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Legislator Monica R. Martinez Calls for Islandia Officials to Work with Suffolk County

Legislator Monica R. Martinez calls for the Village of Islandia officials to work with Suffolk County on the issue of public sewers.

Suffolk County has proposed a plan to install piping along Johnson Avenue, in Islandia, that will connect the Ronkonkoma Hub to the Southwest Sewer District. This piping plan would improve our water quality by allowing businesses and residencies to connect to sewers rather than the existing cesspools; which are contributing to the harmful nitrogen charge in our water system.

The proposed piping plan would encompass a seven (7) mile track of sewer pipe passing through three jurisdictions (Town of Brookhaven, Town of Islip, and the Village of Islandia). The Towns of Brookhaven and Islip have agreed to the plan. However, the Village of Islandia has publically objected to the plan.

Suffolk County's sewer project cost estimate is approximately \$24 million dollars. Due to the Village of Islandia's objection to this piping plan, an alternate plan **will cost tax payers an additional \$26-\$31 million dollars, for a total of over \$50 million dollars.**

In a letter written to Mayor Dorman of Islandia, Legislator Martinez asks for his reconsideration on the issue and to date, there has been no response from Mayor Dorman. Legislator Martinez assured Mayor Dorman that "the County will be financially responsible for repairing and repaving the affected roadways in the Village." Legislator Martinez also stated that "allowing the County access to Johnson Avenue, it would be of benefit to the Central Islip Business District along Carleton Avenue as well as Islandia's residents and businesses along Veterans Memorial Highway."

Allowing access through the Village of Islandia would demonstrate fiscal prudence and forward thinking. As we know, all of Islandia residents are served by the Central Islip School District. A mutually beneficial agreement would allow; (1) County Savings of up to \$31 million dollars in taxes, (2) jobs for our residents, and (3) a comprehensive sewer plan which would improve water quality and lower expenditures for residents from Brookhaven Towns, Islip Towns, and constituents from Village of Islandia.

Legislator Martinez stated "I am fighting environmental injustice with the illegal dumping of 50,000 tons of toxic debris at Roberto Clemente Park (Brentwood), a proposed scrap metal facility at Emjay Blvd (Brentwood), but now I am also fighting this economic injustice in Central Islip."

Legislator Martinez urges all residents who live in the Village of Islandia and Central Islip to contact Mayor Dorman (631-348-1133) to request that he reconsider the Village's position.