

WILLMOTTS & WHY NOTS

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There was a major difference last year between the legislatures of Nassau and Suffolk counties with regard to the controversial partial takeover agreement between LIPA and LILCO.

That difference, unfortunately, has evaporated and Suffolk County Legislature appears to be headed toward the same political arrogance that runs rampant in Nassau. This puts the residents of Suffolk County in a position where their only recourse is to petition for a referendum.

Suffolk County legislators, with two abstentions, had supported placing a referendum on last November's ballot in an effort to give the public a voice on the proposed LILCO-LIPA deal. A voter-approved referendum would have mandated that the county act on behalf of the ratepayers in future hearings concerning the agreement and, in the event the deal is approved, that the rate reduction promises made about the deal are kept.

Nassau politicians, led by Presiding Officer Bruce Brakeman, refused to give Nassau

Is There No Senator With Courage?

The Long Island senatorial delegation is all Republican. It is comprised of Senator Kenneth P. LaValle in the First District, Senator James J. Lack in the Second District, Senator Caesar Trunzo in the Third, Senator Owen Johnson in the Fourth, Senator Carl Marcellino in the Fifth, and the west end of Babylon Town was represented by the late Senator Norman J. Levy, whose replacement will be chosen in March. These six men make up a powerful voting bloc, if they choose to use their power wisely.

A bill has been introduced in the assembly by Assemblyman Paul Harenberg and others. The bill, for lack of a better name, is known as the Ratepayers' Bill of Rights. This bill is before the assembly, but there is no similar measure pending in the senate. Lack has been outspokenly in support of the proposed LILCO-LIPA deal, while the other senators, by their silence on the issue, have chosen to pretend that the proposed takeover is the best plan possible.

However, Harenberg's assembly bill is the better way to go. It is a better plan. Whether LILCO continues to exist or is taken over by LIPA, the bill puts teeth and meaning into the LIPA proposal and offers some leverage for competitors who will deal with LILCO if it should continue to exist.

The bill basically states that the 1989 settlement agreement between former Governor Mario Cuomo and LILCO was not binding after the first three years and it was not ratified by the state legislature. The agreement was not binding and did not reduce the Public Service Commission's (PSC) plenary regulation authority over LILCO and its responsibility to fix just and reasonable rates.

Because of this, the bill finds that ratepayers of the Long Island service territory are not bound to pay for costs associated with LILCO's failed Shoreham nuclear power plant.

The legislation further suggests there is no legal requirement that entitles a utility to all of its prudent investment costs at the expense of the ratepayers it serves.

Petitioning For Our Say

voters the same opportunity. "That's what they elected me to do, to make such decisions," he said.

This proposed deal has been tightly wound by political hands. Governor George Pataki not only orchestrated its creation, he strongly supports its content. Although he suggested early on that changes could be made, no changes have occurred, despite heavy criticism of the agreement.

Political leaders, fearful of incurring Pataki's wrath, have been applying pressure on anyone who dares to oppose this unpopular proposal.

Last year's proposed Suffolk referendum was a blow to Pataki, so he and his political followers set out to kill the referendum. They found an organization, the Association for a Better Long Island (ABLI), that was willing to challenge the referendum in a legal action. ABLI claimed the referendum was advisory in nature and therefore illegal. The court did not

agree with ABLI, but found a technical flaw, and ordered the referendum off the ballot. Thus, a questionable court decision denied the people the right to have a say in the matter.

Now, with political pressure increasing, the Suffolk Republican legislators are also caving in. Although a referendum resolution was once again presented for consideration by Democratic legislators the Republicans are backing off. Not one has stepped forward to voice support for the new referendum effort.

In fact, several of them are claiming the legislature's actions to fund legal representation in Washington hearings on the matter are sufficient and a new referendum is not needed.

With seven Democratic legislators supporting the public's right to speak on the most important issue the public will face for decades, three Republican votes would be required for the resolution to pass.

