the critical issue of sewer infrastructure so critical to preserving Suffolk’s sole source aquifer.
- Successfully fought for an additional School Resource Officer in the 6<sup>th</sup> precinct.
- Worked with Suffolk County Sheriff’s SLAP program to clean up litter in Port Jefferson Station and Coram.
- Held over 150 meetings to engage constituents, local officials, not-for-profit organizations and business leaders in identifying issues and solving problems.
- Sponsored a community blood drive in Setauket that received enough donations to have saved the lives of as many as 85 individuals.
- Issued over 50 proclamations and certificates of merit to members of the community for their contributions in making the Fifth Legislative District a great place to live.

“The government that took office this January inherited an enormous deficit crisis that will require tough decisions and our county has many environmental and public safety challenges,” Legislator Hahn said. “But with the support and partnership of the Three Village community, I know we can forge ahead and make significant progress.”

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