

# SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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### LEGISLATOR SUSAN A. BERLAND SPONSORS RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE SUFFOLK COUNTY'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

**HAUPPAUGE, NY-** Introductory Resolution 2209-2018, A Local Law to Improve the County's Affordable Housing Programs, sponsored by Legislator Susan A. Berland (D-Dix Hills) was approved unanimously by the Suffolk County Legislature at the May 14, 2019 General Meeting. This resolution amends the Suffolk County Administrative Code to require that a percentage of all parcels developed as affordable housing with the assistance of the County remain so in perpetuity.

The resolution has a two-pronged approach: If the County supplies funding for an affordable housing project, a maximum of 20% of the County's portion of the funding will go towards the development of units that must remain affordable in perpetuity. If a property is transferred pursuant to the 72-H transfer program the house built on that property must remain affordable in perpetuity.

"I introduced this resolution to combat a lack of affordable housing in Suffolk County due in part to affordable housing projects reverting to market rate housing after a set number of years," **said Legislator Berland.** "The goal of this resolution is to keep some number of affordable housing units affordable forever. It is our job as elected officials to ensure that those who wish to live and work here in Suffolk County, have the opportunity to do so."

"The Long Island Builders Institute is proud to have assisted with this legislation which will increase the amount of affordable housing in Suffolk County," **said Mitchell H. Pally, Chief Executive Officer.** "We congratulate Legislator Berland on this very important piece of legislation and we look forward to its successful implementation in the time ahead."

**Peter James Elkowitz, President/ CEO of Long Island Housing Partnership, said:** "LIHP supports the efforts by Legislator Berland to further affordable housing development in Suffolk County."