If those three votes were forthcoming, County Executive Robert Gaffney vowed during Republican caucuses that he would veto the measure. Gaffney is upset because Pataki has reportedly not spoken to him since the county executive supported the public's right to vote on this matter last year.

This time around, Gaffney is more concerned about Pataki than he is the public. Therefore, two additional GOP votes would be needed for the 12 legislative votes required to override a veto.

Those who say the legislature has already committed itself to opposing the deal and therefore a referendum is not necessary are absolutely wrong. This reversal by Republican legislators is proof in itself that the public must have the opportunity to mandate that legislators act in its best interest.

They supported legal intervention today, but what happens tomorrow? Will more political pressure cause them to reverse themselves again?

Here's another example of the "You just can't trust them" reasoning, and why a public referendum is so necessary. Late last year, the legislature approved a resolution accepting the strongly critical consultant's report on the deal, a report which cost taxpayers \$200,000.

Gaffney vetoed that action earlier this year and the legislators failed to muster the

12 votes needed to override the veto. More political pressure, more politicians heading for the hills.

While legislators are elected to handle county business, that election does not give them power of attorney, nor the wisdom to know better than the public they represent.

Any politician who thinks he or she, and not the public, should have the only say in putting a more than \$20 billion debt on the shoulders of the ratepayers over the next 30 years, is obsessed with a desire for power that should not be allowed. That kind of power leads to corruption.

Since the politicians are turning their backs on the public, the only option is for the public to act for itself. If we cannot trust the politicians to act with integrity, the public must strongly consider the alternative: forcing the issue through the "Initiative and Referendum" process, which requires obtaining about 20,000 signatures on a petition.

This is not an easy task here in Suffolk County. The I&R legislation was purposely written to make it virtually unworkable. But it is important for the LILCO-LIPA issue to appear on November's ballot so that it can be debated during this year's state elections.

Republican state legislators—with the exception of assemblymen Tom Barraga and Fred Thiele—have been hiding in the woods on this issue, frightened into silence by the governor and Suffolk's Republican Chairman, John Powell.

A referendum would force them to face the issue and explain their silence. A referendum would also be the sounding board to solicit answers to important questions that have thus far been ignored.

For example, how much have the ratepayers already paid into the Shoreham debt? Where is the audit that would provide that information? LILCO says the debt is \$4.5 billion. We want proof. No audit, no deal.

In weeks to come, we will explore the I&R alternative. It won't be an easy task. It may not succeed. Even if it does, the political powers could speed up the approval process for the deal so that the public's will is denied. The politicians are not going to give up easily, there's too much money at stake here.

But the public's right to have a voice in important matters such as this is too great to walk away from. If the politicians continue to deny us that right, it's up to us to take action. Are you ready to fight for your rights?

And why not?

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Fighting To Be Heard

"Three weeks before the election, Mario Cuomo wants to buy votes on Long Island by putting our children \$9 billion further in debt ... Just to try to buy votes a few weeks before the election, Mario Cuomo promised a giant Long Island electric company a sweetheart deal ... Corporate welfare for them, \$9 billion dollars in debt for us and our children ... That is an outrage ... It is political opportunism at its worst and sadly, it is what we have come to expect from Mario Cuomo ... It shows a blatant disregard for taxpayers the fiscal stability of our state ... As governor, I will stop this kind of vote buying welfare giveaway, whether it is to people who should work or giant corporations that do not."

Those words came from Governor George Pataki in a campaign advertisement during the final weeks of his election effort to oust former Governor Mario Cuomo.

Today, Pataki is the father of a \$7.6 billion deal with LILCO which is a virtual clone of Cuomo's LILCO takeover proposal that was blasted by Pataki in 1994.

Shortly after taking over the governor's office, Pataki criticized the management practices of LILCO's administrative officers. He then took aim at Cuomo aide Richard Kessel, a key architect of the Cuomo takeover plan and Cuomo's infamous 1989 deal with LILCO, which drove LILCO rates to the highest in the nation.

