

**RESOLUTION NO. 243 -2020, DIRECTING THE SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE WRITTEN QUARTERLY REPORTS ON THE EFFECTS OF BAIL REFORM IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, bail reform was recently introduced in New York State and has changed the way the legal system functions by eliminating the imposition of bail for misdemeanors and certain felonies; and

**WHEREAS**, many previously incarcerated individuals who allegedly committed crimes which are no longer eligible for the imposition of bail have been released on their own recognizance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to closely monitor this new program to determine its effects on the County's residents, the Police Department, the District Attorney's Office, and the general crime rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department and the District Attorney's Office should collaboratively collect information and provide ongoing quarterly reports on the effects of bail reform in Suffolk County; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and the Suffolk County Police Department are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to collect information and provide joint quarterly written reports on the effect of bail reform in Suffolk County; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Police Department and the District Attorney's Office shall provide the County Executive and each member of the County Legislature with a quarterly written report relating to misdemeanor and felony charges ("crimes") made against individuals ("defendants") in Suffolk County for which bail has not been imposed; and be it further

**3rd RESOLVED**, the reports shall include the following information:

- a. the total number of defendants released without bail in Suffolk County, the charges against said defendants, and a description of the crimes allegedly committed;
- b. a total number of bench warrants issued for defendants who were released without bail for failure to attend a criminal action or proceeding, including the charges against said defendants and a description of the crimes allegedly committed; and
- c. the number of crimes charged against defendants while such defendants were released without bail on previous criminal charge(s), including the charges against the defendants and a description of the crimes allegedly committed.

The information provided in the reports shall not include the names or any other personally identifiable information of any defendant, witness, or victim of a crime; and be it further

**4th**            **RESOLVED**, that reports shall be due on the following dates and shall continue in perpetuity:

- a. For the quarter of January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, the report shall be due on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>;
- b. For the quarter of April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, the report shall be due on or before August 1<sup>st</sup>;
- c. For the quarter of July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, the report shall be due on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>; and
- d. For the quarter of October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, the report shall be due on or before February 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year; and be it further

**5th**            **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) 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 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: March 17, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Dennis M. Cohen  
Chief Deputy County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: April 1, 2020