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**Southampton Town Board approves new Community Law
Enforcement Review Committee**

The Southampton Town Board has passed a resolution to create a Community Law Enforcement Review Committee (CLERC). It follows the request by the Governor for all local municipalities to review policing procedures after the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis Police Officer prompted a National outcry in the form of numerous protests around the Country during the Black Lives Matters movement..

CLERC will be made up of members of the Town Board, Police Department, Town Attorney's Office and respected members of the community. CLERC will undertake a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, practices, and develop a plan relative to current practices, continued modernization, innovation and modifications.

The new committee will help the Town Southampton review police practices including the "use of force", to ensure that our protocols were optimal, unbiased, and respectful of human dignity. It follows an internal review of the department procedures that was started several years ago.

The new Committee will include:

- Supervisor Jay Schneiderman
- Town of Southampton Councilman Tommy John Schiavoni
- Town of Southampton Chief of Police Steven Skrynecki
- Southampton Town Attorney James Burke
- Town of Southampton Deputy Town Attorney Christine J. Preston
- Town of Southampton Lt. James Kiernan
- Chairperson Town of Southampton Anti-Bias Committee Chairperson
- Kevin MacDonald, Hampton Bays Citizen Advisory Committee
- Pastor Keith Iovino Blaze Church, Flanders
- Minerva Perez President of OLA
- Fr. Constantine Lazarakis
- Rev. Tisha Williams
- Member (TBD) Shinnecock Tribal Council
- Bradley Magill Suffolk County District Attorney's Office
- Public Defender Attorney (TBD)

- Lisa Votino Community Activist
- Member(TBD) Local chapter of NAACP

The Committee is expected to issue a draft report by April 2021.