Pataki said that if anyone "could manage LILCO worse, it would be Richard Kessel." Then, last year, Pataki appointed Kessel chairman of the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA), which will control Long Island's energy future if the LILCO-LIPA deal is finalized.

Suffolk County Executive Robert Gaffney ran for reelection on an anti-LILCO platform. He was going to knock LILCO off its tracks. He would never stand for the corporate welfare gifts LILCO received from the Cuomo deal. He was going to fight for the ratepayers.

That was then.

Today, Gaffney is a firm supporter of the LILCO-LIPA deal. It is obvious he does not know the facts, just as he has been unaware of the facts regarding numerous county matters on which he has been wrong.

As the top elected county official, he should be doing all he can to protect the people of Suffolk County. He should be asking hard questions, demanding hard facts. Instead, he follows the political directions of the governor and Suffolk's Republican leader, John Powell.

Last year, Republican county lawmakers supported legislation to put a referendum on the ballot in November, giving the people an opportunity to express their views on the LIPA deal. A legal challenge by deal proponents knocked that referendum from the ballot on technical grounds. The people's voice was silenced.

Seven Democratic legislators, who also firmly supported the 1997 referendum effort, are proposing a new referen-

dum resolution. But the Republican legislators are flip-flopping on the issue. They have been under political pressure during Republican caucuses to vote against the referendum, and the word is the Republicans are caving in to that pressure.

After all, the election is now over. They already have the votes their promises brought them. These politicians' reasoning is that the public has a short memory and will forget this political dishonesty by the time they run again.

How can the public deal with politicians of this ilk, who say one thing before election and something totally opposite afterwards? Must the public wait until the next election to voice its anger?

Suffolk residents have an option. It is called Initiative and Referendum (I&R). It allows the public to put issues on the ballot in the form of referendums when the politicians fail to heed the public's will. It allows the people to have a voice in matters which are important to them and their families.

The Republican political structure, which is so firmly entrenched in its support of the LILCO-LIPA deal, is adamantly opposed to having any referendum on the ballot concerning the LILCO-LIPA deal.

The Republicans have decided this is a political decision, and the public has no say in the matter. The rewards are great in the form of political contributions from grateful Wall Street firms which will make tens of millions of dollars on this proposal. A referendum gets in the way; it impedes progress on getting this deal passed as soon as possible.

A referendum would do something else as well. It would force debate and demand answers about vital issues that have not been forthcoming.

Thus far, we have heard a lot of promises—disputed by experts—about all the great benefits this deal will yield. But there are no guarantees, no assurances in writing, of state subsidies to protect the ratepayers if the promises are broken once again.

Politicians who have been strangely silent on this issue would have to answer for that silence during an election year. *Suffolk Life*, in cooperation with numerous opponents of the LIPA deal, is contemplating an I&R effort to force the issue on the ballot.

This will not be an easy task, the I&R law was written for such efforts to fail, rather than succeed. It will mean a lot of hard work, strong dedication, and in the end the politicians may still win.

The alternative is to sit back and do nothing, to let the politicians sell out the ratepayers' future for their own political gain.

If you believe this is truly a government of the people, by the people and for the people, you have an opportunity to deliver a strong message to the politicians. Sign on as a volunteer in the people's fight to be heard.

And why not?

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The Choice Should Be Suffolk's

Rumors are circulating in Albany that John O'Mara will resign within the next couple weeks as head of the Public Service Commission (PSC). This will give Governor Pataki the opportunity of filling that seat.

Pataki became governor largely because County Republican Chairman John Powell came out early with his support and worked diligently to raise funds for the campaign. Powell, who has continued to raise funds for the governor, was responsible for Pataki's large majority in Suffolk County and was influential in Nassau as well.

After Pataki was elected, Powell was brought into the inner circle, but kept at arm's length. Except for one or two prime jobs, Powell and Suffolk have fared badly.

