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# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE WILL HOLD COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022 STARTING AT 1:00 PM AND WILL HOLD A FULL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022 STARTING AT 1:00 PM FOR PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT, AND AT 2:00 PM FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR IN THE PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER, 1st FLOOR, THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, 1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MINEOLA, NEW YORK 11501.

# FULL LEGISLATIVE SESSION......1:00 PM

COMMITTEES	TIME
RULES	1:00PM
PUBLIC SAFETY	1:00PM
PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & THE ENVIRONMENT	1:00PM
TOWNS, VILLAGES AND CITIES	1:00PM
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,	1:00PM
LABOR AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	
PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS	1:00PM
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES	1:00PM
GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND OPERATIONS	1:00PM
MINORITY AFFAIRS	1:00PM
VETERANS	1:00PM
SENIOR AFFAIRS	1:00PM
FINANCE	1:00PM

MICHAEL C. PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature

**Dated: APRIL 4, 2022** 

Mineola, NY

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# LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE FOURTH MEETING FOURTH MEETING OF 2022 MINEOLA, NEW YORK APRIL 25, 2022 PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT 1:00PM LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR 2:00PM

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### 1. HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO.-2022

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 3-2.3 OF THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE IN RELATION TO THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. 120-22(CE)

# 2. <u>VOTE ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2022</u>

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 3-2.3 OF THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE IN RELATION TO THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. 120-22(CE)

# 3. **ORDINANCE NO. 23-2022**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. 86-22(OMB)

### 4. **ORDINANCE NO. 24-2022**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. 87-22(OMB)

### 5. **ORDINANCE NO. 25-2022**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. 105-22(OMB)

# 6. **ORDINANCE NO. 26-2022**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. 121-22(OMB)

# 7. **ORDINANCE NO. 27-2022**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENT TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN TO RECONCILE THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL RECORDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR OF 2021. 122-22(OMB)

# 8. **RESOLUTION NO. 52-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED DOVER GOURMET CORPORATION V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, ET AL., INDEX NO. 612941/2019 PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. 99-22(AT)

### 9. **RESOLUTION NO. 53-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PETITIONER LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY D/B/A LIPA, A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF THE LONG ISLAND POWER AUTHORITY, A CORPORATE MUNICIPAL INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, ORGANIZED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW OF NEW YORK PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. 104-22(AT)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND THE NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S CORRECTION OFFICERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC. ("COBA"), LOCAL 830 OF THE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, A.F.S.C.M.E., LOCAL 1000, A.F.L.-C.I.O. ("CSEA"), DETECTIVES ASSOCIATION, INC., OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, INC. ("PBA") AND THE SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, INC. ("SOA"). 119-22(CE)

# 11. **RESOLUTION NO. 55-2022**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ENACT AND THE GOVERNOR TO APPROVE AN ACT TO AMEND THE RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAW IN RELATION TO ESTABLISHING A DEATH BENEFIT FOR FIRE MARSHALS EMPLOYED BY NASSAU COUNTY. 131-22(LE)

# 12. **RESOLUTION NO. 56-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF PLANDOME IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROCURE SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS BOTTLES AND A NEW DISPATCH STATION FOR THE VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT. 93-22(CE)

### 13. **RESOLUTION NO. 57-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BALDWIN FIRE DISTRICT IN RELATION TO THE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE INCIDENT COMMAND POSTS. 94-22(CE)

### 14. **RESOLUTION NO. 58-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST MEADOW FIRE DISTRICT IN RELATION TO THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE EQUIPMENT. 95-22(CE)

### 15. **RESOLUTION NO. 59-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROCURE AND INSTALL NEW FLOORING. 96-22(CE)

# **RESOLUTION NO. 60-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PORT WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROCURE A MESSAGE TRAILER. 97-22(CE)

### 17. **RESOLUTION NO. 61-2022**

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH SANITARY DISTRICT # 2 IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROCURE A DUSTLESS SANDBLASTER. 98-22(CE)

# 18. **RESOLUTION NO. 62-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO UPGRADE AND INSTALL NEW AUDIO AND VIDEO EQUIPMENT AND RELATED ITEMS. 100-22(CE)

# 19. **RESOLUTION NO. 63-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH FARMINGDALE FIRE DISTRICT IN RELATION TO THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. 103-22(CE)

### 20. **RESOLUTION NO. 64-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH MERRICK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROCURE AND INSTALL NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. 107-22(CE)

# 21.. **RESOLUTION NO. 65-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF EAST HILLS IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO RENOVATE AND REHABILITATE A BUILDING ON VILLAGE PROPERTY. 109-22(CE)

### 22 **RESOLUTION NO. 66-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE WOODMERE FIRE DISTRICT IN RELATION TO THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT. 110-22(CE)

# 23. **RESOLUTION NO. 67-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GLEN COVE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO UPGRADE AND INSTALL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT. 111-22(CE)

# 24. RESOLUTION NO. 68-2022

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RONALD J. ROSENBERG AS A MEMBER OF THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. 130-22(LE)

### 25. **RESOLUTION NO. 69-2022**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM P. STRIS AS A MEMBER OF THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. 129-22(LE)

# 26. **RESOLUTION NO. 70-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN ARDITO TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION. 112-22(CE)

### 27. RESOLUTION NO. 71-2022

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF FLORESTANO GIRARDI TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION. 113-22(CE)

# 28. **RESOLUTION NO. 72-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF LAURA MONFILETTO TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION. 114-22(CE)

# 29. **RESOLUTION NO. 73-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF MARC STONE TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION. 115-22(CE)

### 30. **RESOLUTION NO. 74-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF ROCCO TOTINO TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION. 116-22(CE)

# 31 **RESOLUTION NO. 75-2022**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF MURRAY FORMAN TO THE NASSAU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION. 117-22(CE)

# 32. **RESOLUTION NO. 76-2022**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF REID SAKOWICH TO THE NASSAU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION. 118-22(CE)

### 33. **RESOLUTION NO. 77-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM P. STRIS TO THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PURSUANT TO SECTION 6306 OF THE EDUCATION LAW. 123-22(CE)

# 34. **RESOLUTION NO. 78-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF RONALD J. ROSENBERG TO THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PURSUANT TO SECTION 6306 OF THE EDUCATION LAW. 124-22(CE)

# 35. **RESOLUTION NO. 79-2022**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF KHANDAN SHARONA KALATY TO THE NASSAU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION. 125-22(CE)

### 36. **RESOLUTION NO. 80-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM H. ROCKENSIES TO THE NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. 126-22(CE)

### 37. **RESOLUTION NO. 81-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF REGINALD A. SPINELLO TO THE NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. 127-22(CE)

### 38. **RESOLUTION NO. 82-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GIFT OFFERED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOUNDATION TO THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT. 72-22(PD)

# 39. **RESOLUTION NO. 83-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GIFT OFFERED BY THE HICKSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT TO THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT. 106-22(PD)

# 40. **RESOLUTION NO. 84-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2022. 88-22(OMB)

### 41. **RESOLUTION NO. 85-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2022. 91-22(OMB)

### 42. **RESOLUTION NO. 86-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2022. 92-22(OMB)

### 43. **RESOLUTION NO. 87-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET YEAR 2022. 108-22(OMB)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Nassau County Executive has executed the following personal service contracts, copies of which are on file with the Office of the Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature. These contracts are listed for informational purposes only.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Option for Community Living, Inc. RE: CDBG 47<sup>th</sup>. \$90,000.00. ID# CQHI21000051.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and ACDS. RE: CDBG 47<sup>th</sup>. \$54,525.00. ID# CQHI21000059.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and COPAY, Inc. RE: CDBG 47<sup>th</sup>. \$20,000.00. ID# CQHI21000042.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Spectrum Designs Foundation. RE: CDBG 47<sup>th</sup>. \$50,000.00. ID# CQHI21000040.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Mill Neck Services, Inc.. RE: CDBG 47<sup>th</sup>. \$45,000.00. ID# CQHI21000015.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and North Shore Child & Family Guidance Association. RE: CDBG 47<sup>th</sup>. \$25,000.00. ID# CQHI21000030.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Long Island Conservatory of Music. RE: CDBG 47<sup>th</sup>. \$85,000.00. ID# CQHI21000061.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Nassau County Land Bank Corporation. RE: HOME. \$150,000.00. ID# CQHI21000069.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Peaceful Minds, Inc. (dba FJC). RE: CDBG. \$20,000.00. ID# CQHI21000063.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Nassau County Land Bank Corp. RE: HOME. \$150,000.00. ID# CQHI21000062.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and The Interfaith Nutrition Network. RE: ESG 47<sup>th</sup> yr. \$100,000.00. ID# CQHI21000068.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Town of Hempstead. RE: CDBG 47<sup>th</sup> yr. \$3,095,000.00. ID# CQHI21000066.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. RE: ESG 47<sup>th</sup> year. \$68,600.00. ID# CQHI21000065.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Community Mainstreaming Associates, Inc. RE: CDBG-47th. \$46,000.00. ID# CQHI21000048.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Leadership Training, Inc. RE: CDBG 47th. \$55,000.00. ID# CQHI21000052.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and City of Long Beach. RE: CDBG-47th. \$275,000.00. ID# CQHI210000232.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and North Bellmore UFSD. RE:YDA Education. \$250,343.00. ID# CQHS21000081.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Family and Children Association. RE: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. \$84,000.00. ID: COHS21000082.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Cornell Cooperative Extension of NC. RE: OFA CORNELL CSE AMEND. \$25,000.00. ID: CLHS21000083.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Great Neck Senior Center. RE: OFA GREAT NECK FFCRA EXT. \$0.01. ID: CLHS21000063.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Village of Mineola. RE: CDBG 47<sup>th</sup>. \$260,000.00. ID: CQHI21000058.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Alexander S. Bardey MD PLLC. RE: Forensic Services. \$ 116,900.00. ID: CLHS22000010.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Hispanic Brotherhood. RE: OFA HISP FFCRA EXT. \$ 0.01. ID: CLHS21000064.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Social Services and Circulo de la Hispanidad. RE: Domestic Violence Non-Residential. \$5,435.00. ID# CLSS21000028.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and East Rockaway UFSD. RE: YDA-EDUCATION. \$54,766.00. ID# CQHS21000077.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Peace Valley Haven. RE: ESG 46<sup>th</sup> Year. \$55,000.00. ID# CQSH20000114.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Long Beach Latino Civic Association. RE: CDBG. \$20,000.00. ID# CQHI21000075.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Family and Children's Association. RE: ESG 47<sup>th</sup> YR. \$125,000.00. ID#CQHI21000054.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Board of Elections and All American Van Lines, Inc. RE: Trucking Voting Machines 2020 and 2021 Elections. \$176,689.75. ID#CLEL21000001.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Board of Elections and Super Express Service, Inc. d/b/a The Moving Doctor. RE: Trucking Voting Machines 2020 and 2021 Elections. \$76,356.00. ID#CLEL21000002.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Cornell Cooperative Extension of NC. RE: OFA Cornell FFCRA Ext. \$.01. ID# CLHS21000061.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and PurFoods, LLC dba Moms Meals. RE: OFA Purefood/Moms Meal. \$200,000.00. ID# CLHS21000072.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center. RE: OFA Sid Jac FFCRA Ext. \$.01. ID# CLHS21000069.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Nassau Suffolk Law Services Comm. Inc. RE: OFA NSLS FFCRA Ext. \$.01. ID# CLHS21000066.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Village of Great Neck Plaza. RE: CDBG 47<sup>th</sup> YR. \$155,627.00. ID#CQHI21000034.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Village of Freeport. RE: CDBG 47<sup>th</sup> YR. \$700,000.00. ID#CQHI21000049

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Long Beach Reach, Inc. RE: CDBG 47<sup>th</sup> YR. \$75,000.00. ID#CQHI21000024.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Bethany House of Nassau County Corp. RE: ESG 47<sup>th</sup> YR. \$85,000.00. ID#CQHI21000067.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Village of Hempstead CDA. RE: CDBG 44<sup>th</sup> YR. \$.01. ID#CLHI21000026.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Long Beach Reach, Inc. RE: CDBG 47<sup>th</sup> YR. \$75,000.00. ID#CQHI21000024.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Village of Hempstead. RE: CDBG 47<sup>th</sup> YR. \$1,120,000.00. ID#CQHI21000055.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Herricks Community Fund. RE: OFA Herricks CF C-1. \$85,925.00. ID# CQHS22000004.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Family and Children's Association. RE: OFA FCA C-1. \$247,388.00. ID# CQHS22000020.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Long Island Crisis Center. RE: Youth Development. \$122,020.00. ID# CQHS22000014.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Nassau County Bar Association Assigned Counsel Defender Plan, Inc. RE: Indigent Legal Services. \$145,000.00. ID# CQBU21000009.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Dr. Anthony V. Santoro. RE: Forensic Services. \$122,590.00. ID# CLHS22000003.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Great Neck Senior Center. RE: OFA Great Neck B C-1. \$262,439.00. ID# CQHS22000003.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and S.T.R.O.N.G. Youth Inc. Youth Development. \$138,000.00. ID# CQHS21000084.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and All Thing Home Care, Inc. RE: CDBG 47<sup>th</sup> YR. \$25,000.00. ID#CQHI22000001.

# THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE WILL CONVENE THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022 at 1:00PM AND

FULL LEGISLATURE MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022 AT 1:00PM

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 52 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED DOVER GOURMET CORPORATION V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, ET AL., INDEX NO. 612941/2019 PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

WHEREAS, Dover Gourmet Corporation (the "Plaintiff") commenced an action against the County of Nassau (the "County"), entitled *Dover Gourmet Corporation v. County of Nassau, et al.*, Index No. 612941/2019, alleging certain violations of its contractual rights, and the County has agreed to enter into a stipulation of settlement including an amendment to a License Agreement, attached hereto, with the Plaintiff in full settlement of all possible claims Plaintiff may have against the County in the above titled action; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has caused an investigation and analysis to be made of the said action and as a result thereof recommends that it be settled in accordance with the terms of the stipulation of settlement; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be and is hereby authorized and directed to settle the said action in accordance with the terms of the stipulation of settlement as indicated above; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to award and execute the aforementioned amendment to the License Agreement with Plaintiff, upon receipt of a Settlement Agreement and Limited Release; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this settlement is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(29) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 53 - 2022

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Attorney to compromise and settle the claims of Petitioner Long Island Lighting Company d/b/a LIPA, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Long Island Power Authority, a corporate municipal instrumentality of the State of New York, organized and existing pursuant to the Public Authorities Law of New York pursuant to the County Law, the County Government Law of Nassau County and the Nassau County Administrative Code.

WHEREAS, § 1020-a of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York ("PAL") of Title 1-A of Article 5 of the PAL (the "LIPA Act") provides that assuring the provision of an adequate supply of electricity in a reliable, efficient and economic manner, and retaining existing commerce and industry in and attracting new commerce and industry to Nassau County, Suffolk County and the Rockaway Peninsula are matters of state concern; and

WHEREAS, PAL § 1020-p(1) provides that the operation of LIPA is primarily for the benefit of the people of the State of New York, for the improvement of their health, welfare and prosperity, and is a public purpose, and LIPA shall be regarded as performing an essential government function in carrying out the provisions of the LIPA Act; and

WHEREAS, PAL § 1020-kk provides that the LIPA Act, being necessary for the prosperity of the state and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes thereof; and

WHEREAS, PAL § 1020-p(2) provides that LIPA shall be required to pay no taxes nor assessments upon any of the property acquired or controlled by it or upon its activities in the operation and maintenance thereof or upon income

derived therefrom, providing that nothing therein shall prevent LIPA from entering into agreements to make payments in lieu of taxes ("PILOTs") with the governing bodies of municipalities as provided for in PAL § 1020-q; and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") § 412 provides that real property owned by public authorities enumerated in the public authorities law shall be entitled to such exemption as may be provided therein; and

WHEREAS, PAL § 1020-f(h) confers upon LIPA broad powers to make and execute agreements and contracts with any municipality; and

WHEREAS, PAL § 1020-g(k) empowers LIPA to enter into contractual arrangements with municipalities with respect to the construction, improvement, rehabilitation, ownership and/or operation of generating facilities; and

WHEREAS, PAL § 1020-f(r) confers broad powers upon LIPA to enter into agreements to purchase power from any private entity or any other available source, and PAL § 1020-f(h) gives LIPA the authority to make and execute agreements necessary or convenient in the exercise of its statutory powers and functions, and PAL § 1020-g(j) gives LIPA the power to cooperate with and to enter into contractual arrangements with private utility companies or public entities; and

WHEREAS, the County determines the annual assessments of real property located within the County for the purpose of imposing real property taxes for the County, the towns, the special districts and all but one of the school districts within the County; and

WHEREAS, LIPA filed applications for correction of assessment with ARC and/or commenced proceedings pursuant to RPTL Article 7 seeking judicial review of the County's assessments for its real property at the Glenwood Landing power plant identified as 1/20/Q/41 (Acct. No. 2030301485); 1/20/Q/41 (Acct. No. 2030301486A); 1/20/Q/41 (Acct. No. 2035301485); 1/20/K/4A (Acct. No. 3030001015); 1/20/K/4A (Acct. No. 3030001015A); 1/20/K/5A (Acct. No. 2030301480); 1/20/K/5A (Acct. No. 2030301480A); 1/21/M/585 (Acct. No. 3030001040); 1/21/F/4 (Acct. No. 3030001019); 1/21/M/35 (Acct. No. 3030001020); 1/21/M/35 (Acct. No. 3035001021A); 1/21/M/35 (Acct. No. 3030001020A); 1/21/M/35 (Acct. No. 3035001020A) (hereinafter "Glenwood Landing") for the tax years 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (the "Glenwood Proceedings"). Glenwood Landing is owned by National Grid Generation LLC ("National Grid") and its output is wholly committed under contract to LIPA under an Amended and Restated Power Supply Agreement dated as of October 10, 2012 (the "PSA"), under which LIPA is responsible for all its costs, including property taxes.

WHEREAS, the steam units at Glenwood Landing were decommissioned and demolished in approximately 2012 and the only remaining generation assets at the site currently consist of two gas turbines of approximately 55 MW each and one gas turbine of approximately 16 MW, and associated parcels; and

WHEREAS, Petitioners filed applications for correction of assessment with ARC and/or commenced proceedings pursuant to RPTL Article 7 seeking

judicial review of the County's assessments for its real property at the E.F. Barrett power plant identified as 031/43/E/2 (Acct. No. 1035031430 and 1035031430A); 031/43/E/2 (Acct. No. 1035031431A); 011/43/E/4 (Acct. No. 1030011100); 031/43/E/12 (Acct. No. 1030031435); 031/43/52/6 (Acct. No. 1030031450); 1/43/52/33 (Acct. No. 1030031445); 031/43/167/14 (Acct. No. 1030031455); 031/43/169/127 (Acct. No. 1030031466); 031/43/170/15 (Acct. No. 1030031470); 031/43/171/15 (Acct. No. 1030031475); 031/43/175/1 (Acct. No. 1030031495); 031/43/176/12 (Acct. No. 1030031500); 031/43/404/11 1030031490); 031/43/404/12 (Acct. No. (Acct. No. 1030031485); 031/43/404/13 (Acct. No. 1030031480); 031/43/404/13 (Acct. No. 1030031480A); 43/399/204 (Acct. No. 1030011116A); 43/399/204 (Acct. No. 1035011115 and 1035011115A); 43/399/287 (Acct. No. 1030011120); 43/399/288 (Acct. No. 1030011125) (hereinafter "Barrett") that were applied for the tax years 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 ("the Barrett Proceedings"). Barrett is owned by National Grid and its output is wholly committed to LIPA under the PSA, and LIPA is responsible for all its costs, including property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Barrett consists of two steam turbine units of approximately 175 MW each, seven combustion turbine units of approximately 18 MW each, and four combustion turbine units of approximately 42 MW each ("Barrett" and, collectively with Glenwood, the "Subject Properties"); and

WHEREAS, LIPA's Glenwood Proceedings and Barrett Proceedings are

collectively identified by Index Numbers 411617/10; 407870/11; 407871/11; 407872/11; 403513/12; 403514/12; 403515/12; 402823/13; 402824/13; 402825/13; 402785/14; 402786/14; 402787/14; 402500/15; 402533/15; 402537/15; 403739/16; 403754/16; 403757/16; 403760/16; 403222/17; 403225/17; 403226/17; 403227/17; 402338/18; 402347/18; 402348/18; 402354/18; 403044/19; 403045/19; 403046/19; 403047/19; 401264/20; 401265/20; 401266//20; 401267/20; 401534/2021; 401535/2021; 401537/2021 and 401538/2021. National Grid has similarly commenced proceedings pursuant to RPTL Article 7 seeking judicial review of the County's assessments for Glenwood Landing and Barrett. These proceedings are identified by Index Numbers 402110/2005; 402123/2005; 402124/2005; 401517/2006; 401596/2006; 408737/2007; 408774/2007; 408790/2007; 408791/2007; 403145/2008; 403158/2008; 403185/2008; 408703/2009; 411616/2010; 402982/2013; 411617/2010; 402983/2013; 402984/2013; 402271/2014; 402341/2014; 402354/2014; 402526/2015; 402527/2015; 402528/2015; 403969/2016; 403970/2016; 403978/2016; 403979/2016; 403111/2017; 403169/2017; 403171/2017; 403172/2017; 403173/2017; 404025/2018; 404028/2018; 404026/2018; 404027/2018; 404029/2018; 403602/2019; 403604/2019; 403608/2019; 403768/2019; 402344/2020; 402345/2020; 402347/2020; 402348/2020; 401938/2021; 401939/2021; 401940/2021; 401944/2021 and 401941/2021 and which have been or will be assigned to LIPA; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Properties are under contract to LIPA which pays all costs associated with the plants, controls how and when they are bid into the New York Independent System Operator ("NYISO") Market"); and LIPA is financially responsible for the electricity generated by the Subject Properties, as denoted in the NYISO Load & Capacity Data Report (Gold Book) as the financially responsible party; and as a result of such control, the Subject Properties are exempt from payment of property taxes under PAL 1020-p(2); and

WHEREAS, the Parties seek to avoid the expense and risk associated with litigating the Barrett Proceedings, the Glenwood Proceedings, and the corresponding proceedings brought by National Grid to challenge the assessments on the Subject Properties for tax years 2009/10 through 2021/22 (the "Proceedings"); and, therefore, the Parties have agreed to dismiss, with prejudice these proceedings, pursuant to the terms and conditions contained herein; and;

WHEREAS, it is the Parties' intention in fully and finally resolving the Proceedings, and permanently eliminating the County's potential refund liability, to gradually reduce the annual payments through the 2026/27 school and 2027 general tax years as provided for in Schedule A, A-1, A-2 and A-3 of stipulated agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge that any property owned or controlled by LIPA is statutorily entitled to an exempt designation on the assessment rolls by the Assessor, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §412 and Nassau County Administrative Code § 6-7.0; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has caused an investigation and analysis

to be made of the said action and as a result thereof recommends that it be settled based on assessed values as set forth above and referenced in Schedule A, A-1, A-2, and A-3; and now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be and is hereby authorized and directed to settle the said actions based on the assessed values with direct assessments that will produce payments to County, towns, school districts and special districts as set forth in and referenced in Schedule A, A-1, A-2, and A-3; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this settlement is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(29) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 54 -2022

A RESOLUTION Approving a Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement by and between the County of Nassau and the Nassau County Sheriff's Correction Officers Benevolent Association, Inc. ("COBA"), Local 830 of the Civil Service Employees Association, A.F.S.C.M.E., Local 1000, A.F.L.-C.I.O. ("CSEA"), Detectives Association, Inc., of the Police Department of the County of Nassau, Inc. ("DAI"), the Police Benevolent Association of the Police Department of the County of Nassau, Inc. ("PBA") and the Superior Officers Association of the Police Department of the County of Nassau, Inc. ("SOA").

RESOLVED, that the attached Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement by and between the County of Nassau and the Nassau County Sheriff's Correction Officers Benevolent Association, Inc. ("COBA"), Local 830 of the Civil Service Employees Association, A.F.S.C.M.E., Local 1000, A.F.L.-C.I.O. ("CSEA"), Detectives Association, Inc., of the Police Department of the County of Nassau, Inc. ("DAI"), the Police Benevolent Association of the Police Department of the County of Nassau, Inc. ("PBA") and the Superior Officers Association of the Police Department of the County of Nassau, Inc. ("SOA") is hereby ratified.

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 55-2022

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ENACT AND THE GOVERNOR TO APPROVE AN ACT TO AMEND THE RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAW IN RELATION TO ESTABLISHING A DEATH BENEFIT FOR FIRE MARSHALS EMPLOYED BY NASSAU COUNTY

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature pursuant to Section Two of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of New York, hereby requests the Legislature to enact and the Governor to approve the following bills:

S. 8584

A. 9738

ENACTED: "AN ACT" to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to establishing a death benefit for fire marshals employed by Nassau County.

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 56 – 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF PLANDOME IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROCURE SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS BOTTLES AND A NEW DISPATCH STATION FOR THE VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau (the "County") and the Village of Plandome (the "Village") are authorized, pursuant to Article 9, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution and Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law, to enter into intergovernmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County to share resources in the undertaking of municipal projects and other purposes through joint projects or programs with other municipalities and districts; and

WHEREAS, the Village is interested in undertaking a project to procure selfcontained breathing apparatus bottles and a new dispatch station for the Village Fire Department in furtherance of the County Fire Mutual Aid Plan (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County and the Village believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize intermunicipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed agreement, on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the Village, in relation to the aforesaid Project; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County said Project is a "Type II Action" within the meaning of Part 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 57 – 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BALDWIN FIRE DISTRICT IN RELATION TO THE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE INCIDENT COMMAND POSTS.

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau (the "County") and the Baldwin Fire District (the "District") are authorized, pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law to enter into inter-governmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County and District to enter into an inter-municipal agreement to purchase portable incident command posts that will enable the District to better respond to natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, the District has agreed to accept funds from the County in furtherance of this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the County and the District believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize inter-municipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed Agreement, on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the District, in relation to the aforesaid purchase; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County said Project is a "Type II Action" within the meaning of Section 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST MEADOW FIRE DISTRICT IN RELATION TO THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau (the "County") and the East Meadow Fire District (the "District") are authorized, pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law to enter into inter-governmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County and District to enter into an inter-municipal agreement to purchase emergency medical service equipment for the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has agreed to accept funds from the County in furtherance of this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the County and the District believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize inter-municipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed Agreement, on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the District, in relation to the aforesaid purchase; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County said Project is a "Type II Action" within the meaning of Section 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 59 – 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROCURE AND INSTALL NEW FLOORING

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau (the "County") and the Village of Farmingdale (the "Village") are authorized, pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law to enter into intergovernmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County share resources in the undertaking of municipal projects and other purposes through joint projects or programs with other municipalities and districts ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Village is interested in undertaking a project to procure gear racks, a washer and dryer, new flooring, OSHA/NFPA approved laundry tracking system and related items for public safety; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Village believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize intermunicipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed Agreement, on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said amended agreement with the Village, in relation to the aforesaid Project; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County said Project is a "Type II Action" within the meaning of Section 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 60 – 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PORT WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROCURE A MESSAGE TRAILER

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau (the "County") and the Port Washington Police Department, a Police District (the "District"), are authorized, pursuant to Article 9, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution and Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law, to enter into intergovernmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County to share resources in the undertaking of municipal projects and other purposes through joint projects or programs with other municipalities and districts; and

WHEREAS, the District is interested in undertaking a project to procure a message trailer to collect data for traffic studies and provide important messages to County residents (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County and the District believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize intermunicipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed agreement, on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the District, in relation to the aforesaid Project; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, said Project is a "Type II Action" within the meaning of Part 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE
AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH SANITARY DISTRICT #2 IN
RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROCURE A DUSTLESS SANDBLASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau (the "County") and the Sanitary District #2 (the "District") are authorized, pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law to enter into intergovernmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, the District is interested in undertaking a project to procure dustless sandblaster for the District for County residents (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County and the District believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize intermunicipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed Agreement, on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the District, in relation to the aforesaid Project; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County said Project is a "Type II Action" within the meaning of Section 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 62–2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO
EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LEVITTOWN
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO UPGRADE AND
INSTALL NEW AUDIO AND VIDEO EQUIPMENT AND RELATED ITEMS

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau (the "County") and the Levittown Public School District (the "District") are authorized, pursuant to Article 9, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution and Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law, to enter into intergovernmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County to share resources in the undertaking of municipal projects and other purposes through joint projects or programs with other municipalities and districts; and

WHEREAS, the District is interested in undertaking a project to upgrade and install new audio and video equipment and related items at Division Avenue High School (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County and the District believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize intermunicipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed agreement, on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the District, in relation to the aforesaid Project; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, said Project is a "Type II Action" within the meaning of Part 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH FARMINGDALE FIRE DISTRICT IN RELATION TO THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau (the "County") and the South Farmingdale Fire District (the "District") are authorized, pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law to enter into inter-governmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County and District to enter into an inter-municipal agreement to purchase emergency communications equipment for the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has agreed to accept funds from the County in furtherance of this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the County and the District believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize inter-municipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed Agreement, on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the District, in relation to the aforesaid purchase; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County said Project is a "Type II Action" within the meaning of Section 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

## PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 64–2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH MERRICK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROCURE AND INSTALL NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau (the "County") and the North Merrick Union Free School District (the "District") are authorized, pursuant to Article 9, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution and Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law, to enter into intergovernmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County to share resources in the undertaking of municipal projects and other purposes through joint projects or programs with other municipalities and districts; and

WHEREAS, the District is interested in undertaking a project to procure and install new playground equipment at each of the District's three elementary schools (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County and the District believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize intermunicipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed agreement, on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the District, in relation to the aforesaid Project; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, said Project is a "Type II Action" within the meaning of Part 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 65 – 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF EAST HILLS IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO RENOVATE AND REHABILITATE A BUILDING ON VILLAGE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau (the "County") and the Incorporated Village of East Hills (the "Village") are authorized, pursuant to Article 9, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution and Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law, to enter into intergovernmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County to share resources in the undertaking of municipal projects and other purposes through joint projects or programs with other municipalities and districts; and

WHEREAS, the Village is interested in undertaking a project to renovate and rehabilitate a building on Village property located at 209 Harbor Hill Road, East Hills, which is leased and fully occupied by the County Police Department (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County and the Village believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize intermunicipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed agreement, on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the Village, in relation to the aforesaid Project; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County said Project is a "Type II Action" within the meaning of Part 617.5(c)(2) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE WOODMERE FIRE DISTRICT IN RELATION TO THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau (the "County") and the Woodmere Fire District (the "District") are authorized, pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law to enter into inter-governmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County and District to enter into an inter-municipal agreement to purchase emergency equipment for the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has agreed to accept funds from the County in furtherance of this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the County and the District believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize inter-municipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed Agreement, on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the District, in relation to the aforesaid purchase; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County said Project is a "Type II Action" within the meaning of Section 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

## PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 67–2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO
EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GLEN COVE
SCHOOL DISTRICT IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO UPGRADE AND INSTALL
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau (the "County") and the Glen Cove School District (the "District") are authorized, pursuant to Article 9, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution and Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law, to enter into intergovernmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County to share resources in the undertaking of municipal projects and other purposes through joint projects or programs with other municipalities and districts; and

WHEREAS, the District is interested in undertaking a project to upgrade and install playground equipment (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County and the District believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize intermunicipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed agreement, on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the District, in relation to the aforesaid Project; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing

regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, said Project is a "Type II Action" within the meaning of Part 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 68-2022

# CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RONALD J. ROSENBERG AS A MEMBER OF THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, New York State Education Law §6306 authorizes the Nassau County Legislature to appoint members to the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the term of Trustee John DeGrace ended June 30, 2018; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Nassau County Legislature hereby appoints Ronald J.

