

RESOLUTION NO. 1083-2021, ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF JOBS IN THE RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR

WHEREAS, Long Island faces historic development of renewable energy resources including five wind farms proposed for construction in Long Island waters, growth of solar energy development, EV vehicles, battery storage facilities, and other renewable energy development; and

WHEREAS, in light of this historic growth in renewable energy resource development, Suffolk County faces the opportunity to build an energy economy that addresses the challenges of the changing climate, while creating good jobs, protecting and supporting impacted workers through transition to clean energy, and creating a more resilient Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of Suffolk County to support local participation in the manufacture and construction of local wind farms, solar arrays, EV charging stations, battery storage facilities, transmission technology, and other renewable energy projects within the County; and

WHEREAS, a task force should be established to support the creation of jobs in Suffolk County in the renewable energy sector; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Task Force to Support Job Creation in the Renewable Energy Sector ("Task Force") is hereby established to study and make recommendations to the Suffolk County Legislature and the County Executive regarding how to effectively support this burgeoning industry within Suffolk County; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall consist of the following fourteen (14) members:

- 1) The County Executive, or his or her designee;
- 2) The Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, or her designee;
- 3) The Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs, or her designee;
- 4) The Chair of the Public Works, Transportation and Energy Committee of the County Legislature, or his or her designee;
- 5) A member of the Legislature who has served on at least two (2) Legislative Task Forces focused on Energy policy, who shall serve as Chair, to be appointed by the Presiding Officer;
- 6) A representative of the Long Island Federation of Labor;

- 7) A representative of a Suffolk County-based organized labor union representing electrical transmission and distribution construction and maintenance, including grounds maintenance and right-of-way maintenance, and electric generation turbine repair;
- 8) A representative of a Suffolk County-based organized labor union representing electrical construction, maintenance, and telecommunications industries;
- 9) A representative of a Suffolk County based organized labor union representing the building and construction trades;
- 10) A representative of a Suffolk-based business organization or Chamber of Commerce, to be appointed by the Legislature;
- 11) A representative of Suffolk County Community College;
- 12) A representative of a Suffolk County-based manufacturing group, to be appointed by the Legislature;
- 13) A Suffolk County-based expert in the renewable energy sector; to be appointed by the Legislature; and
- 14) A representative of a Suffolk County-based environmental organization, to be appointed by the Legislature;

and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty (30) days after the oaths of office of all members have been filed for the purpose of organization; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the members of said Task Force shall serve without compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall hold regular meetings, keep a record of all its proceedings, and determine the rules of its own proceedings with special meetings to be called by the chairperson upon his or her own initiative or upon receipt of a written request therefor signed by at least three (3) members of the Task Force. Written notice of the time and place of such special meetings shall be given by the secretary to each member at least four (4) days before the date fixed by the notice for such special meeting; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that 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

7th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may conduct such informal hearings and meetings at any place or places within the County of Suffolk for the purpose of obtaining necessary information or other data to assist it in the proper performance of its duties and functions as it deems necessary; and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may delegate to any member of the Task Force the power and authority to conduct such hearings and meetings; and be it further

9th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall cooperate with the Legislative Committees of the County Legislature and make available to each Committee's use, upon request, any records and other data it may accumulate or obtain; and be it further

10th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall be charged with examining and evaluating employment opportunities in the renewable energy sector available in Suffolk County and to Suffolk County residents and developing recommendations and strategies for the further support and expansion of renewable energy sector employment opportunities within Suffolk County; and be it further

11th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall issue a report containing their findings, determinations, and recommendations for action and strategies for the further support and expansion of renewable energy sector employment opportunities within Suffolk County; and be it further

12th **RESOLVED**, that the written report of the findings and recommendations of the Task Force shall be provided to the County Executive, Clerk of the Legislature and each member of the County Legislature within 180 days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

13th **RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately; and be it further

14th **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: December 7, 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 15, 2021