

Police accountability group says Nassau isn't following reform order

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Members of the group Long Island Advocates for Police Accountability are calling on Nassau police to provide more detailed information about how they will comply with Executive Order No. 203 from Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

The order, issued in June, **requires local governments** in the state to adopt a policing reform plan by April 1, 2021.

LIAFPA, which was formed this past summer following protests about racial disparities and injustices, held a **news conference** Tuesday at the office of attorney Fred Brewington.

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Members say they are concerned that Nassau County is not following the order and not providing the public with detailed information when it comes to police conduct and procedures. They are also asking for Gov. Cuomo's office to step in and help navigate the process to ensure that the county is working with community groups and that a plan is submitted in time.

"If we were to grade them, they'd get a big fat F," says Brewington. "And the F would come because they have failed to provide documentation, data, pieces of paper, reports or any information that we could really rely on to do the work that we've been asked to do."

In a statement to News 12, County Executive Laura Curran says the county is on track to complete the governor's executive order on time and that they are following the guidelines that require public engagement and sharing of information and ideas on reform.

The statement went on to say, "While also responding to an ongoing pandemic, the county has initiated a robust public engagement process that's included over 50 community sessions since June – virtual and in-person."

Nassau Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder provided a statement to News 12:

"The Nassau County Police Department has provided data and other pertinent information pertaining to the Governor's Executive order to numerous committees and community groups. This information is also disseminated through the Nassau County **website**. As recommendations and requests have been made by groups, we have revised and reposted that new information. Reform is about making change and change is how we move forward. When the police reform community meetings are completed we will release those recommendations and changes. The dedicated men and women of our police department continue to serve the residents of Nassau County in a professional manner and will continue to do so keeping our County the safest community in America."