

# After promising not to raise our taxes, Steve Bellone has raised our taxes 53.2%, always *AFTER* Election Day...

"it's not the fact that [they] raised taxes...it's how[they} slipped them in when [they} thought the public wasn't looking.."
(Babylon Beacon, November 15, 2001)



"I will . . . go to the taxpayer last."

**Steve Bellone Campaign Promise.** (Suffolk Life - May 23, 2003)

## **Broken Budgets and Higher Taxes**

- Garbage Taxes up 26.2% since 1998 Source Babylon Town Budgets 1998 to 2003
- Babylon Town Bond Rating is Suffolk's Lowest Source Moody's Investment Service
- Babylon Town Debt per Capita is Suffolk's Highest Source NYS Comptroller's Office

# **True Bellone Tax Facts**

1998 - 10% Tax Increase AFTER Election Day

### NO HOLIDAY CHEER OVER BUDGET VOTE

In his first year in office, Steve Bellone originally voted against the budget that raised our taxes, but then Flip-Flopped and voted for a ten percent tax increase. - (Newsday, December 10, 1998)

2000 - 38% Tax Increase AFTER Election Day

### **BIG TAX HIKE ON TABLE**

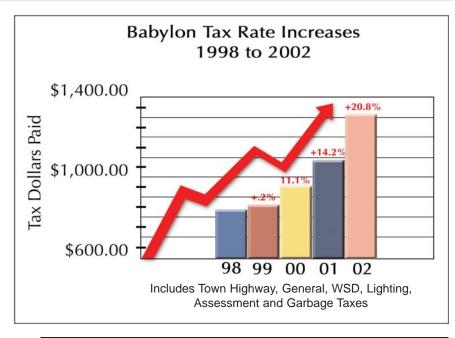
In the biggest tax increase in Babylon's history, the Steve Bellone team voted to raise taxes 38%, the biggest tax increase in Suffolk County that year. (Suffolk Life, October 11, 2000)

2001 - 9% Tax Increase AFTER Election Day

### **TAXMAN STRIKES FAMILIES AGAIN**

In his first vote after being elected Supervisor, Steve Bellone voted to raise taxes again after he campaigned against a tax increase.- (Suffolk Life, November 21, 2001)

2003 - ? % Tax Increase AFTER Election Day?



**Babylon Deserves Better!**