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## Legislator Lou D'Amaro Urges Residents Turning 65 To Apply for Property Tax Exemption Deadline is March 1 regardless of Birthday

(HUNTINGTON STATION, NY... February 22, 2016) – If you were born in 1951 and turning 65 this year, Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) would like to wish you a happy birthday and remind you to file your property tax exemption forms before March 1, regardless of your month and date of birth.

This 65<sup>th</sup> birthday milestone entitles eligible seniors to important benefits including the Enhanced STAR tax reduction and the Senior Citizens Property Tax Exemption. Depending on total income, the reduction could be significant. The adjusted gross income threshold for Enhanced STAR is \$84,550 and the income threshold for the Senior Citizens Property Tax Exemption is \$37,400.

If you qualify, the two applications **must** be filed with your own Town Assessor **on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> of the year you turn 65**. Under New York State law, if you turn 65 after March 1<sup>st</sup> and wait until your birthday to file you will lose the next year's exemption. ***In addition, if you were born prior to 1951 and think you are entitled to but not yet receiving STAR benefits, you also must apply before the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.*** Applications may be picked up at the Assessor's office in your respective Town Hall. The Enhanced STAR form is TOB-425 (Babylon) and RP-425 (Huntington); the Senior Citizens Property Tax

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Exemption form is RP-467 for both towns. For more information, contact your Town Assessor at the following phone numbers:

***In Babylon, the Town Assessors office phone number is (631) 957-3014***

***In Huntington, the Town Assessors office phone number is (631) 351-3226***

“As our seniors enter this special time in their lives, they should be able to enjoy all of the benefits that they have earned,” said Legislator D'Amaro. “The deadline is fast approaching. Please apply for your tax exemptions today so you do not miss out!”

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*Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amaro represents the 17<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, which includes parts of Huntington, Huntington Station, South Huntington, Melville, West Hills, Cold Spring Hills, Dix Hills, Deer Park, North Babylon and West Babylon. He is chairman of the Budget & Finance committee and a member of the Education & Information Technology and Human Services committees of the Suffolk County Legislature.*