Rosenberg to the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees to replace John DeGrace for a term ending June 30, 2025.

RESOLVED, this Resolution is effective immediately.

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 69 -2022

# CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM P. STRIS AS A MEMBER OF THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, New York State Education Law §6306 authorizes the Nassau County Legislature to appoint members to the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the term of Trustee Edward Powers ended June 30, 2021; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Nassau County Legislature hereby appoints William P. Stris to the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees to replace Edward Powers for a term ending June 30, 2028.

RESOLVED, this Resolution is effective immediately.

## PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 70 - 2022

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN ARDITO TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of John Ardito to fill a vacant position as Commissioner on the Assessment Review Commission previously held by Jeremy May, pursuant to section 203 of the Nassau County Charter, section 6-40.1 of the Administrative Code, and section 523-b of the Real Property Tax Law, for a term ending on June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, said appointment and the salary of the commissioner are subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the appointment of John Ardito to fill a vacant position as Commissioner on the Assessment Review Commission previously held by Jeremy May, for a term ending on June 30, 2026, and who will receive an annual salary of \$15,000, is hereby confirmed effective immediately; and be it further

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 71 - 2022

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF FLORESTANO GIRARDI TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Florestano Girardi to fill a holdover position on the Assessment Review Commission currently held by Gregory Carman Jr., pursuant to section 203 of the Nassau County Charter, section 6-40.1 of the Administrative Code, and section 523-b of the Real Property Tax Law, for a term ending on June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, said appointment and the salary of the commissioner are subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the appointment of Florestano Girardi to fill a holdover position on the Assessment Review Commission currently held by Gregory Carman Jr., for a term ending on June 30, 2023, and who will receive an annual salary of \$15,000, is hereby confirmed effective immediately; and be it further

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 72 - 2022

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF LAURA MONFILETTO TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Laura Monfiletto to fill a holdover position on the Assessment Review Commission currently held by Frank L. Gatto, pursuant to section 203 of the Nassau County Charter, section 6-40.1 of the Administrative Code, and section 523-b of the Real Property Tax Law, for a term ending on June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, said appointment and the salary of the commissioner are subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the appointment of Laura Monfiletto to fill a holdover position on the Assessment Review Commission currently held by Frank L. Gatto, for a term ending on June 30, 2026, and who will receive an annual salary of \$15,000, is hereby confirmed effective immediately; and be it further

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 73 - 2022

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF MARC STONE TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Marc Stone to fill a holdover position on the Assessment Review Commission currently held by Richard Gutierrez, pursuant to section 203 of the Nassau County Charter, section 6-40.1 of the Administrative Code, and section 523-b of the Real Property Tax Law, for a term ending on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said appointment and the salary of the commissioner are subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the appointment of Marc Stone to fill a holdover position on the Assessment Review Commission currently held by Richard Gutierrez, for a term ending on June 30, 2024, and who will receive an annual salary of \$15,000, is hereby confirmed effective immediately; and be it further

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 74 - 2022

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF ROCCO TOTINO TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Rocco Totino to fill a holdover position on the Assessment Review Commission currently held by Scott Davis, pursuant to section 203 of the Nassau County Charter, section 6-40.1 of the Administrative Code, and section 523-b of the Real Property Tax Law, for a term ending on June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, said appointment and the salary of the commissioner are subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the appointment of Rocco Totino to fill a holdover position on the Assessment Review Commission currently held by Scott Davis, for a term ending on June 30, 2025, and who will receive an annual salary of \$15,000, is hereby confirmed effective immediately; and be it further

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 75 - 2022

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF MURRAY FORMAN TO THE NASSAU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Murray Forman to replace Richard Shaper on the Nassau County Planning Commission, pursuant to Sections 203 and 1601 of the Nassau County Charter for a three-year term; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment by the County Executive of Murray Forman to serve on the Nassau County Planning Commission for a term expiring three years from the date of adoption of this resolution is hereby confirmed; and be it further

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 76 – 2022

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF REID SAKOWICH TO THE NASSAU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Reid Sakowich to replace Jerome Blue on the Nassau County Planning Commission, pursuant to Sections 203 and 1601 of the Nassau County Charter, for a three-year term; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment by the County Executive of Reid Sakowich to serve on the Nassau County Planning Commission for a term expiring three years from the date of adoption of this resolution is hereby confirmed; and be it further

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 77 - 2022

# A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM P. STRIS TO THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PURSUANT TO SECTION 6306 OF THE EDUCATION LAW

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 203 and of the Nassau County Charter and Section 6306 of the Education Law, Bruce Blakeman, County Executive has transmitted to this County Legislature written notification of the appointment of William P. Stris to the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees replacing Edward Powers whose previous term ended June 30, 2021, for a term ending June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment by the County Executive of William P. Stris to the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees replacing Edward Powers for a term ending June 30, 2028 is hereby confirmed effective immediately; and be it further

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 78 - 2022

# A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF RONALD J. ROSENBERG TO THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PURSUANT TO SECTION 6306 OF THE EDUCATION LAW

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 203 and of the Nassau County Charter and Section 6306 of the Education Law, Bruce Blakeman, County Executive has transmitted to this County Legislature written notification of the appointment of Ronald J. Rosenberg to the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees replacing John DeGrace, whose previous term ended June 30, 2018, for a term ending June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment by the County Executive of Ronald J. Rosenberg to the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees replacing John DeGrace for a term ending June 30, 2025 is hereby confirmed effective immediately; and be it further

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 79 – 2022

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF KHANDAN SHARONA KALATY TO THE NASSAU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Khandan Sharona Kalaty to replace Sean Sallie on the Nassau County Planning Commission, pursuant to Sections 203 and 1601 of the Nassau County Charter, for a three-year term; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment by the County Executive of Khandan Sharona Kalaty to serve on the Nassau County Planning Commission for a term expiring three years from the date of adoption of this resolution is hereby confirmed; and be it further

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 80 -2022

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM H. ROCKENSIES TO THE NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of William H. Rockensies to the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency replacing Anthony Simon, pursuant to Section 203 of the County Government Law of Nassau County and General Municipal Law Section 922; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment by the County Executive of William H. Rockensies to the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency is hereby confirmed effective immediately; and be it further

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 81 -2022

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF REGINALD A. SPINELLO TO THE NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Reginald A. Spinello to the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency replacing Lewis Warren, pursuant to Section 203 of the County Government Law of Nassau County and General Municipal Law Section 922; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment by the County Executive of Reginald A. Spinello to the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency is hereby confirmed effective immediately; and be it further

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 82–2022

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GIFT OFFERED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOUNDATION TO THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Police Department Foundation has presented to the Nassau County Police Department a gift in the form of redevelopment and refurbishment of the Nassau County Safety Town located in Eisenhower Park valued at an approximate amount of \$110,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the said donation will be utilized by the Nassau County Police

Department to continue to engage with the local community by providing important traffic and street safety education to children; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Police Department deems the acceptance of such a gift to be in the best interest of the County of Nassau; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the said gift is gratefully accepted and the County Executive is hereby authorized to direct the Nassau County Police Department to accept the donation and to use the donation in furtherance of the Department's mission.

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 83–2022

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GIFT OFFERED BY THE HICKSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT TO THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Hicksville Fire District has presented to the Nassau County Police Department a gift in the form of two ambulances valued collectively at approximately \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the ambulances will be repurposed by the Nassau County Police

Department for use by its Emergency Ambulance Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Police Department deems the acceptance of such a gift to be in the best interest of the County of Nassau; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the said gift is gratefully accepted and the County Executive is hereby authorized to direct the Nassau County Police Department to accept the donation and to use the donation in furtherance of the Department's mission.

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 84 – 2022

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2022

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated March 24, 2022 addressed to the County Legislature, has advised that a transfer of appropriations heretofore made has been requested in order to provide funds to meet certain expenditures authorized within the budget for the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the transfer has been reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the said transfer is known as BTCW-22000012 as follows:

#### BOARD TRANSFER NO. 22000012

FROM:			
	HEGRTA491FSA (21)-AA98Z	Health Department - Grant Fund – Salaries	\$2,140.00
	HEGRTA491FSA (21)-DD498	Health Department – Grant Fund – General Expenses	\$2,910.00
	TOTAL		\$5,050.00
<u>TO:</u>			
	HEGRTA491FSA (21)-AB10F	Health Department - Grant Fund – Fringe Benefits	\$5,050.00
	TOTAL		\$5,050.00

and;

## WHEREAS, the said transfer is known as BTCW-22000013 as follows:

#### BOARD TRANSFER NO. 22000013

FROM:			
	HEGRTHVX5NYS (21)-AB10F	Health Department – Grant Fund – Fringe Benefits	\$3,227.00
	HEGRTHVX5NYS (21)-DD498	Health Department – Grant Fund – General Expenses	\$200.00
	TOTAL		\$3,427.00
TO:			
	HEGRTHVX5NYS(21)-AA97Z	Health Department – Grant Fund – Salaries	\$3,427.00
	TOTAL		\$3,427.00

WHEREAS, the said transfers of appropriations are recommended by the County Executive in said communication and are within the scope of Section 307 of the County Government Law of Nassau County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature does hereby authorize the said transfers of appropriations heretofore made within the budget for the year 2022, as hereinabove set forth; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution may be modified to allow for the correction of any mathematical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said resolution without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any Standing Committee of said Legislature if said resolution is passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this budget transfer is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment"), and,

accordingly, is a class of actions which does not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 85–2022

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2022

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated March 28, 2022 addressed to the County Legislature, has advised that a transfer of appropriations heretofore made has been requested in order to provide funds to meet certain expenditures authorized within the budget for the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the transfer has been reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the said transfer is known as BTCW22000016 as follows:

#### BOARD TRANSFER NO. BTCW22000016

	CODE	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	AMOUNT
FROM	PD-GRT-9791-FED-DD498	Police Department – Grant Fund – General Expense	\$ 200,000.00
	TOTAL		\$ 200,000.00
<u>TO</u>	PD-GRT-9791-FED-DE547	Police Department – Grant Fund – Contractual Services	\$ 200,000.00
	TOTAL		\$ 200,000.00

and;

#### WHEREAS, the said transfer is known as BTCW22000017 as follows:

#### BOARD TRANSFER NO. BTCW22000017

	CODE	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	PD-GRT-9791-FED-LX62C	Police Department – Grant Fund – Transfer to Capital	\$ 347,057.00
	TOTAL		\$ 347,057.00
<u>TO</u>	PD-GRT-9791-FED-DE547	Police Department – Grant Fund – Contractual Services	\$ 347,057.00
	TOTAL		\$ 347,057.00

and;

WHEREAS, the said transfers of appropriations are recommended by the County Executive in said communication and are within the scope of Section 307 of the County Government Law of Nassau County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature does hereby authorize the said transfers of appropriations heretofore made within the budget for the year 2022, as hereinabove set forth; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution may be modified to allow for the correction of any mathematical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said resolution without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any Standing Committee of said Legislature if said resolution is passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this budget transfer is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment"), and,

accordingly, is a class of actions	which does not have	a significant effect	on the environment; and
no further review is required.			

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 86–2022

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2022

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated March 28, 2022 addressed to the County Legislature, has advised that a transfer of appropriations heretofore made has been requested in order to provide funds to meet certain expenditures authorized within the budget for the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the transfer has been reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the said transfer is known as BTCW22000014 as follows:

#### BOARD TRANSFER NO. BTCW22000014

	CODE	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	AMOUNT
FROM	FB-PDH-1000-AB10F	Police Headquarters – Fringe Benefits	\$ 250,000.00
	BU-GEN-1720-AB10F	Office of Management and Budget – Fringe Benefits	\$ 650,000.00
	TOTAL		\$ 900,000.00
<u>TO</u>	CL-GEN-1100-BB197	County Clerk – Equipment	\$ 200,000.00
	RM-GEN-1000-BB197	Records Management – Equipment	\$ 200,000.00
	PD-PDH-1500-DD497	Police Headquarters – General Expenses	\$ 250,000.00
	PW-GEN-0320-DD497	Public Works – General Expenses	\$ 250,000.00
	TOTAL		\$ 900,000.00

and;

WHEREAS, the said transfers of appropriations are recommended by the County Executive in said communication and are within the scope of Section 307 of the County Government Law of Nassau County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature does hereby authorize the said transfers of

appropriations heretofore made within the budget for the year 2022, as hereinabove set forth; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution may be modified to allow for the correction of any mathematical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said resolution without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any Standing Committee of said Legislature if said resolution is passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this budget transfer is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment"), and, accordingly, is a class of actions which does not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 87 -2022

# A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET YEAR 2022

WHEREAS, §115 of the County Government Law of Nassau County requires that the funds appropriated for the County Legislature in the Annual Budget shall be allocated to the Majority and Minority in the proportion that the Majority members will bear to nineteen (19) and the proportion that the Minority members will bear to nineteen (19) as of the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is adopted; and

WHEREAS, this transfer is necessary to comply with the requirements of §115 of the County Government Law of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the said transfer is known as BTCW220000003 as follows:

#### Board Transfer No. 03 (BTCW220000003)

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	<b>AMOUNT</b>
FROM	LE-GEN-1000-AA98Z	Legislature Minority – Salaries & Wages	320,316
	TOTAL		320,316
<u>TO</u>	LE-GEN-1500-AA97Z	Legislature Majority – Salaries & Wages	320,316
	TOTAL		320,316

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature does hereby authorize the said transfer of appropriations heretofore made within the budget for the year 2022, as hereinabove set forth; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution may be modified to allow for the correction of any mathematical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said resolution without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any Standing Committee of said Legislature if said resolution is passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L., section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that the adoption of this local law is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) and (27) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

#### PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2022

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 3-2.3 OF THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE IN RELATION TO THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau, as follows:

Section 1. Section 3-2.3 of the Nassau County Administrative Code, as added by Local Law No. 12-2020, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3-2.3. Allocation, Deposit, and Authorized Disposition of Moneys in Excess of the 2021 Adopted Budget.

A special revenue fund is hereby established, to commence concurrently with the 2021 budget, to which all sales tax revenues collected by the County that are in excess of the adopted 2021 Nassau County budget shall be deposited except as provided herein and to which any budgeted funds in any budget line that become surplus as a result of the receipt of federal aid to address the COVID-19 pandemic shall be deposited.

Sales tax revenues received by the County that exceed \$1,023,879,834 shall be deposited by the County Treasurer in such special revenue fund upon the final closure of the 2021 fiscal year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the County shall not transfer any amounts into such special revenue fund to the extent such funds are required by law to be applied for other purposes such as part-County sales tax allocations and local government assistance programs and (ii) sales tax revenues received by the County and used to fund appropriations for the 2021 fiscal year for any or all the purposes specified in the succeeding paragraph shall not be deposited into such special revenue fund.

The use of this special revenue fund will be to fully or partially fund tax certiorari settlements and judgments (including those arising under Real Property Tax Law

("RPTL") Article 18), principal and interest payments on debt issued in 2021 or later to pay tax certiorari settlements and judgments (including those arising under RPTL Article 18), claims against the County by the Nassau Health Care Corporation, claims relating to the Fair Labor Standards Act, payment and/or prepayment of non-pension postemployment benefits, longevity payments, other general litigation, to fund expenses due to the loss of budgeted state aid, and to pay for unbudgeted COVID-19 response costs in the event that no federal COVID-19 assistance funds remain available to pay for such costs, and shall be restricted for any other purpose.

§ 2. It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that the amendment of the Nassau County Administrative Code in relation to a special revenue fund is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment"), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which does not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

§ 3. This local law shall take effect immediately.

#### PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 27 - 2022

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN TO RECONCILE THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL RECORDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR OF 2021

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain transfers are needed to close the fiscal year of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated April 8, 2022, addressed to the County Legislature, has advised that transfers of appropriations heretofore made and a supplemental appropriation are required; and

WHEREAS, this transfer and supplemental appropriation have been reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the said transfer is known as BT-Year End 2021 as follows:

# BOARD TRANSFER- YEAR END 2021

# **General Fund:**

# BTCW21000069

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	AT GEN 1100 – AA98Z	County Attorney – Salaries, Wages & Fees	\$178,238.93
	AT GEN 1100 – BB198	County Attorney – Equipment	\$3,254.02
	AS GEN 1100 – DD498	Office of Assessment – General Expenses	\$497,245.88
	TOTAL		\$678,738.83
то	AT GEN 1100 – DD497	County Attorney – General Expenses	\$62,076.58
	AT GEN 1100 – DE547	County Attorney – Contractual Services	\$116,162.35
	AT GEN 1100 – DE547	County Attorney – Contractual Services	\$3,254.02
	AT GEN 1100 – DE547	County Attorney – Contractual Services	\$497,245.88
	TOTAL		\$678,738.83

# BTCW21000071

	CODE	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	HS GEN 1500 – AA98Z	Human Services – Salaries, Wages & Fees	72,999.75
	HS GEN 1100 – BB198	Human Services – Equipment	26,172.03
	HS GEN 1601 – DE548	Human Services – Contractual Services	295,951.10
	TOTAL		395,122.88
<u>TO</u>	HS GEN 1502 – DD497	Human Services – General Expenses	395,122.88
	TOTAL		395,122.88

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	BU GEN 1770 – 87987	Office of Mgt & Budget – Other Suits & Damages	11,105,503.73
	BU GEN 1720 – AB10F	Office of Mgt & Budget – Fringe Benefits	2,919,802.69
	BU GEN 1760 – AB10F	Office of Mgt & Budget – Fringe Benefits	2,100,000.00
	BU GEN 1770 – HF597	Office of Mgt & Budget – Interdepartmental Charges	1,758,773.92
	BU GEN 1100 – AA98Z	Office of Mgt & Budget – Salaries, Wages & Fees	226,707.38
	BU GEN 1000 – AA98Z	Office of Mgt & Budget – Salaries, Wages & Fees	338,334.62
	BU GEN 1720 – AA98Z	Office of Mgt & Budget – Salaries, Wages & Fees	594,553.77
	BU GEN 1740 – 67967	Office of Mgt & Budget – Bar Assoc NC Public Defender	1,021,674.67
	BU GEN 1500 – DE548	Office of Mgt & Budget – Contractual Services	237,201.98
	BU GEN 1000 – DE548	Office of Mgt & Budget – Contractual Services	674,687.49
	BU GEN 1500 – AC97F	Office of Mgt & Budget – Workers Compensation	171,312.71

	BU GEN 1500 – BB198	Office of Mgt & Budget – Equipment	2,500.00
	BU GEN 1770 – NA9NA	Office of Mgt & Budget – NCIFA Expenditures	160,000.00
	BUGEN 1770 – HH598	Office of Mgt & Budget – Interfund Charges	11,863.30
	BU GEN 1500 - 93993	Office of Mgt & Budget – Insurance on Buildings	5,250.00
	BU GEN 1770 – DD498	Office of Mgt & Budget – General Expenses	1,306.89
	BU GEN 1500 – DD498	Office of Mgt & Budget – General Expenses	20,325.00
	BU GEN 1300 – DD498	Office of Mgt & Budget – General Expenses	28,292.00
	AS GEN 1100 – 87987	Office of Assessment – Other Suits & Damages	12,942,761.86
	TOTAL		34,320,852.01
ТО	BU GEN 3100 – AA97Z	Office of Mgt & Budget – Salaries, Wages & Fees	8,397,286.00
	BU GEN 1730 – JA600	Office of Mgt & Budget – Reserve for Contingencies	994,366.00
	BU GEN 1800 – L2222	Office of Mgt & Budget – Transfer to Grant Fund	953,517.00
	BU GEN 1800 – L7777	Office of Mgt & Budget – Transfer to Covid Fund	798,426.94
	BU GEN 1730 – GA625	Office of Mgt & Budget – Local Government Assistance	23,177,256.07
	TOTAL		34,320,852.01

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	CS GEN 1250 – AA98Z	Civil Service – Salaries, Wages & Fees	2,790.90
	TOTAL		2,790.90
ТО	CS GEN 1200 – BB197	Civil Service – Equipment	2,790.90
	TOTAL		2,790.90

# BTCW21000073

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	PB GEN 1310 – DD498	Probation – General Expenses	31,300.87
	TOTAL		31,300.87
ТО	PB GEN 1400 – DE547	Probation – Contractual Services	31,300.87
	TOTAL		31,300.87

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	CC GEN 1320 – DE548	Correctional Center – Contractual Services	149,592.40
	TOTAL		149,592.40
TO	CC GEN 1540 – DF557	Correctional Center – Utility Costs	149,592.40
	TOTAL		149,592.40

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	EL GEN 2000 – DE548	Board of Elections – Contractual Services	273,703.28
	TOTAL		273,703.28
TO	EL GEN 2000 – BB197	Board of Elections - Equipment	273,703.28
	TOTAL		273,703.28

# BTCW21000077

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	HE GEN 3100 – BB198	Health Department - Equipment	2,409.10
	TOTAL		2,409.10
ТО	HE GEN 3100 – DE547	Health Department – Contractual Services	2,409.10
	TOTAL		2,409.10

# BTCW21000066

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	PW GEN 1010 – AA98Z	Dept of Public Works – Salaries, Wages & Fees	3,302.02
	TOTAL		3,302.02
ТО	PW GEN 1100 – BB197	Dept of Public Works - Equipment	3,302.02
	TOTAL		3,302.02

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	PW GEN 1050 – AA98Z	Dept of Public Works – Salaries, Wages & Fees	100,000.00
	TOTAL		100,000.00
ТО	PW GEN 1100 – DG90E	Dept of Public Works – Various Direct Expenses	100,000.00
	TOTAL		100,000.00

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	PW GEN 0240 – AA98Z	Dept of Public Works – Salaries, Wages & Fees	1,386,977.58
	TOTAL		1,386,977.58
ТО	PW GEN 0152 – DE547	Dept of Public Works – Contractual Services	1,337,204.71
	PW GEN 0150 – DF557	Dept of Public Works – Utility Costs	49,772.87
	TOTAL		1,386,977.58

# BTCW21000070

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	SS GEN 1000 – HF597	Social Services - Interdepartmental Charges	484,577.00
	TOTAL		484,577.00
ТО	PW GEN 0320 – HF597	Dept of Public Works - Interdepartmental Charges	256,061.00
	PW GEN 0644 – HF597	Dept of Public Works - Interdepartmental Charges	228,516.00
	TOTAL		484,577.00

## BTCW21000072

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	PW GEN 0642 – DD498	Dept of Public Works – General Expenses	11,846.95
	TOTAL		11,846.95
ТО	PW GEN 0640 – DE547	Dept of Public Works - Contractual Services	11,846.95
	TOTAL		11,846.95

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	SS GEN 6100 – SS698	Social Services – Recipient Grants	1,202,641.87
	TOTAL		1,202,641.87
ТО	SS GEN 6100 – WW847	Social Services - Emergency Vendor Payments	1,192,076.97
	SS GEN 6300 – WW847	Social Services - Emergency Vendor Payments	10,564.90
	TOTAL		1,202,641.87

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	EM GEN 1000 – AA98Z	Emergency Management – Salaries, Wages & Fees	115,564.26
	AS GEN 1100 – DD498	Office of Assessment – General Expenses	38,087.25
	TOTAL		153,651.51
ТО	EM GEN 1100 – DD497	Emergency Management – General Expenses	153,651.51
	TOTAL		153,651.51

# BTCW21000079

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	PK GEN 3100 – AA98Z	Dept of Parks & Recreation – Salaries, Wages & Fees	1,385,603.38
	PK GEN 3110 – DD498	Dept of Parks & Recreation – General Expenses	141,944.31
	PK GEN 3210 – DD498	Dept of Parks & Recreation – General Expenses	17,823.81
	TOTAL		1,545,371.50
ТО	PK GEN 3410 – DE547	Dept of Parks & Recreation – Contractual Services	1,545,371.50
	TOTAL		1,545,371.50

# BTCW21000081

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	HI GEN 1400 – HH598	Office of Housing & Develop – Interfund Charges	198,726.35
	TOTAL		198,726.35
ТО	HI GEN 1400 – AA97Z	Office of Housing & Develop – Salaries, Wages & Fees	198,726.35
	TOTAL		198,726.35

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	CA GEN 1100 – DD498	Consumer Affairs – General Expenses	16,260.89
	TOTAL		16,260.89
ТО	CA GEN 1400 – AA97Z	Consumer Affairs - Salaries, Wages & Fees	16,260.89
	TOTAL		16,260.89

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	BU GEN 1770 – HD59F	Office of Mgt & Budget – Debt Service Chargebacks	120,000,000.00
	TOTAL		120,000,000.00
ТО	BU GEN 1800 – LF615	Office of Mgt & Budget – Transfer to RCF Fund	30,000,000.00
	BU GEN 1800 – L3333	Office of Mgt & Budget – Transfer to Litigation Fund	70,000,000.00
	BU GEN 1800 – L5555	Office of Mgt & Budget – Transfer to BIF Fund	20,000,000.00
	TOTAL		120,000,000.00

## BTCW21000089

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	LE GEN 1500 – AA98Z	Legislature – Salaries, Wages & Fees	168,582.69
	LE GEN 1500 – BB198	Legislature – Equipment	6,903.00
	LE GEN 1500 - DD498	Legislature – General Expenses	6,478.77
	TOTAL		181,964.46
ТО	LE GEN 1500 – L6666	Legislature –Transfer to EBF Fund	181,964.46
	TOTAL		181,964.46

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	LE GEN 1000 – AA98Z	Legislature – Salaries, Wages & Fees	121,340.13
	LE GEN 1000 – BB198	Legislature – Equipment	964.00
	LE GEN 1000 - DD498	Legislature – General Expenses	3,638.15
	TOTAL		125,942.28
ТО	LE GEN 1000 – L6666	Legislature –Transfer to EBF Fund	125,942.28
	TOTAL		125,942.28

# **Fire Commission Fund:**

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	FC FCF 1300 – DE548	Fire Commission – Contractual Services	92,847.00
	FC FCF 1100 – DE548	Fire Commission – Contractual Services	30,783.00
	FC FCF 1200 – AA98Z	Fire Commission – Salaries, Wages & Fees	549,345.78
	FC FCF 1400 - AA98Z	Fire Commission – Salaries, Wages & Fees	242,762.30
	FC FCF 1100 - AA98Z	Fire Commission – Salaries, Wages & Fees	84,233.57
	FC FCF 1500 - AA98Z	Fire Commission – Salaries, Wages & Fees	71,092.56
	FC FCF 1400 – BB198	Fire Commission - Equipment	13,577.57
	FC FCF 1300 – BB198	Fire Commission - Equipment	7,729.83
	FC FCF 1100 – BB198	Fire Commission - Equipment	3,495.49
	FC FCF 1200 – BB198	Fire Commission - Equipment	879.98
	FC FCF 1100 – DD498	Fire Commission – General Expenses	38,541.40
	FC FCF 1400 – DD498	Fire Commission – General Expenses	25,000.00
	FC FCF 1500 – DD498	Fire Commission – General Expenses	22,960.46
	FC FCF 1300 – DD498	Fire Commission – General Expenses	9,695.02
	FC FCF 1200 – DD498	Fire Commission – General Expenses	8,191.51
	FB FCF 1000 – AB10F	Fire Commission – Fringe Benefits	452,669.82
	FC FCF 1100 – HD59F	Fire Commission – Debt Service Chargebacks	161,506.10
	TOTAL		1,815,311.39
ТО	FC FCF 1000 – HF597	Fire Commission - Interdepartmental Charges	92,847.00
	FC FCF 1000 – LB611	Fire Commission - Transfer to General Fund	1,722.464.39
	TOTAL		\$1,815,311.39