This coming November, Pataki is up for reelection. He desperately needs Powell's help; now is the time for Powell to cash in his chips. He should be allowed to nominate the new head of the PSC. This is critical for Suffolk and Long Island.

The PSC, until a few weeks ago, did not have a representative from Long Island. Long Island's problems with regulatory agencies are well known. We have the highest utility rates in the nation because of past actions by the PSC.

LIPA may take over LILCO—God for-

bid—but the PSC is still going to be called into play for some oversight. It will have the final say if rates must be raised more than 2 1/2%, which they assuredly will once self-generation becomes a reality in the next two to five years.

The PSC, with a commissioner who has barely enough knowledge of what Long Island has gone through, could well ignore the plight of this region as others have.

Powell must make the case with the governor. Right now, he should be in the process of interviewing candidates he wants to present. Candidates whose first interest is fairness, whose second interest is the consumer, and finally, the authority and the utilities that exert so much power over us.

The selection of the next public service commissioner will determine whether Powell is still a powerful state Republican leader, or, as has happened in the past, been reduced to a cheerleader whose past accomplishments have quickly been forgotten.

We hope Pataki remembers who his loyal supporters were and how and why he became governor. Eaten bread in politics is soon forgotten.

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Look At The Past To Foretell The Future

It appears LILCO is one step away from pulling off the biggest con since the sale of the Brooklyn Bridge.

The Future

Before we look at the past, let's look at the future. The deal gives LILCO \$7.2 million for assets that are mostly worthless. Besides the liability of Shoreham, LILCO absolves itself of all responsibility, including the financial consequences of a poor investment in the Nine Mile Point 2 nuclear power plant.

Free of Shoreham, Nine Mile Point 2, and an antiquated transmission and distribution (T&D) system, LILCO keeps its natural gas and oil-fired generating capabilities on Long Island, along with the natural gas sales and distribution system.

In addition, LILCO receives a very lucrative contract that requires LIPA to pay for the operation and maintenance of the electric system and requires LIPA to buy the capacity of this system, regardless of whether LIPA can buy alternate energy at more competitive prices. LILCO will continue to run and profit handsomely from maintaining the existing T&D system.

Under the terms of the agreement, LILCO will not have to bid against other competitors. Charges will be set based on current expenditures.

The staff of the Public Service Commission (PSC), after investigation, found LILCO's cost was 50% higher than the budgets of comparable utilities in the Northeast. On top of its inflated expenditures, LILCO will receive an operating fee that is expected to be 15% over the cost of the operation. That's the good news.

The Bad News

The bad news is, LILCO is in the process of merging with Brooklyn Union Gas (BUG). LILCO is currently the sole supplier of natural gas on Long Island. BUG is the supplier for the borough of Brooklyn in New York City.

It is expected that within five years, microturbines and fuel cells will be capable of providing most of Long Island's electrical needs. Companies and homeowners will have the option of either buying these units outright, leasing them, or having companies install them, without charge, and then paying for the electricity generated via a meter at six to eight cents per kilowatt hour.

Both fuel cells and micro turbines will use various sources of fuel, but natural gas is more likely to become the fuel of choice.

LILCO/BUG will be the sole supplier of this fuel. What a bonanza it will be! LILCO has known that this new technology is about to be unleashed. LILCO knew that its customers would flee the grid and end the monopoly.

How smart Catacosinos was to move the company from electrical generation, which faced competition, to gas, which does not. LILCO/BUG controls the transmission of gas and this will be the monopoly of the future.

How stupid George Pataki and all his supporters were to buy into this hook, line

and sinker. They will have squandered \$7.6 billion of Long Island residents' future earnings. To this they have added an additional \$15 billion debt in interest payments.

Pataki and company have turned a blind eye to the future. They have saddled themselves with the incredible possibility that LIPA will face ultimate bankruptcy, because there will not be enough customers left to support the outlandish rates it will have to charge to pay off this unbelievably dumb business deal.

