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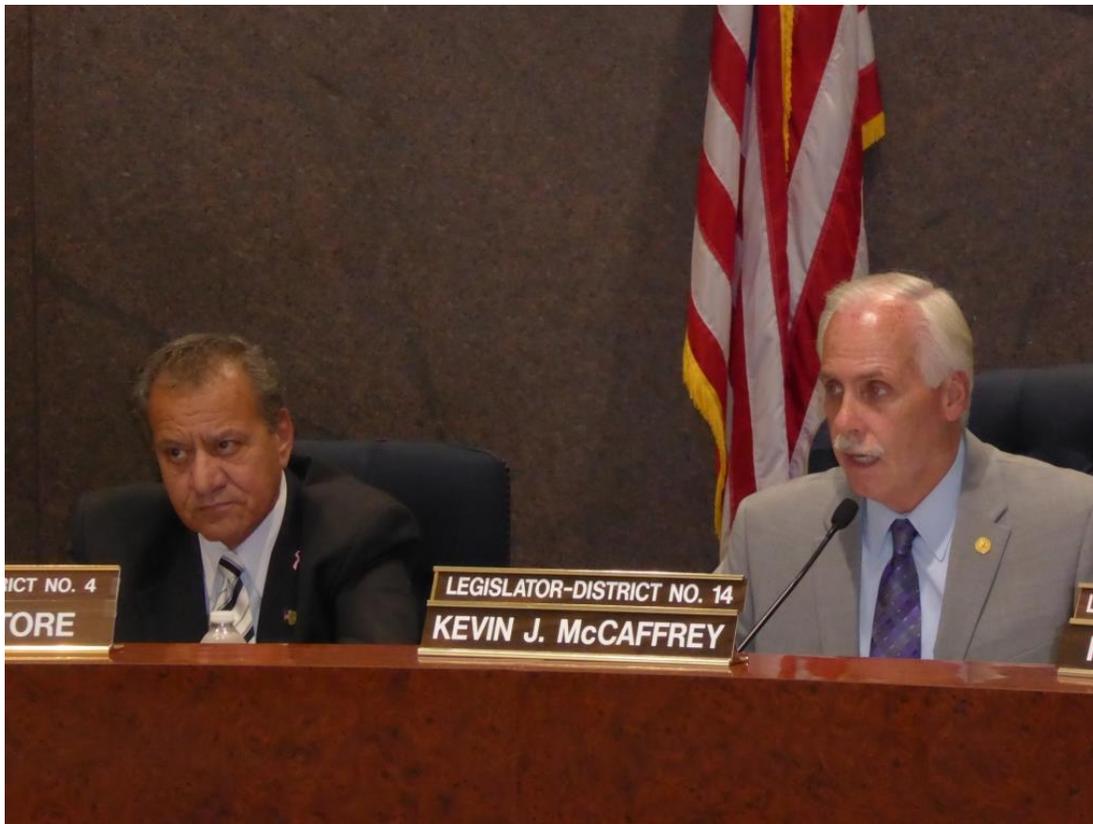


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## SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY HOSTS FORUM ON RED LIGHT CAMERAS



*Pictured: (left to right) Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore and Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey.*

Hauppauge, NY: Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (R-Lindenhurst) recently chaired a public forum which addressed the increasingly controversial issues surrounding Suffolk County's red light camera program. Based on the public's significant presence, it appeared that the time was indeed ripe to have this open and frank discussion. Although led by the Republican Caucus, all members of the Suffolk County Legislature were invited to participate.

The placement of red light camera systems near private residences, inconsistent timing of yellow lights, arbitrary requirements for the duration of a stop before one makes a right on red, and

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quotas were among the issues raised during the forum. Individuals gave personal accounts of why they felt the system is flawed or even outright unconstitutional. Also participating was a representative from the American Automobile Association (AAA), who expressed that while red light cameras can indeed make an intersection safer, it is heavily dependent upon a correct application of traffic engineering principles.

“The red light camera program has been controversial since its inception,” said McCaffrey. “However, over the past few weeks or so, interest in the topic has been revived, due in large part to the incident involving the ‘Red Light Robin Hood.’ The prevalence of problems with the system became more apparent as an increasing number of people started coming forward with their experiences. This forum will certainly prove to be useful in the process of drafting legislation aiming to make the system more safe, consistent and fair.”

The Republican Caucus plans to fully investigate the troubling aspects of the red light camera system before it crafts a resolution to be introduced to the legislature. In the meantime, the public is strongly encouraged to continue communicating their thoughts and concerns to their respective County Legislators.

*Legislator McCaffrey represents Suffolk County’s 14th Legislative District which encompasses the Village of Lindenhurst, Babylon Village, the hamlets of West Babylon and North Lindenhurst, portions of Copiague, North Babylon, and Babylon’s barrier beach communities.*