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Leg. D'Amaro Appoints Melville Resident to Suffolk County Women's Advisory Commission



Legislator D'Amaro gives the Oath of Office to new District 17 Suffolk County Women's Advisory Commission appointee Cheryl Haiken

(HUNTINGTON STATION, NY... February 8, 2016) – Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) has named Melville resident Cheryl Haiken to serve as the 17th Legislative District's representative on the Suffolk County Women's Advisory Commission. Legislator

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D'Amaro swore in Ms. Haiken for her three-year term on Tuesday, February 2 at the William H. Rogers Legislative Building in Hauppauge.

Ms. Haiken is a behavioral therapist and a special educator/evaluator. She is advisory board chair of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and is active and has held a variety of leadership positions in both the South Huntington Jewish Center and the Half Hollow Hills Central School District PTA. A graduate of both Boston University and Hofstra University, she earned dual Masters degrees in education and is currently pursuing a doctoral in behavioral science at SUNY Stony Brook. Ms. Haiken replaces Susan Friedman of Dix Hills who recently completed her three-year term on the Suffolk County Women's Advisory Commission.

The Suffolk County Women's Advisory Commission was established through legislation enacted by the Suffolk County Legislature in 2000. Each Suffolk County Legislator appoints one member to represent his or her district with the remainder of the board coming from appointments by the Presiding Officer, the County Executive, the Division of Human Rights and the chair of the Commission. Acting in an advocacy role, the Commission makes recommendations to the Suffolk County Division of Women's Services, the County Executive and the Legislature for executive or legislative action to eliminate discrimination against women; to insure equal opportunity for women and to promote the status of women in both the private and public sectors.

"For more than two decades, Cheryl Haiken has been developing innovative programs that identify needs and improve the lives of women and children locally and throughout the region," said Legislator D'Amaro. "She is a real leader and a role model for the entire community. I know Ms. Haiken will be as an exemplary representative, as her predecessor Ms. Friedman was, and I thank her for agreeing to serve in this volunteer position."

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Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amaro represents the 17th 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 Veterans committee of the Suffolk County Legislature.