ATTENTION

Suffolk County Residents

Ballot proposition 2 information

In 1987, county residents approved the creation of the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program. Its funding came from an added 1/4 percent county sales and use tax.

In 2011 and again in 2014, money was illegally taken from this program’s funds by the Suffolk County Executive. The county was sued both times. The first case is pending. The second was settled by the court, ordering the county to return the money to the Drinking Water Protection Program.

Now, the County Executive wants to take money from the program again, with no plan to repay the money and no restrictions on how the money is spent.¹

In addition, the County Executive wants the borrowed money on which the courts have not yet settled to be forgiven – depriving the Water Protection Program of much needed funds and continuing the precedent of raiding the fund again and again in future.

Because your sales taxes provide the funding for the Water Protection Program, your approval is needed for the County Executive to take more money and to have the prior debt forgiven.

The County Is Using the General Election to Conduct This Vote

It will appear as a proposition on the back of your ballot.

Be sure to act on it.

1 – Should this proposition pass, the money will be taken from the fourth section of the drinking water protection program which is titled “Sewer Taxpayer Protection” and is described in the Suffolk County Charter (Chapter C of ecode360), Article XII, subsection C12-2 part D.