## Theodore Roosevelt Council July 28, 2025 Town Hall Proposal for Combining with Suffolk County Council Questions and Answers, plus Additional Information

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So, Like Long Island Catholic Grammer Schools, There were mergers of schools that left a lot of Parochial school famalies very upset with their schools merging with the neighboring communities Catholic Grammer school. So, the attendance of the new merged school went up, but only temporarily Have other merger type programs been spoken to re the pros and cons of a merge	We've learned about other Council mergers, and to our understanding, membership has not suffered as a result of the mergers.	As discussed during the webinar, membership will be a key focus, if not the key focus, going forward. It is imperative for the sake of all Scouting that we provide every opportunity possible for the youth in our Council to participate.
How will camp staffing be handled for theoretically 2-3 camps when can barely seem to keep consistent and well trained staff for our single 'active' camp?	[name], camp staffing has been an issue. Will need to address program and staffing for each camp if we move forward with the merger.	It is possible (though no guarantee) that a merged Council will be able to utlize a larger pool of staff candidates to better address needs - either for a full summer (eg, at Onteora) or ad hoc (eg, weekend programs at Baiting Hollow).
Is there a moretorium on any potential disposal of 1 of the camps should the need arise	[name], we will go over that again tonight. Mike and Chris will cover.	Our expectation is that all three camps will continue to be integral to the success of Scouting on Long Island. There is no plan, formal or informal, dispose of any camp properties.
you say better training opportunities, whats stopping any scout or scouter from exploring other training opportunities outside of either TRC or even SCC? Scouts come to us for NYLT from out of council, why is this a point to be made for merger talks when thats been for a while now? What trainings does SCC have that we have theoretically been unable to provide to our youth and scouters?	Appreciate your point. The presentation emphasizes that there are opportunities to have more Islandwide activities for our youth. We believe programs currently only for TRC or SCC will now be available to all Long Island Scouts, providing opportunities for our Scouts to participate in a wider variety of activities and experiences, including at all three of our camps	Our experience has shown that, while certain units will support sending their Scouts out-of-Council for training and other program opportunities, many units do not take advantage of this.
What is the counci rankings right now vs what it could be in 3 years?	I believe that Mike and Chris will cover this. There are about 250 councils around the country. if the merger moves forward - we will be come one of the top councils in the country - top 15/20. Note, we have already received the Lily grant to support membership growth. Separately, both councils are in the top 40/50 councils.	There is no way to predict what our Council ranking "could be" in 3 years. Our emphasis, rather than being concerned about a national ranking, will be to grow the Scouting program as much as possible.
Are you going to be able to handle the volume for things like camporee	That's the plan. We navigated camporees when we had 10,000 scouts.	A terrific "problem" (which is really an opportunity) would be to have sufficient demand for camporees and other Council-level events that we want to offer more. If the quality and excitement around camporees can create this buzz, we look forward to challenging ourselves to address this demand.

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do it	don't have a scout executive. The expectation is that	National Office. They have been provided an Interim Scout Executive
	longer term there would be a forced merger. So, this	from the territory. There have been rumors of a forced merger or that
	is a matter of timing - expect a merger to happen	this is a matter of timing - that we should expect a merger to happen.
		To date, the National Office has not forced any mergers but they have
		the ability to do so. Both Councils' leadership have discussed the idea
		of a merger and believe that it would strengthen Scouting on Long
		Island.
I live in Western PA in a council of ~10,000 Scouts.	Thanks - we are leaving all members on the board as	Board members are generally key donors, as well as providing expertise
We've merged twice in the last 13 years. Our success	of date of the merger (if it happens). We expect board	in various areas of governance/operation. Further, there will be an
operationally has been to cap our board at 50 people.	members to roll off and others to join. Over time and	Executive Committee of the Board, comprising approximately 15-20
With the additional individuals, form an advisory	to establish a board of under 50.	Scouters, that will effectively lead the management of the
board or leadership committee.		Board/Council.
Suffolk County apparently missed its payroll a couple		Candidly, there are many false rumors being spread - about both
of times this past spring. Are we bailing them out of		Councils. Suffolk County Council is meeting its payroll and operating
their poor financial planning		obligations, and we are <u>not</u> "bailing them out of their poor financial
		planning."
So is he saying the BiLaws are dictaed by the New	Dictated by National - and meet requirements under	
York Attorney Genera	NYS law too	
How many voting memebers are their in Suffolk	Around 170	
County		
Is Suffolk county conducting its vote same [date]	same	Yes - both Councils are holding meetings on August 13th at 6pm.
is it a majority vote requirement to pass	Chris is covering	To pass, the proposal to merge will require a 2/3rds affirmative vote.
If the COR cannot vote in person, can the deputy COR	only the COR.	The bylaws require that only the voting members (members at large,
vote in his stead?		chartered organization representatives and Board members) can vote,
		and they must be present in-person to vote for themselves.
Do we have to register to attend and vote?	Must be registered to vote	Voting members will "check in" and be handed a paper ballot when they
		arrive on August 13th.
Please repeat the location and timeframe of the vote.	Suffolk votes the same day - they preferred this date.	The vote will take place at 6pm on August 13th at the Nassau County
Does Suffolk vote the same day?	Α	Executive Building, 1550 Franklin Avenue, Mineola.
Please post the numbers ( anonomously) results of	will be counted live	
the vote TRANSPARANCY Thanks		
I really think the time of the vote should be written in	The meeting is at 6 pm.	Confirmed - 6pm.
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