There are only two possible scenarios left. The bondholders will find their bonds in default. Wall Street will scream that although it did not have the state behind the bonds, state officials gave the bondholders an explicit promise that the principal would be safe and the interest payments protected. The state then will have to use all its resources for yet another bailout. Everyone within the state will be required to pick up the taxes to fund this endeavor.

The second scenario would be for the state to do everything in its power to make it difficult or block people from leaving the grid. This could be done through exorbitant exit fees or an outright ban on self-generation. This is a problem the politicians of tomorrow will have to face. Those who made the law, broke the law and created this dilemma will be long gone. Only the consumers will remain, and hell, they are easy to abuse. It's been done to them over and over again.

The Past

Just look at Shoreham, built at a cost of \$4.5 billion, of which \$1.2 billion was found to be imprudent, bringing the net cost to \$3.3 billion which was chargeable to the ratepayers.

During the building of the now-defunct Shoreham plant, the ratepayers paid \$3.6 billion through financial stability payments and Construction Work In Progress (CWIP) funds; and \$300 million more through the prudent cost of the plant.

Good politicians would have demanded that LILCO refund this \$300 million back in 1987. But instead of demanding a refund, former Governor Cuomo's negotiators agreed to the famous Cuomo deal that even the stalwart, conservative Wall Street Journal labeled the "sweetheart deal of the century."

The Cuomo deal has provided LILCO with \$7 billion to \$8 billion in additional electrical rates, over and above what normally would have been charged. This was supposed to go toward paying for Shoreham, again.

Instead, it was used to pay an increased dividend to LILCO shareholders which pumped the price of the stock up, but left the company with debt still on the books.

Future Will Repeat Past

Through the Pataki deal, we are paying the original cost of Shoreham, \$4.5 billion—for the third time—and in addition, we buy the other bad assets of LILCO. We lock ourselves into a 15-year contract with LILCO



that denies competition, and to put the icing on the cake, we make BUG/LILCO the strongest and most formidable competitor by giving it an exclusive lock on the distribution of gas.

Gas will be LIPA's competitor and downfall. Want to bet your money on who will win?

By the way, the self-proclaimed smartest politician in the state, Assembly Majority Leader Sheldon Silver, had inked into the deal one other provision: requiring LILCO to invest \$1.3 billion of its ill-gotten profits into modernizing its gas system that

will compete against LIPA for the ratepayers' energy dollars.

Of course, this investment will be considered a capital improvement, allowed to be built into the rate base and charged to the consumer as Shoreham was, even though the ratepayers have "pre-funded" it through the deal and the rates that paid for Shoreham three times over.

For the ratepayer, it is an endlessly losing proposition.

Doesn't anybody look at the past to foretell the future? Are we that stupid?

And why not?

Let The Sheriff Do His Job

Suffolk County Executive Bob Gaffney and Suffolk County Sheriff Pat Mahoney are in the midst of a political dogfight. And, as usual, guess who is paying the price? We are, the taxpayers and citizens.

Gaffney and Mahoney were elected individually. Mahoney was elected to run the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department and the jails. Gaffney is the county executive and chief officer, charged with managing the county's affairs.

All labor negotiations for the county, including the sheriff's department, are done through Gaffney's office. Gaffney's chief labor negotiator, David Green, has been subject to more controversy than even Gaffney himself.

Green is currently negotiating the contract for sheriff's department employees. Mahoney has complained bitterly over the years that because of the terms in the labor contract, he is limited in his ability to manage his department's personnel, which has resulted in huge amounts of overtime.

Mahoney's request for relief from the county executive's office has fallen on deaf ears.

Last year, when a class of new recruits came into the sheriff's department, Mahoney wisely assigned them to the daytime shift. This is when his department is the busiest and the need for manpower is at its greatest. Assigning this class to the first shift knocked out almost a quarter of a million dollars in overtime over the first two pay periods. That comes to about \$3 million a year needlessly being taken out of the pockets of the taxpayers.

