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## **Alessi, LaValle, and Romaine submit comments to FAA on proposed helicopter regulations**

*Alessi leads the charge to make sure no one community is burdened*

Assemblyman Marc Alessi (D,I-Wading River) announced today that he has submitted comments, along with state Senator Ken LaValle and County Legislator Ed Romaine to the FAA in regards to their newly proposed helicopter regulations for Long Island. The public comment period ends today.

“I am glad the FAA has finally agreed to regulate helicopter traffic on Long Island,” Assemblyman Alessi said. “This is a great step forward for Long Island and the East End in solving this problem, which has affected the quality of life in our community.”

The comments submitted to the FAA included calls to:

- mandate helicopters flying to the South Shore to use a South Shore Route, with the same applying to the North Shore
- extend helicopter routes at least one mile away from the shore to mitigate noise
- offer multiple exit points when helicopters must fly over land with specific time windows for each, so no one community is overburdened
- increase the minimum flight altitude from 2500 to 3000 feet

“If we continue to work with the FAA, the helicopter noise that has long been a nuisance to our communities should be mitigated,” Alessi said. “I will continue to monitor the FAA until it publishes the final regulations, making sure the burden is spread out and not placed upon any single neighborhood.”

Suffolk County Legislator **Ed Romaine** said, “I am pleased the FAA has finally instituted rules to regulate helicopter traffic over Long Island. For far too long low-flying helicopters have had a negative impact on the quality of life of many Long Islanders. However, while the published North Shore Helicopter route establishes a minimum altitude of 2,500 feet and directs traffic to ‘proceed to destination over unpopulated areas where possible,’ the new rule should be clear that these two directives are not optional, but are required.”