

RESOLUTION NO. 297-2022, DIRECTING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING GUNSHOT DETECTION AND LOCATION SYSTEMS IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

WHEREAS, communities throughout Suffolk County, New York State and the nation have seen a rise in gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County had previously conducted studies on the ShotSpotter technology and implemented the system in various locations throughout Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County ultimately discontinued the use of the ShotSpotter System; and

WHEREAS, there have been recent advances in gunshot detection and location technology have led to an improvement in the accuracy and speed in detecting and pinpointing the location of gunfire; and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk should utilize every tool available to combat crime in communities that are beset by gun violence; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to study the feasibility of implementing a gunfire detection and location system in Suffolk County and deliver its findings to the County Legislature and the County Executive; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Police Department study and report should identify the manufacturers of gunfire detection and location system and strengths and weaknesses of each system and recommend which system(s) would be most beneficial to Suffolk County; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Police Department study and report should determine and recommend which communities would most benefit from a gunfire detection and location system; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the Police Department study and report should determine the cost of deploying a gunfire detection and location system in targeted areas; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, that the Police Department shall deliver a copy of its report to the County Executive and to each member of the County Legislature within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

6th 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)(26) and (33) 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 insofar as these actions constitute routine or continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of

priorities that may affect the environment, 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: April 12, 2022

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: April 21, 2022