# **Police Headquarters Fund:**

# BTCW21000080

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	FB PDH 1000 – AB10F	Police Department Headquarters – Fringe Benefits	3,538,842.69
	PD PDH 1500 – AA98Z	Police Department Headquarters – Salaries, Wages & Fees	4,275,663.12
	PD PDH 1500 – DF558	Police Department Headquarters – Utility Costs	1,051,702.74
	PD PDH 1500 – DD498	Police Department Headquarters – General Expenses	290,238.63
	PD PDH 1572 – DD498	Police Department Headquarters – General Expenses	126,023.06
	PD PDH 1100 – AC97F	Police Department Headquarters – Workers Compensation	541,591.78
	PD PDH 1000 – HF597	Police Department Headquarters - Interdepartmental Charges	516,997.00
	PD PDH 1484 – BB198	Police Department Headquarters – Equipment	414,059.50
	PD PDH 1153 – HD59F	Police Department Headquarters – Debt Service Chargebacks	10,050,049.05
	TOTAL		\$20,805,167.57
то	PD PDH 1100 – LB611	Police Department Headquarters – Transfer to General Fund	20,805,167.57
	TOTAL		\$20,805,167.57

# **Police District Fund:**

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	PD PDD 2490 – DE548	Police Department District – Contractual Services	26,325.16
	PD PDD 2572 – DE548	Police Department District – Contractual Services	150,000.00
	PD PDD 2500 – DE548	Police Department District – Contractual Services	251,000.00
	PD PDD 2600 – DE548	Police Department District – Contractual Services	36,262.73
	PD PDD 2569 – DE548	Police Department District – Contractual Services	65,000.00
	PD PDD 2554 – DE548	Police Department District – Contractual Services	74,000.00
	PD PDD 2485 – DE548	Police Department District – Contractual Services	\$31,200.08
	TOTAL		\$633,787.97
то	PD PDD 2485 – AA97Z	Police Department District – Salaries, Wages & Fees	501,881.30
	PD PDD 2568 – DF557	Police Department District – Utility Costs	131,906.67
	TOTAL		\$633,787.97

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	PD PDD 2485 – DE548	Police Department District – Contractual Services	49,489.92
	PD PDD 2495 – BB198	Police Department District - Equipment	876.61
	PD PDD 2493 - BB198	Police Department District - Equipment	1,450.00
	PD PDD 2492 - BB198	Police Department District - Equipment	2,200.00
	PD PDD 2490 – BB198	Police Department District - Equipment	5,460.00
	PD PDD 2547 – BB198	Police Department District - Equipment	6,000.00
	PD PDD 2498 - BB198	Police Department District - Equipment	6,235.15
	PD PDD 2491 - BB198	Police Department District - Equipment	12,837.00
	PD PDD 2487 – BB198	Police Department District - Equipment	18,250.00
	PD PDD 2568 – BB198	Police Department District - Equipment	19,045.00
	PD PDD 2554 – BB198	Police Department District - Equipment	25,000.00
	PD PDD 2485 – BB198	Police Department District - Equipment	65,701.24
	PD PDD 2400 – BB198	Police Department District - Equipment	103,070.00
	PD PDD 2573 – BB198	Police Department District - Equipment	129,548.61
	PD PDD 2000 - AC97F	Police Department District – Workers Compensation	1,228,814.88
	FB PDD 1000 – AB10F	Police Department District – Fringe Benefits	146,695.57
	TOTAL		\$1,820,673.98
то	PD PDD 2600 – HF597	Police Department District - Interdepartmental Charges	1,616,807.00
	PD PDD 2569 – DD497	Police Department District – General Expenses	203,866.98
	TOTAL		\$1,820,673.98

# **Debt Service**

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	DS DSV 1000 – GG578	Debt Service - Principal	20,643,020.66
	TOTAL		\$20,643,020.66
ТО	DS DSV 1000 - 88989	Debt Service - NIFA Set Asides/ Expense of Loans	20,643,020.66
	TOTAL		\$20,643,020.66

#### **COVID Response Fund**

## BTCW21000087

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
FROM	ES COV 1000 – AC97F	Covid Response Fund – Workers Compensation	81,609.54
	TOTAL		\$81,609.54
то	ES COV 1000 – BB197	Covid Response Fund – Equipment	81,609.54
	TOTAL		\$81,609.54

and

WHEREAS, the said transfer of appropriations and supplemental appropriation is recommended by the County Executive in said communication and is within the scope of Section 307 of the County Government Law of Nassau County; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau, as follows:

Section 1. The County Legislature does also hereby authorize the said transfer of appropriations heretofore made in order to close fiscal year 2021, as hereinabove set forth; and

§2. There is hereby appropriated from monies not otherwise appropriated, the following sums of money to the following accounts:

#### BACO21000002

TOTAL AMOUNT (in dollars)	SOURCE OF FUNDS	APPROPRIATED TO:			
		<u>FUND</u>	DEPT. CODE/Index	OBJ. CODE	AMOUNT (in dollars)
\$1,272,500.65	Disputed Assessment Fund – Revenue	DAF	BUDAF8000	LB611	1,272,500.65
	TOTAL:				1,272,500.65

## BACO21000001

TOTAL AMOUNT	SOURCE OF FUNDS	APPROPRIATED TO:			
(in dollars)		<u>FUND</u>	DEPT. CODE/Index	OBJ. CODE	AMOUNT (in dollars)
\$362,162,703	General Fund	GEN	BUGEN1800	L8888	362,162,703
	TOTAL:				362,162,703

## BACO21000003

TOTAL AMOUNT (in dollars)	SOURCE OF FUNDS	APPROPRIATED TO:			
		<u>FUND</u>	DEPT. CODE/Index	OBJ. CODE	AMOUNT (in dollars)
\$798,427.00	COVID Response Fund	COV	ESCOV1000	AA97Z	735,016.95
		COV	ESCOV1000	BB197	63,410.05
	TOTAL:				798,427.00

## BACO21000004

TOTAL AMOUNT	SOURCE OF FUNDS	APPROPRIATED TO:			
(in dollars)	<u>FUNDS</u>				
		<u>FUND</u>	DEPT. CODE/Index	OBJ. CODE	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
\$60,094.14	COVID Response Fund	COV	ESCOV1000	BB197	60,094.14
	TOTAL:				60,094.14

§3. This ordinance may be modified to allow for the correction of any mathematical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said ordinance without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any Standing

Committee of said Legislature if said ordinance is passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature.

§4. It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this supplemental appropriation ordinance is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment"), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

§5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

#### PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 23 -2022

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Health Department.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated March 24, 2022, addressed to the County Legislature, has recommended the appropriation of such funds not otherwise appropriated; and,

WHEREAS, this supplemental appropriation is within the scope of Section 307 of the County Government Law; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from monies not otherwise appropriated, the

following sums of money to the following accounts:

<b>TOTAL</b>	SOURCE OF FUNDS	APPROPRIATED TO:			
AMOUNT (in dollars)					
(III dollars)		FUND	DEPT.	OBJ.	<b>AMOUNT</b>
			CODE/Index	<b>CODE</b>	(in dollars)
58,350	New York State	GRT	HE	AA	42,119
	Department of Health				
		GRT	HE	AB	15,711
		GRT	HE	НН	520

§ 2. This ordinance may be modified to allow for the correction of any mathematical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said ordinance without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any Standing Committee of said Legislature if said ordinance is passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature.

- § 3. It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this supplemental appropriation ordinance is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment"), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.
  - § 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

## PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 24 –2022

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Office of the District Attorney.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated March 24, 2022, addressed to the County Legislature, has recommended the appropriation of such funds not otherwise appropriated; and,

WHEREAS, this supplemental appropriation is within the scope of Section 307 of the County Government Law; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from monies not otherwise appropriated, the following sums of money to the following accounts:

## BADA22000001

TOTAL AMOUNT (in dollars)	SOURCE OF FUNDS	APPROPRIATED TO:				
		<u>FUND</u>	DEPT. CODE/Index	OBJ. CODE	AMOUNT (in dollars)	
5,551	Federal Forfeiture	GRT	DA	DD	5,551	

#### BADA22000002

TOTAL AMOUNT (in dollars)	SOURCE OF FUNDS	APPROPRIATED TO:			
		<u>FUND</u>	DEPT. CODE/Index	OBJ. CODE	AMOUNT (in dollars)
887,495	Federal Forfeiture	GRT	DA	BB	200,000
		GRT	DA	DD	687,495

## BADA22000003

TOTAL AMOUNT (in dollars)	SOURCE OF FUNDS	APPROPRIATED TO:			
		FUND	DEPT. CODE/Index	OBJ. CODE	AMOUNT (in dollars)
146,526	Civil Forfeiture	GRT	DA	DE	146,526

## BADA22000004

TOTAL AMOUNT (in dollars)	SOURCE OF FUNDS	APPROPRIATED TO:			
		<u>FUND</u>	DEPT.	OBJ.	<b>AMOUNT</b>
			CODE/Index	CODE	(in dollars)
244,556	Civil Forfeiture	GRT	DA	DE	244,556

## BADA22000005

TOTAL AMOUNT (in dollars)	SOURCE OF FUNDS	APPROPRIATED TO:			
		<u>FUND</u>	DEPT. CODE/Index	OBJ. CODE	AMOUNT (in dollars)
304,694	Civil Forfeiture	GRT	DA	DE	204,694
		GRT	DA	НН	100,000

§ 2. This ordinance may be modified to allow for the correction of any mathematical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said ordinance without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any Standing Committee of said Legislature if said ordinance is passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature.

- § 3. It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this supplemental appropriation ordinance is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment"), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.
  - § 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

#### PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 25 – 2022

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to an appropriation ordinance in connection with the Office of Management and Budget.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated March 30, 2022, addressed to the County Legislature, has recommended the appropriation of such funds not otherwise appropriated; and,

WHEREAS, this supplemental appropriation is within the scope of Section 307 of the County Government Law; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from monies not otherwise appropriated, the

following sums of money to the following accounts:

TOTAL AMOUNT (in dollars)	SOURCE OF FUNDS	APPROPRIATED TO:				
, ,		<u>FUND</u>	DEPT. CODE/Index	OBJ. CODE	AMOUNT (in dollars)	
1,000,000	American Rescue Plan	ARP	ES	DE	1,000,000	

- § 2. This ordinance may be modified to allow for the correction of any mathematical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said ordinance without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any Standing Committee of said Legislature if said ordinance is passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature.
- § 3. It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this supplemental appropriation ordinance is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section

617.5(c)(20) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment"), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

## PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 26 – 2022

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to an appropriation ordinance in connection with the Office of Management and Budget.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated April 8, 2022, addressed to the County Legislature, has recommended the appropriation of such funds not otherwise appropriated; and,

WHEREAS, this supplemental appropriation is within the scope of Section 307 of the County Government Law; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from monies not otherwise appropriated, the following sums of money to the following accounts:

## BABU22000004

TOTAL AMOUNT (in dollars)	SOURCE OF FUNDS	APPROPRIATED TO:			
		<u>FUND</u>	DEPT. CODE/Index	OBJ. CODE	AMOUNT (in dollars)
362,162,703	Excess Sales Tax Revenue	EST	BU	L3	362,162,703

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>	APPROPRIATED TO:				
<b>AMOUNT</b>	-					
(in dollars)						
		<b>FUND</b>	DEPT.	OBJ.	<b>AMOUNT</b>	
			CODE/Index	<b>CODE</b>	(in dollars)	
362,162,703	Excess Sales Tax Fund	LIT	BU	87	208,000,000	
		LIT	BU	87	84,162,703	
		LIT	BU	AA	15,215,587	
		LIT	PD	AA	28,217,086	
		LIT	PD	AB	6,567,327	
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TOTAL AMOUNT	SOURCE OF FUNDS	APPROPRIATED TO:			
(in dollars)		<u>FUND</u>	DEPT. CODE/Index	OBJ. CODE	AMOUNT (in dollars)
50,000,000	2021 Surplus Funds	LIT	BU	AA	39,031,293
		LIT	BU	AB	10,968,707

§ 2. This ordinance may be modified to allow for the correction of any mathematical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said ordinance without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any Standing Committee of said Legislature if said ordinance is passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature.

- § 3. It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this supplemental appropriation ordinance is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment"), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.
  - § 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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6	RICHARD NICOLELLO
7	PRESIDING OFFICER
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10	LEGISLATIVE SESSION
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13	County Executive and Legislative Building
14	1550 Franklin Avenue
15	Mineola, New York
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2	APPEARANCES:
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4	LEGISLATOR RICHARD J. NICOLELLO
5	Presiding Officer
6	9th Legislative District
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8	LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL
9	Deputy Presiding Officer
10	7th Legislative District
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12	LEGISLATOR DENISE FORD
13	Alternate Presiding Officer
14	4th Legislative District
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16	LEGISLATOR KEVAN ABRAHAMS
17	Minority Leader
18	1st Legislative District
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20	LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE
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24	3rd Legislative District
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2	LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE
3	5th Legislative District
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5	LEGISLATOR C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III
6	6th Legislative District
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8	LEGISLATOR JOHN GIUFFRE
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11	LEGISLATOR MAZI MELESA PILIP
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14	LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON
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2	LEGISLATOR JOHN FERRETTI, JR.
3	15th Legislative District
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5	LEGISLATOR ANDREW DRUCKER
6	16th Legislative District
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8	LEGISLATOR ROSE WALKER
9	17th Legislative District
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11	LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN
12	18th Legislative District
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14	LEGISLATOR STEVEN RHOADS
15	19th Legislative District
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17	MICHAEL PULITZER
18	Clerk of the Legislature
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- 2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm going
- 3 to call the meeting to order and ask
- 4 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton to lead us in the
- 5 Pledge of Allegiance. Please rise everyone.
- 6 Thank you very much.
- 7 Mike could you call the roll
- 8 please?
- 9 MR. PULITZER: Thank you
- 10 Presiding Officer. Roll call. Deputy
- 11 Presiding Officer Howard Kopel.
- 12 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.
- MR. PULITZER: Alternate Deputy
- 14 Presiding Officer Denise Ford.
- 15 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.
- MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela
- 17 Bynoe.
- 18 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.
- 19 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Carrie
- 20 Solages.
- LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.
- MR. PULITZER: Legislator Debra
- 23 Mule.
- LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.
- MR. PULITZER: Legislator C.

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- 2 William Gaylor III.
- 3 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.
- 4 MR. PULITZER: Legislator John
- 5 Giuffre.
- 6 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.
- 7 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Mazi
- 8 Pilip.
- 9 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.
- 10 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Delia
- 11 DeRiggi-Whitton.
- 12 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
- 13 Here.
- MR. PULITZER: Legislator James
- 15 Kennedy. We'll come back.
- 16 Legislator Thomas McKevitt.
- 17 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.
- 18 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura
- 19 Schaefer.
- LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.
- MR. PULITZER: Legislator John
- 22 Ferretti.
- LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.
- MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold
- 25 Drucker.

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- 2 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.
- 3 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose
- 4 Marie Walker.
- 5 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.
- 6 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Joshua
- 7 Lafazan.
- 8 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.
- 9 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Steven
- 10 Rhoads.
- 11 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.
- MR. PULITZER: Minority Leader
- 13 Kevan Abrahams.
- 14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.
- MR. PULITZER: Presiding Officer
- 16 Richard Nicolello.
- 17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.
- MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum
- 19 sir.
- LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
- 21 very much. As is our custom, our first order
- of business is going to be our presentations
- 23 to the top cops. The public comment will
- 24 follow the presentation to top cops. If you
- intend to make a comment, please submit a slip

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- 2 to the clerk's office, to the table in the
- 3 front, and you will be called when we do call
- 4 the public portion of the meeting.
- 5 To start things off with the top
- 6 cops presentation I'd like to invite the PBA
- 7 president Tom Shevlin.
- MR. SHEVLIN: Good afternoon
- 9 everybody. Thank you for having us. I hope
- 10 everybody is having a great day.
- On March 11, 2022 at approximately
- 12 three p.m. police officer Ryan Patterson of
- 13 the First Precinct was driving off-duty on
- 14 Hicksville Road in Massapequa when he observed
- a two car auto accident. One of the vehicles,
- a white Ford sedan, immediately ignited and
- 17 within moments the front end was engulfed in
- 18 fire.
- 19 Officer Paterson stopped to render
- 20 assistance. Upon approaching the burning
- 21 vehicle he observed that the driver was still
- 22 inside. Officer Paterson, with complete
- 23 disregard for his own personal safety and
- 24 well-being, gained entry to the front driver
- 25 side door where the occupant was located. He

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- then engaged the occupant who was conscious
- 3 but disoriented. It quickly became apparent
- 4 that the driver was not able to get out of the
- 5 vehicle on his own.
- At this time the fire that had
- 7 engulfed the front was now spreading to the
- 8 cabin. Officer Paterson knew he had seconds
- 9 to act before the fire consumed the interior
- 10 of the vehicle with the driver inside. After
- 11 multiple attempts he was able to pull the
- 12 driver from the vehicle and to safety.
- 13 The driver was treated at the scene
- 14 by Nassau County Police medics and transported
- 15 to NUMC for further medical treatment.
- For his courage, swift action and
- dedication to serving others, the PBA is proud
- 18 to honor Ryan Paterson, legislative top cop
- 19 for April 2022.
- Before Ryan speaks, I just wanted
- 21 to point out the fact that this shows
- everybody that we are police officers 24-7.
- 23 Ryan is off-duty and pulls over to help
- another citizen, a community member. He
- 25 risked his own life even when he's not getting

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- 2 paid. That's what we're all about. We are
- 3 police officers and we risk our lives every
- 4 day on duty and off duty for all of you, our
- 5 community and our neighbors. Thank you.
- 6 MR. PATERSON: My family and I
- 7 would just like to thank you for this
- 8 prestigious award. For recognizing my actions
- 9 as well as all my fellow brothers and sisters
- 10 officers on the job. Thank you.
- 11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
- 12 Walker.
- 13 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Officer
- 14 Paterson, I just want to thank you and
- 15 congratulate you on doing this and saving one
- of our residents when, like it was you said,
- 17 that you were off duty and you saw an
- 18 emergency situation and that is just what's in
- 19 your mind. You're a police officer 24 hours a
- 20 day. We want to say this, that other
- 21 residents might stop and help too, might not
- 22 be a police officer, but for you this is just
- part of what you do day in and day out 365
- 24 days a year 24 hours a day.
- 25 And I look at you and to me you're

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- 2 a very young officer. And I think to have
- 3 that strength and to have that knowledge of
- 4 what you should do all the time it's there in
- 5 your heart and that's what you're going to
- 6 do.
- 7 So I thank you so much. You saved
- 8 this man's life. Sometimes we put things and
- 9 we say oh no, I was there. I could get him
- 10 out. But literally, if you did not do that
- 11 within minutes that car was totally engulfed.
- 12 If he was able to still get out of that car
- 13 the disaster that would have been to that
- 14 man. Thank you so much for doing this, for
- saving this man's life and we have a citation
- 16 here for you signed by all of us on the
- 17 legislature.
- 18 And again, thank you to all our
- 19 officers because I know that that's what you
- are, officers 24 hours a day 365 days a year.
- 21 God bless you all.
- MR. SHEVLIN: I just wanted to
- 23 mention that he's the proud son of our
- 24 recently retired first vice president of the
- 25 PBA Peter Paterson.

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- 2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Just
- 3 wanted to add one thing. I think most of us
- 4 are fearful of fire. In particular in that
- 5 situation where it's encroaching on you,
- 6 coming towards you. The fact that you had the
- 7 courage to insert yourself and to continue to
- 8 do what you had to do to get him out as the
- 9 fire came closer and closer is truly
- 10 astonishing. Wonderful job.
- 11 Pete, you have to be very proud of
- 12 your son there. Congratulations guys.
- 13 What we will do is we will do the
- 14 presentations for the DAI and SOA next and
- then we'll call you up for the citation.
- 16 Superior Officers Association
- 17 president Rick Frassetti.
- 18 MR. FRASSETTI: Good afternoon.
- 19 I'm Ricky Frassetti, president of the Nassau
- 20 County Police Department Superior Officers
- 21 Association.
- 22 Presiding Officer Nicolello,
- legislators thank you for taking the time to
- 24 honor our top cops today. I have to say it's
- 25 a real fitting day to follow the PBA and

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- 2 president Shevlin because our incident also
- 3 involves an off-duty incident.
- So, as you realize, the SOA does
- 5 not present every month as we are supervisors
- 6 and our job is to do just that, supervise.
- 7 But this month is extraordinary. We are here
- 8 to honor sergeant Jimmy Lee, a 28-year veteran
- 9 of the NYPD and Nassau County Police
- 10 Department.
- On March 23rd at approximately 2:30
- in the afternoon Sergeant Lee was off duty
- 13 walking on the boardwalk in Rockaway Beach,
- 14 Queens. Sergeant Lee observed a subject
- 15 firing a gun towards the beach. Sergeant Lee
- then immediately called 911 giving a detailed
- description of the subject and what the
- 18 subject was wearing and his location while
- 19 continuing to follow the subject at a safe
- distance and all the while keeping the 911
- operator updated on the continuance location
- 22 of the subject.
- The subject continued to fire
- 24 numerous times towards the beach.
- 25 Unfortunately, the police cars passed by and

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- 2 responded to the wrong location. At one point
- 3 the 911 operator tells Sergeant Lee that she
- 4 is going to hang up and Sergeant Lee orders
- 5 her not to hang up and stay on the line with
- 6 him. Sergeant Lee then directs the operator
- 7 to have the police cars respond to specific
- 8 locations so they can surround the subject and
- 9 trap him in.
- 10 At this point Sergeant Lee now
- observes a pedestrian walking on the beach as
- well as one riding a bike on the boardwalk,
- and Sergeant Lee then observes the subject
- 14 firing again. It is then Sergeant Lee
- 15 realizes that the civilians are in danger and
- 16 makes the decision to put himself between the
- 17 civilians and the subject. He then decides he
- 18 has to take action to make sure these
- 19 civilians are safe.
- Sergeant Lee, with his shield out
- and his gun drawn, yells police, don't move.
- Just as we are trained to do. The subject
- then comes towards Sergeant Lee in an
- 24 aggressive manner. Sergeant Lee then with one
- 25 hand takes the subject and puts him against

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- the boardwalk railing trying to control the
- 3 subject. All the while knowing that the
- 4 subject has a gun. The subject at one point
- 5 places his right hand in his pocket and
- 6 Sergeant Lee was certain that's where the gun
- 7 was. The subject then pulls out the gun and,
- 8 thank God, decides to toss it away.
- 9 The struggle continues and the
- 10 subject then breaks free and a few moments
- 11 later the NYPD shows up. And after a brief
- 12 foot pursuit they place the subject in
- 13 custody.
- 14 While that's happening Sergeant Lee
- picks up the telephone that he was on and
- 16 tells the 911 operator to make sure that the
- officers know that the gun was thrown away.
- 18 That there could be no accidental shooting.
- 19 To have the mind set to do that is just
- 20 unbelievable.
- This whole incident lasted about
- 22 seven minutes. One minute is an eternity.
- 23 Seven minutes, I can't imagine what seven
- 24 minutes is like when you're fighting with
- somebody, struggling with somebody who has a

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- 2 gun.
- I want to commend Sergeant Lee for
- 4 his brave actions while off duty and
- 5 unbelievable restraint. I spoke to Sergeant
- 6 Lee numerous times. I asked him how did he
- 7 restrain from shooting? I've been a police
- 8 officer a long time. There's no doubt in my
- 9 mind I probably would have fired my weapon.
- 10 Unfortunately, in today's day and
- 11 times, Sergeant Lee's comments to me was he
- didn't want to be Monday morning quarterbacked
- or second quessed. Sergeant Lee was in all
- 14 the rights to shoot this subject when he
- 15 pulled out that gun and he didn't. And I
- 16 still cannot believe that he was able to do
- 17 that. One split second and things could have
- 18 turned out very different.
- 19 At half of a -- not even, a tenth
- of a second the subject could have shot
- 21 Sergeant Lee and we would have been attending
- 22 his funeral possibly. It is unbelievable how
- 23 he did this. And in my mind it's
- 24 mind-boggling.
- I'd just like to note that Sergeant

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- 2 Lee was injured during this struggle but is
- 3 back to work full duty and Sergeant Lee is
- 4 also a first responder that spent many days
- 5 and hours after ground zero.
- 6 Thank you very much for taking the
- 7 time.
- 8 MR. LEE: First, I'd like to just
- 9 say thank you. Thank you for this prestigious
- 10 honor for myself in the presence of my
- 11 family. Thank you to the members of the
- 12 legislature for presenting me with this
- 13 honor. I also want to say thank you to God
- 14 that things worked out the way they did.
- 15 Thank you again to the SOA, the police
- 16 commissioner and thank you again.
- 17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
- 18 Ford then Legislator Solages.
- 19 LEGISLATOR FORD: Good
- 20 afternoon. President Frassetti you said it
- 21 best. It is a very sobering moment and
- thought about what you went through that day.
- 23 The fact that you were able to size up a
- situation with somebody with a gun and to be
- able to follow yourself through with a phone

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- 2 call to 911, to be able to get the police come
- 3 back all the while just keeping your eye on
- 4 this person and to make that split second
- 5 decision when you saw pedestrians, private
- 6 citizens, coming your way and to make that
- 7 choice that you were going to put yourself in
- 8 harm's way to protect them. It just is
- 9 really -- there are no words to say. You
- 10 truly, truly are a hero.
- 11 Somebody who has lived by I guess
- 12 this mantra that you knew as a police officer
- what your duty would be. You are basically
- 14 that ultimate type of guy I guess. You just
- underscore the professionalism, the dedication
- 16 and just so many wonderful attributes and
- 17 qualities that a police officer actually has.
- 18 I thank you very much for what you did and how
- 19 you helped saved people from maybe even
- 20 themselves losing. I can't even -- I'm just
- 21 so emotional because I can just only imagine.
- You're right. I remember one time
- 23 sitting in something and waiting 30 seconds
- for something to happen. You get so nervous.
- 25 So I can't imagine what seven minutes had been

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- 2 like when you were like in this type of
- 3 situation. The fact is that you yourself, as
- 4 well as officer Pete Paterson, did this on
- 5 your day off. It just goes to show you our
- 6 officers are always on. There is never a time
- 7 when you aren't.
- 8 Presiding Officer Nicolello said
- 9 it's something about to take a look at fire
- 10 and you approach a situation like officer
- 11 Paterson did. But for you then to know, to
- 12 see somebody with a gun, not knowing the mind
- 13 set of that person, what they were going to
- do, how they would respond to you really is
- just a testimony to the quality and the type
- of person that you are. And I thank you very
- 17 much for all that you do.
- 18 And yes, let us thank God that it
- 19 all worked out well. I'm sure that your
- 20 family is very happy. I can only imagine
- 21 probably afterwards they probably said to you
- 22 what, were you crazy? I'm very happy that it
- 23 all turned out well. I thank you for your
- service and continue many, many good safe
- years for you. Thank you very much.

