

OPPOSES LOCATION OF METHADONE CLINIC AT RIVERHEAD COUNTY CENTER

Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ offered the following resolution which  
seconded by Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverhead is the host of an inordinate amount of Suffolk County social programs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead goes on record supporting the recent legislation by the Suffolk County Legislature mandating social service placement distribution evenly and fairly by percent of a Town's population; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is not opposed to the concept of a methadone program as a means of crime prevention; and

WHEREAS, the location of a methadone clinic within the area of Riverhead downtown business district may add to an imbalance of community development problems which already exist in said area;

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk is proposing to site a methadone clinic at the County Center, Center Drive, Riverhead, Town of Southampton; and

WHEREAS, locational decisions for methadone clinics and like facilities have been constrained by the proximity of school buildings and other public buildings to the proposed location; and

WHEREAS, within 1.5 miles of the proposed location of this methadone clinic is a total of five (5) public school buildings, three vocational schools, one BOCES educational facility, and a number of other school facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead hereby strenuously opposes the placement of the East End Methadone Clinic at the Riverhead County Center, Center Drive, Riverhead, Town of Southampton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead hereby urges the members of the Suffolk County Legislature, Suffolk County Executive Gaffney and Commissioner Cavalarro to bear in mind the aforementioned concerns of the Riverhead Town Board in any future deliberations to site an East End Methadone Clinic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Congressman Hochbrueckner, Senator Kenneth P. LaValle, Assemblyman Joseph M. S. Sullivan, Suffolk County Executive Robert Gaffney, Clerk of the Suffolk County Legislature, Legislator Michael Caracciolo, Joseph Fisher, President of the Downtown Merchants Association, Legislator William J. G. and State Assemblyman John Behan.

YEA VOTE: Gilliam, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Creighton, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 YES.

The resolution was thereupon duly declared adopted.