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Hon. Richard Nicoletto
Presiding Officer
Nassau County Legislature
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, NY 11501

Hon. Kevan M. Abrahams
Minority Leader
Nassau County Legislature
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, NY 11501

Dear Presiding Officer Nicoletto and Minority Leader Abrahams:

I am writing to share an update on the important work being done related to Executive Order 203 (EO 203) and the anticipated timeline for the County's submission of its Police Reform and Reinvention Plan (the Plan).

Nassau County began working on the EO 203 mandates weeks before the state issued its guidance in August 2020. Nassau County has been collaborating with community stakeholders and the highest-ranking members of the Nassau County Police Department in various forums consistently since EO 203 was issued. Those forums include meetings of the Police and Community Trust initiative (PACT), Community Collaborative Task Force (CCT), Town Halls, the Commissioner's Community Councils (CCC) and many community-based organizations. These meetings and town halls have focused on topics related to EO 203.

Importantly, Nassau County has established a dedicated "EO 203" website containing pertinent information and data which is available to the public. The County has also established and published a dedicated "EO 203" email address so that our residents can send comments, feedback and recommendations for the County plan.

By facilitating these meetings and town halls and establishing an EO webpage and email address, the County has ensured that there is a mechanism in place to obtain and collect community input and recommendations for incorporation into Nassau County's Plan.

As outlined in the state's guidance, there is a suggested workplan and timeline for finalizing the County's plan. Accordingly, the County intends to develop its plan by responding to the questions in the guidance. The timeline provided below will enable the County to meet the New York State deadline as of April 1, 2021, as mandated by EO 203.

Developing a Draft Plan: December 2020

- Following the collaborative efforts described above, the County began drafting a plan during the first week of December. The draft plan will evolve as we continue to meet with stakeholders and obtain input for the plan during this phase of the timeline.

Public Comment on the Draft Plan: January 7, 2021 – February 5, 2021

- The County will release its plan for public comment on or about January 7, 2021. The document will be available for public comment and review until February 5, 2021. The County will publish our draft plan on our EO 203 website for public viewing. Residents will have the ability to submit comments or suggestions to the County in a variety of ways including:
 - A link on the Nassau County EO 203 webpage:
 - <https://forms.nassaucountyny.gov/contact/agencies/ce/203comment.php>
 - Email to the Nassau County EO 203 email address:
 - EO203@NassauCountyNY.Gov
 - By mail to:
Assistant Commissioner Marianela Casas
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York 11501

Final Plan: February 6, 2021 – February 15, 2021

- At the close of the public comment period, the County will finalize the plan based on consideration of the comments and recommendations submitted during the public comment period. The County's final plan will be submitted to the Legislature for action.

Legislative Approval: February 15, 2021 – On or Before March 29, 2021

- Pursuant to EO 203, the County will submit its plan to the Legislature for ratification. The NYS guidance provides that the County must file the approved plan with New York State by April 1, 2021.

Certification and Submission to New York State: On or Before April 1, 2021

- Pursuant to EO 203, Nassau County will submit its Police Reform and Reinvention Plan along with the required certification to the Director of the NYS Division of the Budget on or before April 1, 2021.

As outlined above, I am confident that Nassau County is on target to submit its plan pursuant to the mandates of EO203. We look forward to the submission of a plan to the Legislature and we believe it will be the result of hard work and a collaborative effort, which strengthens the relationship between the Nassau County Police Department and our residents.

Sincerely,



Laura Curran

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