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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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 follow up on the discussion of the County's first draft of the Police Reform and Reinvention Plan (Plan), pursuant to Executive Order 203 (EO203), at the public safety committee hearing on January 7, 2021. Following the hearing, the Plan was posted on the County's website at www.nassaucountyny.gov/EO203.

As you are aware, in a letter dated December 21, 2020, I informed you of our intention to post a draft plan on or about January 7, 2021. A public notice was received on January 4, 2021 that there would be a meeting of the Public Safety Committee on January 7, 2021. Accordingly, we asked the Police Department to have the first draft of the plan completed so it may be posted on January 7, 2021.

The first draft Plan lays out a framework of the Nassau County Police Department's strategies, policies, procedures and practices to inform the public of current policy, as well as departmental reforms. The Plan includes ideas and suggestions brought up during 60+ community meetings that included the Police and Community Trust initiative (PACT), Community Collaborative Task Force (CCT), Town Halls and the Commissioner's Community Councils (CCC) among others. However, it is important to emphasize that the EO203 process continues.

As referenced in the guidelines released by New York State, revision of the first draft Plan is a vital part of EO203. We have scheduled the time period between January 7, 2021 – February 5, 2021, for public comment and input submitted through the County website, followed by a 10-day period for plan revision and further meetings.

The County plans to file, for legislative approval, a resolution and the Plan on February 15, 2021, which will permit six weeks of legislative activity including final adoption and filing with New York State by March 31, 2021. My office pledges to work with the Legislature to continue to gather public input permitted by the legislative process and to amend the

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Plan, as may be requested by the Legislature. Throughout the process any updates to the Plan will be posted on the County website.

Although the EO203 process began with my office, the Legislature's engagement and approval is paramount. It is vital that we continue to engage the public, and I commend Commissioner Ryder on his efforts to ensure that the Legislature's first hearing was meaningful. I remain confident that Nassau County is on target to submit its Plan pursuant to the mandates of EO203, and I look forward to working with the Legislature to approve a plan which strengthens the relationship between the Nassau County Police Department and our residents.

Sincerely,



Laura Curran

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