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Ilene S. Cooper Appointed to Suffolk County Youth Board Coordination Council

Congratulations to **Ilene S. Cooper** on her recent appointment to the Suffolk County Youth Board Coordination Council. She was nominated by Steven H. Stern, Legislator for the 16th Legislative District. Her appointment to serve as a member of the Council was approved by a vote of the Suffolk County Legislature. Her term of office is three years.

The Youth Board advises the County Executive on matters pertaining to children and youth and ensures effective countywide planning, development and management of resources necessary to sustain the youth service system. It reviews and approves the County's Comprehensive Plan for Youth Services. These services serve all youth, with some programs targeting youth with special needs or problems. Emphasis is placed on developing community-based programs responsive to changing needs and local communities. Dozens of contract agencies are involved.

In 2008, Ms. Cooper, together with the New York State Bar Association Trusts & Estates Law Section, drafted an amendment to the Estates Powers and Trusts Law (EPTL) 5-3.2, in order to allow non-marital children to inherit as after-born children. In 2006, she drafted legislation, signed into law by Governor Pataki, which provides that abusive parents, whose rights have been terminated under Social Services Law, are disqualified from receiving an inheritance from the abused child's estate.

In addition to her professional activities, Ms. Cooper has been a member of the West Hollow Middle School's School-Based Management Team. She is a board member of numerous organizations, including The Hills Foundation, the Suffolk County Child Care Council, Child Abuse Prevention Services, Half Hollow Hills Business Advisory Council, Children's Medical Fund Corporate Alliance, Touro Law School's Board of Governors and the Long Island Women's Agenda.

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