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FOX 5 New York Anchor: “Mazi Left Before Taking Any Questions.” “Mazi left before taking any questions. The GOPs tell us it was a rally, not a Q and A. She and Suozzi have just under two months to make their cases to voters. On Long Island, Jodi Goldberg, FOX 5 News.” [FOX 5 New York, YouTube, 2:00, [12/15/23](#)] (VIDEO)

Here’s What She’s Hiding – As A Nassau County Legislator She Opposed A Proposal To Add 100 Police Officers...

FY24 Budget: Nassau County Democrats Proposed A Budget Amendment To Hire 100 More Police Officers. “Nassau’s Democratic legislators want to cut the property tax levy by \$128 million, hire 100 more police officers and boost staffing in the Inspector General’s office, according to their proposed changes to County Executive Bruce Blakeman’s 2024 budget plan. The amendments, filed Tuesday, would not affect the size of the \$4.1 billion budget that Blakeman, a Republican, filed Sept. 15. Republicans hold a 12-7 majority in the legislature and will decide whether to consider the amendments.” [Newsday, [10/18/23](#)]

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Pilip Was Present When Republicans Refused To Vote To Fund 100 Additional Police Officers. “Moments ago, the Republican Majority didn’t just say no to the Minority’s plan for tax cuts and more police for Nassau residents – they didn’t even have the courage to hold a vote. Instead, they used unprecedented procedural tricks to shield their members from voting against our plan to cut property taxes by \$128 million and fund 100 additional police officers – 25 of whom would have focused on addressing the spike in hate crimes in our County and across the nation. Nassau County residents are now stuck for a third consecutive year with no tax cuts from the Blakeman administration and the Majority and a drop in the bucket on public safety - all because the Republican majority put their political needs ahead of the public they were elected to serve.” [Nassau County Legislature Democrats, Facebook, [10/30/23](#)]



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- **Pilip Was Present At The October 30, 2023 Hearing.** “CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Mazi Pilip? LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.” [Nassau County Legislature, Full Legislature Meeting Minutes, [10/30/23](#)]

Nassau County Police Benevolent Association President To The Nassau County Legislature: “We Always Need More Resources [...] We’re Going To Need To Replace Cops [...] I Thank You In Advance For Agreeing That We Always Need More Cops.” “PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: I also have two slips from our Labor Leaders; Ron Gurrieri from CSEA, as well as Tommy Shevlin from the Nassau County PBA. I want to offer you the opportunity, you can either come up now and speak or wait until after the budget presentation. Come on up, Tommy. MR. SHEVLIN: Good morning and thanks for allowing me to speak. I’m here today to speak on a very important matter: Law enforcement, our safety, police officers, more police officers, the need to be out there in the streets protecting our community. The world is upside down. We have people supporting terrorists. Criminals have more rights than police officers. And I think it’s safe to say that the ‘Defund the Police’ movement was not just shortsighted, but it went against our very own morals, values, and the way of life. I hope to never hear that cheap slogan again. There are many challenges that we face today in law enforcement, and although, I am honored to represent the best police department in the country, we have the best cops, they have dedicated, they’re heroes, they risked their lives every day. But we always need more resources. With the surge of illegal immigrants in New York; with the challenges that we face every day with bail reform laws; with terrorist attacks in Israel; possible large scale active shooters; large protests; the UBS arena and the strip mall being built around it; crime coming from the city, we’re going to need to replace cops. We’re also going to have retirements this year, after we finally settled our contract. And after the detectives and the supervisors are finally fully staffed, we’re going to back we’re going to have to backfill our police officers. And we fully support the DAI being filled. We need to be prepared. [...] When it comes to the public safety and the safety of my cops, we simply will not accept doing more with less.



I thank you in advance for agreeing that we always need more cops. Thank you and be well.” [Nassau County Legislature, Full Legislature Meeting Minutes, [10/30/23](#)]

- **Tommy Shevlin Was The President Of The Nassau County Police Benevolent Association.** “Nassau PBA President Tommy Shevlin Police Officer Thomas ‘Tommy’ Shevlin took over the reins of the Nassau County Police Benevolent Association — Nassau’s largest law enforcement union — on January 1, 2022. In his first 10 months, Shevlin has become a recognizable figure in organized labor, and a voice respected by his peers, members, elected officials and the general public alike.” [Dan’s Papers, [10/2/22](#)]

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As Nassau County Executive Suozzi And The Nassau Police Commissioner Developed The ‘NASSTAT’ Program, Which “Uses Technology To Target High Crime Areas”. “Suozzi and police Commissioner Lawrence Mulvey developed NASSTAT -- a program modeled after the NYPD's COMPSTAT system -- which uses technology to target high-crime areas. The county also implemented the ShotSpotter gunshot location system,



formed task forces for high-crime areas and began a series of gun buyback programs, Suozzi said.” [Newsday, [10/30/12](#)]

