

# SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



WILLIAM J. LINDSAY, PRESIDING OFFICER

*March 20, 2007*

*Commissioner Richard Dormer  
Suffolk County Police Department  
Yaphank Avenue  
Yaphank, New York 11980*

*Dear Commissioner Dormer:*

*This evening, the Suffolk County Legislature did not approve IR No. 1022, a Local Law to prohibit the obstruction of County roadways.*

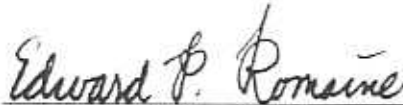
*Based on opinion of Legislative Counsel, the provisions in IR No. 1022 were duplicative of New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. More specifically, Title VII, Rules of the Road, Article 27, Section 1157 which "prohibits a person from standing in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride, or to solicit from or sell to an occupant of any vehicle."*

*In addition, New York Penal Law, Part Three – Specific Offenses - Title N – Offenses Against Public Order, Public Sensibilities and the Right to Privacy Section 240 – Offenses Against Public Order – Section 240.20 states, " a person is guilty of disorderly conduct when with intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof: 5. He obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic."*

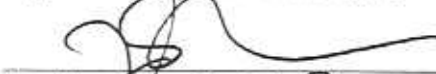
*We believe that with stronger enforcement of the provisions of these existing laws, the problems outlined in, and provisions of IR No. 1022 can be adequately addressed by the officers of the Suffolk County Police Department.*

The Suffolk County Legislature appreciates your cooperation in this matter.

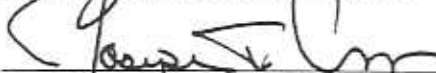
Very truly yours,



Legislator Edward P. Romaine



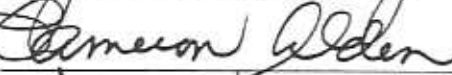
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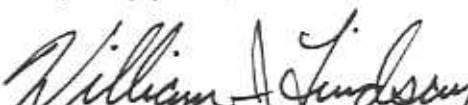
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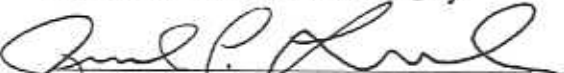
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