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**LEGISLATORS MCCAFFREY, TROTTA AND CILMI CALL FOR EXPEDITED CONSOLIDATION
OF TREASURER'S OFFICE INTO COMPTROLLER'S**



From Left to Right: Suffolk County Legislators Cilmi, Trotta, McCaffrey, and Suffolk County Comptroller, John Kennedy

Joined by his colleagues (Legislators Trotta and Cilmi) in the Suffolk County Legislature's Republican Caucus, Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (R – Lindenhurst), during a press conference preceding the legislature's general meeting, asked the public and the rest of the legislature for supporting his efforts to expedite the consolidation of the Suffolk County Treasurer into the Suffolk County Comptroller's office.

With the imminent departure of the sitting Suffolk County Treasurer, and the overwhelming support that voters gave the consolidation process last November, an opportunity has arisen to expedite the process and realize the savings promised to the taxpayers.

"We are very fortunate to have this opportunity to make consolidation a reality sooner, rather than later," said McCaffrey. "The public supported the consolidation under the impression that it would save the county money and streamline the government. As legislators, it is our job to see that the public's will is carried out and that the benefits become a reality as soon as possible."

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Similarly, Legislator Tom Cilmi called on the rest of his colleagues in the legislature and the County Executive, "...to resist the temptation of appointing yet another political patronage job. If there are savings to be had, then the taxpayers should see these savings as soon as possible." Legislator Robert Trotta added, "It would be hypocritical and disingenuous if the democrats – the ones who pushed for consolidation – do not follow through with expediting the process now."

Suffolk County Comptroller Kennedy was also on hand to share his thoughts on the matter. Kennedy explained that approximately \$300,000 could be saved in salaries alone during the very first year after consolidation.