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**LEGISLATOR STEVE STERN LEADS THE FIGHT AGAINST
BDS IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

Stern's legislation sends clear message that Suffolk will not do business with companies that support or participate in efforts driven by intolerance and anti-Semitism



HUNTINGTON, NY—Legislation introduced by Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington) 16th LD, to prohibit the County from doing business with any corporation or agency that participates in “Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions” that target Israel, a key ally of the United States and the only democratic nation in the Middle East, passed unanimously at yesterday's General Session. “BDS is aimed at undermining the Israeli economy and Israel’s sovereignty and has led to intimidation and intolerance,” Legislator Stern said. “The spread of BDS is not only an attack on our friend and ally, not only on the Jewish people, but on the fundamental principles of our entire nation.”

Governor Andrew Cuomo recently signed an Executive Order directing divestment from agencies that support the BDS movement. Suffolk County will utilize a list of institutions and companies developed by New York State pursuant to that order that participate in BDS activities, which will be posted for the public.

"This initiative sends a strong and clear message that the people of Suffolk County stand in solidarity with Israel, today and always," Stern said.