



Town of Brookhaven Long Island

Edward P. Romaine, Supervisor

February 28, 2018

Hon. Steve Bellone
Suffolk County Executive
H. Lee Dennison Building
100 Veterans Memorial Highway
P.O. Box 6100
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Stuart Cameron
Acting Police Commissioner
30 Yaphank Avenue
Yaphank, NY 11980

Dear County Executive Bellone and Commissioner Cameron:

As you are aware, the Governor set the date of April 24, 2018 for the special election in the 5th Assembly District.

There are twenty-one public schools identified as polling places in the 5th Assembly District, of which fourteen are located in Brookhaven Town and the remaining seven in Islip. Since the polls are open from 6:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m., many voters will be entering the schools during regular school hours.

To ensure the safety of the school population when so many residents will be visiting the polling place to vote and non-school individuals have the ability to enter school property, I am requesting that your offices consider assigning Police Officers to each polling location on April 24th for the duration of the polling hours.

My request comes out of an abundance of caution in light of recent school shootings, particularly the unfortunate event that occurred less than two weeks ago at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. A police presence would likely discourage tendencies toward violent action at any and all of our polling places.

Sincerely,

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