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- 2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
- 3 Solages. He's on remote.
- 4 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I just want
- 5 to echo the sentiments by Legislator Ford. I
- 6 thank them for their bravery. Thank you.
- 7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: One thing
- 8 I just took note of is obviously the
- 9 incredible courage that you showed. But to be
- 10 able to manage that situation while on the
- 11 phone with NYPD, while keeping track of the
- 12 suspect, while restraining yourself and making
- 13 sure that the civilians weren't harmed it's
- 14 just extraordinary. Truly heroic act.
- 15 Congratulations. We're all proud to honor you
- 16 today Sergeant Lee.
- 17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Arnie
- 18 Drucker. Legislator Drucker.
- 19 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you
- 20 Presiding Officer. I just want to say one
- 21 thing. What resonates with me -- obviously
- 22 the heroism is amazing-- but what resonates
- with me is your instincts are different than
- ours. I'd like to think that we're all good
- 25 persons and we value human life and we do

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- whatever we can to help people. But your
- 3 instincts to run into danger without a second
- 4 thought is what amazes me. I don't think I
- 5 have that instinct or matter of us have that
- 6 instinct but you do. And thank God you do
- 7 because you keep us all safe.
- 8 Every one of you in law enforcement
- 9 when you're trained you get these instincts
- 10 that never leave you. And that resonates with
- 11 me. I'm so proud and so fortunate on behalf
- of all of us to have you protect us each and
- 13 every day. Thank you so much.
- 14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
- 15 very much. We will have you come up in a
- 16 couple of moments to take a photograph.
- 17 MR. LEE: Thank you again.
- 18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The one
- other presentation we have is from the
- 20 Detectives Association, Inc. we have Mike
- 21 Maloney from the DAI.
- MS. MALAHAME: Thank you
- 23 Presiding Officer Nicolello, Minority Leader
- 24 Abrahams and the full legislative body for
- 25 honoring detective lieutenant Bryan Kohlmier,

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- detective Sean Burns and detective Christopher
- 3 Smith.
- 4 On Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 0920
- 5 hours detectives Burns and Smith were inside
- 6 the fourth squad monitoring the police radio
- 7 while working their cases. At that time the
- 8 communications bureau dispatched an assignment
- 9 for an aided case, possible cardiac person not
- 10 breathing at Grant Park located at 1625
- 11 Broadway in Hewlett directly adjacent to the
- 12 Fourth Precinct station house.
- 13 After hearing the notification of
- 14 the assignment, detective lieutenant Kohlmier,
- 15 Burns and Smith quickly gathered medical PPE,
- and a portable radio and the AED and proceeded
- 17 to Grant Park on foot.
- 18 Upon arrival at the scene, the
- 19 aided, a 73-year old male was lying on his
- 20 back not breathing with no pulse. Detective
- 21 Smith began CPR, performing chest compressions
- 22 on the aided. Detective Burns worked with
- 23 arriving police officers to apply the AED to
- 24 the aided. The aided was shocked once on
- 25 scene while detectives and officers were

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- 2 performing CPR. Detective lieutenant Kohlmier
- 3 assisted by interviewing witnesses and
- 4 gathering information on the circumstances of
- 5 the aided prior to his collapse. Including
- 6 obtaining his pedigree and medical history.
- 7 After the arrival of the police
- 8 ambulance, detectives assisted patrol with
- 9 securing the aided to the stretcher and
- 10 lifting the stretcher into the ambulance. The
- 11 aided was transported to South Nassau Hospital
- 12 for further treatment. Upon arrival at the
- 13 hospital it was determined that the aided
- 14 regained a normal heart rhythm and was able to
- 15 breath on his own.
- Due to their alertness in
- monitoring the patrol assignments over the
- 18 police radio and immediate actions, including
- 19 quickly rendering CPR to the aided, detective
- 20 Burns, detective Smith, detective lieutenant
- 21 Kohlmier used their training to save a life
- 22 and the aided is extremely grateful for their
- response and I'm happy to say he's doing very
- 24 well still today. Thank you.
- 25 R. KOHLMIER: On behalf of myself

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- and the two detectives with me we'd like to
- 3 thank you and we appreciate being honored
- 4 today.
- 5 MR. BURNS: I really appreciate
- 6 this award. Thank you very much. It means a
- 7 lot to myself and my family and I all the best
- 8 to the individual and his family.
- 9 MR. SMITH: It's a great honor to
- 10 be here. So thank you very much. And we had
- 11 a great outcome and we're pleased to hear that
- 12 the gentleman is doing just fine. Thank you.
- 13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
- 14 Gaylor.
- 15 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Thank you
- 16 Presiding Officer. Wow. There's a man who's
- 17 alive today that wouldn't be alive without the
- 18 heroic actions of three of our detectives.
- 19 There's a family who has a man who's alive is
- 20 grateful. There's a community in Nassau
- 21 County grateful knowing that our police
- officers run to harm's way, run to where they
- 23 need to be to protect all of us. Situational
- 24 awareness. Outstanding.
- To hear the call come in through

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- 2 the precinct, to grab the gear, to run -- it's
- 3 no short distance. Got to be a quarter mile,
- 4 a half mile, whatever it is. To run to the
- 5 scene. Come upon a man who is for all intents
- 6 and purposes dead, bring him back to life.
- 7 That's heroic. So the county owes you a debt
- 8 of gratitude. We're grateful for your
- 9 actions.
- 10 You definitely are, as well as
- 11 officer Patterson and sergeant Lee, dedicated
- 12 public servants who put your lives above
- 13 the -- at risk in order to protect all of
- ours. So I thank you. Your decisive action
- saved somebody and we won't forget that. You
- 16 guys are truly heroes and we won't forget
- 17 that. Thank you again.
- 18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We would
- 19 like to invite all the honorees to come up for
- 20 a presentation.
- We are going to do things a little
- 22 bit out of out of order now. We will have the
- 23 public comment in a moment, but first we are
- 24 going to consider a motion to suspend the
- 25 rules. Why are we suspending the rules?

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- 2 Several items were filed within 17 days of the
- 3 legislature. So, in order to consider those
- 4 items today we need to suspend the rules of
- 5 the legislature.
- The three items in particular are
- 7 two appointments to Nassau Community College
- 8 and a home rule message on behalf of the fire
- 9 marshal. So, I'm going to ask for a motion to
- 10 suspend the rules. Moved by Legislator
- 11 Walker. Seconded by Legislator Gaylor. Any
- debate or discussion on suspending the rules?
- 13 Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying
- 14 aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously.
- 15 The rules are suspended.
- Now we will go back to public
- 17 comment. First slip I have is from Pat Boyle,
- 18 Coalition of Youth Service agencies.
- MR. BOYLE: Hi everyone. I have
- 20 to say it because I'm feeling it. I know you
- kind of see me coming back up here again and
- 22 again month after month and you must be saying
- 23 here he is to whine again about money. The
- 24 reason why I do it is because I kind of feel
- 25 that the legislature is an important cog in

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- the wheel of government in Nassau County, and
- 3 I really want you to know what's going on.
- 4 I'm going to try to get younger people to come
- 5 here. I'm going to try to get other faces to
- 6 pop up. But we'll worry about that down the
- 7 road a little bit.
- 8 Let me give you a little bit of a
- 9 timeline about ARPA money. We were told in
- 10 May of 2021 that ARPA money was going to be
- 11 coming into the county and that it would
- 12 distributed amongst different persons. We
- were told, as far as youth service agencies
- 14 were concerned, that we would receive a
- 15 request for that funding, and we did, in June
- 16 of 2021 and that decisions would be made. The
- 17 request at 20 percent of our contracts. Which
- 18 for some of us is a very substantial amount of
- money and we were very happy to be able to get
- that because our expenses had risen through
- 21 COVID so high.
- I can just give you one example of
- 23 what happened to us was is that we went to a
- 24 virtual homework assistance program that had
- other things going on with it. But we saw

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- what was happening in the schools when they
- 3 had classrooms of 20 kids and one teacher
- 4 trying to teach the 20 kids. It was extremely
- 5 difficult. They really couldn't do it. What
- 6 we did was we did it individually or with two
- 7 kids at a time which meant hiring more workers
- 8 to do it and there was an expense involved.
- 9 So we were very happy to hear about
- 10 this ARPA money that was coming down because
- 11 it was perfect. It was COVID related, it was
- 12 all there.
- In the beginning of June the
- 14 requests were put in. This was supposed to be
- 15 emergency money. It was supposed to move
- 16 quickly. But you all know that.
- 17 After we got it we were supposed to
- 18 receive the money in September of 2021. We
- 19 did not receive the money in September of
- 20 2021. And October went by, November went by
- 21 and December went by. We kind of knew that
- that was going to happen with the change of
- 23 administration. Now we're in a new
- 24 administration and the time is still ticking
- and we still haven't seen any of that money.

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- Now we were told last week by both
- 3 the executive director of youth services and
- 4 also by people within county government that
- 5 all of our youth service agencies had to be
- 6 vetted first to find out whether or not they
- 7 should get this money.
- Now, I know my agency has had a
- 9 contract with the county for 40 years. I
- 10 think we're doing what we're supposed to be
- 11 doing. People have come out to look at it and
- 12 do that. And the ARPA money that we were
- 13 going to receive was really kind of replacing
- 14 any increase that would come out of the
- 15 budget.
- I'm sorry about the time. I'll end
- 17 with it in saying that we really need this
- 18 money and it's not moving. And the vetting
- 19 process now to us is just kind of a waste of
- time. I mean, we're doing what we're supposed
- 21 to be doing. We've had people come to our
- 22 agencies and look at our agencies and see that
- we're doing what we're supposed to be doing.
- So, if there's anything that you
- 25 can do to get this ARPA money moving. The

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- 2 comptroller's office said they'll send it out
- 3 as soon as they get the opportunity to but
- 4 they're being told to hold it right now by the
- 5 administration.
- We do have a meeting with the
- 7 deputy county executive for health and human
- 8 services scheduled for May 3rd. We're hoping
- 9 that we can get some more clarity there. But
- 10 I really do think the legislature could push a
- 11 little.
- 12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We have
- been pushing on this. We have been following
- 14 up and we're looking for the same answers
- 15 you're looking for. May 3rd is next week. We
- 16 will be pushing on our end to get that funding
- 17 released and get it into your hands as soon as
- 18 possible.
- MR. BOYLE: I appreciate that.
- 20 And I'll let John Giuffre know what goes on
- 21 with regard to the meeting with the deputy
- 22 county executive so that he can pass it along
- 23 to you. Thanks very much. Appreciate it.
- 24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thomas
- 25 Watson from Wantagh.

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- MR. WATSON: Hi everyone. I'm
- 3 Tom Watson from Wantagh, and I'm here to voice
- 4 my opposition to the Mount Sinai Medical
- 5 Center coming to the Wantagh Avenue location.
- 6 A lot of people in Wantagh don't think it's
- 7 the right location for such a large medical
- 8 center. I think to date there's about 700
- 9 people who have signed an online petition
- 10 against it. I personally think a popular
- 11 location would be something like the Sunrise
- 12 Mall, which is closing. That would be the
- 13 right location for something so large.
- 14 I'm looking forward to seeing the
- 15 Nassau County Planning Commission I think is
- 16 supposed to write a report on this issue. And
- 17 I think it will be a very important report
- 18 because such a report was very valuable I'd
- 19 say about ten years ago when Wantagh was
- 20 fighting a condo development. So, this Nassau
- 21 County Planning Commission report is going to
- 22 be very important to us. So, a lot of people
- in Wantagh are really looking forward to
- 24 seeing it. I don't see how the Town of
- 25 Hempstead could be making any decisions on

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- 2 this until this report is available.
- I know that Laura Curran is now on
- 4 the Mount Sinai board. I would think that
- 5 somebody could reach out to her and tell her
- 6 that a lot of people in Wantagh are against
- 7 this and see if she could nix this from her
- 8 position on the board.
- 9 I know this issue of Mount Sinai
- 10 coming to the Wantagh Avenue location has been
- 11 bubbling for about five years. So, Laura
- 12 Curran was on the board when this has been
- bubbling. So she obviously knows it from two
- 14 perspectives. She was on this board and now
- 15 she's on the Mount Sinai board.
- I know she knows Wantagh. She's
- been to Wantagh many times and I think she
- 18 probably knows it's not the right location. I
- 19 hope she can use her influence on the board
- also to nix this. So, I'm hoping somebody up
- 21 here can give her a call.
- I just want to end at Wantagh is
- 23 not -- it's incorporated, so we don't have a
- 24 mayor. So, basically our mayors are you and
- 25 the Town of Hempstead. So, we do really rely

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- on the county government and on the Town of
- 3 Hempstead government to sort of do right by
- 4 Wantagh and that's what I'm asking. I really
- 5 appreciate your attention.
- 6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
- 7 Rhoads.
- 8 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Tom, first
- 9 off, I want to say thanks for coming and
- 10 discussing the topic here at the legislature.
- 11 A lot of times we don't get the opportunity to
- 12 hear about local zoning issues. Certainly not
- ones of the importance of the Mount Sinai
- 14 project which has been bubbling since it was
- 15 South Nassau, their predecessor.
- I share your concerns and I've
- 17 voiced those concerns as well. It's a project
- 18 that while we would love to see a medical
- 19 facility and there certainly is a need for it,
- 20 any time you have development like this it has
- to be done with respect to and in conjunction
- 22 with the community that surrounds it. It's
- 23 not that it's a bad project. It's just not a
- 24 good project at this particular location given
- 25 the scope and size of it.

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- So, I want to thank you for coming
- 3 here regardless of what side of the issue you
- 4 were on but I would still thank you for coming
- 5 here and voicing those concerns Tom. But the
- 6 concerns of the community need to be given
- 7 voice and I appreciate you coming down here to
- 8 make sure that happens.
- 9 MR. WATSON: Because, Legislator
- 10 Rhoads, I think the more I talk to people
- 11 about it and explain both sides, I think from
- 12 a fair perspective, I think I'm a fair person,
- when people know the facts then they're
- 14 against it. When you just talk to somebody
- who doesn't know the facts, yeah, oh, a
- 16 medical center, wouldn't that be great? But
- when you explain everything to them and they
- 18 have all the facts, again, both sides, they
- 19 usually come out this is not the right thing
- 20 at that location.
- 21 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: That
- 22 location.
- MR. WATSON: Exactly. Thank
- 24 you.
- LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you.

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- 2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank
- 3 you. Richard Clolery.
- 4 MR. CLOLERY: To the members of
- 5 the legislature, first of all, I would I like
- 6 to say thank you for helping me get on the
- 7 NICE bus mailing list. Because of this, I was
- 8 able to attend the TACB online that they were
- 9 hosting. For this I am grateful to the
- 10 legislature even though in the eyes of certain
- 11 party members I can be a pain in the rear
- 12 because of the issues that I bring up every
- month.
- 14 From what I learned at the meeting
- the state will theoretically help NIFA making
- 16 bus service to the state budget process to a
- 17 certain extent. Along with what whatever you
- 18 give to NICE.
- 19 They have also talked about
- 20 something called the NICE mini bus service
- which through the app or new one a person can
- 22 call for a small bus in the areas that have
- 23 had their bus lines cut and allow them to go
- 24 to areas where there are bus service.
- 25 However, right now it's going through an

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- 2 experimental phase. Not unlike one under
- 3 Laura Curran -- the service that Laura Curran
- 4 advertised one day.
- 5 However, it's being used in an area
- 6 I don't live in. Which to me is not fair. We
- 7 as a county right now are dealing with high
- 8 gas prices. We need to find a way to increase
- 9 funding for the buses so that other people can
- 10 go to places where they do need or want to be
- 11 at.
- We also need to find a way to
- increase the number of areas the NICE bus
- 14 service can operate in. Especially along
- 15 routes that were cut. Which includes the
- N-47, N-50 corridor and the N 73, 74 corridor
- 17 along Jerusalem Avenue north of Hempstead.
- If you people truly care about the
- 19 state of Nassau County then please find a way
- 20 to increase funding for the buses. Thank
- 21 you. Have a good day.
- 22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
- 23 Richard.
- MR. CLOLERY: Any questions?
- 25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: No. We're

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- good. I have two other slips, both of which
- 3 relate to the LIPA settlements. So, unless
- 4 you, Richard Schurin and Jessica Koenig, have
- 5 to leave early, I'll wait to call these when
- 6 we do the settlements. Is that all right with
- 7 you?
- 8 We will do the consent calendar.
- 9 We're going to call the nominations after the
- 10 consent calendar. The consent calendar is the
- 11 items that went through committees two weeks
- 12 ago and the Minority and Majority have agreed
- 13 that no further debate or discussion is needed
- 14 at this time on these items.
- 15 Item 3, Ordinance 23. Four,
- 16 Ordinance 24. Item five, Ordinance 25. Item
- 17 six, Ordinance 26. Item seven, Ordinance 27.
- 18 Item 11, Resolution 55. 12, Resolution 56.
- 19 13, Resolution 57. 14, Resolution 58. 15,
- 20 Resolution 59. 16, Resolution 60. 17,
- 21 Resolution 61. 18, Resolution 62. 19,
- 22 Resolution 63. 20, Resolution 64. 21,
- 23 Resolution 65. 22, Resolution 66. 23,
- Resolution 67. 38, Resolution 82. 39,
- 25 Resolution 83. 40, Resolution 84. 41,

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- 2 Resolution 85. 42, Resolution 86. 43,
- 3 Resolution 87.
- 4 Those items are moved by Minority
- 5 Leader Abrahams. Seconded by Legislator
- 6 Ford. Any debate or discussion? Hearing
- 7 none, all in favor signify by saying aye.
- 8 Those opposed? They all carry unanimously.
- 9 We're going to the nominations
- 10 portion of the meeting at this point. So,
- we're going to call items 27, 28, 29 and 30
- 12 together. These are resolutions to confirm
- 13 the county executive's appointment of
- 14 Florestano Girardi to the Assessment Review
- 15 Commission. Laura Monfiletto to the
- 16 Assessment Review Commission. Marc Stone to
- 17 the Assessment Review Commission. And Rocco
- 18 Totino to the Assessment Review Commission.
- Moved by Legislator Giuffre.
- 20 Seconded by Legislator Gaylor. That puts
- 21 those items before us. I would like to invite
- 22 up Mr. Girardi, Ms. Monfiletto, Mr. Stone and
- 23 Mr. Totino.
- 24 MR. LEMOINE: Chris Lemoine from
- 25 the administration. Mr. Totino is running a

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- few minutes behind. He's hoping to get here
- 3 as soon as possible. Sorry about that.
- 4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We will
- 5 hold him to vote later.
- 6 MR. LEMOINE: Thank you.
- 7 MR. GIRARDI: Good afternoon to
- 8 the county legislature. My name is Flo
- 9 Girardi. I would like to thank County
- 10 Executive Blakeman and the legislature for
- 11 considering me for appointment for the
- 12 Assessment Review Commission. I was born in
- 13 Queens. Raised in Oceanside. I'll try to
- 14 keep it brief.
- 15 After graduating Oceanside High
- 16 School I went to work at my father's dry
- 17 cleaning plant. We had two plants at the
- 18 time. One in Elmont and one in Queens at
- 19 Saint Albans. From there, in 1978, I opened a
- 20 plant in Wantagh. When my father retired back
- in '84 I took over the plant in Elmont. And
- 22 at my peak I had a total of, between part time
- 23 and full time, 60 employees. At that time I
- 24 started to divest into real estate and over
- 25 the years I owned various commercial

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- 2 properties for multifamily, office, industrial
- 3 and retail establishments.
- 4 Being a landlord in the landlord
- 5 business the properties have various assessed
- 6 value. Various assessed rate of taxes. So I
- 7 have a little background in property taxes.
- For the last six years I've been in
- 9 the Town of Hempstead IDA. I've been a member
- 10 there. I've been the chairman for the last
- 11 three years. And, as we all know, granting
- 12 PILOTs it gives me some experience in tax
- abatements between sales tax, property tax to
- 14 various PILOTs that we've granted.
- Other than that, I've been married
- 16 for 32 years. I have four children. And if
- there's any questions, anybody has a question
- that I can't answer I will be more than happy
- 19 to bluff.
- 20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
- 21 questions for Mr. Girardi? Thank you. Next is
- 22 Ms. Monfiletto.
- MS. MONFILETTO: Good afternoon.
- 24 I'm Laura Monfiletto. Thank you for the
- opportunity today to the legislature and to

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- 2 County Executive Blakeman. I grew up in
- 3 Elmont, New York. I went to Sewanhaka High
- 4 School where in my senior year my mom, who
- 5 also works in the guidance office, got a phone
- 6 call from an alumni and said looking for a
- 7 young student to come work for our title
- 8 insurance company as a report typist. My
- 9 mother said I have just the person for you and
- 10 I started my senior year in high school typing
- 11 title reports for a title insurance company.
- 12 At that point I didn't know what title
- insurance was. And I worked through my two
- 14 years at Nassau Community College and wound up
- working there for another four years.
- The vice president of the company
- then decided to open his own company and asked
- 18 me to go with him. I've been there since. So
- 19 I have 31 years experience in title
- insurance. I've learned every aspect of the
- 21 business starting off as a typist. I learned
- 22 how to read titles, policies, closings, some
- 23 estate work. So, I'm very familiar with
- taxes. Which is a big portion of the title
- 25 insurance.

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- I have two children. One son that
- 3 goes to Kellenberg. He's a freshman. And my
- 4 daughter is a junior in Oceanside High
- 5 School. I live in Oceanside. And that's
- 6 about it. I thank you for the opportunity
- 7 today. I really appreciate it. You have any
- 8 questions?
- 9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
- 10 questions? We're good. Thank you.
- 11 Mr. Stone.
- MR. STONE: Good afternoon. How
- is everybody? My background, I live now in
- 14 Merrick. I grew up in Valley Stream. My
- 15 background is I owned a mortgage banking
- 16 company for over 20 years out on Long Island.
- 17 Grew it to have over 200 employees through
- 18 numerous states, 18 states throughout the
- 19 country. I'm very, very familiar with the
- 20 appraisal system dealing with Fannie May and
- 21 Freddie Mac and also selling loans to the FHA
- 22 and other governments and other banks such as
- 23 Chase and Citi.
- So, the most important thing, aside
- 25 from the person qualifying, clearly is the

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- 2 collateral that we take in. Especially with
- 3 FHA loans where the borrower puts down as
- 4 little as three and a half percent. So we are
- 5 very, very critical of appraisals to make sure
- 6 they're not overblown, overvalued. I think
- 7 it's very important to recognize that the
- 8 appraisal process right now, and I'm still in
- 9 the mortgage banking business, you can have a
- 10 house -- my own situation, the house to my
- 11 right was sold for \$700,000. The house to the
- left was sold for \$975,000. The \$700,00 had
- 13 no work done. The other one was new. But yet
- the one to the right was paying over \$8,000
- more in taxes than the one that was just built
- 16 out.
- So, the appraisal issue, the value
- issue, that's the experience I can bring. As
- 19 well as I was president of the Empire State
- 20 Mortgage Bankers Association and dealt with
- 21 many of the senators up in Albany. As well as
- 22 what's called the rickets from the New York
- 23 Department of Financial Services. So, I just
- 24 think it's time to look into this and see if
- 25 we can correct what I believe is unfairness.

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- 2 Any questions?
- 3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Okay,
- 4 thank you Mr. Stone. Thank you. I'll take a
- 5 motion to table the resolution nominating Mr.
- 6 Totino at this time. Moved by Legislator
- 7 Ferretti. Seconded by Legislator Schaefer.
- 8 All in favor of tabling that nomination
- 9 signify by saying aye. Those opposed? That's
- 10 tabled. Any debate or discussion on the three
- 11 nominees that are before us?
- 12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you.
- 13 First, I want to thank all three of you for
- 14 being willing to participate in the process
- and be here today. I think obviously we're in
- 16 a time when individuals like yourselves -- I'm
- 17 talking. I know it's a little crazy when
- 18 wearing a mask.
- 19 Whenever we have individuals like
- yourselves that want to participate in the
- 21 process that's always welcoming.
- 22 Unfortunately, our side is not going to be
- 23 able to affirm your confirmation today. It
- 24 has nothing to do with you in particular. It
- 25 has everything to do with the county executive

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- 2 not presenting to us a reassessment plan. In
- a utopia, a perfect world, or even close to
- 4 one, we would like to see a reassessment plan
- 5 and hear your philosophical beliefs on
- 6 reassessment and be able to make a better
- 7 decision. The county executive has not
- 8 presented us a reassessment plan to date.
- 9 Also, in the assessor side of
- 10 things, not where you are with the Assessment
- 11 Review Commission, Robin Laveman, who's term
- 12 as acting assessor expired on April 11th. So,
- it then feeds into the perception,
- 14 unfortunately the reality, that this
- 15 administration either has a plan and is not
- 16 being forthright with it by not presenting it
- to the legislature or doesn't have a plan at
- 18 all. I would think that it would be more
- 19 prudent to be able to have a plan, review the
- 20 plan, hear from distinguished individuals like
- 21 yourselves and then be able to see how we want
- 22 to vote on your particular appointment.
- To this date, the county executive
- has not presented any plan. And the fact, as
- I said before, Ms. Laveman's term as county

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- 2 assessor, which is on another side but it
- 3 addresses the issue of assessment, has
- 4 expired. So, we're concerned about the
- 5 direction, the transparency and how this
- 6 particular administration wants to move
- 7 forward. And from that standpoint, we're not
- 8 going to be able to support your confirmation.
- 9 If the county executive was to
- 10 present a plan to us and we had a chance to
- 11 review it and sit back and look into your
- 12 resumes in a little bit greater detail and
- 13 understand your philosophical beliefs on how
- 14 you would execute your duties as assessment
- 15 review commissioners, that's the more prudent
- 16 way to do it.
- So I don't want you think that our
- 18 no vote is -- I'm sorry -- our vote not
- 19 affirming your confirmation is indicative of
- you personally. It's more addressing the
- 21 county executive's lack of issue to address
- our reassessment plan holistically for the
- 23 county. But thank you.
- 24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
- debate or discussion? Hearing none, all in

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- 2 favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed?
- 3 Passes by a vote of 11 to seven.
- 4 Congratulations to all three of you. Look
- 5 forward to your service in the assessment
- 6 review commission.
- 7 Legislator Kennedy was here before
- 8 and then he's no longer participating.
- 9 Next items are Nassau Community
- 10 College. These are items 24, 25 and 33 and
- 11 34. Which actually two separate resolutions
- 12 for each of these nominees appointing them to
- 13 Nassau Community College board of trustees.
- 14 But they are, 24 and 34 are resolutions
- 15 confirming the appointment of Ronald Rosenberg
- 16 as a member of the Nassau Community College
- 17 board of trustees. 25 and 33 are resolutions
- 18 confirming the appointment of William Stris as
- 19 a member of the Nassau Community College board
- 20 of trustees.
- 21 Motion by Legislator McKevitt.
- 22 Seconded by Legislator Pilip. Those
- 23 nominations are before us. Mr. Rosenberg,
- 24 Mr. Stris you want to join us at the podium.
- 25 First of all, you have to tell us

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- 2 what happened.
- MR. ROSENBERG: I apologize for
- 4 the way I look. I just got out of the
- 5 hospital. I had a bad fall but I'm okay.
- 6 That's good news to some bad news to others.
- 7 I'm a lifelong resident of Nassau
- 8 County. I love Nassau County. Was born
- 9 here. South Nassau Communities Hospital.
- 10 Grew up on the north shore. I've had a
- 11 practice of law for the past 43 years. I
- 12 brought up three children. I have five
- 13 grandchildren. I can tell you if I knew the
- 14 grandchildren were this good I would have had
- 15 them first. I have paid for three college
- 16 educations, two law school education. And I'm
- very involved in community affairs and Nassau
- 18 County in particular. I am honored that the
- 19 county executive has bestowed this appointment
- 20 nomination upon me and I hope to have your
- 21 approval.
- 22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
- 23 questions for Mr. Rosenberg? Legislator
- 24 Drucker.
- 25 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you

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- 2 Presiding Officer. Mr. Rosenberg, thank you
- 3 for coming down today. Your reputation as an
- 4 attorney precedes you and I'm very impressed.
- 5 But as a former trustee on the board of
- 6 trustees of Nassau Community College, that
- 7 institution holds a special place for me. I
- 8 have real concerns about its current state of
- 9 affairs and what's going on there. And just,
- in fact, over the past three or four days I've
- 11 received a couple of phone calls, more than a
- 12 couple, from board members, from
- 13 administrators, from union people, all
- decrying a movement there that is afoot to
- dismantle the entire board and replace them
- 16 entirely with one that is more politically
- 17 aligned. And that concerns me a great deal.
- I have been in touch with the
- 19 college now for a while trying to come up with
- 20 initiatives to address the declining
- 21 enrollment. The problems they have in
- 22 retention. Their economic difficulties. So,
- 23 I feel like the college might be sliding
- 24 backwards now. We have a person in charge, no
- 25 president right now. It's in a state of

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- 2 flux. And I'm concerned that members, new
- 3 members of the board are going to present
- 4 themselves with an apolitical agenda that's
- 5 only intent on improving and trying to get
- 6 this college to survive the obstacles that
- 7 it's facing right now. That really concerns
- 8 me.
- 9 When I was on the board we were on
- 10 probation with Middle States. We were in
- 11 jeopardy of losing our accreditation. One of
- 12 the foremost criticisms that Middle States had
- of Nassau Community College in those days was
- 14 political intrusion. Political intrusion was
- something that disturbed SUNY, it disturbed
- 16 Middle States and it seems to be permeating
- 17 the school again and that concerns me a great
- 18 deal.
- Number one, I'd like to be assured,
- 20 Mr. Rosenberg, that you are going in there
- 21 with the expectation and skill set that is
- going to allow you to serve in that capacity
- in an apolitical fashion. Can you assure us
- 24 of that?
- MR. ROSENBERG: I can assure

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- 2 you. And I did leave out in my presentation I
- 3 represent Five Towns College who had a similar
- 4 situation with the leadership of Five Towns
- 5 College and the Middle States' evaluation. I
- 6 successfully represented them through that
- 7 evaluation and they got nothing but high
- 8 approval since then. So, I've been through it
- 9 once before. I've been through it
- 10 successfully. And I see no reason why I can't
- 11 do it again. Whatever I will do I will do it
- 12 to the best of my ability without
- 13 partisanship.
- 14 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Are you
- aware, Mr. Rosenberg, that the strategic plan
- at the college expired on 12-31-21?
- 17 MR. ROSENBERG: I was not aware
- 18 of that.
- 19 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: The
- 20 strategic plan that they had expired. Right
- 21 now the college is without a strategic plan.
- 22 I'd like to know what you plan -- how would
- you advance a strategic plan with the college
- concerning the problems they have in retention
- and recruitment, diversity and inclusion? Can

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- 2 you talk about that a little bit?
- MR. ROSENBERG: Obviously I'm not
- 4 prepared to discuss something I have not been
- 5 briefed on. I have not been appointed. I am
- 6 not familiar with it. But it's like any other
- 7 case that I handle, any other matter that I
- 8 litigate or transaction that I handle. I will
- 9 get all the relevant information together, get
- 10 all the right people assembled and I will
- 11 address the problem like I did as I mentioned
- 12 before, Five Towns College, and I have no
- doubt that I will be successful in that
- 14 endeavor.
- 15 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Do you have
- 16 any ideas right now on how you want to improve
- 17 retention and recruitment and diversity?
- MR. ROSENBERG: I do not have any
- 19 biases going into it. I have to first get all
- the facts. I don't act, both in my practice
- of law and myself personally, I don't act on
- 22 half knowledge or incomplete knowledge. I
- 23 first must get a grasp of all the facts and
- 24 knowledge of the entire situation before I can
- 25 start to make an assessment of how I think it

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- 2 should be addressed. Any attempt to do so now
- 3 would be pure guesswork and I would not do
- 4 that as a matter of course.
- 5 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Do you
- 6 believe that politics has no position on the
- 7 board of trustees?
- 8 MR. ROSENBERG: Correct.
- 9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: You would
- 10 not be vulnerable to any political pressures
- 11 that might be placed upon you?
- MR. ROSENBERG: Never have in the
- 13 43 years of practicing law have I allowed
- 14 politics to affect my judgement. I do the
- 15 best for my clients. And this time my client
- will be college and I'll do my best for the
- 17 college without any partisanship or any
- 18 influence from outside forces.
- 19 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I like that
- 20 answer. What do you believe is the most
- 21 important duty of a trustee?
- MR. ROSENBERG: To do his best
- job to promote the college, to improve the
- 24 college and to get the best education that
- 25 college can afford to our students.

