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Intro. Res. No. 1592-2013
Introduced by Legislator Cilmi

Laid on Table 7/30/2013

**RESOLUTION NO. -2013, TERMINATING THE
COUNTY'S SHOTSPOTTER PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk initiated the ShotSpotter Gunshot Location System in December 2011 in five communities throughout the Suffolk County Police District; and

WHEREAS, the ShotSpotter system was adjusted in July 2012 based on the first 6 months of operation; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2013, the County Legislature's Public Safety Committee requested an analysis of ShotSpotter's performance from the completion of system adjustments in July through the present; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Police Department issued a report in June 2013 to the County Legislature which showed that almost two-thirds of police responses to ShotSpotter activations were unsubstantiated and 30% of activations were caused by sounds other than gunshots; and

WHEREAS, the report states that just 14 activations of the ShotSpotter system during that period were confirmed gunshots; and

WHEREAS, the report also found that 18 outdoor gunshot incidents occurred within the ShotSpotter coverage areas but failed to activate the system; and

WHEREAS, the County should terminate its contract with ShotSpotter, as the expense of paying for this ineffective system cannot be justified during these difficult economic times; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to terminate the contract with ShotSpotter for the provision of gunshot location notification services; and be it further

2nd 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:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: