

**RESOLUTION NO. 731 -2020, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1210-2019, ESTABLISHING A FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS DOCUMENTED INEQUITIES IN OBTAINING HOUSING IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 1210-2019 established a Housing Discrimination Task Force (“Task Force”) to review the existing County Human Rights Law and provide recommendations to improve and strengthen these regulations to more effectively and efficiently deter individuals who seek to engage in practices which discriminate impermissibly against individual seeking to obtain housing in Suffolk County; and

**WHEREAS**, there are additional entities which may be able to provide important insights on this issue and should be included as members of the Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, the deadline for the submission of their written report should also be extended to allow for additional time for the Task Force to complete its work; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 1210-2019 should be amended to add new members to the Task Force and extend the date for the issuance of their written report; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the 2<sup>nd</sup> RESOLVED clause of Resolution No. 1210-2019 is hereby amended as follows:

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall be comprised of the following [~~eleven (11)~~] fourteen (14) members:

- 1) the Presiding Officer, or his designee, who shall serve as chair;
- 2) the Minority Leader, or his designee;
- 3) the Executive Director of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission;
- 4) the Chairperson of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission;
- 5) a representative of NAACP;
- 6) a representative of Latino Justice;
- 7) a representative of Erase Racism;
- 8) a representative of LIBOR;
- 9) a representative of the New York State Division of Human Rights;
- 10) one (1) fair housing advocate to be selected by the Presiding Officer;  
[and]

- 11) one (1) fair housing advocate to be selected by the Minority Leader;
- 12) a representative of the Long Island Builders Institute;
- 13) a representative of Long Island Housing Services, Inc.; and
- 14) a representative of the Long Island Hispanic Bar Association;

and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the 6<sup>th</sup> RESOLVED clause of Resolution No. 1210-2019 is hereby amended as follows:

**6th RESOLVED**, that [six (6)] eight (8) members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Task Force at both regular and special meetings; and be it further

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**3rd RESOLVED**, that the 12<sup>th</sup> RESOLVED clause of Resolution No. 1210-2019 is hereby amended as follows:

**12th RESOLVED**, that this Task Force shall submit a written report of its analysis, findings and determinations together with its recommendations for action, if any, to each member of the County Legislature and the County Executive no later than [ninety (90) days subsequent to the effective date of this Resolution] February 28, 2021 for consideration, review, and appropriate action, if necessary, by the entire County Legislature; and be it further

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**4th RESOLVED**, that all other terms and conditions of Resolution No. 1210-2019 shall remain in full force and effect; 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) 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: October 6, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: October 19, 2020