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**LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY ENTERS BIPARTISAN
AGREEMENT TO DELIVER REAL SAVINGS TO
SUFFOLK COUNTY TAXPAYERS**



From Left to Right: Legislator Jay Schneiderman; Treasurer Barry Paul;
Executive Steve Bellone; Legislator Kevin McCaffrey;
Comptroller John Kennedy; and Legislator Rob Calarco.

Hauppauge, NY: In the spirit of bipartisanship and securing the best interests of taxpayers, Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (R-Lindenhurst) recently joined with his colleagues from the legislative and executive branches. The purpose of this gathering was to enter into an official agreement to expedite the consolidation of the Treasurer's office into that of the Comptroller's. This historic achievement will allow the consolidation to take place a full two years ahead of schedule, immediately delivering real savings to Suffolk County.

Efforts to expedite the consolidation process began in earnest this past February, when it was

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learned that then-sitting Treasurer Angie Carpenter would be departing office to become Islip's newly appointed supervisor. McCaffrey realized that this unforeseen occurrence provided an enormous opportunity for the people of Suffolk County to see their will to consolidate carried out sooner than later. After all, it was only last November that Suffolk County voted heavily in favor of the consolidation referendum.

"The people made their position abundantly clear when they went to the polls last November," said McCaffrey. "As an elected official representing the people of Suffolk County, it is my responsibility to see that the will of the people is carried out in an expeditious fashion. The opportunity that materialized when Treasurer Carpenter departed presented us with the ability to save millions of taxpayer dollars far earlier than we ever imagined."

Amidst the fiscal crisis that Suffolk County is currently experiencing, this agreement will be a welcome financial step in the right direction. It is hoped that this latest move will only be the first of many more measures to be taken in the future aiming to cut the excesses in government and to increase efficiency.

"I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the political aisle to make Suffolk County more affordable and fiscally responsible," added McCaffrey. "I am grateful that my colleagues were able to work so effectively together, and I am sure that this is a sign of very good things to come for Suffolk County."