



SUMMER 2012



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Dear Neighbor,

On Jan. 3, 2012, I took the oath of office to serve on the Suffolk County Legislature. To date, I have passed seven pieces of legislation; held an open house at my district office, with more planned; traveled my district extensively meeting with residents, civics, businesses on Main Street, business leaders, public safety personnel, school committees, and countless community agencies and organizations.

The 7th Legislative District is a diverse one, each community unique in character, needs, and vision. Together we have rolled up our sleeves and begun working on projects and issues that residents have targeted as vital to their neighborhoods.

Times are difficult, but that doesn't mean government stops working. I am committed to finding ways to serve my district's needs even in tough times and encourage you to join me in that effort. I am honored to serve you.

Rob

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Annual Soccer Tournament set for July 28. Come Watch, Come Play



CALARCO TOURS THE DISTRICT

Within the first four months of his first term in office, Legislator Rob Calarco has begun an aggressive and on-going listening tour of his district.

Thus far Leg. Calarco has had a "Day of Energy" whereby he has visited the Caithness Power Plant in Yaphank and the Long Island Solar Farm located at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Both are examples of state-of-the-art energy innovation on Long Island.

"Good things happen for communities when its leaders are willing to listen and learn before they take action."

Leg. Rob Calarco

Leg. Calarco also toured Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center to discuss with its leaders how County and hospital can work together to meet community health needs.

To see firsthand the rural history of his district and to become familiar with the agricultural resources available, Leg. Calarco visited the Suffolk County Farm and the Ron Bush Farm Museum.

Finally, Leg. Calarco continues to visit organizations working to provide services to the community, including Talbot House, a stabilization facility for addicts in crisis; Mercy Center, a refuge for homeless teen girls; a YAI home for the disabled; leaders from Long Island Council of Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (LICADD), the Nature Conservancy, biasHELP, and SNAP; civic groups from every corner of the district; and the SCPD, 5th Precinct to address and find solutions for nuisance properties and gang activity.

FIRST COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE A SUCCESS

Legislator Rob Calarco opened his doors to the 7th Legislative District Community on April 3 with the goal of introducing himself to residents, listening to their ideas and concerns, and getting to know them better.



As part of his effort to join with and lead the communities he serves, Leg. Calarco has joined four

chambers of commerce, two of which attended his community open house to formally welcome him to the business community.

Leg. Calarco also featured artists from the Patchogue Arts Council at his open house. Currently he is displaying their artwork throughout his office.

COMMUNITY CHATS

Leg. Calarco will begin a district-wide Community Chat program this summer. The first meeting will take place in the Gordon Heights Community in July. Dates, locations and times in your community to be announced.

Leg. Calarco serves the communities of Patchogue, North Patchogue, East Patchogue, Medford, Blue Point, and Gordon Heights.

GET CONNECTED

Visit: **Leg. Calarco's County Web Site**
<http://legis.suffolkcountyny.gov/legislators.html>

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CALARCO HOSTS 4th PLAY FOR PEACE SOCCER TOURNAMENT



Through the hard work and dedication of Legislator Rob Calarco, the Village of Patchogue, the Patchogue-Medford Youth Soccer League, local volunteers, businesses and organizations, the Play for Peace Soccer Tournament has become an annual event. Since that first tournament in 2009, Play for Peace has been about bringing people with differences together, embracing diversity and promoting unity through a day of sport.

Within four years, Play for Peace has grown in its outreach so that this year the tournament is expecting to attract more teams across the cultural spectrum and the region, as well as women's teams for the second year in a row.

And just as importantly, Play for Peace has expanded its mission. This

year proceeds will go to the Patchogue-Medford Library to be used for their award-winning programs that continue to promote tolerance and cultural assimilation.



Sponsors like Gershow Recycling, the Suffolk County Police Benevolent Association, TRITEC Development Corporation, biasHELP, and Long Island Soccer Magazine are helping to make it all happen, while the Long Island Rough Riders have pledged game tickets to the winning teams.

"Play for Peace has become a tradition and a local hallmark of cultural unity. It is a positive way to bridge the cultural divide that exists within our communities with the one sport that spans the globe and crosses every demographic," said Leg. Calarco.

Tournament Information:

DATE: Saturday, July 28, 9:30 am

PLACE: Patchogue-Medford Soccer League Complex

SEEKING: 8 men's and 8 women's teams

FEE: \$200 per team

DEADLINE: July 1

WHERE: Patchogue-Medford Soccer League Complex, Sipp Ave. in Medford

Trophy & Rough Rider

Tickets to Division Champs

Medals to All Players

CONTACT: 631-854-1400

Sign Up Now!

Sign Up For Next Year!

CALARCO CHAIRS NEW GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

As chairman of the newly organized Government Ops Committee, Leg. Calarco has been aggressively pushing his agenda to increase efficiency and service delivery through innovation, while keeping a tight lid on costs.

In concert with the new County Performance Management Team, Leg. Calarco's Government Ops Committee is working to streamline government and has already launched the new Health Dept. portal to improve the permit process.

"Initiatives such as an improved use of technology; a consolidation of office space; an implementation of bottom-up management that will tap into employee know-how and ingenuity will make us more efficient, user-friendly, and cost-effective," said Leg. Calarco.



Legislator Calarco in the Community



LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

Legislation sponsored and Passed by Leg. Calarco

IR 1059: Include Commercial Equine Operations in the Farmland Agricultural Program (to enable small horse farm operations to survive and continue doing and creating business in the region).

IR 1125: To relocate the historic Patchogue Carnegie Library to county property at no cost to taxpayers (to preserve a piece of cultural and architectural history).

HR 10: To establish a County Traffic Violations Bureau (whereby fines collected in Suffolk County are no longer sent to the state but rather are used for public safety at home to the benefit of tax payers).

IR 1046: To authorize planning steps for the acquisition of the "Wedge" property located in Medford (for possible future location of a Community Center).

IR 1204: To authorize planning steps for the Scro property, located in Blue Point (formerly site of Weiss Greenhouse, to be used for community park/recreation purposes).

IR 1314: Co-sponsored by Leg. Calarco to award \$6,000 to PlazaMAC in Patchogue (to encourage downtown cultural development, tourism and job creation).

IR 1351: Co-sponsored by Leg. Calarco to award \$6,150 to PAC (Patchogue Arts Council, to encourage downtown cultural development, tourism and job creation).