- **The NASSTAT System Provides Precincts With Localized Crime Statistics That Prevented Community Crime.** “Another weapon in O'Connor's crime-fighting arsenal is the new NASSTAT system, which provides precincts with weekly computerized crime statistics. With the data, commanding officers can compare statistics on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis to identify problems and target them. Commanding officers from each precinct also meet with the police commissioner every month to go over statistics and share feedback on what's working and what isn't in other communities. NASSTAT allows precincts to target a community's needs and helps police to be more innovative, O'Connor explained. For example, O'Connor said that he recently identified a rash of burglaries on Grand Avenue, and when night patrols in the area were stepped up, the burglaries stopped.” [Long Island Herald, [11/4/02](#)]

Suozzi Implemented Nassau County's Gun Buyback Program As County Executive

2008: Nassau County Began Its Illegal Gun Buy-Back Program. “Nassau County's gun-buy-back program kicked off on Dec. 20, 2008, with pickup points in Hempstead, Uniondale and Freeport. To date, it has collected almost 600 illegal guns, including a Tec-9 handgun, which was the most lethal weapon received. Tinker and the church plan to hold the event again next spring. Along with the gun-buy-back program, the church has also worked with the county in a apprenticeship program that helps residents earn certifications and jobs in the construction industry. The church is also working with the Martin Luther King Jr. Center in Long Beach to have parole and probation hearings for residents close to home, which would be more convenient than traveling to Mineola or Hempstead.” [Long Island Herald, [10/1/09](#)]

Suozzi Called The Gun-Buy-Back Program “A Great Success In Getting Guns Off Our Streets.” ““We were saying cautiously at the time that if we had 100 guns that came in through the gun buyback program, that would be a great success,” said County Executive Tom Suozzi. ‘Much to our astonishment, more than 450 guns came back to us. This was a great success in getting guns off our streets.’” [Long Island Herald, [1/2/09](#)]

- **2008: Suozzi And Nassau County Police Commissioner Held A Press Conference To Discuss The Gun Buyback Program.** “Nassau County Police Commissioner Lawrence Mulvey and Nassau County Executive Thomas Suozzi discuss the gun buyback program during a news conference at police headquarters in Mineola. (Dec. 22, 2008).” [Newsday, [2/3/11](#)]

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Suozzi Brought In Over \$300,000 In Federal Grants For The Suffolk County Police Department

2021: Suozzi Announced Over \$317,000 In Federal Grants For The Suffolk County Police Department. “The following information was released by the office of New York Rep. Thomas Suozzi: ‘Grants will be used for community policing, youth engagement, and de-escalation training programs; Since first elected to public office, Suozzi has vigorously worked to provide funds to support local police departments Today, Congressman Tom Suozzi (D-Long Island, Queens) announced that the Suffolk County Police Department will receive over \$317,000 in federal grants for de-escalation and youth engagement training programs.’” [Rep. Tom Suozzi, Press Release, 10/8/21]

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- **The Invest To Protect Act Included \$60,000,000 Per Year For Five Years To Support Local Police Departments.** “The bipartisan Invest to Protect Act of 2022 will: Invest in officer safety, de-escalation, and domestic violence response training, allowing officers to receive critical training that will make them even more effective at their jobs; Create grants for small departments to recruit and retain new officers, to help keep their existing officers and recruit new ones; Allow departments to provide mental health resources for their officers; and, Authorize \$60,000,000 a year for 5 years for local police departments.” [Representative Josh Gottheimer, Press Release, [9/22/22](#)]
- **The Invest To Protect Act Invested In Local Police Departments, Community Violence Prevention And Intervention Programs, And Assisting Law Enforcement Address Gun Crimes.** “The House on Thursday passed bipartisan legislation to increase funding for local police departments, after Democrats overcame bitter divisions in their ranks over a package aimed at blunting Republican efforts to portray them as soft on crime



ahead of midterm elections. [...] A broad bipartisan majority voted, 360 to 64, in favor of the centerpiece of the four-bill package, called the Invest to Protect Act, which would give \$60,000,000 a year for five years to local police departments. The funds could be used for purchasing body cameras and conducting de-escalation training, as well as other activities. [...] The package of bills also would provide federal grants for communities that practice violence intervention and prevention. It would offer assistance to law enforcement specifically addressing gun crimes and supporting shooting victims.” [New York Times, [9/22/22](#)]

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[Congress.gov, [11/3/17](#), Cosponsored [11/6/17](#)]

The Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act Would Expand Background Checks On All Commercial Firearm Sales. SUOZZI: “[I] support House legislation like H.R. 4240, the Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act. If adopted, the measure would expand background checks to include all commercial firearm sales, provide reasonable exceptions for family and friend transfers, and preserve Second Amendment rights. It would also offer states better federal funding to maintain proper record-sharing systems to help report criminals and the mentally ill. These are necessary steps to reduce the kind of senseless killings that have felled many of our children.” [Newsday, Opinion, [2/22/18](#)]

