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CARACCIOLO SEEKS HELP IN STEMMING BROADWATER TIDE

LEGISLATOR CALLS UPON WASHINGTON, ALBANY TO ‘STEP- UP’ IN FIGHT AGAINST MAMMOTH LI SOUND GAS PROJECT

MARCH 7, 2005 – HAUPPAUGE, NY - Legislator Michael J. Caracciolo (R-Baiting Hollow) today reached out to representatives in Washington and Albany to urge their support in preventing the proposed Broadwater LNG project from becoming a reality. Legislator Caracciolo urged Governor Pataki, U.S. Senators Schumer and Clinton and State Attorney General Spitzer to take a proactive role in stopping the ill-conceived plan.

Broadwater Energy, a joint venture of Shell and Trans-Canada Corporation, has proposed the construction of a Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Facility in the Long Island Sound, approximately nine miles from Wading River. The floating facility would be approximately 1,200 feet long and 180 feet wide, and would cover an area of the seabed of roughly 7,000 square feet. Rising between 75 and 100 feet above the water line, the facility would have a capacity of **8 billion cubic feet of natural gas**. A 25-mile pipeline would be constructed to connect the facility to the Iroquois gas pipeline.

Legislator Caracciolo has been in the forefront of efforts to prevent the mega-facility from taking up residents off Suffolk’s shores. Amidst concerns over the commercialization of the Long Island Sound, potential negative environmental impacts, and substantial threats to public safety, Legislator Caracciolo has spearheaded the movement to stop the facilities construction. First, by introducing legislation to hire a consultant to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the Broadwater project, and then by filing a procedural motion directing the Legislature to retain counsel to represent the county at Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) hearings, Caracciolo has both done his

homework and sent a clear message that this facility is not welcome in Suffolk. Legislator Caracciolo is now asking for our federal and state officials to join in helping to stop this project from moving forward. “The concerns over the Broadwater facility far outweigh the potential benefits,” said Legislator Caracciolo. “It is time for our representatives in Washington and Albany to step-up and protect Suffolk County and its people by joining me in saying **NO** to Broadwater.”

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