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- 2 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Okay.
- 3 That's all I have. Thank you very much
- 4 Mr. Rosenberg.
- 5 MR. ROSENBERG: My pleasure.
- 6 Anyone else?
- 7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
- 8 questions for Mr. Rosenberg? Thank you.
- 9 Mr. Stris.
- 10 MR. STRIS: My name is Bill
- 11 Stris. I spent my public career in teaching.
- 12 My wife is also a teacher. We're retired. I
- 13 live in Valley Stream. I have been a board
- 14 member for 30 years. It's an honor to be a
- 15 long trustee. I have the honor of shaping the
- 16 Nassau Community College. I thank you for
- 17 this.
- 18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
- 19 questions? Thank you Mr. Stris. Any
- 20 questions?
- 21 LEGISLATOR FORD: Good afternoon
- 22 and welcome. Thank you very much for wanting
- 23 to take on this position and Mr. Rosenberg you
- 24 as well. Just stay sitting because I hope you
- 25 feel better. Very brave to come from that to

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- 2 here.
- I too I do love Nassau Community
- 4 College. I had the opportunity, along with
- 5 the presiding officer and some of our other
- 6 fellow legislators, to take a tour of one
- 7 element of the school, which is the theater
- 8 and live production and all that.
- I have to say that the college is
- 10 very blessed with a very vibrant and engaged
- 11 faculty. They understand their needs and are
- 12 willing to fight for it. They're willing to
- 13 advocate for it. And they have found partners
- 14 with many of us here on the legislature. I
- look forward to working with both of you in
- 16 looking to see what we can do to help Nassau
- 17 County to stay in existence and even to
- 18 thrive.
- We know that enrollment is down.
- 20 So, I'm sure if we all put our collective
- 21 minds together we may come up with some pretty
- 22 good ideas on maybe changing some things, the
- 23 way that maybe some of the courses are given.
- 24 But I just want to make sure that this fine
- institution continues to be able to provide

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- 2 good quality education.
- 3 My daughter and my son both had the
- 4 opportunity to attend. My son decided to
- 5 spend four years there only because he needed
- 6 college credits. He knew he was going into
- 7 civil service. But he found that the
- 8 environment and the classes, just everything
- 9 about Nassau Community College satisfied him.
- 10 He was very happy there. My daughter spent a
- 11 year preparing to go away to a private
- 12 school. It's a great place. I look forward
- 13 to working with you and to making sure that
- 14 Nassau Community College will be the premier
- 15 college throughout the United States. Thank
- 16 you.
- 17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I just
- want to echo what Legislator Ford just said.
- 19 We did have a tour about ten days ago.
- 20 Obviously the college is something that we in
- 21 the county have been very proud of for many,
- 22 many years. It offers an education to, a
- 23 phenomenal education, to so many students who
- 24 might not get that education otherwise. It is
- a great competition to these four-year schools

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- 2 for someone who is interested.
- But what it was was eye opening in
- 4 terms of some of the facilities and some of
- 5 the problematic needs and the faculty needs
- 6 that exist at the college. So, we're looking
- 7 to have some new ideas, some energy, some
- 8 fresh blood in there to hopefully shakes
- 9 things up a little bit and get us moving in
- 10 the right direction.
- 11 My understanding is that recently
- there was a no-confidence vote by the entire
- 13 academic senate in a couple of the board
- 14 members. When you have an unanimous vote
- there's something wrong there. So we need to
- 16 really go in there and preserve this school.
- 17 It's been said in that presentation that we
- 18 had many times it really is a gem in Nassau's
- 19 crown and we have to preserve it.
- MR. STRIS: I'll do my best.
- 21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
- 22 Rhoads.
- LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I had the
- 24 opportunity to participate as part of that
- tour as well, and I've got to tell you the

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- 2 passion among the students and the passion
- 3 among the faculty for that institution is
- 4 outstanding. I found it interesting that as
- 5 part of that tour it was the faculty and it
- 6 was the students. There was not a single
- 7 member of the administration actually came out
- 8 to meet our delegation from the legislature
- 9 and I found that to be very strange.
- 10 We just heard today that it's an
- institution without a president. That it's an
- 12 institution without a strategic plan. It's an
- institution with declining enrollment. It's
- 14 an institution with concerns, as voiced by the
- 15 faculty, with concerns that we may be heading
- 16 back to a period where its accreditation may
- 17 be in jeopardy. If members of the legislature
- 18 are receiving calls from the existing board
- 19 that they're concerned there might be change
- it sounds as though there should be change on
- 21 that board.
- I'm hoping that both of you will be
- 23 proactive, passionate advocates for the
- 24 college that will help to be architects of
- 25 that change. Because this is an institution

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- 2 that deserves saving. This is an institution
- 3 that serves -- that should have at its focus
- 4 at every turn the students of Nassau County
- 5 that we serve.
- I know from both of your
- 7 presentations, one is an accomplished
- 8 litigator and board member of Five Towns
- 9 College and yourself as an educator have that
- 10 passion. And I do share my colleagues'
- 11 concerns that politics should never be a part
- of the running of that institution. And I
- 13 know that both of you will keep as your focus
- 14 the success of the institution and the
- 15 students that we serve and I'm looking forward
- 16 to working with you.
- 17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: One slight
- 18 correction. We did have, before you joined us
- 19 Legislator Rhoads on the tour, Adrian Carrigan
- from the administration was there and then
- later on there was somebody from buildings and
- 22 grounds.
- MR. ROSENBERG: I just want to
- 24 correct the record, I was not a board member
- of Five Towns College. I was an attorney.

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- 2 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you.
- 3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
- 4 Mule.
- 5 LEGISLATOR MULE: Thank you
- 6 Presiding Officer. I certainly echo all of my
- 7 colleagues' concerns and wishes for the Nassau
- 8 Community College. This comment really is not
- 9 towards the candidates. I keep hearing about
- 10 this tour and I do not believe that anyone
- 11 from our side was invited to a tour. So, I'd
- 12 like to put it on the record that if something
- 13 like this happens in the future that we at
- 14 least receive an invitation. Thank you.
- 15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: It was
- 16 arranged by the faculty. Actually, they
- invited me and then a couple of legislators
- 18 joined in. But I would reach out to the
- 19 president. She would be thrilled to have as
- 20 many legislators as possible to go on that
- 21 tour. Whenever you have the time they'll
- 22 bring you over there and see exactly what we
- 23 saw.
- LEGISLATOR MULE: Okay. Thank
- you. I guess it's just a general comment just

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- 2 to make sure that we receive invitations that
- 3 have gone out.
- 4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
- 5 Drucker you wanted to add something?
- 6 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Just a
- 7 couple of things Mr. Stris. Thank you for
- 8 being here too. I'm not going to make you
- 9 answer all of the tough questions I asked Mr.
- 10 Rosenberg but I'm hoping that you have similar
- 11 answers.
- Just to comment briefly, quickly on
- 13 Legislator Ford's comment. The college has a
- 14 tremendous course handbook. The variety of
- 15 courses that they offer is outstanding. The
- 16 problem they have is purely economic and they
- don't have enough faculty. They're scrambling
- 18 to have faculty members teach these courses.
- 19 Aside from the declining enrollment and
- 20 retention problems. So, I'm hoping that you
- 21 have fresh ideas. As Legislator Rhoads said,
- 22 we welcome fresh ideas. But it has to be
- 23 ideas that are geared towards the
- 24 sustainability of this college.
- 25 From what I'm hearing, the pathway

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- that the college is on now does not bode well
- 3 for its ability to stay open. I'm concerned
- 4 about that and I hope you appreciate that as
- 5 well.
- In your career so far in education
- 7 you were on the board is that it, in Valley
- 8 Stream?
- 9 MR. STRIS: Yes. In Valley
- 10 Stream.
- 11 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: In all of
- 12 your years in Valley Stream did you feel any
- 13 sort of political pressure at times?
- MR. STRIS: Yes.
- 15 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: How did you
- 16 respond to that?
- 17 MR. STRIS: I did my best. I
- 18 explained what my position was and I stuck to
- 19 it.
- 20 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Would you
- 21 describe what type of political pressure you
- 22 received?
- MR. STRIS: People wanted jobs in
- the school system. So I referred them to the
- 25 superintendent and that was it.

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- 2 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: They tried
- 3 to use your influence to obtain employment?
- 4 MR. STRIS: That's right.
- 5 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Do you have
- 6 any particular ideas on how you think the
- 7 college should be heading right now?
- MR. STRIS: No, I don't have any
- 9 idea. I will listen. I will listen to my
- 10 fellow trustees and come up with a plan.
- 11 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you.
- 12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
- 13 DeRiggi-Whitton.
- 14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi.
- 15 I also want to thank both of you for trying to
- 16 help with this college that we all do care
- 17 about. I agree with my colleagues that the
- 18 number one issue we have has been money.
- 19 think you know or you'll find out that there's
- 20 a formula and the county is supposed to give a
- 21 certain percentage. And, unfortunately, the
- 22 county has, up until very recently, has been
- very strapped financially. Right now we're
- 24 sort of in good position. So, I think it
- 25 might behoove you to take a look at that

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- formula and put pressure on the county to give
- 3 a little bit more than they have to this point
- 4 because the money is available. That's my two
- 5 cents.
- 6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
- 7 Mr. Stris. Appreciate it. Thank you
- 8 Mr. Rosenberg.
- 9 Any further debate or discussion on
- 10 the two nominations? If not, all in favor
- 11 signify by saying aye. Those opposed? It
- 12 passes by a vote of 11 votes in the
- 13 affirmative and seven abstentions.
- 14 Congratulations guys.
- Now, actually, we're going back.
- 16 My understanding is that Mr. Totino is here.
- We're going to ask for a motion to untable by
- 18 Legislator Rhoads. Seconded by Legislator
- 19 Giuffre. All in favor of untabling that
- 20 nomination signify by saying aye. Those
- opposed? So now that's before us. Mr. Totino
- you want to come up. Be well John.
- MR. TOTINO: Good afternoon
- 24 Presiding Officer Nicolello and members of the
- 25 county legislature. I just want to first say

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- 2 I apologize for my tardiness. I appreciate
- 3 you temporarily tabling this resolution. I
- 4 had a deposition that went a lot longer than
- 5 it should have gone.
- 6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: It wasn't
- 7 with Mr. Rhoads because I know he's here.
- MR. TOTINO: That being said, as
- 9 you are all aware, I have been appointed by
- 10 our county executive to the Nassau County
- 11 Assessment Review Commission pending your
- 12 confirmation. Which I hopefully will get
- 13 today. Just wanted to come in, introduce
- 14 myself, give you a little background and
- answer any questions you may have.
- 16 First things first. I'm a lifelong
- 17 Nassau County resident. Originally from Glen
- 18 Cove, the good city of Glen Cove, where I
- 19 still currently reside and am a homeowner. I
- 20 am a trial attorney by trade. I work for
- 21 Geico staff counsel that also our offices are
- in Nassau County. I've been a trial attorney
- 23 for about six years now. On the side I do
- 24 dabble in land use law and residential
- 25 closings as well.

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- In the past couple I've been on the
- 3 city zoning board for about two years and also
- 4 became a city councilman for two years shortly
- 5 thereafter.
- I'm excited for the opportunity to
- 7 be helping the county of Nassau with the
- 8 assessment review commission. I look forward
- 9 to making a contribution to ARC. That's it.
- 10 If you have any questions I'll be happy to
- 11 answer them.
- 12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
- 13 questions? Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.
- 14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
- just want to say that I have had the pleasure
- of working with Ron Totino. I have complete
- 17 respect for him. He's a straight-up person.
- 18 He'll tell you if he agrees with you. He
- 19 tells you if he doesn't agree with you. You
- left out that you just got engaged.
- MR. TOTINO: I did. I apologize
- 22 for that. I just got engaged.
- 23 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
- 24 Three weeks ago. But any way, Rocco, this is
- 25 a challenge but I have faith in you that

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- 2 you're going to address it and I look forward
- 3 to working with you.
- 4 MR. TOTINO: Thank you. Thank
- 5 you so much. Thank you to everybody on the
- 6 legislature. I appreciate it.
- 7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
- 8 questions, debate or discussion? Hearing
- 9 none, all in favor signify by saying aye.
- 10 Those opposed? It passes by a vote of 12
- 11 votes in the affirmative and six votes in the
- 12 negative. So, it's 12 votes in the
- 13 affirmative, six abstentions and it passes.
- 14 Congratulations Mr. Totino.
- Next appointments are to the
- 16 planning commission. We have items 31, 32.
- 17 31 and 32 I'll call right now. These are
- 18 resolutions to confirm the county executive's
- 19 appointments of Murray Forman and Reid
- 20 Sakowich to the Nassau County Planning
- 21 Commission.
- Moved by Legislator Ferretti.
- 23 Seconded by Legislator Gaylor. Those two are
- 24 before us.
- But in the mean time, so we can

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- 2 consider all these together, we do have an
- 3 emergency item, which is 125 of '22. A
- 4 resolution to confirm the Nassau County
- 5 executive's appointment of Khandan Sharona
- 6 Kalaty to the Nassau County Planning
- 7 Commission. We need a motion to establish an
- 8 emergency. Moved by Legislator Walker.
- 9 Seconded by Legislator Ferretti. Any
- 10 discussion or debate on the emergency?
- 11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We were
- 12 under the impression before we provide votes
- for the emergency that someone was going to
- come up and justify the need for the emergency
- 15 from the administration.
- 16 MR. LEMOINE: Chris Lemoine from
- 17 the administration. The original item as
- 18 filed had a mistake in it. It referenced that
- 19 Ms. Kalaty would be replacing Sean Sallie.
- 20 That was a mistake. Ms. Kalaty is going to be
- 21 filling an open seat on the planning
- 22 commission. We apologize for any confusion
- and thank you for the courtesy.
- 24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Chris,
- 25 currently are there enough members on the

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- 2 planning commission to have a quorum?
- 3 MR. LEMOINE: Yes.
- 4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
- 5 debate or discussion? Hearing none for the
- 6 emergency, all in favor signify by saying
- 7 aye. Those opposed? The emergency is
- 8 established.
- 9 So, I will call the item, 125 of
- 10 '22. A resolution confirming the county
- 11 executive's appointment of Khandan Kalaty to
- 12 the Nassau County Planning Commission.
- Moved again by Legislator
- 14 Ferretti. Seconded by Legislator Giuffre. So
- 15 now all three of those appointments are before
- 16 us. You want to come up? How are you doing
- 17 Reid. Who wants to go first?
- MS. KALATY: Hi. My name is
- 19 Khandan Kalaty. I would like to first of all
- 20 thank the county executive and all the
- legislators for considering me for appointment
- 22 to the planning board commission.
- I was born in Iran. I migrated to
- 24 the United States in 1981. I went to school
- and I got married and I have, skipping a few

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- decades, I have three children, four
- 3 grandchildren. I'm working currently at the
- 4 board of elections. I also am one of the 15
- 5 elected members of the UMJCA central board in
- 6 Great Neck. That's the Persian Jewish
- 7 community in Great Neck. We have a very stout
- 8 system. We have a central board and many
- 9 committees that are conducted underneath. I
- 10 am very dedicated to community work. We have
- 11 many meetings and we make a lot of decisions.
- 12 I'm also a member of the public
- 13 affairs committee in my community. Which we
- 14 try to keep a good relationship with all
- 15 public officials. That's about it. I'm
- 16 hoping to be able to use my experience and
- 17 serve the county.
- 18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank
- 19 you. Any questions for Ms. Kalaty? No.
- 20 Thank you.
- MR. FORMAN: Good afternoon. My
- 22 name is Murray Forman. Thank you to County
- 23 Executive Blakeman and to the legislature for
- considering my appointment this afternoon to
- 25 the Nassau County Planning Commission. I've

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- 2 been a resident of Nassau County for the past
- 3 25 years. My highest degree is a masters of
- 4 business administration from Columbia
- 5 University. I'm a lifelong mergers and
- 6 acquisitions practitioner. Mostly in the area
- 7 of what you would call today private equity.
- 8 Currently my area of focus is in
- 9 health care, real estate, in the operation and
- 10 ownership primarily of skilled nursing
- 11 facilities throughout the United States. I am
- 12 also active in the community having been the
- 13 long-serving president of the Lawrence Union
- 14 Free School District for the past 15 years.
- I look forward to bringing my
- 16 broad-based business development and community
- 17 service experience to my post on the Nassau
- 18 County Planning Commission. I will entertain
- 19 any questions that you might have.
- 20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
- 21 Drucker.
- 22 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you
- 23 Presiding Officer. Hello Mr. Forman. How are
- 24 you?
- MR. FORMAN: Fine. Thank you.

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- 2 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you
- 3 for being here. Couple of questions. I've
- 4 been given some information. I was given some
- 5 articles concerning major issues of Medicaid
- 6 fraud and breach of fiduciary duties brought
- 7 against you. Specifically a press release
- 8 from the FBI from 2010. Indicates that the
- 9 federal government accused you of involvement
- 10 in a multimillion dollar Medicaid fraud
- 11 scheme. Is that true?
- MR. FORMAN: Unfortunately,
- anybody who's been in the health care business
- 14 has from time to time been subject to claims
- 15 that are brought by what is called ketan,
- which is basically a bounty system where the
- 17 individual people can bring a cause of
- 18 action. That specific item that you referred
- 19 to, if you read the rest of the press release,
- was settled without the admission of any
- 21 quilt. So, there's really nothing to say
- 22 clearly. I deny all claims and it never
- 23 proceeded.
- 24 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: But you
- 25 agreed to settle the claim by paying \$14

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- 2 million to settle those charges?
- 3 MR. FORMAN: That is not
- 4 correct. I was part of a group that was, as I
- 5 said, it was subject of what they call a ketan
- 6 action. And again, if you read the press
- 7 release in detail again, I personally did not
- 8 pay one penny towards that settlement.
- 9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: But you were
- 10 involved in that settlement though?
- MR. FORMAN: Yes. Similarly, as
- 12 allegations were made I was involved in the
- 13 settlement. But, again, I did not pay one
- 14 penny towards the settlement.
- 15 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: But the
- 16 allegations didn't go further because it was
- 17 settled?
- MR. FORMAN: The allegations did
- 19 not go further because they were unfounded.
- 20 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: But yet
- 21 somebody paid \$14 million to settle those
- 22 allegations?
- MR. FORMAN: Somebody did.
- 24 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Do you know
- who it was that paid \$14 million?

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- 2 MR. FORMAN: That's confidential.
- 3 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: You can't
- 4 share that with us?
- 5 MR. FORMAN: Cannot.
- 6 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: How many
- 7 years ago did that happen?
- MR. FORMAN: That was settled in
- 9 excess of 12 years ago.
- 10 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: That's not a
- 11 matter of public record who the individuals
- 12 were?
- 13 MR. FORMAN: The entities if you
- 14 read the press release are a matter of public
- 15 record.
- 16 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: That's what
- 17 I thought.
- 18 You were also involved in a nursing
- 19 home problem in which a bankruptcy court
- 20 findings, they found a diversion of assets, a
- 21 sham company was created to divert assets to
- 22 avoid paying \$1 billion in wrongful death
- judgments. Do you know anything about that?
- MR. FORMAN: Again, that too was
- a litigation brought by some very aggressive

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- 2 plaintiffs attorneys, which unfortunately is
- 3 also a risk of the nursing home business, and
- 4 that too was settled without any adverse
- 5 finding.
- 6 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: One man's
- 7 trash is another man's treasure as they say.
- 8 But you call it the risk of being in the
- 9 nursing home or health care business. But
- 10 you're still obligated to conform yourself to
- 11 legal activities, correct?
- MR. FORMAN: That is correct.
- 13 And as I stand here today I am not implicated
- in any of the type of activities that you are
- 15 speaking about.
- 16 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: The
- 17 bankruptcy court findings I think named you in
- 18 those findings.
- MR. FORMAN: Again, those were
- 20 allegations. Those were not findings. Those
- 21 were not entered into the judgements.
- 22 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Can you talk
- about the genesis of what those claims or
- 24 allegations were about?
- MR. FORMAN: Again, very

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- 2 aggressive plaintiff attorneys looking for a
- 3 source of payment for some, again, what I
- 4 would say were very aggressive claims. And
- 5 again, there's probably not enough time here
- 6 today to really go into the whole story.
- 7 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER:
- 8 Notwithstanding aggressive litigators, you
- 9 escaped unscathed?
- 10 MR. FORMAN: Again, I would say
- 11 that there were no adverse findings. So that
- 12 is correct.
- 13 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I have
- 14 nothing further of this witness.
- 15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Anyone
- 16 have any other questions for Mr. Forman?
- Okay. Reid.
- MR. FORMAN: Anything else?
- 19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: No.
- You're good for now.
- MR. FORMAN: Thank you so much.
- MR. SAKOWICH: Thank you. My
- 23 name is Reid Sakowich. I am a lifelong
- 24 resident of the Village of New Hyde Park.
- 25 I've been a proud graduate of New Hyde Park

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- 2 public schools starting at New Hyde Park Road
- 3 School, New Hyde Park High School. I am
- 4 currently the owner of a plumbing company.
- 5 I'm a licensed master plumber, Sakowich
- 6 Plumbing. I'm also a partner in the In It New
- 7 Hyde Park, a family-run company business that
- 8 my family owns.
- 9 Currently I'm the chairman of the
- 10 fire commission in the New Hyde Park fire
- 11 district. I am an ex-chief in the New Hyde
- 12 Park fire district. I am married with two
- 13 children, a young lady and my son. I look
- 14 forward to serving Nassau County and in trying
- 15 to get them to proceed in a great direction.
- 16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank
- 17 you. Before I open it up to questions, I've
- 18 known Reid for probably 30 years or longer. I
- 19 actually knew his father as well before him.
- Both Reid and his two brothers, one of whom
- 21 was a New York City fire fighter and the other
- 22 whom also served as commissioner and their
- 23 father having been active in serving our
- community for not just decades, we're talking
- 50, 60, 70 years that they've been giving back

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- 2 to the community. You would be an excellent
- 3 addition to serving the county.
- 4 Any other questions or discussion?
- 5 Thank you Reid. We're good. Any debate or
- 6 discussion before we vote?
- 7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I just want
- 8 to further expound on my colleague Legislator
- 9 Drucker's points in regards to Mr. Forman. It
- 10 sounds like Mr. Forman gave some clarity in
- 11 terms of the issue at hand but I really would
- 12 want to hear, and I would respectfully request
- that that appointment be tabled, I really want
- 14 to hear from the administration as to whether
- or not they were concerned or even aware of
- some of the stuff that occurred some 12 years
- 17 ago and were they comfortable with those
- 18 responses. It seems like a very large issue.
- 19 T understand Mr. Forman had
- indicated that he didn't pay anything towards
- 21 the \$14 million. But obviously he was cited
- 22 and there's some concerns here with the FBI.
- 23 I would think I would want to hear from the
- 24 administration to get a little bit more
- 25 clarity. I'm just concerned we don't start to

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- 2 set a precedent that we're just going to look
- 3 past this kind of stuff without hearing from
- 4 the administration when we hear something on
- 5 the floor that references Medicaid fraud.
- 6 Which I understand in that
- 7 business, as Mr. Forman indicated, a lot of
- 8 people are investigated in regard to that.
- 9 But it just seems like the county has a
- 10 history of stuff like this happening. And it
- 11 has happened in previous administrations. It
- 12 just seems logical to me that rather than just
- 13 rushing to pass it through, it just seems
- 14 logical that we at least hear from the
- 15 administration to make sure that they're
- 16 still -- I would like to know if they're
- 17 aware. We discovered it by doing a Google
- 18 search because we didn't get a chance to
- 19 interview Mr. Forman. But I just want to make
- 20 sure that they're aware.
- So, either someone come up or we
- 22 table it or we discuss it another time. But
- 23 to me it just seems a little imprudent to move
- 24 forward after hearing what we just heard and
- to find out that they still want to be able to

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- 2 move forward.
- 3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: There's
- 4 members of the administration here, they're
- 5 upstairs. Nobody has approached us and said
- 6 we're withdrawing this nomination. So that's
- 7 really not an issue. If you want to make a
- 8 motion to table you can ahead and do so. You
- 9 need a second.
- 10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I don't
- 11 know if Chris Lemoine is still in the back.
- 12 I'm not too sure if he -- he may not be able
- 13 to comment on it. I don't know if he's able
- 14 to comment on what we just heard. I would
- 15 like to start with whether or not the
- 16 administration was aware. If the
- 17 administration was aware then we can go there
- 18 and maybe he can't comment on that part. But
- 19 I would at least like to know, Chris, if you
- don't mind coming up. He may say he doesn't
- 21 know, which is fine. That's okay.
- 22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Chris, why
- don't you come to the microphone and tell us
- 24 whether or not the administration is
- 25 withdrawing this nomination?

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- 2 MR. LEMOINE: Presiding officer.
- 3 MR. LEMOINE: We are not
- 4 withdrawing the item. You heard from
- 5 Mr. Forman. He explained the factors around
- 6 the matters that were brought up. So, at this
- 7 time we're not withdrawing it.
- 8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We just
- 9 want this to be clear, you were aware before
- 10 it was presented to us today of the concerns
- 11 of Mr. Forman?
- MR. LEMOINE: I was not aware.
- 13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Not you
- 14 particularly but the administration.
- MR. LEMOINE: The administration
- obviously has the background on Mr. Forman and
- was more than happy to present him for the
- 18 nomination today.
- 19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS:
- 20 Understand. No further questions. We don't
- 21 need to table.
- 22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We are
- 23 going to have a vote on the three
- 24 nominations. All in favor of these three
- 25 nominations signify by saying aye. Those

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- opposed? Passes by a vote of 11 to seven.
- 3 They pass.
- 4 Last two nominations we have today
- 5 are items 36 and 37. Resolutions 80 and 81.
- 6 These are resolutions to confirm the county
- 7 executive's appointment of William Rockensies
- 8 and Reginald Spinello to the Nassau County
- 9 Industrial Development Agency.
- 10 Moved by Legislator Ford. Seconded
- 11 by Legislator Walker. Those two nominations
- 12 are before us. Come on up.
- MR. ROCKENSIES: Good afternoon
- 14 everyone. I'm Bill Rockensies. Thank you for
- inviting me here today for a confirmation.
- 16 Thank you to Bruce Blakeman for nominating me
- I believe you have my resume but I'll just
- 18 give a brief synopsis.
- I'm a civil engineer. I graduated
- 20 from Manhattan College. I have a license to
- 21 practice engineering in the state of
- 22 New York. Formally 30 years of service in
- 23 municipal government working for the Village
- 24 of Freeport, Town of Hempstead as their
- 25 engineer for the town. I was a commissioner

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- 2 of engineering.
- In those roles I did a lot of,
- 4 obviously, project design. But also involved
- 5 in site plan reviews both residential and
- 6 commercial. Subdivision work. So I'm very
- 7 familiar with zoning and planning and that
- 8 sort of thing.
- 9 Currently I work for a private
- 10 engineering firm on Long Island, H2M. Been
- 11 there over five years. I feel that my
- 12 background could help the board. My
- 13 services.
- I am a lifelong resident of Nassau
- 15 County. I live in West Hempstead with my
- 16 wife. I raised my kids in West Hempstead.
- 17 Two of them have owned houses in Nassau
- 18 County.
- If anybody has any questions I'm
- 20 here. I look forward to hopefully serving in
- 21 this roll.
- 22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
- 23 questions for Mr. Rockensies? All right.
- MR. SPINELLO: Good afternoon.
- 25 I'm Reggie Spinello. I want to thank the

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- 2 county executive for the nomination and the
- 3 opportunity to speak here in front of all of
- 4 you. I was a councilman for two years in Glen
- 5 Cove. I was also the mayor for four years for
- 6 the City of Glen Cove. Also during that time
- 7 I was the chair of the IDA, the CDA and the
- 8 local economic development corp.
- 9 One of the things that we did that
- 10 was really tremendous for the City of Glen
- 11 Cove we had a revitalization. It was a
- 12 property that was many years in the making.
- 13 We revitalized 56 acres on the waterfront. It
- was a billion dollar public-private
- partnership with RXR. It created about 1,000
- 16 jobs. About \$58 million in salaries. And
- 17 because of the jobs and everything going
- 18 forward with it and overtime it will -- had
- 19 \$50 million more dollars of spending into the
- 20 local economy.
- We set it up, it was interesting,
- 22 it was called a PIF, which is a pilot
- 23 incremental financing. The city was
- 24 responsible for the infrastructure. There was
- 25 a bond floated for that. The city was able

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- 2 to, during the sale of the property, we
- 3 collected \$15 million for the sale of the
- 4 property. Which paid off the HUD loan to the
- 5 county. We had \$10 million in fees that
- 6 helped us to turn a \$5 million deficit in the
- 7 City of Glen Cove into a surplus when I left.
- Additionally, we were able to
- 9 revitalize the downtown. We put together a
- 10 mixed use project in the middle of downtown.
- 11 146 rental units. And I think it's about
- 12 5,000 square feet of retail. So, I'm familiar
- 13 with IDAs and how they work.
- I look forward to the opportunity
- 15 to serve the county. I think it's a very
- 16 important thing. I think IDAs are very
- 17 important. I think sometimes they're
- 18 misunderstood. But I also think it's
- important that they be transparent and explain
- 20 how they're doing everything. With things
- 21 going on in New York and people leaving, I
- think it's important that IDA take a role in
- 23 actually maintaining residents here, bringing
- 24 new ones in and creating job opportunities so
- 25 that we can keep people here.