Mahoney, under the contract, was allowed to assign first-year recruits on probation to the shift where they were most needed, but the union objected, and

Green, who is the county's negotiator, capitulated without conferring with Mahoney.

Without any communication with Mahoney, the department's elected executive manager, Green gave in to the union and denied Mahoney the ability to best use his personnel on the shifts they were most needed. This ended up costing the taxpayers more than \$3 million in needless overtime pay.

Mahoney, at various times, has reached out to *Suffolk Life*, asking for our intervention with the county executive. He has documented ways in which he could run the sheriff's department more efficiently if he is given reasonable methods through Green's negotiated contract. Yet, the Gaffney administration, unfortunately, has chosen to ignore him.

It's been no secret that Mahoney has antagonized Gaffney. He has uttered criticisms that those in the inner circle and outside observers have also voiced.

Whether by arrogance or by order, Green has failed to discuss labor and management scenarios with Mahoney. This decision has cost the taxpayers millions of dollars. This practice must come to an end.

Gaffney must open the lines of communication and order his labor negotiator to seek out the concerns and recommendations of the elected manager of the sheriff's department. Failure to do this is poor management and bad politics. This is for the good of all Suffolk County citizens.

The negotiator should be representing the management of the department first, foremost and always. If he cannot do this, then it is time for Gaffney to look for a better labor negotiator.

And why not?

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Their Epitaph

Next Wednesday morning, the 18 members of the Suffolk County Legislature are going to get out of bed. Each legislator is going to look in the mirror and face the second greatest judge of mankind, oneself. What they see may well become an epitaph placed upon each of their tombstones by the people of Suffolk County who trusted them. Some of these legislators will be proud of their actions, others will not.

On Tuesday, the county legislature is expected to vote on giving the people of Suffolk the right to express their opinion on the proposed LILCO-LIPA deal.

When running for reelection, the county legislature voted unanimously with two abstentions to place this message on the ballot last November. Each member indicated, whether he or she supported the deal or not, that voters should be given an opportunity to express their viewpoint by voting on a resolution creating a charter amendment. The amendment would put the force of law behind Suffolk's opposition to the deal and, if it went through, make sure the county was vigilant in ensuring that LIPA lived up to its terms and conditions.

What has changed? Not much, other than Republican leader John Powell's concern about the governor running for

reelection at the same time this question is on the ballot. It's politics over democracy. Bad government over good.

Last year, the ballot proposition was thrown out on a technicality and most voters were incensed. Their right to vote had been stolen. Many believed the judge's decision was influenced by state officials.

This question of giving Suffolk residents a right to vote will be before our legislators again this Tuesday. It had unanimous support before, but that does not appear to be the case today.

Many Republican legislators have been influenced, intimidated and possibly bought off. They have traded their responsibility to the people of Suffolk County for a pittance.

Those legislators who vote to deny the public a voice have betrayed the public trust and should always be seen in their true colors.

When people visit the cemetery in the future, they might see some tombstones inscribed with the following: "He traded the people's faith for a judgeship ... He traded his vote for his son's professional education ... He traded the people's trust for additional state aid ...

He flip-flopped and failed the people ... He had courage when he was younger, but slept through his old age ... Like a good son, he did what he was told ... She went along to get along."

And there will be those legislators whose tombstones will bear the inscription, "Their word was their bond ... They never forgot the people they promised to serve."

There is not an elected official who wants to leave this world without a legacy. Some will be remembered with respect, while others will not.

How does America, after almost 200 years, remember Benedict Arnold? He betrayed America's trust and he has

never been forgiven for it.

It is not too late for you to contact your legislator. Whether you are for or against the deal, you deserve the right to express your opinion in the voting booth. Demand that the legislature gives that right to you by voting "Yes!" for a referendum.

Call your legislators today. Let your representative know that regardless of their stance, you expect to be allowed to vote in this democracy. You expect them to vote to give you that right.

