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March 6, 2017

Hon. DuWayne Gregory  
Presiding Officer  
Suffolk County Legislature  
William J. Lindsay County Complex  
William H. Rogers Building  
725 Veterans Memorial Highway  
Hauppauge, NY 11787

Re: Resolution IR 2056-16, Resolution IR 1109-17, Resolution IR 1122-17

Dear Presiding Officer Gregory,

The Long Island Regional Planning Council, a bi-county organization dedicated to promoting the physical, economic and social health and well-being of the Long Island region and serving as a catalyst for action, strongly supports the passage of Resolution IR 2056-16, Resolution IR 1109-7 and Resolution IR 1122-17.

Together these Resolutions will provide funding for much-needed sewer infrastructure for MacArthur Airport, the Ronkonkoma Hub, the surrounding commercial and industrial area and future development projects in the Village of Islandia. The Long Island Regional Planning Council declared the Ronkonkoma Hub a Project of Regional Significance at a Council meeting on January 14, 2014. The Council recognized the Ronkonkoma Hub as an important economic development opportunity that enhances transportation, provides job opportunities and improves social equity by creating a diverse transit-friendly community with many housing options.

The Council has also recognized Long Island MacArthur Airport as a truly regional asset and the addition of a customs facility will provide for international service.

The proposed sewer infrastructure improvements will allow the Airport to reach its potential as an economic engine and international transportation hub.

Additionally, the Long Island Regional Planning Council, working in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on the Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan, strongly advocates for sewer infrastructure construction and improvements to remove nitrogen pollution from the Island's water environment.

The Council also supports Suffolk County's initiative to consolidate its wastewater infrastructure and ultimately to respond to the recommendations of the ongoing State-funded United States Geological Survey's study of the Island's groundwater addressing not only our qualitative challenges but also those of sustainable quantity.

These improvements to MacArthur Airport, the creation of the Ronkonkoma Hub, the building of infrastructure for the Village of Islandia and the surrounding area represent a truly unique opportunity for Long Island as a region and for every level of government - county, federal, state, town, village and the Long Island Railroad to work together to improve the quality of life for Long Islanders.

The Long Island Regional Planning Council states its full support for the passage of these resolutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard V. Guardino, Jr.", written in black ink.

Richard V. Guardino, Jr.  
Executive Director