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DINOLFO ANNOUNCES OPENING OF ONLINE VOTING FOR SEA LION PUP NAMING CONTEST

Residents Encouraged to Vote on Three Finalists

County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** and Seneca Park Zoo officials today announced the three finalists for the naming contest for the male sea lion pup born on June 7th. The final names selected by a panel of experts are **Slider, Flippers and Bob**. Starting at 12 p.m. today, the public has the opportunity to go online and cast their votes in order to choose a name for our sea lion pup.

“Our new sea lion pup has become an instant favorite among both Zoo visitors and our great animal care team,” said **Dinolfo**. *“We’re so pleased the public has taken such an interest in naming our newest member of the zoo family and we’re excited to announce that community members will have the final say in the contest!”*

The online poll adds a new, interactive element to our traditional naming contest. As participants in the final stage of the contest, members of the public will have a voice in the future of the Zoo and the animals that live there. To vote on a name, residents can participate in a public poll on the County Executive’s Facebook page **beginning at 12 p.m. today and going through 10 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22nd**. The poll can be found at www.facebook.com/CherylDinolfo.

Since the contest opened on July 26th, over 5000 members of the public submitted 2000 unique names by dropping their suggestions in the suggestion boxes located near the sea lion habitat in the Rocky Coast Exhibit and at the front gate of the Seneca Park Zoo.

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