

RESOLUTION NO. 627 -2020, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 449-2013 TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION UPON 5% VACANCY IN BUDGETED PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER OR EMERGENCY COMPLAINT OFFICER POSITIONS

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 449-2013 established protocols to ensure that the Legislature is aware of vacancies in 911 operators and police dispatchers in a timely manner and that plans are established to operate until the vacancies can be filled; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 449-2013 required that the Commissioner of the Police Department notify the Presiding Officer of the County Legislature and the Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, in writing within 30 days, when 10% or more of the budgeted Public Safety Dispatcher or Emergency Complaint Operator positions in the Department are vacant, provide an explanation of said vacancies as well as a plan for operation until they are filled; and

WHEREAS, given the increased demand on Public Safety Dispatchers and Emergency Complaint Operators this year, it has become clear that these positions are understaffed even when vacancy rates are less than 10% of the budgeted positions; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 449-2013 should be amended to require notification when 5% or more of those budgeted positions are vacant to ensure appropriate staffing of these critical functions; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the 1st RESOLVED clause of Resolution No. 449-2013 is hereby amended as follows:

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1st RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Police Department shall notify the Presiding Officer of the County Legislature and the Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, in writing within 30 days, when ~~[10%]~~ 5% or more of the budgeted Public Safety Dispatcher or Emergency Complaint Operator positions in the Department are vacant, and explain why the positions are being held open;

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and be it further

2nd 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.

[] Brackets denote deletion of existing language
___ Underlining denotes addition of new language

DATED: September 9, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: September 17, 2020