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- If you have any questions.
- 3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
- 4 Reggie. Legislator Ferretti.
- 5 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you
- 6 Presiding Officer. Good afternoon gentlemen.
- 7 Thank you and congratulations. I served on
- 8 the Town of Hempstead IDA for a couple of
- 9 years before I was a legislator. One of the
- 10 things we did in the Town of Hempstead IDA was
- 11 we put in place a policy that required any
- 12 PILOT proposal that notification go out to the
- 13 elected representatives, the local elected
- 14 representatives in that municipality. While I
- don't believe that policy has been implemented
- in the county IDA, I do recall when the
- 17 appointments to the IDA were made a couple of
- 18 years back that I did ask that nevertheless
- 19 even though it's not a policy that that be
- done.
- I'm asking for myself, that I
- 22 specifically be notified of any IDA PILOT
- 23 proposal in the 15th Legislative District.
- 24 But I'm sure my colleagues would agree that
- 25 they would want to be notified as well. That

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- 2 has happened. I have been notified any time.
- 3 Would you agree to ensure that we are notified
- 4 of any PILOT proposal prior to it being voted
- 5 on?
- 6 MR. SPINELLO: Yes. In Glen Cove
- 7 we did that actually. This was a tax
- 8 deviation. So we had to present it to each
- 9 affected tax jurisdiction. We came and
- 10 presented to the county also. And rather than
- just a straight PILOT where the IDA would
- 12 approve it, because it was a tax deviation we
- 13 needed the approval of each of the four taxing
- 14 districts. We needed the city, the school,
- 15 the county and the library. And we sent the
- 16 information to all of them. It was a very
- 17 complicated deal. And all of them had their
- 18 attorneys look at it and eventually all of
- 19 them approved it.
- 20 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I
- 21 understand that there's legal requirements to
- 22 notify the taxing municipality. I'm saying
- 23 specifically to me. I want an email being
- 24 alerted that there's a proposed PILOT in the
- 25 15th Legislative District. Fair enough?

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- 2 MR. SPINELLO: Fine. Absolutely.
- 3 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you.
- 4 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
- 5 think that goes for all of us. We're all very
- 6 concerned about PILOTs and recently so.
- 7 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Did anyone
- 8 else have anything? Steve.
- 9 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Mayor, first
- of all, thank you for agreeing to take on this
- 11 responsibility. And actually from both of the
- 12 nominees. What do you view as being the
- 13 proper function of the IDA?
- MR. ROCKENSIES: I would say to
- 15 help with the economic growth of the county.
- 16 To help bring in businesses. Help keep
- 17 businesses. I think it's important, I think
- small businesses need IDAs to help them where
- 19 ever possible. I think it's to help the
- 20 economic growth of the county.
- LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Mr.
- 22 Spinello?
- MR. SPINELLO: As I had mentioned
- 24 some of my thoughts, I also believe it's
- important that the IDAs, depending on the

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- 2 project, we need also affordable housing.
- 3 With some of these IDA projects, like the one
- 4 at the waterfront, there's about a ten percent
- 5 component for affordable they call it
- 6 workforce housing. But you have to make sure
- 7 that housing is 120 or 100 to 120 percent of
- 8 AMI. You want it to be where other people can
- 9 get there. So it should go from like 60
- 10 percent up to 80 percent. Get those kind of
- 11 people involved in it.
- The project downtown there were so
- 13 many people. Ten percent of it was lottery
- and some of those apartments down there are 60
- 15 to 80 percent. Which is much more really
- 16 helping somebody out. Because if you take
- 17 100, 120 percent of AMI it's like a regular
- 18 worker making 70, 80, \$90,000 a year. So that
- 19 really doesn't benefit the people that need
- 20 it. That's a component and I think it's
- 21 important.
- 22 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you. I
- 23 appreciate it. With respect to -- what would
- 24 be your I guess basis of evaluating a
- 25 particular project? What's your philosophy on

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- 2 that? In other words, what are you looking
- 3 for in your evaluation of specific projects?
- 4 What's your thought process?
- 5 MR. SPINELLO: You need to have
- 6 some community benefit. It's got to benefit
- 7 the community in certain ways. Obviously
- 8 you'll take a piece of property -- like with
- 9 the waterfront. There were no taxes for 30
- 10 years on that property. So, new revenue
- 11 stream. More revenue. And you hope -- and
- 12 some of these projects that IDAs do
- unfortunately a lot of them are rental units
- 14 and then when he numbers go to everyone it
- doesn't look that good because the number of
- jobs created, how many jobs have you created
- in a rental unit? You have four or five
- 18 workers. That's it.
- So, I think you have to look at
- 20 everything as whole and you have to see what
- 21 the needs of the community are. Especially
- downtowns. If we're going to maintain people
- 23 we need feet on the ground in downtowns.
- 24 Downtowns need people walking around at
- 25 night. City of Glen Cove unfortunately we're

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- 2 probably closed at five o'clock. You don't
- 3 want a nine to five downtown. Those kind of
- 4 things that can keep people around and
- 5 spending money in the local economy I think
- 6 that's important for an IDA.
- 7 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I appreciate
- 8 it. Thank you for your insights.
- 9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank
- 10 you. Any other questions?
- 11 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: I don't
- 12 have a question just a comment. I've gotten
- 13 to know both of you over the years. I know
- 14 Bill. In my other life as an attorney I've
- dealt with you at the Town of Hempstead in
- land use issues. I'm just very happy to see
- 17 you both here for this today. It gives me a
- 18 lot of confidence moving forward with the IDA.
- 19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
- 20 Drucker.
- 21 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you
- 22 Presiding Officer. Mr. Spinello, I just have
- one question for you. This is just to
- 24 piggyback a little bit on what Legislator
- 25 Rhoads had elicited from you about how your

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- 2 philosophy is that these PILOTs should benefit
- 3 the community at large.
- 4 In my district Amazon built this
- 5 tremendous last mile destination facility.
- 6 I'm sure you've seen them now. They're
- 7 cropping up all over Long Island and heard
- 8 about them. Although this was a blighted area
- 9 and it was not on the tax rolls for 40 years
- 10 or more, so I certainly welcomed a development
- 11 project that conformed to the zoning there and
- 12 provided a tax -- put them on the tax rolls.
- 13 But they applied for a PILOT. And I
- vehemently opposed it because if there was any
- other company in the world that is less in
- 16 need of a PILOT it's Amazon. But yet,
- 17 nonetheless, they got one. I'd like to know
- 18 how you feel about something like that that
- 19 would came across your desk as a member of
- 20 IDA.
- 21 MR. SPINELLO: I think that the
- 22 way they evaluate these projects for the IDA
- is it may not be the size of the company and
- 24 what they have, it's the amount of investment
- 25 they want to make in that piece of property

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- and the return that they're going to get from
- 3 it. If it's feasible for them with those
- 4 particular numbers. And that's why they do
- 5 the studies. They do the economic impact
- 6 studies to see if that's the case.
- 7 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: In this
- 8 particular case I think Amazon was playing a
- 9 little bit of a game of poker with the
- 10 community saying that if they didn't get the
- 11 tax PILOT they were going to withdraw from the
- 12 project. This particular property was perfect
- 13 for them. It was a vast swap of land. The
- 14 project did not require any major excavation.
- 15 It was a two-story building. It didn't
- 16 require a lot of disturbance of the ground, of
- 17 the soil. Which certainly that was concerning
- 18 to the residents. And we had the Department
- of New York State DEC on premises every single
- 20 day making sure that they did comply with the
- 21 regulations.
- So, they built it according to
- 23 specs, according to zoning, but why in God's
- 24 name did they need a PILOT? This was not a
- 25 major investment on their part. It was a

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- 2 two-story structure that required minimal
- 3 excavation. And their allegation that if they
- 4 didn't get the PILOT they're going to build it
- 5 elsewhere. I said well, good luck. Go find
- 6 another property like this one. They didn't.
- 7 But they didn't have to go look.
- 8 I just would like to know your
- 9 comments. You mentioned the investment has to
- 10 be commensurate with the return. Well, I
- don't think the investment was commensurate
- 12 with the return of a PILOT here. I wonder
- 13 about your thoughts on that.
- MR. SPINELLO: I mean, I can't
- 15 answer. I mean, people like PILOTs and people
- 16 don't like PILOTs and that's very
- 17 understandable. Because the measuring stick
- is, the measuring stick should be the amount
- 19 of taxes that the property is generating
- versus, okay, future taxes. But there's the
- 21 but-for theory. That but for the incentive
- they wouldn't get their return on investment.
- So, I understand what you're saying
- and sometimes companies are greedy and that's
- 25 where IDAs have to make decisions and say no.

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- But PILOTs don't lower taxes.
- 3 PILOTs slow the rate of growth for a PILOT.
- 4 But a PILOT never takes what the taxes are and
- 5 lowers them. The theory is that they grow at
- 6 a slower rate over time so that whoever's
- 7 project they get to absorb and make the money
- 8 back.
- 9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: But the
- 10 reduction in taxes at the early stages that a
- 11 PILOT offers that gap is made up by the
- 12 taxpayers, the residents, and there better be
- 13 a return of investment there for the
- 14 community. There better be a clawback if they
- don't comply with what you're talking about.
- 16 The IDA puts these specifications on community
- improvements or benefits to the community.
- 18 Well, you know what? I don't believe you can
- 19 ever paint it with a broad brush and say I
- 20 either like PILOTs or I don't like PILOTs.
- 21 Every PILOT should be evaluated on its own
- 22 merits. But I just wanted to know your
- 23 philosophy in following up with Legislator
- 24 Rhoads if you had a philosophy vis-a-vis a
- 25 company like Amazon?

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- 2 MR. SPINELLO: Amazon hasn't come
- 3 to Glen Cove and I doubt they will. Every
- 4 project, like you said, has to be looked at on
- 5 its own merits and see what type of benefit it
- 6 is for their community. I don't think you can
- 7 paint it with a broad brush. I don't think
- 8 there's one set formula that works for
- 9 everyone.
- 10 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you
- 11 very much.
- 12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
- 13 Rhoads.
- 14 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Just again,
- one additional question. Obviously in Nassau
- 16 County and county projects we have prioritized
- 17 the use of union labor. What's your view on
- 18 either requiring or strongly encouraging the
- 19 use of union labor with respect to these
- 20 projects?
- MR. SPINELLO: I mean, as far as
- 22 what we did in the city was, the public
- 23 amenities, which were the city's
- responsibility that we bonded for, that was
- 25 union. That had to be union. When it came to

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- the private piece of it that became between
- 3 the union and RXR.
- 4 LEGISLATOR FORD: But it doesn't
- 5 quarantee that union labor will be used on
- 6 these projects and I think I understand what
- 7 Legislator Rhoads -- I didn't mean to take
- 8 over from you Steve.
- 9 MR. SPINELLO: I mean, I think
- 10 union labor should be used on things. But in
- our particular case there was a whole field
- 12 and those are the things that sort of get
- 13 negotiated. That could be negotiated in the
- 14 beginning. We had that as the participation
- 15 plan. We also had 20 percent local hiring for
- 16 the project. We had things like that that all
- 17 went into it.
- 18 LEGISLATOR FORD: But when you
- 19 look at the issue of PILOTs, and I agree with
- 20 you, every PILOT should be looked at
- independently and evaluated on its own basis
- 22 as to what the project is and what the
- investment is and what it will bring back to
- 24 the community. But I think that my concern,
- and it may be shared by some of my fellow

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- 2 members up here, that when you look at PILOTs,
- 3 even though you're claiming that it doesn't
- 4 take away from the taxes, it does stop the
- 5 growth of taxes on that property because --
- 6 MR. SPINELLO: It slows the
- 7 growth.
- 8 LEGISLATOR FORD: It slows it
- 9 down. It could be 20 years, 15 years.
- 10 So, when you look at that is
- 11 something any increases will be borne by the
- 12 tax paying base. Because as increases --
- 13 their increases will stay flat. It can
- 14 fluctuate even higher for residents. I think
- 15 sometimes when we look at the fact that a
- developer is going to get a benefit in the
- form of a PILOT that we look at perhaps maybe
- 18 they should advocate toward either a project
- 19 labor agreement utilizing union labor because
- in almost all the cases those union members
- 21 will be local residents.
- So, that investment would be that
- they will then be hiring and bringing in
- 24 people who actually live in the community or
- 25 close to that community and that they will

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- 2 spend their money within that community.
- 3 So, when you go to nonunion without
- 4 having an apprenticeship program that is
- 5 required in place the developers then can
- 6 bring people from out of state. That's where
- 7 we lose even more so.
- 8 That is I think why -- and I'm
- 9 sorry for jumping on your question, I'll give
- 10 it back to you -- but that is why I say that
- 11 the IDA has to seriously look at and petition
- 12 New York State to start changing this and
- 13 require a certain percentage. If an IDA -- if
- 14 somebody's getting a PILOT payment of a
- 15 certain percentage of the project it must be
- 16 mandated that they either sign a PLA or
- 17 utilize all union labor so we can be assured
- 18 that the local people are working it.
- MR. SPINELLO: We had an
- 20 apprenticeship also. And minority business.
- 21 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Legislator
- 22 Ford, you certainly covered the topic and the
- 23 rational for the question. So I appreciate
- 24 that. Thank you.
- 25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank

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- 2 you. Any other questions? Any debate or
- 3 discussion? Thank you both. Reggie, Bill.
- 4 All in favor signify by saying aye. Those
- 5 opposed? Passes again by a vote of 11 in the
- 6 affirmative and seven negative.
- 7 Those are all the appointments that
- 8 we have. The next item we have is item 10
- 9 Resolution 54. A resolution approving a
- 10 memorandum of agreement and stipulation of
- 11 settlement by and between the county and the
- 12 Nassau County Sheriff's Correction Officers
- 13 Benevolent Association, Local 830 of the Civil
- 14 Service Employee Association, the Detectives
- 15 Association, Inc. and the Superior Officers
- 16 Association of the county of Nassau.
- Motion by Legislator Schaefer.
- 18 Seconded by Legislator Walker. That's before
- 19 us. Peter.
- MR. BEE: Good afternoon members
- of the legislature. My name is Peter Bee and
- I am a principal in the law firm of Bee, Ready
- 23 Fishbein, Hatter and Donovan. With me today
- 24 is my law partner Bill DeWitt. We had
- 25 previously spoken to several of your

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- 2 committees on this topic but for the benefit
- 3 of those of you who may have missed the
- 4 legislative presentation we were asked to
- 5 assist the county in resolving what has been
- 6 referred to as the longevity dispute. A
- 7 long-standing dispute between the county and
- 8 its several unions. Five of them
- 9 specifically.
- By way of background, each of the
- 11 county's union collective bargaining
- 12 agreements calls for compensation to be paid
- in a number of different categories not just
- 14 base pay. There is base pay. There are
- 15 provisions for night shift differential.
- 16 Holiday pay. A variety of different
- 17 categories.
- Back in 2011 you will recall that
- 19 NIFA imposed a wage freeze and that freeze
- 20 covered essentially all categories of pay. In
- 21 2014 that freeze was lifted with respect to
- 22 most categories of pay as a result of
- 23 agreements between the unions and the county,
- 24 which were approved by NIFA. That wage freeze
- 25 lasted right through 2014 when those

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- 2 agreements were executed with the county and
- 3 approved by NIFA.
- 4 However, those agreements left
- 5 longevity frozen and, therefore, the county
- 6 continued to pay longevity at the frozen
- 7 dollar amounts which were then in place in
- 8 2014 and which had been frozen since 2011.
- 9 That longevity pay basically provided for a
- 10 certain amount of money to be paid based on
- 11 years of service with the county.
- When the 2014 agreements expired in
- 13 2017 the unions took the position that
- 14 longevity was fully restored and no longer
- 15 frozen. The county took the contrary position
- and, as such, since 2018, longevity has
- 17 remained at those frozen rates and the topic
- 18 was put into litigation. The matter was
- 19 litigated through the courts with the ultimate
- 20 disposition that the courts directed that the
- 21 resolution be the result of binding
- 22 arbitration. Preparations were made fairly
- 23 recently to go into binding arbitration.
- However, prior to the arbitration
- 25 taking place, the current county executive

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- 2 suggested the possibility that the parties
- 3 attempt to mediate the dispute and that was
- 4 done with the assistance of a retired New York
- 5 State Supreme Court judge, Justice George
- 6 Silver. The results of those mediations was
- 7 that the parties did reach an agreement. The
- 8 mediation was successful and the outcome of
- 9 that mediation is before you today.
- 10 It provides, in short, that
- 11 employees will get only one half of the
- 12 additional monies retroactive to January of
- 13 '18 that they would have gotten had the
- unions won the arbitration. And only 72.22
- 15 percent of the frozen longevity formula going
- 16 forward starting in January of '22.
- 17 It further provides for a ceiling
- or cap of 32 years of service for the
- 19 accumulation of additional years of service
- 20 towards longevity pay. While the retroactive
- 21 portion of the settlement reflected a 50-50
- 22 risk assessment of going into arbitration, the
- 23 going forward portion of the settlement is a
- 24 prospective structural change significantly
- 25 reducing the longevity formula that were in

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- 2 effect previously.
- If any member of the legislature
- 4 has any questions we'd be happy to answer
- 5 whatever we can.
- 6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Just
- 7 wanted to confirm what you just said. The
- 8 matter's been referred to binding
- 9 arbitration?
- 10 MR. BEE: Yes, sir.
- 11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Once it
- 12 goes to binding arbitration there's no
- 13 appeals, no court that's going to intervene.
- 14 Essentially what the arbitrator rules is going
- to be what the county will be stuck with?
- MR. BEE: That is essentially
- 17 correct.
- 18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Over the
- 19 years the county's history of binding
- arbitration has not been good.
- MR. BEE: Well, there are of
- 22 course two kinds of arbitration. There's both
- 23 interest arbitration and grievance
- 24 arbitration. This was ordered into grievance
- 25 arbitration. An arbitrator is not bound by

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- 2 traditional rules of evidence. He is not
- 3 bound by many of the rules of law that would
- 4 apply in a court. And, therefore, there is a
- 5 risk that an arbitrator would reach a result
- 6 that you or I might feel was not the proper
- 7 remedy based on the documents before us.
- 8 Notwithstanding a potentially erroneous
- 9 result, the courts are very unlikely to
- 10 overturn it in the absence of irrationality.
- 11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
- 12 questions for Mr. Bee? Thank you Peter.
- 13 MR. BEE: Thank you very much for
- 14 your time and attention. Appreciate it.
- 15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Like to
- 16 ask Maurice to come up for a moment.
- MR. CHALMERS: Maurice Chalmers,
- 18 Office of Legislative Budget Review.
- 19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You took a
- 20 look at the longevity deal?
- MR. CHALMERS: Yes, we did. We
- 22 came up with a number that is pretty close to
- their number. Our estimation was about 106.7
- 24 million versus their number.
- 25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Did you

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- 2 also take a look at the possible exposure if
- 3 this matter is not resolved?
- 4 MR. CHALMERS: We were asked
- 5 about that this morning and we looked at it.
- 6 If this was resolved not in the county's favor
- 7 we would lose that 50 percent discount that
- 8 we're getting on the retro, the 72.2 cap going
- 9 forward and the 30 year cap that this deal is
- 10 offering. By doing that, the cost would be an
- 11 additional \$81.1 million we estimate.
- 12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I noticed
- in your report that you had indicated that
- 14 Mr. Dellaverson had been negotiating contracts
- 15 for the county but was not involved in this
- 16 settlement, correct?
- 17 MR. CHALMERS: That's correct.
- 18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Do you
- 19 know how much Mr. Dellaverson has been paid to
- 20 date?
- MR. CHALMERS: I believe it was
- 22 \$925,000.
- 23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So,
- 24 Mr. Dellaverson's fees as of now paid by NIFA
- 25 with Nassau County taxpayer money is almost a

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- 2 million dollars?
- MR. CHALMERS: That is correct.
- 4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: He's
- 5 continuing to be paid \$25,000 a month?
- 6 MR. CHALMERS: That is correct.
- 7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So,
- 8 here's, I mean, it's not for you really, but I
- 9 believe NIFA needs an oversight board. This
- 10 is a no-bid contract. They appointed him.
- 11 There's little oversight and we're going to be
- 12 seeking copies of the hours and time sheets
- that he's put in for almost a million
- 14 dollars. They make almost all their decisions
- in executive session. They come out and it's
- 16 a pro forma vote. There's no public comment.
- I mean, it's astonishing that a governmental
- 18 body in the state of New York can get away
- 19 with this. But they do. I'll get off my soap
- 20 box.
- 21 Any other questions for
- 22 Mr. Chalmers? Any other debate or discussion
- on the longevity payment settlement? If not,
- 24 all in favor signify by saying aye. Those
- opposed? It carries unanimously.

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- We move to item number nine which
- 3 is the settlement with LIPA. It's a
- 4 resolution authorizing the county attorney to
- 5 compromise and settle the claims of petitioner
- 6 Long Island Lighting Company doing business as
- 7 LIPA and the county of Nassau pursuant to the
- 8 county law, the county government law and the
- 9 Nassau County administrative code.
- 10 Is anyone here from the
- 11 administration on this? Motion by Legislator
- 12 Ferretti. Seconded by Legislator Schaefer.
- 13 So, it's before us. Mr. Vincelette.
- MR. VINCELETTE: Good afternoon.
- 15 I'm Dan Vincelette. I am trial counsel to
- 16 Nassau County for the Long Island Power
- 17 Authority tax certiorari proceedings.
- 18 Previously we provided a summary to the
- 19 legislature on April 11th that highlighted the
- 20 litigation that's before the court and the
- 21 proposed settlement.
- To recap, a trial is scheduled
- 23 before Judge DeStefano in Nassau County
- Supreme Court on May 30th. Appraisal reports
- 25 have been filed, exchanged by the experts of

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- 2 the representative parties. Both respective
- 3 experts have valued the Barrett and Glenwood
- 4 Landing plants significantly below the
- 5 indicated market values for the years at
- 6 issue, which are 2015 through 2019.
- 7 If this were to proceed to trial,
- 8 the indicated reductions for the plants are in
- 9 the range of about 70 to 80 percent over that
- 10 course of years. So it would be a very, very,
- 11 very significant refund to the county in
- 12 hundreds of millions of dollars. Seven
- 13 hundred, \$800 million.
- In addition to the refunds which
- would be paid with interest and cost, the tax
- 16 revenue from those properties would be
- 17 significantly reduced based upon a reduced
- 18 assessment found by the court.
- What is before you is a settlement
- 20 that has been negotiated that basically
- 21 sets -- well, first and foremost, it waives
- 22 refunds from the county to Long Island Power
- 23 Authority and National Grid. It sets a
- 24 payment plan, a guaranteed payment plan over a
- course of six years that is about 46 percent

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- of the current tax payments. Provides a glide
- 3 path to the affected school districts. And it
- 4 also provides for an extension. The power
- 5 service agreement is supposed to terminate in
- 6 2028. If that agreement is extended then the
- 7 settlement it would be extended as well. The
- 8 payments would remain the same even if assets
- 9 were to be retired or removed.
- 10 That is the settlement that is
- 11 before this legislature. If you wish me to
- 12 recap further or answer any questions that are
- 13 before us glad to entertain.
- 14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Just to
- 15 highlight a couple of points you just said.
- 16 Assuming that the exposure includes the 2005,
- 17 2006, 2007, 2008 cases the possible exposure
- to the county is in the range of 750 million
- 19 to \$800 million?
- MR. VINCELETTE: That is correct.
- 21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We have
- 22 indication from the office of budget review
- that if it was in that range the debt service
- for the county would approximately be \$100
- 25 million a year?

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- 2 MR. VINCELETTE: Yes.
- 3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You
- 4 indicate the glide path and that after five
- 5 year LIPA will be paying 53.5 percent of what
- 6 it's paying now?
- 7 MR. VINCELETTE: That is correct.
- 8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: In terms
- 9 of the glide path, the first year, in terms of
- 10 percentages what will LIPA be paying?
- 11 MR. VINCELETTE: I don't
- 12 believe --
- 13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Just an
- 14 approximate number.
- MR. VINCELETTE: I have it in
- 16 millions. I believe the first year's payment
- 17 I believe is \$42 million from the current --
- 18 that can't be right.
- 19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I quess in
- 20 general terms the percentage will be higher
- 21 and it will stop, over the course of five
- years will go down to the 53.5 percent?
- MR. VINCELETTE: Right.
- 24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: With
- 25 respect to the appraisals that have been

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- 2 submitted to date in terms of E.F. Barrett,
- 3 what was LIPA's proposal in their appraisal?
- 4 What would the reduction be for Barrett?
- 5 MR. VINCELETTE: E.F. Barrett has
- 6 an indicated market value for the years at
- 7 issue between \$578 million and \$503 million.
- 8 LIPA's appraisal report came in 2015 at \$371.2
- 9 million and in the last year, 2019, at \$27.8.
- 10 A significant reduction.
- 11 The county's appraisal for those
- 12 years in the earliest year, 2015, came in at
- 13 \$299 million. Which is approximately \$70
- 14 million less than LIPA's appraisal report. In
- 15 the final year the county's report came in at
- 16 \$93.5 million. Which while higher than LIPA's
- is still significantly lower than the \$500
- 18 million.
- 19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Generally
- 20 the court will be deciding between those two
- 21 appraisals?
- 22 MR. VINCELETTE: That is correct.
- LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: And with
- 24 respect to at least Glenwood Landing the
- county's appraisal is even lower than LIPA's?

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- 2 MR. VINCELETTE: Yes, it is.
- 3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: If the
- 4 county goes to trial on this action and loses
- 5 there's no glide path, correct?
- 6 MR. VINCELETTE: There is no
- 7 glide path. What will happen is the
- 8 reductions refunds will occur. Refunds will
- 9 be ordered with interest and then the
- 10 assessment will be set at the lower number.
- 11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: That will
- 12 be immediate? We're not talking about five
- 13 years from now?
- 14 MR. VINCELETTE: That is
- 15 correct. It will be immediate.
- 16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Those
- 17 percentage reductions are substantially
- 18 higher, greater reductions than under this
- 19 glide path?
- MR. VINCELETTE: Correct.
- 21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: And there
- 22 are no other appraisals out there? The court
- is simply going to be considering between one
- or the other appraisal that's substantially
- worse than this deal is negotiated?

