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Legislator Rob Calarco Takes Voluntary Cut in Pay

Patchogue, LI—Standing with employees who are being asked to take a five-percent lag in their salary over 20 pay periods, Leg. Calarco has volunteered to do the same to help the county and taxpayers weather the current fiscal crisis. The lag payroll, which will reduce bi-weekly paychecks for a nine-month period, is purely voluntary for legislators.

Leg. Calarco has also refused the use of a county car and cell phone. “We are facing a dire budget. The county has asked workers to take this lag payroll to help out. Nobody likes it because we all have bills to pay. I would never ask workers to make this kind of sacrifice and not do so myself. We are in this together and together we’ll get through it,” said Leg. Calarco.

The 20-week lag in salary is equivalent to two weeks’ pay.