

STRICKEN AS OF 7/4/2016

Introduced by Legislator Trotta

Laid on Table 1/4/2016

**PROCEDURAL MOTION NO. 2 -2016, ESTABLISHING A
SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW LAW ENFORCEMENT
OPERATIONS IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, recent allegations of wrongdoing by top officials in the Police Department and other law enforcement agencies are undermining public confidence in Suffolk's law enforcement institutions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, the County Legislature is authorized to "investigate the performance of any of the functions, offices or departments of the government of the County"; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary at this time to form a special bipartisan committee of the Legislature to review all aspects of law enforcement in Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, this special committee must be given adequate resources and powers to successfully complete its review and investigation; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that a special committee of the County Legislature is hereby created to review the operations, procedures and practices of the Police Department, the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Office and to investigate allegations of favoritism, the lack of adequate rules and procedures and the failure to comply with existing laws, rules and procedures relating to internal affairs investigations in the Police Department, the selection of cases for criminal prosecution and the appointments and promotions within the Police Department, the Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, this special committee shall be comprised of six legislators, three members to be selected by the Presiding Officer and three members to be appointed by the Minority Leader; the Presiding Officer will designate the chairperson of this special committee; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, this special committee is hereby empowered to administer oaths and affirmations and to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers related to the review and investigation authorized and described in the 1st RESOLVED clause herein; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that this special committee is hereby authorized to issue such subpoenas pursuant to a majority vote of the entire membership of said committee for each such subpoena as said committee deems appropriate; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, this special committee is authorized to hire necessary staff to conduct its investigation, subject to appropriations by the County Legislature; however appropriations for this purpose shall not exceed \$100,000; and be it further

6th RESOLVED, that the special committee is hereby authorized to hold meetings and hearings necessary to carry out the review and investigation described herein.

DATED:

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY PURSUANT TO §A2-15(A) OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