As Nassau County Executive, Suozzi Helped Lower Crime Levels To Historic Lows

2009: Nassau County’s Total Crime Index Decreased By More Than 6.5% From 2001 Levels According to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, the Nassau County total crime rate per 100,000 people in 2001, the year before Suozzi took office as county executive, was 1726.0. In 2009, Suozzi’s last year as county executive, the total crime rate per 100,000 people was 1613.4. [New York State, Division Of Criminal Justice Services, Accessed [12/15/23](#)]

- **2009: Nassau County’s Violent Crime Index Decreased By More Than 7.5% From 2001 Levels.** According to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, the Nassau County violent crime rate per 100,000 people in 2001, the year before Suozzi took office as county executive, was 199.8. In 2009, Suozzi’s last year as county executive, the violent crime rate per 100,000 people was 184.5. [New York State, Division Of Criminal Justice Services, Accessed [12/15/23](#)]
- **The Nassau County Police Inspector Said Nassau County Had The Lowest Crime Rate In Over 42 Years.** “Crime reports in the Third Precinct are down this year over last year according to Nassau County Police Inspector Kevin Canavan, who was the guest speaker at the Mineola Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday night[...] ‘When I came to this command last year, we had enjoyed in the county the lowest crime rate in over 42 years,’ Canavan said. ‘The crime rate had continually gone down. It was a pretty tough act to follow.’ Eleven months into 2010, Canavan said that in terms of total overall crime, the precinct is down 13-percent down from “our lowest level in 42 years last year.” [Mineola Patch, [11/16/10](#)]

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2019: Pete King And Suozzi New York Times Op-Ed Headline: “A Grand Compromise On Immigration”
[New York Times, Pete King and Tom Suozzi Op-Ed, [3/24/19](#)]

Suozzi And King Proposed A Plan Where Five Million People, Including Dreamers, TPS Recipients, And Their Relatives, Would Become Eligible For A Path To Citizenship. “First, our plan would create a path to



citizenship for approximately 1.9 million immigrants brought by their parents, without documentation, when they were 18 or under, the so-called Dreamers. To be eligible, they must have graduated from high school; have no record of criminal activity; and be either in the military, working full time for at least three years or attending college. We would extend similar coverage to the 400,000 people who were invited to America and given temporary protective status after facing natural disasters, violence and extreme poverty in their home countries. Finally, relatives of Dreamers, of T.P.S. recipients and of others who are undocumented — approximately 2.7 million more people — would be eligible for three years of protective status, renewable indefinitely, if they have been in the United States for a significant number of years and have no record of criminal activity. Taken together, this represents five million people.” [New York Times, Peter King and Tom Suozzi Op-Ed, [3/24/19](#)]

- **Those Five Million People Would Pay \$2,000 For Legal Protection, Which Would Fund Border Security Investments And Aid To Central American Countries.** “Next, to qualify for protection, an undocumented person would be required to pay a \$2,000 fee. If each of the five million paid that amount, our plan would generate \$10 billion. Some of that money, in turn, would be used to cover the administrative costs of this new program; we figure those costs would be \$1.4 billion. The remaining \$8.6 billion would be split evenly: \$4.3 billion would pay for additional physical structures along the United States-Mexico border, as proposed by the Department of Homeland Security, and \$4.3 billion would go to aid to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to help prevent further out-migration from those countries, as well as to radar technology, improved ports of entry, immigration judges, border patrol personnel and humanitarian assistance along the border, as recommended by the Department Homeland Security.” [New York Times, Peter King and Tom Suozzi Op-Ed, [3/24/19](#)]

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¹³⁰ New York amended its statute in 1965 to widen the therapeutic exceptions. See Means, supra note 25, at 498-500. California adopted the most progressive abortion reform in 1967 to close a perceived gulf between the legal and medical standards concerning justifications for abortion. See George, supra note 50, at 393-402 (discussing perceived gulf); Sands, supra note 52, at 286-88 (same); Note, Abortion Reform, supra note 59, at 530-34 (discussing California legislation); Note, Survey of Abortion Reform Legislation, 43 Wash. L. Rev. 644, 644-54 (1968) (discussing California legislation in comparison with Colorado, North Carolina, and Great Britain legislation). Then Governor Reagan signed the bill only after the legislature eliminated a provision permitting abortion of a greatly deformed child. See Note, Changing Abortion Laws, supra note 30, at 496-97. Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, New Mex-

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- **Britannica: A Therapeutic Abortion Can Take Place Because The Pregnancy Endangers The Mother’s Life.** “A therapeutic abortion is the interruption of a pregnancy before the 20th week of gestation because it endangers the mother’s life or health or because the baby presumably would not be normal.” [Encyclopedia Britannica, accessed [12/22/23](#)]

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