

Press Release

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Legislator Lindsay Named to Chair Economic Development Committee

Eighth District County Legislator William J. Lindsay III has been named chairman of the Legislature's Economic Development Committee, and vice chairman of the Government Operations, Personnel and Consumer Protection Committee. He has also been named a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

"Economic development and providing jobs for our hard-working Suffolk County residents is my primary focus and I am proud to lead the Economic Development Committee," said Legislator Lindsay. "Economic development is the key to a successful future for Suffolk County and I will do everything I can to make sure that happens."

"I look forward to working together with all the members of the committee—Vice Chairman Steve Stern, Kara Hahn, Jay Schneiderman, John Kennedy and Kevin McCaffrey—to boost economic development and create jobs for our residents."

The Economic Development Committee has jurisdiction and oversight over all programs, policies, funds, grants, and initiatives dealing with the stimulus, growth, management,

revitalization, or development of the Long Island economy, as well as Suffolk County's Downtown Revitalization Program, and cultural affairs issues. This Committee shall also have jurisdiction over leases and management of the Suffolk County Francis S. Gabreski Airport.

In addition, the committee has jurisdiction over local development corporations and Empire Zone matters. It has also has oversight of the economic development programs and initiatives of the Department of Economic Development and Planning, including the County's tourism promotion program.

The Government Operation Committee has a wide range of responsibilities, including jurisdiction over the Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs, the County workforce, and affordable housing. It also has jurisdiction over the funding, enforcement and implementation of the living wage law and OSHA and over the County Department of Human Resources, Personnel, and Civil Service, retirement benefits, employee benefits, employee health and safety, fringe benefit plans, employee assistance program, employee education program, affirmative action programs, tuition reimbursement programs, employee suggestion programs, unemployment insurance, life insurance benefits, deferred compensation plans, and the approval of municipal collective bargaining agreements.

It also has jurisdiction over personnel decisions involving County employees; the payroll/personnel system; employee relations; employee disciplinary proceedings; salary and compensation; anti-sexual harassment provision, protections afforded by the county "Whistleblower" statute; and vocational training. This committee also oversees Workfare programs, all legislation affecting licensed occupations, and all consumer protection legislation and anti-nepotism appointment resolutions. The Committee also reviews any legislation to abolish, create, or transfer any county department or office.

"I look forward to working with chairman Calarco on the government operations committee and I will draw on his extensive experience on that committee," said Legislator Lindsay. "It is a very important committee with a host of critical issues to deal with."

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