

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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### LEGISLATOR STEVE STERN URGES PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOME TO FILE FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

*TAXABLE STATUS DAY IS MARCH 1, 2013*

**HUNTINGTON, NY** – Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington) 16<sup>th</sup> LD, Chairman of the Veterans and Seniors Committee, is urging those with documented disabilities and limited income in the Town of Huntington and the Town of Babylon to apply for New York State’s property tax exemption. The property must be the primary and legal residence. All owners must be persons with disabilities except when the property is owned by husband and wife or siblings, when only one person must have a disability. Applicants must have a physical or mental impairment documented by an award from the Social Security Administration, indicating eligibility for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or a letter from the Railroad Retirement Board, the State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped or the United States Postal Service. This exemption must be renewed annually.

Additionally, there are income limitations associated with this exemption. The assessor’s office in your town can provide you with assistance calculating income to determine eligibility.

“I strongly encourage all those who are eligible for Disabilities and Limited Income exemptions to take advantage of this program,” Legislator Stern said. For additional information about these exemptions please call the Assessor’s office: Town of Huntington: (631) 351-3226 or visit [http://www.huntingtonny.gov/permit\\_pics/1403.pdf](http://www.huntingtonny.gov/permit_pics/1403.pdf). Town of Babylon: (631) 957-3014 or visit <http://www.townofbabylon.com/DocumentCenter/View/123> Applications must be filed or postmarked on or before March 1, 2013.