If you have time and you want to see your legislators in action, come to the legislative hearing room in Riverhead next Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Your presence will be meaningful. You will see democracy in action.

And why not?

It's Your Fight, Too

Suffolk Life has been leading the fight to save you from financial ruin if the LILCO-LIPA deal goes through.

For more than 10 months, we have attempted to bring you all the facts concerning this deal and how it will not only impact you, but your children and their children as well.

We have been able to put pressure on the politicians, particularly the Suffolk County Legislature, to encourage them to do what is right. Unfortunately, the election is past and many of them are sitting comfortably in their seats, knowing they have two years for you to forget. Their arrogance and betrayal is our call to action.

We, the citizens of Suffolk County, must force the government into doing what is right.

For a referendum to find a place on the ballot, we, the people of Suffolk County, must gather 40,000 to 50,000 signatures. Legally, you only need about 21,000, but the signatures will undoubtedly be challenged and to be safe, we must gather at least twice that number.

Initially, the gathering of this many signatures could appear to be a herculean task, but it isn't as long as we pull together.

We are asking you, the residents of

Suffolk County, to do your part by circulating a petition. If 100 people gather 500 signatures, we will have 50,000. If 1,000 people gather 50 signatures, we will have 50,000.

Each person is important in this war and, believe me, it is a war. It's a war being waged by people who want to take money out of your pockets. As in any war, if the people join hands they can overcome the oppressor.

To be successful, we need a minimum of 1,000 involved citizens who are willing to gather five, 10, 20, 50 names. This is your chance to prove that the people are right, that this is our government and we won't let it be taken from us.

We need volunteers from all 10 towns, 5% of the gubernatorial votes in each town must sign the petitions. This includes participants from Shelter Island, where we are in need of 140 signatures, to Brookhaven, where we will need over 10,000 signatures.

If you would like to be part of the army of people against the politicians and their money-grabbing scheme, send in the coupon and we will get you a petition.

This is the people's fight. Let's show them who is boss.

And why not?

Who Will Betray You?

District 1 Michael J. Caracciolo (R), Deputy Presiding Officer, 633 East Main St., Riverhead, NY 11901, 852-3200.

District 2 George O. Guldi (D), 140 West Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays, NY 11946, 852-8200.

District 3 Fred Towle Jr. (R), 640 Montauk Highway, Shirley, NY 11967, 852-1300.

District 4 Joseph Caracappa (R), 248 Middle Country Road, Building 1, Suite 3, Selden, NY 11784, 854-2700.

District 5 Nora Bredes (D), 46 Route 25A, Suite 5, East Setauket, NY 11733, 854-1500.

District 6 Martin Haley (R), 725 Route 25A, Miller Place, NY 11764, 854-1600.

District 7 Brian Foley (D), 27 Havens Avenue, Patchogue, NY 11772, 854-1400.

District 8 Steve Levy (D), 22-30 Railroad Avenue, Sayville, NY 11782, 854-4900.

District 9 Joseph Rizzo (R), 2941 Sunrise Highway, Islip Terrace, NY 11752, 854-0900.

District 10 Cameron Alden (R), 21 Maple Avenue, Bay Shore, NY 11706, 854-0940.

District 11 Angie Carpenter (R), 4 Udall Road, West Islip, NY 11795, 854-4100.

District 12 William G. Holst (R), William H. Rogers Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, NY 11787-4311, 853-4400.

District 13 Michael D'Andre (R-C), 59 Land'ng Avenue, Smithtown, NY 11787, 854-3900.

District 14 David Bishop (D), 276 N. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757, 854-1100.

District 15 Maxine S. Postal (D), 15 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701, 854-1111.

District 16 Allan Binder (R), 1789 East Jericho Turnpike, Huntington, NY 11743, 854-5100.

District 17 Paul Tonna (R), 1996 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729, 854-1900.

District 18 C. Stephen Hackel-ing (R), Presiding Officer, William H. Rogers Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, NY 11787-4311, 853-4088.

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