

STRICKEN END OF YEAR 2017

Intro. Res. No. 1685-2017
Introduced by Legislator Trotta

Laid on Table 9/6/2017

**RESOLUTION NO. -2017, AMENDING THE 2017
OPERATING BUDGET ABOLISHING THE POSITION OF
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (STRATEGIC
COMMUNICATIONS)**

WHEREAS, the title of Assistant Commissioner of Police (Strategic Communications) was created by Resolution No. 1151-2016 and the new position was filled in January 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Commissioner of Police is running for the elected position of Suffolk County District Attorney and the incumbent Assistant Commissioner of Police (Strategic Communications) is an "Experienced Strategic Communications specialist" with extensive campaign experience having worked and consulted on over 100 campaigns, as stated in his resume; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Commissioner of Police (Strategic Communications) is using his campaign experience to effectively be a campaign consultant, not an Assistant Police Commissioner, rendering the position nonessential for fundamental Police Department operations; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County is combating challenging fiscal conditions and the position of Assistant Commissioner of Police (Strategic Communications) as currently filled has an annual permanent salary cost of \$144,594; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Police Department is in need of new Police Officer recruits and the annual salary of said position is equivalent to the permanent salaries of more than three new Police Officer recruits for a full year; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-31 (G) of the Suffolk County Charter now allows amendment of the County Operating Budget by County Legislators four times during the fiscal year as long as the amendment reduces, lowers, terminates or cancels appropriations; abolishes positions of employment; terminates contract agencies; terminates or reduces the size of County programs or departments, or makes transfers of appropriations that are offset by reductions in other programs; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that the 2017 County Operating Budget is hereby amended by abolishing the position of Assistant Commissioner of Police (Strategic Communications) in the Police Department; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that the provisions within this resolution shall take effect within the first pay period immediately succeeding its adoption.

DATED:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: