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### **Nassau County Comptroller's Office Delivers \$300,000 in Back Pay to City of Long Beach**

Mineola, NY – On May 3, 2022, officials of the City of Long Beach, NY, met with Nassau County Comptroller Elaine Phillips and her deputy comptrollers to discuss open invoices dating back to January 2018. The City of Long Beach, through its Department of Transportation, provides bus service (formerly known as the N69) between Long Beach and Point Lookout, with stops including Nassau County's Nickerson Beach and Town of Hempstead's Point Lookout Beach. The bus service connects the barrier island's east end with the Long Beach LIRR station and downtown area.



Long Beach City Council President Karen McInnis, Council member John Bendo and former Council member Michael Delury approached Comptroller Phillips to discuss \$300,000 owed to the City of Long Beach for bus service from *January 1, 2018* to December 31, 2021. The payment was approved and released on May 21, less than three weeks later.

“Among my goals as the new Nassau County Comptroller is to increase efficiency in the County’s financial systems,” said Comptroller Phillips. “My team and I have been working hard to clear out payment processing bottlenecks where invoices have languished, sometimes for years.”

“We are extremely grateful to Comptroller Phillips and her team for quickly addressing this issue,” said Long Beach City Manager Donna M. Gayden. “Government isn’t often known for its efficiency, so it’s nice to have partners at the County proficiently and expeditiously addressing the concerns of their constituents.”

Comptroller Phillips and her team have been reviewing systems and processes in numerous Nassau County departments and divisions including Consumer Affairs and Claims to identify and remediate inefficiencies. Implementation of new technologies, including an e-claims system to expedite payment to vendors, is under way.

#### **About the Comptroller's Office**

Comptroller Elaine Phillips is the independent protector of the taxpayers and residents of Nassau County. With a population of more than 1.35 million people and an annual budget of approximately \$3.68 billion, Nassau County relies on Comptroller Phillips and her dedicated staff to monitor Nassau's budget and financial operations, report on matters that affect Nassau's financial health, proactively advocate for operational efficiency on behalf of the taxpayers, and audit government departments and outside agencies that do business with the county to uncover and prevent waste, fraud, and inefficiency. Each year, the Comptroller's Office reviews thousands of contracts and reviews and approves approximately 100,000 payments. The Comptroller's office also administers payroll and health benefits for the County's 8,000 employees, 12,000 retirees and their dependents for a total of 50,000 covered lives and works with the County's administration and legislature to help the county overcome its fiscal challenges.

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