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VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Dear County Executive Mangano, Legislators, and Commissioner Krumpert

In February 2012, I expressed my grave concern -- to the County Legislature, to the County Executive and my constituents -- about the County Executive's plan calling for the elimination of four out of the eight then-operating police precincts, including the Sixth Precinct in Manhasset. At that time, we were told that the Sixth Precinct would become a "community policing center" staffed by two police officers, down from 38, and the administrative work would shift to the Third Precinct. At that time, I stated:

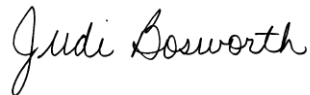
It is my firm belief that protecting the public and providing law enforcement services are essential functions of government. In this era of increasing prescription drug use and related crimes, home invasions and robberies, I don't know how **decreasing** our police presence in the community helps combat crime. Many of us moved to our homes in the 10th Legislative District for the wonderful quality of life we are afforded; if we feel our safety is compromised or that our local precinct is not responsive to community needs, that quality of life is diminished. Indeed, we rely on our local precincts to interface with our public and private schools, local villages and mayors, and to have their fingers on the pulse of our community. The Mangano plan calls for merging the 3rd and 6th precincts, the result of which will be a precinct stretched

so thin that the current level of personalized service will be compromised. **The new precinct will extend all the way from Manorhaven in Port Washington to Nassau University Medical Center on Hempstead Turnpike, including the Roosevelt Field Mall.** According to the "Efficiency Initiative" published by the County Executive, the 6th Precinct currently handles 5% of all arrests in the County; the new 3rd Precinct will handle 35% of all arrests. Those numbers speak for themselves.

As I listen to my constituents now, almost four years later, I hear that my concerns were well-founded. While the Third Precinct does its best to protect and serve the residents, there are some facts that are disturbing: while we were promised POP officers to ensure an undiminished quality of life, until very recently there were none in either the northern or southern parts of the precinct (although now I understand that there will be two POP officers assigned to the northern and southern portion of the Third Precinct); while we were promised special patrol officers would be in place, there are none in the northern end of the precinct, thereby making it impossible to conduct a so-called "sting" operation there. In the aftermath of the recent terror attacks in Paris and San Bernardino, it is imminently clear that the police must have their finger on the pulse of the community to prevent such atrocities. With the diminished resources in the Third precinct, that becomes less and less likely.

Knowing that the First and Seventh precinct merger never went through in the wake of Superstorm Sandy and that the Fourth and Fifth Precincts were separated after their merger, it makes sense to undo this ill-conceived merger as well. My colleagues on the Town Council, on both sides of the aisle, join me in urging you to take this step. The Sixth Precinct building still stands on Community Drive. Please reconsider the merger and reopen the Sixth Precinct.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judi Bosworth".

Judi Bosworth
Town Supervisor