

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNTY LEGISLATURE
SUFFOLK COUNTY, N.Y.
HAUPPAUGE

Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay and
Members of the Suffolk County Legislature
William H. Rogers Legislative Building
725 Veterans Memorial Highway
Smithtown, New York 11787

RE: RESOLUTION 101-2009; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ISSUE AN RFP TO PERFORM A STUDY ON THE DELIVERY OF POLICE SERVICES IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

Dear Presiding Officer Lindsay and Members of the Legislature:

I am returning herein **Resolution No. 101-2009; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ISSUE AN RFP TO PERFORM A STUDY ON THE DELIVERY OF POLICE SERVICES IN SUFFOLK COUNTY** vetoed in its entirety. There has been no interest expressed by any of the five East End towns that have their own Police Departments or any Villages that they would want to join the Suffolk County Police District. If there was any interest to join the Suffolk County Police District from other Police Departments, then they should bear some of the cost for this study. In this current volatile economic climate expending money and resources on a study, for a matter that has not drawn interest, would not be in the best interest of the taxpayers of Suffolk County.

For these reasons enumerated above, I strongly urge the legislature to sustain my veto of this resolution.

Sincerely,

Steve Levy
County Executive of Suffolk County

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cc: All Suffolk County Legislators
Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature
Christine Malafi, Esq., Suffolk County Attorney
Lynne A. Bizzarro, Esq., Chief Deputy County Attorney
James A. Morgo, Chief Deputy County Executive
Frederick B. Pollert, Deputy County Executive for Finance and Management
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Ben Zwirn, Deputy County Executive
Connie Corso, Budget Director
Dan Aug, Director of Communications
Mark Smith, Deputy Director of Communications

RESOLUTION NO. 101 -2009, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ISSUE AN RFP TO PERFORM A STUDY ON THE DELIVERY OF POLICE SERVICES IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

WHEREAS, for the past several years Long Island municipalities have been discussing the idea of consolidating services to create efficiencies and provide relief to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, much of this discussion has focused on special districts, mainly in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent that Suffolk County investigate consolidation of special districts; and

WHEREAS, besides the Suffolk County Police Department, the Suffolk County's Sheriff's Office and the New York State Police, there are eighteen town and village police departments within Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, the current model for delivering police services in Suffolk County is approximately 50 years old; and

WHEREAS, the numerous different law enforcement agencies throughout Suffolk County can result in duplication of services resulting in inefficiencies; and

WHEREAS, it is possible that many, or all, of the taxpayers served by the County, town and village police departments could realize significant savings as a result of consolidation of districts or efficiencies in service; and

WHEREAS, there are many different models for delivering police and law enforcement services throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, in order to quantify the cost savings of a consolidation policy, examine current police functions, and provide an analysis of best practices, it is necessary to commission a report on the matter; and

WHEREAS, an independent consultant outside the government would be best suited to perform such a study; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, to develop and issue a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the purpose of identifying a consultant/contractor to study costs and benefits of consolidating police services within Suffolk County and examining police models; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that the Budget Review Office shall prepare the RFP to be issued by the Department of Public Works; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, the Budget Review Office may request, receive, and utilize such facilities, resources, and data of any department, office, or agency of Suffolk County as it may reasonably request to properly prepare the RFP; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that this study shall include, but not be limited to, the following items:

- 1) An analysis of the immediate and long term financial impact of such a consolidation on Suffolk County and the individual municipalities within Suffolk County that currently provide their own police services;
- 2) An estimate of the additional cost to Suffolk County to provide police services to each municipality that may choose to consolidate into a county policing model as well as an estimate of potential tax revenue Suffolk County would receive as a result of providing these services to each municipality;
- 3) Identify areas of duplication of law enforcement agencies;
- 4) Identify alternative cost effective and efficient models of delivering police services as well as opportunities for consolidation;
- 5) An overview of additional aid that may become available to Suffolk County as a result of such a consolidation of personnel;
- 6) An assessment of the labor contract implications of consolidating police services; and
- 7) Any additional information relevant to question at hand;

and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the Budget Review Office shall prepare and the Department of Public Works, Purchasing Division, shall issue the above described RFP within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that the Department of Public Works shall report the results of the RFP and the recommendation of the RFP Committee to the Suffolk County Legislature within 240 days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: March 3, 2009

APPROVED BY:

VETOED

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 3-19-09.

Intro. Res. 1991-08 Res. No. 101

March 3, 2009

Motion:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Beedenbender, Losquadro
 Eddington, Montano, Alden, Lindsay, Viloría-Fisher, Barraga,
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Co-Sponsors:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Beedenbender, Losquadro
 Eddington, Montano, Alden, Lindsay, Viloría-Fisher, Barraga,
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Beedenbender, Losquadro
 Eddington, Montano, Alden, Lindsay, Viloría-Fisher, Barraga,
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R
1	Edward P. ROMAINE		/			
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN		/			
3	Kate M. BROWNING	/				
4	Brian BEEDENBENDER	/				
6	Daniel P. LOSQUADRO		/			
7	Jack EDDINGTON	/				
9	Ricardo MONTANO	/				
10	Cameron ALDEN		/			
11	Thomas F. BARRAGA	/				
12	John M. KENNEDY, JR.	/				
13	Lynne C. NOWICK		/			
14	Wayne R. HORSLEY		/			
15	DuWayne GREGORY		/			
16	Steven H. STERN	/				
17	Lou D'AMARO	/				
18	Jon COOPER	/				
5	Vivian VILORIA-FISHER, D.P.O.		/			
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.	/				
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MOTION
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No Motion _____ No Second _____

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NOT ADOPTED _____


 Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call Voice Vote _____