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- 2 MR. VINCELETTE: The court is
- 3 limited to the two appraisal reports that have
- 4 been filed and exchanged.
- 5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: In other
- 6 words, the school districts are going to be
- 7 hit with these tremendous reductions
- 8 immediately?
- 9 MR. VINCELETTE: Correct.
- 10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
- 11 questions for Mr. Vincelette? Legislator
- 12 DeRiggi-Whitton.
- 13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
- 14 Thank you Presiding Officer. Look, I just
- 15 have in my mind this has been going on for ten
- 16 years in my district. LIPA. LIPA has also --
- their revenue has gone up tremendously in the
- 18 last ten years. My district, as well as
- 19 Island Park, has suffered environmental losses
- 20 that we don't even know yet. LIPA has a
- 21 hold-harmless letter saying they're not going
- to be responsible for any environmental
- 23 cleanup in my district. I can't understand
- 24 how that's even imaginable knowing just little
- 25 things that I know. Including the fact that

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- 2 right near LIPA was supposedly one of the
- 3 biggest fishing spots because the water was so
- 4 hot. Who knows what type of radioactive or
- 5 whatever type of materials caused the water to
- 6 be so hot in that area? It drew all the fish
- 7 there. So we have no idea what the
- 8 environmental impact is.
- 9 I just have a couple of things that
- 10 are still bothering me. Look, if the school
- 11 districts are doing okay I'm happy about
- 12 that. I'm concerned about the residents.
- Number one, LIPA is a utility. We
- 14 have two separate assessment categories for
- 15 utilities, correct?
- MR. VINCELETTE: Yes.
- 17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
- 18 Number three and number four. So, when one of
- 19 those members of those groups is reduced, like
- 20 LIPA is, which we can get into that whole
- 21 story because I don't know how they're being
- reduced just because they found a way to use
- less space basically to do their business.
- 24 But that's another whole problem.
- 25 How is it that the homeowners are

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- being affected with what I'm hearing is going
- 3 to be almost \$200 a month, believe it or not,
- 4 within the five years of an increase in school
- 5 taxes? How is it that homeowners who are not
- 6 those three or four class how are they getting
- 7 hit with this increase?
- 8 MR. VINCELETTE: We don't have
- 9 exact figures but what we have shared in the
- 10 past is that LIPA does have separate
- 11 agreements with the two school districts with
- 12 respect to direct payments. The thought is
- 13 that the payments that are paid to North Shore
- 14 and to Island Park school districts will help
- 15 soften the blow if you will.
- No one knows what the tax levy for
- 17 the school districts is going to be or what
- 18 the rates are going to be. So we have to
- 19 project that. But based on those estimates it
- does get absorbed across the four classes.
- 21 Plus with the direct payments coming from LIPA
- that should help to soften the blow if you
- 23 will.
- 24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
- 25 had a problem with that from day one because

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- 2 Northport got \$14 million I believe, which is
- 3 tremendous. I forget. Got to be four times
- 4 what North Shore. And I apologize I don't
- 5 know exactly how many more it is for Island
- 6 Park? But we can go through this again like
- 7 during committees. Island Park is getting hit
- 8 even harder in my opinion because not only is
- 9 their average income for the area much less
- 10 but they're also getting hit percentage-wise
- 11 probably more than North Shore. And they're
- 12 still producing a lot of energy from there.
- I don't understand how LIPA is
- 14 getting this tax break. I understand that
- there seems to be this risk that everyone is
- 16 concerned about and it's because they knocked
- 17 down a building. I get it. They knocked down
- 18 a building. But they're still producing the
- 19 same amount of energy. They're still making
- the same profit. They're still a monopoly.
- 21 We have no place to go other than LIPA. I can
- 22 go on.
- I think it's hurting my
- 24 constituents not only with the school district
- 25 because what happens in year six? God knows

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- what's going to happen in year six when
- 3 there's no more benefit from the settlement.
- 4 We're going to get clocked as the most
- 5 professional word I can think of without
- 6 saying a bad word.
- 7 So, the other thing that I'm
- 8 concerned about I know they wanted to settle
- 9 this for a while. It's one of the reasons --
- 10 I understand it's part of the reason we have
- 11 oversight from the state. I get it. We have
- 12 to get rid of this burden of this lawsuit. I
- 13 understand that. However, when the prior
- 14 administration tried to do this we were told
- that we couldn't do a PILOT with the North
- 16 Shore anyway because LIPA does not own the
- 17 property. They still don't own the property.
- 18 National Grid owns the property. There's no
- 19 doubt. There's never been a question.
- So, in the presentation that was
- 21 provided to us during committees PILOT I think
- 22 was used I think I counted eight times. Now
- you're changing it to some specific usage that
- 24 we use for sewer tax saying that that's what
- 25 we're going to be using now. I want you to

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- 2 explain to me number one, has it ever been
- 3 used before? And number two, how is it
- 4 different from a PILOT?
- 5 MR. VINCELETTE: A direct
- 6 assessment, which is being used, has been used
- 7 for assessment purposes for say zombie houses
- 8 or properties that are taken off the roll as a
- 9 direct tax if you will. It has not been used
- 10 in the compromise or settlement of tax
- 11 certiorari proceedings.
- The way it is different from a
- 13 PILOT is that in the calculation of the school
- 14 tax rate and the school aid formula that value
- 15 gets counted in the bucket as far as the
- 16 formula for school aid and for school taxes.
- 17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Do
- 18 you think that this could be challenged in a
- 19 court of law?
- MR. VINCELETTE: Anything can be
- 21 challenged.
- 22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
- think it might be. What would be your defense
- in saying -- how did we use this? How do we
- 25 put the utility in the same category as a

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- 2 sewage pipe?
- 3 MR. VINCELETTE: It's a direct
- 4 assessment. It's not specific to sewage
- 5 pipes. And again, this is consistent with the
- 6 real property tax law and with the Nassau
- 7 County administrative code. That's how it's
- 8 being compromised.
- 9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
- 10 think it's going to be tough to defend from
- 11 what I'm being told. First of all, even the
- 12 fact that PILOT was used by LIPA so many
- 13 times. They think it's a PILOT. The legality
- 14 of just that in I mind is a real question.
- Again, we want to save the county
- 16 money but if we're not doing something that
- 17 will stand up in court, if it's challenged, I
- don't know how much money we're actually
- 19 saving the county.
- 20 Again, as someone who represents
- 21 this district, the school district might be
- okay for a couple of years. They're going to
- 23 get very hard when this is over. It's very
- temporary Band Aid maybe you could say. Right
- 25 now we're saying it's a glide path. It's

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- 2 going to come in pretty hard that sixth year
- 3 no matter what you say. I'm hearing \$200 a
- 4 month. That was an estimate actually from
- 5 prior administration and I believe it. It
- 6 fits in just me looking at the calculations.
- 7 LIPA is a utility. I understand
- 8 the risk to the county. But I think a lot of
- 9 judges would take a look at this and say hey,
- 10 you know what? You're still making the same
- 11 amount of energy. You maybe found a more
- 12 effective way of doing it, great, but you're
- 13 still making the same profit and you still
- 14 have environmental impacts -- I forget the
- exact percentage that Island Park is still
- 16 producing but it's still a tremendous amount.
- 17 I remember when we looked at a
- 18 house in Glenwood Landing before I was
- 19 married. There's was a beautiful house near
- 20 the water. I couldn't understand why it
- 21 didn't sell. It was near a LIPA plant. And
- in the backyard there was a wire like ten
- inches wide wire buzzing that went right by
- 24 the house. Our residents have been exposed to
- 25 all of this. They're going to be continuing

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- to be exposed, especially in the Island Park.
- 3 And we're all afraid that a judge is going to
- 4 look at it and say oh LIPA, you knocked down a
- 5 building so you're entitled to have a \$700 tax
- 6 cut. Congratulations. Maybe because my
- 7 father was a judge I have more faith in judges
- 8 to take a real look at the evidence than
- 9 this.
- 10 I understand the risk and I
- 11 understand mitigating the risk. But at some
- 12 point when are we going to stand up to these
- 13 utilities? When are we going to say you come
- into our area, you don't even live in this
- area, you make a tremendous amount of money,
- 16 you take advantage of our area environmentally
- and, you know, we're not doing anything to
- 18 stop you. I think it's morally wrong, and I'm
- 19 glad that the schools have five years to get
- ready for the hit but the hit's still coming.
- 21 And the environmental impact. We don't even
- 22 have a study. We don't even know what that's
- 23 going to be. Great. Maybe you get this
- lawsuit off the books, congratulations, but
- 25 it's at a big cost in my opinion.

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- 2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
- 3 Ford.
- 4 LEGISLATOR FORD: I'm just going
- 5 to follow up with Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.
- 6 When I look at the Island Park School
- 7 District, I know it's been over ten years this
- 8 has been hanging over our heads. And, you
- 9 know, I had a problem in the previous
- 10 administration and I just don't understand why
- 11 we carried this forward. That when they
- 12 negotiated a settlement with LIPA, when you
- 13 look at this, that they provide the same
- 14 percentage reduction to all of the school
- 15 districts that are involved in this. Despite
- 16 you had cited these four school districts and
- we're going to try to soften the blow.
- But I can never understand how you
- 19 would reduce Island Park to the same level as
- 20 Glenwood Landing when Island Park still has
- 21 the Barrett. The building has not been
- 22 demolished. Not one piece of equipment has
- 23 been taken out of it. It's basically an
- 24 eyesore within the neighborhood. Which the
- 25 people have to live with in close proximity.

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- 2 There are some environmental
- 3 concerns as it draws fresh water to cool the
- 4 engines and stuff like that.
- 5 Why didn't you look at this and say
- 6 maybe it would be fairer if we took a look at
- 7 what was on the property and what we were
- 8 looking to achieve to help LIPA with their
- 9 reduction? I had expressed this a while ago
- 10 about changing this. Why didn't you take a
- 11 look at this?
- MR. VINCELETTE: We tried to
- 13 negotiate the best deal we could for both
- 14 properties. The thing with the Glenwood
- 15 Landing property was that the structure came
- 16 down but the roll was frozen at the time I
- 17 believe. It came down 2012 while the
- 18 assessment roll was frozen. We believe that
- 19 the values that we negotiated at the end were
- 20 the best that we could do for the two
- 21 properties.
- 22 LEGISLATOR FORD: But you said
- 23 it, there was no building there. There's
- 24 nothing there. When you look at Glenwood
- 25 Landing nothing. When you look at Island Park

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- 2 there you go. You have this big, big -- and
- 3 the fact is that it still is generating
- 4 electricity. It is still a viable power plant
- 5 that is generating for hundreds of thousands
- of homes. All right? It will still be used.
- 7 That location will still be used. It's not
- 8 going away. It will still be used by LIPA and
- 9 whatever energy company is going to come with
- 10 them or after them or whatever. Because
- 11 Equinor is planning on building a wind farm
- 12 off of Long Beach Island and it's their
- intention to run the cables from that wind
- 14 farm up into the area of the Barrett.
- We also have our Bay Park Sewage
- 16 Treatment Plant, which is now -- it used to
- 17 generate its own electricity but to make it
- more stable they invested 10 or \$20 million in
- 19 putting two new feeder cables so that it's
- stable, the power supply for the Bay Park
- 21 sewage treatment plant. So we know that the
- 22 power plant is there.
- But I just don't understand when we
- look at this, both the north and the south
- shore it's not apples to apples, it's apples

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- 2 to oranges.
- So, what's going to happen is when
- 4 I look at this and I got to thank you,
- 5 Maurice, for providing me with this
- 6 information. But when I look at the
- 7 difference in what these school districts are
- 8 going to be impacted based on their school
- 9 district, the number of residents and we're
- 10 like, maybe Glenwood Landing might see a
- 11 difference of like say \$1,000. Maybe
- 12 Oceanside will see a change of \$1,000. But
- 13 Island Park will go up maybe about \$2,000 or
- \$2,500. So there is -- there really isn't --
- 15 the comparison on the value of the plants is
- 16 not consistent with the needs of the school.
- 17 I know Island Park is a much
- 18 smaller school district but it also has 43
- 19 percent of their students get free lunch.
- 20 Which is something that is not considered by
- 21 New York State either. Because had New York
- 22 State Education Department would take a look
- 23 at maybe poverty levels in the various schools
- throughout the state maybe they'd change their
- formula the way they're handing down school

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- 2 aid and then maybe Island Park would actually
- 3 get its fair share or rightful share to be
- 4 able to stay in existence.
- 5 But have you looked at other or has
- 6 anyone in the administration looked at other
- 7 opportunities to soften the blow for Island
- 8 Park? I know Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton and I
- 9 had tried to float an idea of like maybe
- 10 trying to establishing a PILOT through the
- 11 county that maybe can help offset. Has that
- 12 ever been considered? We talked about that
- 13 right, Delia?
- 14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
- 15 Unfortunately, on the north shore we can't do
- 16 a PILOT because LIPA doesn't own the property.
- 17 LEGISLATOR FORD: I quess LIPA
- doesn't own the property. I think it's
- 19 National Grid that owns the property down in
- 20 Island Park.
- The direct assessment, all right, I
- 22 was under the impression that by changing it
- 23 from a PILOT to a direct assessment that it
- 24 would make it more palatable for the school
- district, but in essence it really doesn't.

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- 2 The taxes on the property paid by LIPA will be
- 3 frozen, set at a certain rate, correct?
- 4 MR. VINCELETTE: That's correct.
- 5 LEGISLATOR FORD: Maybe Michelle
- 6 can explain. Will direct assessment, will
- 7 this impact the formula that the state may use
- 8 in order to award state aid to the school
- 9 district?
- 10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I think
- it's the property tax cap that gets impacted
- 12 when there's a PILOT.
- MS. SPARA: Michelle Spara,
- 14 deputy assessor. Regarding the PILOT, I'm not
- 15 an expert on how they deal with their tax
- 16 cap. It's our understanding that it is a
- 17 factor in their tax cap. That's why the
- 18 county, after doing research in consultation
- 19 with the county attorney's office, has
- 20 determined that the direct assessment would
- 21 not impact them and they would be able to
- lower their levy by the amount of these
- 23 payments. Should the school district choose
- 24 to do that. We don't know if they're going to
- do that but the assumption is they would do

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- 2 that. That would lessen the blow to the
- 3 residents.
- 4 LEGISLATOR FORD: On the
- 5 projections that we have received on, you
- 6 know, like, when you look at the glide path
- 7 and I quess basically maybe based on what
- 8 somebody is paying in school taxes currently
- 9 and then with this glide path, the increases
- 10 that we see they're usually -- you would
- 11 incorporate the basic two percent increase?
- MS. SPARA: Correct.
- 13 LEGISLATOR FORD: But this
- 14 currently includes the current state aid. It
- doesn't include any increase in any school aid
- 16 on this, correct?
- 17 MS. SPARA: That is correct. If
- 18 they receive more state aid then their levy
- 19 would reduce even more. It also doesn't
- include the direct payment that is outside of
- 21 the glide path schedule. So this is almost a
- 22 worst case scenario because the numbers change
- 23 from even Friday.
- 24 LEGISLATOR FORD: Would we be
- able to get like maybe -- I know you can't do

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- 2 it today -- but I'd like to see overall
- 3 because I'd like to -- I guess the county
- 4 executive to send something out to the
- 5 residents to explain --
- 6 MS. SPARA: Yes.
- 7 LEGISLATOR FORD: I know it's
- 8 after the fact. I'd like to see so that we
- 9 can have a better understanding as we move
- 10 forward with something like this.
- 11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Michelle,
- 12 while you're there, Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton
- 13 has a question.
- 14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can
- 15 you explain to me -- I was told originally
- 16 when I met with the assessment office, I'm not
- 17 sure if you were there and it was probably
- 18 about nine years ago, not to worry about
- 19 school taxes or anything going up because
- 20 LIPA's a utility and they get assessed by
- 21 usage or production rather. How the heck is
- this happening that we're giving them such a
- 23 huge reduction just based on a building? No,
- 24 no, wait. I'd like to hear it from the
- assessment department rather than the county

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- 2 attorney. I understand his thoughts.
- MS. SPARA: Unfortunately, I'm
- 4 not a utility assessor. So I do not have the
- 5 expertise to answer that question.
- 6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Let
- 7 me ask you another question then. Class three
- 8 and four are for utilities and commercial,
- 9 correct?
- MS. SPARA: Correct.
- 11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
- 12 Normally when an entity that is involved with
- one of those groups, like Verizon or whoever,
- 14 leave or whatever happens, the other
- businesses in that class three and four pick
- 16 up the difference, correct?
- MS. SPARA: No.
- 18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
- 19 Explain how that works.
- MS. SPARA: It depends on what
- 21 the removal is. In this particular case this
- is a physical removal out of class three and
- four. So that amount that they would share,
- that amount of the pie so to speak, the class
- 25 share, gets distributed equally to the

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- 2 remaining classes. In this case that would be
- 3 classes one and two.
- 4 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
- 5 That's exactly contrary to what I was told
- 6 like eight or nine years ago when I was with
- 7 the mayor of Sea Cliff at the time. Because a
- 8 building is knocked down it is now going to
- 9 class one and two?
- MS. SPARA: If a building was
- 11 knocked down in class three and class four it
- would equally distribute to classes one and
- 13 two.
- 14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
- 15 how does that work for the south shore, for
- 16 Island Park?
- MS. SPARA: Exactly the same way.
- 18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Did
- 19 you knock down any buildings, Denise? Did you
- 20 have any buildings being knocked down?
- 21 LEGISLATOR FORD: No. Island
- 22 Park, the Barrett is still the same building.
- 23 Right?
- 24 MS. SPARA: The valuation aspect
- of it would be different. And in this

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- 2 particular instance, it's going to be a direct
- 3 assessment. So, it's going to be a removal as
- 4 taxable value from the assessment roll.
- 5 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Even
- 6 though a building wasn't knocked down?
- 7 MS. SPARA: Correct.
- 8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
- 9 the reason it's happening on the north shore
- 10 is because a building was knocked down?
- MS. SPARA: It's being handled
- 12 exactly the same way. All of these properties
- 13 are going to be removed from the taxable
- 14 portion of the roll. That's considered a
- 15 physical removal, a quantity removal from
- those classes and that's why the share will be
- 17 equally distributed to classes one and two.
- 18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: It
- 19 does sound like a PILOT. But the other thing
- is, I don't understand, again, maybe I just
- 21 have it -- I've had it in my mind for so long
- that the commercial and utility are completely
- 23 separate from residential.
- MS. SPARA: They are separate as
- 25 far as being in separate classes. However,

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- 2 you have to look at the community as a whole.
- 3 You can't just look at one class by itself.
- 4 Something that happens in one class will
- 5 affect the other classes. The school district
- 6 still needs the exact same amount of levy. So
- 7 if class three and four are not paying that
- 8 same amount classes one and two are going to
- 9 pick up the difference.
- 10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
- 11 was told that the fact that LIPA was knocking
- down the building that Verizon, National Grid
- and I believe it was Optimum was going to be
- 14 picking up the slack. How much did they pick
- 15 up?
- 16 MS. SPARA: I don't have an
- 17 answer to that question. We did not look at
- 18 the other utility properties.
- 19 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
- 20 the other utility properties didn't have to
- 21 pick up? Do you know if they had to pick up
- 22 anything?
- MS. SPARA: We did not look at
- 24 the other utility properties.
- 25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So

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- 2 class three and four didn't have to absorb any
- 3 increase, only the residential?
- 4 MS. SPARA: We did not look at
- 5 the other utility properties.
- 6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
- 7 don't understand that because I've been told
- 8 again, I don't know, I'm not an expert like
- 9 you are and I appreciate -- I'm sorry to have
- 10 you in this position. It's not your fault.
- 11 It's just that you're here representing the
- 12 department.
- 13 So, we don't know how much like of
- 14 an increase Verizon or National Grid or
- 15 Optimum or all those other members of class
- 16 three and four are absorbing?
- 17 MS. SPARA: Correct. We did not
- 18 look at the other utility properties. We
- 19 looked specifically at these properties that
- 20 are in question.
- LEGISLATOR FORD: So, what it is
- though within the district, within Island Park
- 23 school district, when you shifted over for the
- 24 class one and class two to pick up the taxes,
- 25 if you shifted it also to any utilities it

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- 2 would only be utilities in the school
- 3 district?
- 4 MS. SPARA: Correct. On the
- 5 school side. We're not talking about general
- 6 taxes.
- 7 LEGISLATOR FORD: But the county
- 8 would be -- it would be shifted -- if you
- 9 shifted it to three and four does the county
- 10 portion?
- MS. SPARA: No. The shift would
- 12 be the same way. It's just that when you're
- 13 talking about the county it's a very large
- 14 county compared to a school district.
- 15 LEGISLATOR FORD: But the school
- 16 portion taxes of the taxes would stay within
- the school regardless of it's a utility,
- 18 private home or business, correct?
- MS. SPARA: Correct.
- LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Doesn't it
- 21 happen every year that shifts take place
- 22 between the different classes?
- MS. SPARA: Yes.
- 24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: If there's
- 25 a massive reduction in commercial property in

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- 2 Nassau County then it gets shifted to the
- 3 other classes, correct?
- 4 MS. SPARA: Correct.
- 5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We have
- 6 several individuals who are here to speak.
- 7 Two slips are in. Again, thank you for your
- 8 patience. You've been waiting here since we
- 9 started the meeting. Richard Schurin.
- 10 MR. SCHURIN: Thank you for the
- 11 opportunity to speak again. Just to clarify
- 12 some things that I've heard. It's kind of
- 13 frustrating that the county is not up on these
- 14 things. They can't answer these questions
- 15 clearly to me. Obviously every business,
- 16 every residence, every utility in Island
- 17 Park's taxes are going to go up because of
- 18 this. As you noted, Mr. Nicolello, the tax
- 19 levies are going to stay the same. Every
- 20 residence, every business is going to have to
- 21 absorb this.
- I know I spoke about this before
- 23 but I want to give a little bit more flavor as
- to what's been going on in Island Park for the
- 25 last decade.

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- 2 A decade ago the school came to the
- 3 community and said we're faced with a
- 4 tsunami. It's potentially catastrophic to the
- 5 district. Many people, community-minded
- 6 people like myself and the civic association
- 7 and Denise was involved, we did what we
- 8 could. We protested. Hundreds of students
- 9 wrote cards that our library director here
- 10 engineered to all of our legislators. To
- 11 Albany. To LIPA. We protested at the plant
- 12 in the pouring rain. This is five, six years
- 13 ago. We went to LIPA board meetings. The
- 14 chamber of commerce president, myself, library
- president, other people we waited hours to
- speak directly to Mr. Falcone and others to
- tell them what the impact that their action
- 18 was having on us.
- Our school district spent money,
- they increased the money to be spent for our
- 21 attorneys and we hired a lobbyist and we did
- 22 all of this. I went to the Town of Hempstead
- 23 meetings. I came to this meeting. This is
- 24 maybe the third or fourth time I've been to
- 25 this meeting asking for help. And here we

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- 2 are. You all failed. It was a failure. We
- 3 didn't get the help. This is a political
- 4 question. LIPA is a political entity. Okay?
- 5 Their board members are appointed by Albany.
- 6 We could have made a difference. But it
- 7 didn't work. It's a failure.
- 8 As a result, everyone in my
- 9 community is going to pay hundreds if not
- 10 thousands of dollars more in five years
- 11 certainly. And the glide path you talk about
- 12 it's going to get progressively worse. Many
- of them can't afford it. They literally can't
- 14 afford it. They're going to be forced to
- 15 move. Okay?
- 16 I'm active in the school and I'm
- very proud of the little tiny school district
- 18 that we have. We have an elementary school
- 19 and a middle school. And we send our children
- 20 to -- we pay tuition to Long Beach High
- 21 School. I think we're the smallest school
- 22 district on Long Island. But we provide a
- 23 real quality education for children. It's one
- of the reasons that I, me and my wife raised
- our family there. It's a great little tiny

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- 2 school district. Okay? But it's always a
- 3 question of what we can do.
- I think we have a \$48 million
- 5 budget and LIPA pays like 45 percent of that.
- 6 So, you take away 50 percent of that 43
- 7 percent contribution. The school district
- 8 isn't going to be able to provide the same
- 9 services. My children, thank God, are
- 10 graduating now and we benefitted from a great
- 11 school district. But there's so many families
- 12 now that have moved in because Island Park is
- an affordable community who have young
- 14 children and their children are going to
- 15 suffer as a result of this.
- This is what politicians are
- 17 supposed to do. You're supposed to look out
- 18 for our interests. And we've had a ten year
- 19 warning and we did everything could. As I
- 20 said, hundreds of students, hundreds of little
- 21 kids wrote letters to everyone. Please help
- 22 us. Please help us. We spent hours. I
- 23 probably spent 500 hours working on this with
- other people. Chamber of commerce, the civic
- 25 association. Yet here we are.

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- I just saw that the county attorney
- 3 evidently has some information about what it's
- 4 going to cost the residents of Island Park and
- 5 shared it with you all. But somehow we don't
- 6 have that information. Residents don't know.
- 7 At least the last administration had a
- 8 presentation to us. And literally hundreds of
- 9 people went. We filled the whole Lincoln
- 10 Orens Middle School and asked questions all
- 11 the way into the night. We weren't satisfied
- 12 but at least you heard us. And at least you
- 13 had a presentation and we knew what it was
- 14 going to cost us.
- And all sorts of people that I
- 16 hadn't seen in many, many years came out.
- 17 Simple people. People who care about their
- 18 community. They had an opportunity to be
- 19 heard. They at least got to see what was
- 20 going to impact them. You don't even have the
- 21 respect to have a community forum for us.
- 22 Nothing. You're just going to vote right
- 23 now. You're going to push this through.
- I also heard the county attorney
- 25 say the trial isn't until the end of the

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- 2 month. You have another meeting before the
- 3 end of the month. You could have a community
- 4 meeting in Island Park. Chairman, why won't
- 5 you have a community meeting in Island Park?
- 6 Can you answer that?
- 7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We have
- 8 urged the administration to have community
- 9 meetings but it's not the legislature's
- 10 prerogative to hold a meeting in the
- 11 community. We have had full meetings here in
- 12 which the public is invited to it. You are a
- 13 member of the public.
- MR. SCHURIN: Are you asking
- 15 right now in this public forum the county to
- 16 please have a community meeting in Island
- 17 Park?
- 18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: No, I'm
- 19 not asking. I'm responding to your question.
- MR. SCHURIN: Well, I'm asking
- 21 you. Will you ask?
- 22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm
- 23 responding to your question.
- MR. SCHURIN: Will you ask?
- 25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: At this

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- point we're voting on this today. Time's up.
- 3 If they want to have a meeting afterwards then
- 4 they can go ahead and do so.
- 5 MR. SCHURIN: Will you table this
- 6 to allow the community to have an opportunity
- 7 to see?
- 8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm
- 9 telling you that time is up. We're voting on
- 10 this today.
- MR. SCHURIN: Why is time up?
- 12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Because
- 13 the trial is imminent.
- MR. SCHURIN: You have another
- 15 legislative meeting scheduled before the
- 16 trial.
- 17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: What's
- 18 going to change in a month?
- MR. SCHURIN: You're going to
- 20 show respect to the people that are impacted
- 21 by this. You're going to tell us how it's
- 22 going to impact us. You're going to give them
- an opportunity to tell you how they're
- impacted by it. You don't care?
- 25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: No. I

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- 2 didn't say that. We had our hearings.
- 3 They're open to the public. The public can
- 4 come here and speak. The administration has
- 5 chosen not to do a forum in the community.
- 6 But at this point for our purposes it's on for
- 7 a vote today and we're going to vote on it.
- MR. SCHURIN: As the legislative
- 9 leader, as president of this body, you're
- 10 happy that the county executive is not
- 11 providing a forum for the community?
- 12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm not
- 13 commenting on that. But I'm telling you this,
- 14 we have been actively advocating for more for
- 15 the school district for years. We have tried
- in every possible way to gain more from the
- 17 state, from LIPA, from where ever source we
- 18 could but time has run out, sir. Time has run
- 19 out.
- 20 And Mr. Schurin, if this case is
- 21 not settled you're not looking at a glide
- 22 path, you're not looking at a few percentage
- 23 points decrease in the first year. You're
- looking at 70, 80 percent. You want to talk
- 25 about devastation?

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- 2 MR. SCHURIN: We've known this
- 3 for decades. We don't need you to tell us.
- 4 We live it. We know it. Our school district
- 5 told us ten years ago, the impact.
- 6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
- 7 Ferretti.
- 8 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thanks
- 9 Presiding Officer. Just responding to some of
- 10 Mr. Schurin's comments. Before attacking this
- 11 current administration, the reality is, this
- was decided when the prior administration gave
- the Village of Island Park and Glenwood
- 14 Landing a going away gift before they left
- which was an appraisal that tied the hands of
- 16 the county and this administration.
- If this is not approved today we're
- 18 going to be sending in Mr. Vincelette for a
- 19 trial. It's not going to be walking into a
- 20 gunfight with a knife, it's going to be
- 21 walking into a gunfight with your hands tied
- together and your feet tied together and the
- 23 result to Island Park and Glenwood Landing is
- certainly going to be more devastating than
- 25 what we are seeing now.

