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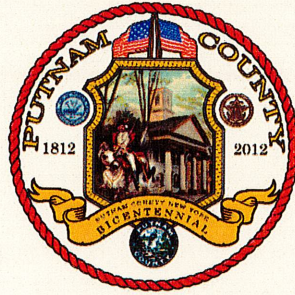
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Re: New York State Executive Order 203 – New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative

Dear All:

Thank you very much for your recent correspondence on behalf of your respective organizations, Putnam Pride, Putnam Progressives and Putnam County Patriots for Immigration Reform regarding the above referenced matter.

I would first like to assure you of the fact that my administration, along with those of our local municipalities, are taking this initiative very seriously. We have begun to develop strategies for the manner in which reforms will be discussed, and an initial panel meeting is in fact taking place next week between myself, the supervisors of the Town of Carmel and Kent, the Mayors of the Villages of Brewster, Cold Spring and Nelsonville and all of our respective law enforcement agencies. We are also involving the County's Personnel Director, our Commissioner of the Department of Social Services and Mental Health, as well as our counsel's office. It is our intention to discuss the community stakeholders that will also be involved in these discussions moving forward, and I appreciate your interest in doing so. Your suggestions are very helpful and I will be discussing your letter at the panel meeting, as well as your suggestions regarding who should be included in future discussions.

Additionally, it is important to note that the Putnam County Legislature considered the creation of a Human Rights Commission at its Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Committee meeting last evening, and it will be voted on by the entire Legislature at its August full meeting. I fully intend to sign such resolution once adopted, as I believe that the creation of a Human Rights Commission in our community is an important step toward creating greater cultural understanding and tolerance among our residents.

I look forward to working together with you and other community leaders in reviewing law enforcement policies and procedures throughout our County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "MaryEllen Odell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

MaryEllen Odell
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