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Statement from NYS Senator Daphne Jordan (R,C,I-Halfmoon) on the Saratoga Springs City Council voting to cut the Assistant Police Chief position:

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Like many across the community, I have real concerns and many questions regarding the Saratoga Springs City Council's decision last night to cut the Assistant Police Chief position. The City of Saratoga Springs is a world-renowned tourism and recreational destination and a vital economic driver for our Capital Region. The continued success of Saratoga Springs' economy, and the safety and security of its residents and visitors, are absolutely critical. Moving forward, I'm expecting the City Council to honor the stated promise of its Patrol Division Increase Initiative, which eliminated the Assistant Police Chief position and was supposed to redirect funding to add two new positions. Last summer, I rode along with, and then stood on the corner of Caroline and Putnam Streets from late at night into the early morning hours, with the Saratoga Springs Police and saw up close their professionalism and dedication to serving all the people of Saratoga Springs and the many visitors. Defunding the police is not an option. Instead, we need to defend, fund, and stand with our heroic police. I urge the City Council to keep its promise and have more officers protecting and serving the citizens of Saratoga Springs. Time will tell and we will be watching.