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Levy's layoff proposals remain in the Budget and Finance Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature.

On behalf of AME, I have continued to meet with members of the Suffolk County Legislature and the County Executive's staff to uncover the full depth of the financial problems facing Suffolk in 2009.

While Mr. Levy's office has provided very little in writing or in written guarantees, Presiding Officer William Lindsay's office has forwarded AME a copy of every report for which we asked. To date, we are analyzing:

- The Sales Tax receipts for the last three (3) years.
- The Budget surpluses for the last ten (10) years.
- GASB 45 reports on post retirement benefits for health insurance for the past two (2) years.
- The Budget Review Office- Budget Deficit Model for 2009.
- Revenue Services from the Federal and State government.
- Companion Legislators that collectively addresses the entire budget deficit plan.

AME's Negotiating Team met on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 to discuss the options before us. Labor Consultants Thomas Germano and Daniel Bahr, former Director of Labor Relations, were present for the meeting. Both experts advised that Mr. Levy and his administration work for us as taxpayers. We must never forget the freedom to organize as a union and the strength of solidarity!

Mr. Levy is asking for a \$30 million loan from the unions. As such, and if he is to be given that loan, he is obligated to make certain guarantees.

No one, especially Mr. Levy, will be given weeks of wages without something in writing and with iron-clad guarantees.

Be on the union side and fight the good fight. Please attend the Suffolk County Legislature meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the William H. Rogers Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge.

AME will be there for you!

With united purpose,

Cheryl A. Felice
President