

Councilman Panico Strengthens Ethics Code with Unanimous Approval by Board

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Farmingville, NY - At the March 8th, 2011 Town Board meeting, Councilman Dan Panico held a public hearing to amend the Town of Brookhaven's Ethics Code by adding a new sub-section prohibiting elected Town Officials, Bingo Inspectors or anyone appointed to sit on Town boards including the Board of Ethics, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Assessment Review Board, Accessory Apartment Review Board from holding a position on any Town, County, State or National Executive Committee of any duly recognized Political Party.

"This resolution is the latest in a line of legislation that I have sponsored to take politics out of Town Hall," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "It is unquestionable that democracy works best when people become actively involved in government; many chose to get involved in activism associated with political parties. However, people must have faith in their elected and appointed officials to do what is right for all residents regardless of political affiliation. Perception matters, and so does the appearance of propriety when decisions are handed down by the officials of Brookhaven Town."

After the hearing the Town Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the amendment. This comes in a series of efforts by Councilman Dan Panico to strengthen the integrity and transparency of how the Town of Brookhaven operates.

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