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- 2 So I don't have a lack of
- 3 compassion. Nobody wants your taxes to
- 4 increase. But the reality is the fate of this
- 5 situation was decided -- I mean, how do you go
- 6 into court where your evidence is worse than
- 7 the evidence for LIPA? How do you expect Mr.
- 8 Vincelette to go in --
- 9 MR. SCHURIN: I can answer your
- 10 question, sir. The answer to your question
- is, every single person has known for ten
- 12 years the assessments were going to be very,
- 13 very low. It's not a secret. The assessment
- 14 that the county put in evidently before they
- 15 left is no secret. Everyone knew. Every
- 16 smart person. Our county attorney knew that
- we were under the gun and that the assessments
- 18 were going to come in low. Nothing new
- 19 happened. Okay? Nothing new happened. You
- 20 can try to push the blame. I understand it's
- 21 your political strategy to do that. But those
- of us who have been involved, who know, it's
- 23 complete nonsense.
- 24 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Sir, I talk
- in reality. The reality is the evidence is

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- 2 going to be put before a jury in court and the
- 3 evidence on behalf of the county in this trial
- 4 would be worse than the evidence put forth by
- 5 LIPA for our position. I don't know how as an
- 6 attorney I would expect to win a case like
- 7 that. You're an attorney as well. Would
- 8 you?
- 9 MR. SCHURIN: No one expects to
- 10 win the case. It's a political question.
- 11 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Hold on a
- 12 second. You came in here and talked about
- 13 this administration and their lack of having a
- 14 meeting and you praised the prior
- 15 administration for having a meeting.
- MR. SCHURIN: I didn't praise
- 17 them.
- 18 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: You did.
- 19 The prior administration, whose tied our hands
- and has put us in this position today.
- MR. SCHURIN: If you bothered to
- go to the meeting that I was at you would know
- that I attacked that administration just as
- 24 much if not more than I attacked this
- 25 administration. I'm the same way. I met with

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- them privately and I attacked them privately
- 3 too. This is not a political question. It's
- 4 a community begging for help and not getting
- 5 it.
- 6 LEGISLATOR FORD: Richard, just
- 7 two seconds. While I understand why they are
- 8 looking to settle this because of the county
- 9 guarantee, we understand that. But yes, the
- 10 school district, Island Park is going to
- 11 suffer more than the other school districts
- 12 and more than any other community. We know
- 13 that. We tried to get whatever way we could
- 14 get some more money to be able to -- I think,
- 15 let me just -- and we only got this today. So
- 16 it's not like I could have shared it.
- 17 But if need be, if I have to send
- 18 something out myself -- but like based on, and
- 19 I'm just going by whatever the number is, like
- 20 say currently if somebody'S paying in '21-22
- 21 their taxes were 4827 at the end of this, by
- 22 '26-27, based on -- but it's -- it would be
- like say they would end up, based on these
- 24 calculations with a two percent increase every
- year in school taxes. They built this in to

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- 2 show it more realistically. Somebody would
- 3 then be paying 7549.
- 4 MR. SCHURIN: Almost double.
- 5 LEGISLATOR FORD: That's
- 6 without -- but that is with -- but even if --
- 7 but if they didn't remove it, but they were
- 8 saying that they showed with the increases and
- 9 everything with the PILOT I guess the same
- amount in '26-27 would be 5602. So, it would
- like 775 more. In this one it would be \$2,700
- more a year that somebody would be paying in
- 13 school taxes. This number does not -- we're
- 14 try to get better numbers for you -- but this
- 15 number does not include state aid.
- 16 MR. SCHURIN: It goes from four
- 17 to seven is that what you said with this
- 18 settlement?
- 19 LEGISLATOR FORD: I don't have my
- 20 other glasses on. I apologize. So it would
- 21 be like, say, this is just an example. 4827,
- 22 it would go up to 7549.
- MR. SCHURIN: With the
- 24 settlement?
- 25 LEGISLATOR FORD: With the

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- 2 settlement. But that being said, we have
- 3 to -- you know, we fought Richard. We were in
- 4 every kind of weather we fought. We fought to
- 5 get the Barrett repowered. When they were
- 6 looking about repowering that would have been
- 7 something that would save the community, it
- 8 wasn't done. That was changed.
- Now we have to look to see what
- 10 else can we bring and we will advocate to
- 11 bring whatever we can to that Barrett.
- 12 Because that plant isn't going anywhere. I
- want it to be cleaned up and I want it to
- 14 bring in so that the assessment will go up and
- 15 Island Park will see a reduction in their
- 16 property taxes that they have to pay because
- 17 of an increase. We also have to look at
- 18 commercial development.
- But that being said, you have to
- 20 realize, Mr. Randazzo and Dr. Rabino both of
- 21 them said that Island Park School District has
- 22 always been shortchanged on state aid always.
- 23 No, no.
- MR. SCHURIN: It's more
- 25 percentage of our tax base. Even if you

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- 2 quadrupled it it wouldn't make a difference.
- 3 LEGISLATOR FORD: State aid
- 4 offsets property taxes but I'll let you know.
- 5 We will be in touch with this.
- 6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We have
- 7 other speakers. Ms. Koenig from the Island
- 8 Park public library.
- 9 MS. KOENIG: Jessica Koenig from
- 10 the Island Park library.
- MS. KOENIG: So, to start out
- 12 with, if you want I can actually explain what
- 13 happens on the tax cap form because I do it
- 14 for the library.
- 15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: That would
- 16 be helpful.
- MS. KOENIG: So, I'm going to
- 18 give you an example. If we collect \$1.4
- 19 million in taxes of which LIPA is paying
- something like \$650,000, but because that's
- 21 taxes, our two percent that we're permitted to
- 22 ask for is \$28,000. Just a straight two
- 23 percent. If that were to turn into a PILOT,
- so if \$600,000 was now a PILOT, we'd have to
- 25 subtract that right off the top. \$1.4 million

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- 2 minus \$600,000. Now we're only allowed to ask
- 3 for two percent on \$800,000. So, where we
- 4 were allowed to ask for \$28,000 now two
- 5 percent is only \$16,000. That in a nutshell
- 6 is the tax cap issue.
- 7 So, what I wanted to say today is
- 8 that we want to make sure that the library is
- 9 included in the settlement. We did FOIL the
- 10 document which kindly the county attorney sent
- 11 us right away so we could see that the school
- is listed. We are not specifically listed.
- 13 The school district would need to have
- instructions of exactly what to forward to the
- 15 library. So if it's your anticipation that we
- 16 should get a portion of that -- right now we
- 17 get approximately four percent. I'm assuming
- 18 that that should continue. We get, actually
- 19 from Michelle Spara's office, a nice statement
- 20 that shows what the school gets and what the
- 21 library gets. We're hopeful that even, not
- even just hopeful, we really need it to
- 23 continued to be that way with the direct
- 24 assessment. The same as it is with the
- 25 PILOT. That there's a statement that the

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- 2 school gets every year that shows what they
- 3 have to forward to us.
- 4 We're not allowed to collect our
- 5 own taxes. Everything goes through the school
- 6 district and comes to us. That was the first
- 7 thing I wanted to mention.
- For us, it really would be great if
- 9 we could be included in one of these one-time
- 10 payments. Everybody is understanding that the
- 11 school district needs it. The library needs
- 12 it too.
- We're very small. We're one of the
- 14 smallest libraries in the county. Our budget
- is too small for us to have reasonably spend
- 16 the taxpayer money to take on litigation. So
- 17 we didn't.
- We understand why school districts
- 19 have received most of the media attention in
- these disputes and libraries have been kind of
- lost in the shuffle. As you know, libraries
- 22 serve all members of the community. If there
- were some kind of a payment that would come
- 24 our way it would go a long way to the
- 25 library. Libraries are very efficient. I

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- 2 also thought it would give some good PR to
- 3 LIPA and they could certainly use it.
- 4 Our library has stood the test of
- 5 time. We were one of the few libraries that
- 6 was very, very impacted by Superstorm Sandy.
- 7 Took us nine months to come back. And, as you
- 8 know our, community is coming back from it.
- 9 I think the other thing that was
- 10 mentioned on April 11th is that some monetary
- 11 relief should come to all of us from the state
- 12 and we are interested in that too and we may
- 13 be coming to you again for some support in
- 14 that kind of endeavor going forward.
- We do feel a bit in the library
- 16 like we're collateral damage. That we're a
- 17 small entity among much larger entities with
- 18 larger concerns. We, of course, understand
- 19 why the settlement is happening but we're just
- 20 asking for your help. Thank you.
- LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: One quick
- 22 question for you. Any discussions between the
- 23 library and the school district about sharing
- 24 any of the payment that LIPA is going to be
- 25 making to the school district?

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- MS. KOENIG: There hasn't been
- 3 discussion about that. I'm sure we could try
- 4 but, you know, they're a much larger entity.
- 5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I got you.
- 6 LEGISLATOR FORD: Michelle, I
- 7 know you've been so kind in the past in
- 8 providing the information for Mrs. Koenig to
- 9 be able to send the bill to the school so they
- 10 could get their payment. Under this direct
- 11 assessment formula will you still be able to
- 12 do that for them?
- MS. SPARA: The receiver of taxes
- 14 is going to be actually receiving that direct
- assessment because it's going to be part of
- 16 the tax warrant. So they're going to be
- sending out a bill. They're also going to be
- 18 collecting that money and they disburse it to
- 19 the school district. It's the school
- district's responsibility to disburse it back
- 21 to the library.
- 22 LEGISLATOR FORD: So there is
- 23 no -- because I know like I think on my school
- tax in Long Beach there's like a school
- 25 portion and a line item. Is there a line

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- 2 item -- I'd have to check with Jeannine
- 3 Driscoll, right, to find out if there's a line
- 4 item on the bill so that they know?
- 5 MS. SPARA: I don't know that the
- 6 mechanics of that have been worked out as far
- 7 as creating a two-line item for the direct
- 8 assessment. That's something that we can
- 9 absolutely --
- 10 LEGISLATOR FORD: Can you look
- into that? That will save Jessica a lot of
- 12 headache and trying to run after somebody to
- 13 pay her. You're going to take a hit. We're
- 14 going to try to work with you Jessica. You
- are a very important library. I've been
- 16 there. Thank you very much.
- 17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
- 18 Bynoe.
- 19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Wouldn't it be
- 20 better that we bake that into the item? That
- 21 should be baked into the item so that there's
- 22 no --
- 23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm not
- 24 following.
- 25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: It should be

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- 2 baked into the item that the school district
- 3 is responsible for paying to the library its
- 4 portion.
- 5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The only
- 6 thing that's before us is the settlement
- 7 between the county and LIPA as to the assessed
- 8 values and the settlement of a lawsuit. So
- 9 the school districts are settling their
- 10 separate lawsuits and receiving the monies
- 11 that LIPA is going to pay them. That's a
- 12 separate lawsuit, so we can't bake it in.
- 13 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Right. Not
- saying that we, the body, should do that but
- we should have made sure that that was part of
- 16 the agreement with LIPA to make sure that all
- 17 parties were made whole.
- 18 LEGISLATOR FORD: No. Actually,
- 19 I did reach out to LIPA and the county and
- 20 because we do not directly fund schools or
- 21 libraries and LIPA said that the issue that
- they have the school district took an action
- 23 against LIPA, the library did not. That's why
- I couldn't get a separate payment from LIPA to
- 25 the Island Park library. I already looked

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- 2 into that.
- 3 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Do we have
- 4 anything from the school saying?
- 5 LEGISLATOR FORD: No. That would
- 6 be up to the school. The school is the one
- 7 that took the action against LIPA. So, I will
- 8 mention it to the school district in the hopes
- 9 that they'll take a portion but I cannot
- 10 compel them to share any of the money that
- 11 they get with the library. It's sad, I know.
- 12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: That's a
- 13 problem. A huge problem.
- 14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Councilman
- 15 D'Esposito.
- MR. D'ESPOSITO: Thank you very
- much and good afternoon everyone. Thank you
- 18 for having me. I think today there's an
- 19 opportunity for the legislature to table this
- 20 item. Seems that there's been questions
- 21 coming from the dais that are not being
- 22 answered. There's no specific numbers. There
- seems to be a lot of answers saying we're look
- into that and we'll get you, the legislature,
- 25 the information when we can.

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- 2 Today is the vote and today's vote
- 3 I understand comes as you need to make sure
- 4 that you look out for the county and you have
- 5 a fiduciary responsibility to do that. But I
- 6 think there's also an opportunity to hold off
- 7 a little bit. I'm not saying months. I'm not
- 8 saying years. But if we go back or the county
- 9 goes back into the courtroom when this trial
- 10 is planned and asks for an adjournment, I
- 11 really do not see a judge saying no. There's
- 12 been more action in this case over the last
- month and a half than we've probably seen in
- 14 the last decade.
- We should ask for an adjournment
- 16 until our argument, the argument of the Town
- of Hempstead, the argument of the Village of
- 18 Island Park as to whether LIPA had the
- 19 authority to bring such a lawsuit absent
- 20 permission from the PACB board.
- We mentioned the glide path a few
- 22 times. This is not a glide path. It's
- 23 literally driving the Jeep off of a cliff.
- We also need more time. And again,
- 25 I'm not asking for months. I'm not asking for

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- 2 years. Because I understand that each one of
- 3 you have a responsibility for all 1.4 million
- 4 residents of this county and it's not all
- 5 about Island Park and it's not all about
- 6 Glenwood Landing. But we need some time and
- 7 we need help. We need help from every one on
- 8 this dais, whether you're a Republican or
- 9 Democrat, to put pressure on the state of
- 10 New York so that they can find funding to fill
- in the gaps that are going to crush our school
- 12 district.
- When you're all voting today I'm
- 14 asking you to do one thing. When you're
- voting vote as if this was the community that
- 16 you grew up in. Vote as if this was the
- 17 community that you raised your children in.
- 18 That this is the place where they play Little
- 19 League or soccer or lacrosse. This is the
- 20 place that you're proud to call home. And
- 21 think about tabling the item until we can have
- a conversation with the judge in the case and
- 23 ask for an adjournment.
- There's more to be done. We've
- 25 moved the needle over the last month and a

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- 2 half going from a \$3.5 million one-time
- 3 payment to magically appearing \$9 million from
- 4 LIPA to the school district. \$9 million to a
- 5 school district that's going to be devastated
- 6 but have made the front page of Newsday twice
- 7 in the last seven days for paying executives
- 8 far over a million dollars who don't even live
- 9 on Long Island.
- 10 Yes, \$9 million is a lot of money
- 11 to all of us but to LIPA it's not. And
- 12 Mr. Presiding Officer, your comments in the
- beginning of session talking about NIFA sounds
- 14 eerily similar to LIPA. As a matter of fact,
- 15 I don't think anybody from LIPA is even here
- 16 today. Which speaks volumes. It speaks the
- 17 same volumes that when we did have the
- 18 community meeting just before COVID they
- 19 literally sat on stage with no emotion as
- 20 resident after resident asked how they would
- 21 keep their local business open. How they
- 22 would continue to live in the home that they
- 23 bought from their parents, who bought from
- their grandparents so they continue to raise
- 25 their kids in the village or community of

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- 2 Island Park.
- 3 Ladies and gentlemen, I'm simply
- 4 asking today to hold off. We have more to be
- 5 done and we've made significant movement over
- 6 the last month and a half. Give us the time
- 7 to make the difference and that's all I could
- 8 ask. Thank you very much for the time.
- 9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
- 10 councilman. Senator Al D'Amato.
- MR. D'AMATO: Mr. Chairman,
- members of the board, I will try,
- 13 notwithstanding that I've been known to
- 14 filibuster once in a while in the old days in
- 15 the senate and it's hard to break old habits.
- 16 Let me commend the board for taking
- 17 the time to courteously pay attention to those
- 18 who have spoken and raised their concerns with
- 19 respect to the proposed settlement.
- Let me first say I don't know how
- 21 many of you may be aware, the Village of
- 22 Island Park and the Town of Hempstead were
- 23 granted an order that gives us the opportunity
- 24 hopefully to participate in the litigation
- 25 that is underway. I support Councilman

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- 2 D'Esposito's request to adjourn this not for a
- 3 month, not for a year but for several weeks.
- 4 Because there will be a hearing conducted by
- 5 Judge Vito DeStefano, who I believe is the
- 6 presiding judge in Nassau County and who this
- 7 matter with LIPA and the county is in front
- 8 of.
- 9 Larry Kelly and I are proceeding.
- 10 I very seldom have undertaken anything since I
- 11 left the Congress pro bono. But in this case
- it's totally pro bono on behalf of our
- 13 community.
- 14 Anthony mentioned that the
- so-called glide path was anything but that.
- 16 Imagine your taxes going from \$4,500 a year to
- approximately \$9,000. And by the way, oh
- we're giving you a glide path of five years.
- 19 So we'll only be raising your taxes just on
- 20 the basis of that and no other increased
- 21 expenditures \$1,000 a year. Do you really
- think that's a glide path? What do you think
- 23 it does to the value of homes? What does it
- 24 do to the prospects of the community? It is
- 25 death and destruction.

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- 2 If you look at the lost income \$9
- 3 million, they lose more than \$9 million a year
- 4 and they're talking about oh, we're going to
- 5 give you a glide path of \$9 million. Come
- 6 on. Wake up.
- 7 Anthony gave you one example. The
- 8 LIPA officials. You got a guy who heads LIPA
- 9 who cares about himself building an empire.
- 10 Four officials getting paid as much as
- 11 \$325,000 a year. All of them live out of
- 12 state. Oh, but two of them got addresses in
- 13 Uniondale within the past three or four weeks
- since it was exposed. Probably both of them
- 15 two women at Marriott renting a room there
- 16 supposedly.
- This is who's running our utility
- and we're standing by? I've spoken to the
- 19 governor about this incredible, ridiculous
- 20 board and this LIPA wanting to grab
- 21 everything.
- By the way, our lawsuit is not
- 23 predicated on something that's rather
- 24 important. I want to bring it to you. There
- 25 never would have been a LIPA, we never would

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- 2 have had this situation had there not been a
- 3 promise made by the former governor, George
- 4 Pataki and made by the once head of LIPA at
- 5 the time, Richard Kessel. And both of them
- 6 promised at various organizational meetings
- 7 that they would never permit the reduction of
- 8 the tax payments from the generating
- 9 facilities. They would not have any
- 10 certioraris unless the local communities did
- 11 something that would occasion them to do
- 12 that. For example, tried to curtail their
- 13 activities etcetera. And none of the
- 14 communities did that.
- 15 Let's talk about the LIPA power
- 16 plant in Island Park. Barrett. It operates
- 17 at 39 percent capacity. It serves over
- 18 300,000 homes. It has been a polluter since I
- was a kid and moved there quite a few years
- 20 ago. By the way, the coverage that Newsday
- 21 gives is not always very accurate. I'm not
- 22 88. I'm not 86. I'm 84. And I feel good.
- 23 And I'm happy to be in front of you. But I'm
- 24 not happy with these circumstances.
- Let me say this to you. I

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- 2 understand the county's wanting to get rid of
- 3 this potential calamity. I do. But my God,
- 4 let's let the judge hear our motions in
- 5 person. We're talking about May 13th when the
- 6 answers have to be in. We're talking I
- 7 believe the 25th when the case begins. I want
- 8 to tell you something, we have a good case.
- 9 Because LIPA has started to deceive the
- 10 people. Not just when Falcone got there but
- 11 his predecessors blazed a path of corruption,
- of lying, of thumbing their nose at the
- 13 courts.
- 14 Let me refer to a certain judge who
- 15 comes from the north shore. Up in your area.
- 16 That was Judge Dana Winslow. Did you ever
- 17 hear of that name? Did any of you ever hear
- 18 that Dana Winslow made an order? And let me
- 19 tell you what it was about.
- 20 LIPA wanted to come in and make
- 21 this acquisition. Judge Winslow said wait a
- 22 minute. You can't do that. This is a
- 23 contract over a million dollars. You have to
- 24 go to the PACB board. Guess what they did?
- 25 They discontinued that purchase. They didn't

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- 2 appeal the order. That is still the order of
- 3 the day and it is the law. They have broken
- 4 the law since that decision in 1999. Supreme
- 5 court decision by Judge Winslow. They have
- 6 not submitted any of their contracts.
- 7 You know the Caithness facility,
- 8 how it came about? It came about so they
- 9 could purchase offshore power that was
- 10 produced cheaper, not using the plant up in
- 11 the north shore. Reducing utilization of the
- 12 plant in Island Park. How did we create or
- any of those plants create their problem?
- 14 No. They wanted more money.
- By the way, none of those contracts
- 16 went before the PACB board. None of them.
- We have a moral issue here. The
- 18 governor and the head of LIPA both with a
- 19 promise, it wasn't written. So now we're
- 20 going to get to that? What's morally right?
- 21 What's right? We can let them disregard and
- 22 we can say we look the other way and the
- county's afraid they're going to get crushed.
- I don't blame you for being concerned. Not at
- 25 all. I don't blame the present county

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- 2 executive. He inherited the situation. It's
- 3 been going on for years. Nobody's stood up.
- 4 Including the governor. I brought this to her
- 5 attention and she hasn't done a damn thing.
- 6 Nothing for the taxpayers of Long Island,
- 7 Suffolk County, Nassau County.
- 8 They want to build an empire. Yes,
- 9 build an empire for LIPA. And you guys vote
- 10 to continue this you know what you do? You
- 11 just strengthen Falcone. He's blackmailed
- 12 us. \$9 million. That isn't even half of one
- 13 year what Island Park would lose and we're
- 14 supposed to say oh, thank you, thank you.
- 15 Shove it. That's what I say. What? Are you
- 16 kidding?
- Now, if you can't grant us two
- 18 weeks or three weeks, let LIPA know that
- 19 they're going to be in for a battle. Let that
- 20 court hearing be held on the 13th. Let us
- 21 participate and see what the judge says.
- 22 Because I'm telling you, I think we have a
- very good chance to say all of the things you
- 24 have done LIPA without the PAC board
- 25 permission are illegal. Void. Ab initio.

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- 2 They don't want that argument to be raised.
- 3 Nobody's raised it. We put it in our
- 4 preliminary papers. The judge just signed the
- 5 order. I just got it last night. Which gives
- 6 us the ability to be heard. The opposition to
- 7 depose us.
- Are we going to win? Will we be
- 9 heard? I think we will be if you give us the
- 10 time. Don't preclude us by saying oh, there's
- 11 a settlement. I'll tell you the first thing
- 12 that LIPA will do. Denise, listen to me.
- 13 First thing they'll do is say the county
- 14 settled. There's no lawsuit for Island Park
- or the Town of Hempstead to come into. We
- 16 won't get the opportunity to put before the
- 17 court what Judge Winslow said. We won't get
- 18 the opportunity to say, all of us, I don't
- 19 want the county to pay a lot of money but you
- 20 will destroying Island Park.
- 21 A bunch of nonsense. A glide
- path. Imagine you're paying \$4,500 a year in
- 23 school taxes on your house. You're one of the
- lowest working income communities in all of
- Long Island and your taxes go up to \$9,000?

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- 2 You think that's a glide path? I ask each and
- 3 every one of you.
- I'm not telling you to derail the
- 5 settlement. I'm telling you to give us an
- 6 opportunity to be heard. Put the pressure on
- 7 LIPA. On that piece of crap who goes and
- 8 hires a million dollars worth of people and
- 9 they're going to tell us what to do and not
- 10 one of them lived on Long Island. He's an
- 11 arrogant SOB. Arrogant. And he's a liar. A
- 12 stranger to the truth.
- Two years ago he promised me we're
- 14 going to build a gas facility in Island Park.
- 15 It will reduce because it will increase your
- 16 assessed valuation. Put it off he said for
- 17 three months. Comes in again with his
- 18 assistant. We'll put it in the beginning --
- 19 nothing.
- Now, he's got nerve. You know what
- 21 he's done? He sent word to the, what is that
- board that reduces, when you build something?
- 23 Your IDA. Went to the town IDA to know if
- they could apply to the town IDA. He tried to
- 25 get some changes in their administrative code

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- about four months ago and I found out.
- 3 This is a conniver. He doesn't
- 4 work for the benefit of the people. He is
- 5 hurting the taxpayers of Long Island. He runs
- 6 an empire that he wants bigger and he wants to
- 7 run all of the electricity here. Him. Number
- 8 one. LIPA. Take it away from the private
- 9 sector. We'll do better. If he does better
- 10 and that's an example of hiring four out of
- 11 state people paying them over a million
- dollars a year, not one of them living here,
- 13 that is incredible.
- 14 And the governor should do
- 15 something. Wake up Hochul. But more
- 16 importantly here at home.
- 17 I'm asking you to do the right
- 18 thing. Put this over for three weeks. Put it
- 19 over. Let LIPA know that you just don't march
- 20 to their drum. That we follow the law. Let
- 21 the judge take a look at our arguments. Let
- 22 him hear our arguments and decide. Because
- 23 I'll tell you this, if we win the county
- 24 wins. Thank you. You have any questions? I
- 25 wouldn't if I were you.

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- 2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We're
- 3 going to take a five minute recess.
- 4 MR. D'AMATO: I'll give you for
- 5 the record the judge's decision with respect
- 6 to the --
- 7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You can
- 8 ask when we get back out. Five minute recess.
- 9 (Meeting was recessed at 4:48 p.m.)
- 10 (Meeting reconvened at 5:03 p.m.)
- 11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We are
- 12 back in session. Legislator Ford.
- 13 LEGISLATOR FORD: Presiding
- 14 Officer, I ask that we table this item until a
- 15 future date.
- 16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We have a
- 17 second?
- 18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
- 19 Second.
- 20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second on
- 21 the part of Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.
- There's no debate on the motion to table. All
- in favor signify by saying aye. An aye vote
- is to table. Opposed? Motion to table fails
- 25 by a vote of ten to eight. Before we have a

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- 2 vote on the item if any legislator wants to
- 3 speak and have a statement. Minority Leader
- 4 Abrahams.
- 5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I didn't
- 6 know about the motion to table until it came
- 7 out to the floor. It's unfortunate that that
- 8 actually failed. But I just want to bring
- 9 this back home because what I've heard from
- 10 residents over the last several weeks as this
- 11 has been considered has been something that's
- 12 been more simplified.
- When we're talking about settling a
- 14 case with LIPA, and I understand the
- 15 ramifications as it pertains to what the
- 16 county exposure is, I don't put all the fault
- on County Executive Blakeman nor do I put all
- 18 the fault on County Executive Curran. I put
- 19 some on both administrations.
- That being said, let's just
- 21 simplify this in terms of who we're talking
- 22 about. Are we talking about the same LIPA
- that has had poor and shoddy service for the
- last 20 some odd years that I experienced
- 25 through my residents in Baldwin, in Uniondale

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- 2 and Roosevelt? During Superstorm Sandy had
- 3 power for periods of weeks.
- 4 Are we talking about the same LIPA
- 5 that has raised rates to astronomical numbers
- 6 for decades before PSEG came into power? And
- 7 now what we are doing is the proverbial while
- 8 I have you down I'm going to kick you in your
- 9 teeth by saying to residents, not just in
- 10 Island Park and for the north shore, that
- 11 we're going to say to them today that even
- 12 though they did all this stuff to you, that
- they provided poor service to you for the last
- 14 two years, they don't even have the respect to
- be here today, and on top of it they raised
- 16 your rates, we're going to say to you today
- that we're going to pass a settlement that
- one, because it's in the best interests of the
- 19 county and then two, that takes them off the
- 20 hook.
- So, I truly have a problem with us
- 22 protecting LIPA. And I think that's the most
- 23 egregious manner that we can talk about
- 24 today. Because ratepayers in Nassau County
- 25 have been getting kicked in the face by LIPA's

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- 2 rates for decades. I don't think anyone in
- 3 this room if I asked you who here likes LIPA,
- 4 no one is going to raise a hand.
- 5 But I think that speaks to all of
- 6 our public utilities. All of our public
- 7 utilities are despicable. There's very little
- 8 accountability from the water districts to the
- 9 public utilities in terms of LIPA or Verizon,
- 10 whoever, Altice, each and every one of them
- 11 have very little accountability to their
- 12 ratepayers. We've all seen our rates go up
- and up and up.
- I remember during Superstorm Sandy
- 15 I had residents that were without power for
- 16 two or three weeks. Some of them lost income
- 17 because of that. Where does that settlement
- 18 help them with this? They're getting off the
- 19 hook. This settlement is a sweetheart deal
- 20 for them. And I'm not cast aspirations on
- 21 County Executive Blakeman and I'm not casting
- 22 aspirations on County Executive Curran. I
- 23 said it's a shared responsibility on why we're
- 24 here today.
- But ultimately, that guy that lost

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- 2 his power for several weeks, who helped him
- 3 pay for his mortgage when his power was out
- 4 and he probably had to lose his job because he
- 5 had to watch his kids? Or who helped that
- 6 business owner in Uniondale or Roosevelt when
- 7 they couldn't operate their business and lost
- 8 revenue for that period of time?
- 9 I bring that up because we're
- 10 talking about the same entity today. It's not
- 11 some other phantom entity we're talking
- 12 about. We're talking about the same guys that
- 13 have hurt our residents for decades. And the
- 14 best we can do is a sliding scale to the
- 15 future? I just feel like that is -- and I
- 16 understand the county executive's position in
- 17 regards to this but I just feel that's the
- 18 wrong message to send to our residents.
- 19 Residents that have paid and endured high
- 20 rates from this public utility for decades.
- 21 If you're a homeowner or a ratepayer in this
- 22 county you understand that LIPA has hurt you
- 23 for two decades if not more.
- The bottom line is, we should be
- doing more as the government watchdogs not

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- 2 just for the county. We want to make sure the
- 3 county's whole, of course. But for the people
- 4 that put us here. Ratepayers, homeowners they
- 5 deserve better. This settlement does not do
- 6 that for them.
- 7 So, we are going to vote no today
- 8 mainly for the reasons that I indicated before
- 9 but also because it does not do enough. We
- 10 are not doing enough in this settlement. And
- if we need to sit back and get more time, I
- 12 heard from Senator D'Amato in regards to this
- 13 matter, I rather go the full length, to the
- 14 11th hour before I give this utility, which
- 15 has been shameful in its actions, have raised
- 16 rates, shoddy service, some type of a deal
- 17 that they think is fair. If anything, they
- 18 should be paying our ratepayers back
- 19 something. Who's thinking about them today?
- Who's thinking about our homeowners today?
- 21 Thank you.
- 22 LEGISLATOR FORD: I too will be
- voting no on this settlement because I believe
- that the Island Park school district, as well
- as Oceanside, needs to be protected even more

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- 2 so. The way that it was a blanket reduction
- 3 in assessment regardless of the school
- 4 district, they had a power plant and not a
- 5 power plant, I think has proven to be unfair
- 6 to Island Park because I think that maybe if
- 7 Glenwood Landing went lower we could have kept
- 8 a higher assessment for the Island Park school
- 9 district.
- I understand why the county is
- 11 doing this. I think that I may not agree with
- 12 it but I do understand why they're doing
- this. When you look at an \$800 million
- 14 liability, according to our independent budget
- 15 review, the exposure for all of our residents
- of Nassau County could be about \$90 million a
- 17 year. So, everybody else and the other people
- in the rest of my district would have to
- 19 absorb that cost.
- You know, we need to go after our
- 21 state representatives and our governor. You
- 22 know, Legislator, Minority Leader I should
- 23 say, Abrahams did mention these public
- 24 utilities. LIPA has been out of control.
- 25 PSEG, Optimum and Verizon. Each and every

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- 2 single one of these utilities falls under the
- 3 jurisdiction of New York State. I have
- 4 reached out to the Public Service Commission
- on various issues and, you know, lately they
- 6 have been responding.
- 7 I worked for a utility for 25
- 8 years. So, I know in the past when they used
- 9 to be a very a -- when the state was very
- 10 powerful and did an oversight on the utilities
- 11 they responded more prudently to the
- 12 residents, to businesses, to everybody here in
- 13 the jurisdictions that they served.
- So, I think now -- and I will keep
- 15 reaching out to the county executive. So, I
- see that DCE Walsh better get used to the fact
- 17 that I'm going to keep reaching out to him in
- 18 the hopes of trying to help the school
- 19 district find some magic ways.
- But in the mean time, all of us,
- all of us, I know you're going to vote no,
- 22 maybe you'll vote yes, but I'm asking all of
- you to join me in going after Governor
- 24 Hochul. Going after our state
- 25 representatives. I have to give credit to

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- then Assemblywoman Miller, who actually did
- 3 come up with a plan to try to make some relief
- 4 for the Island Park school district but could
- 5 not get it through the senate.
- But I'm asking all of you because
- 7 we need to. This is a community of working
- 8 class people. I did not live there. I did
- 9 not grow up there but I know a lot of people.
- 10 I have relatives who now live in Island Park
- and it is a gem of a community and it deserves
- 12 all the assistance that it can get. And I'm
- 13 hoping that you will join with me.
- 14 And I just ask for one thing.
- 15 Having been a telephone worker and spending
- 16 many years climbing telephone poles and
- 17 responding to all sorts of disasters, I just
- 18 want to put on record because I think it's
- 19 unfair to the workers that do that work. When
- we say that you've been out of power, yes,
- 21 where we don't have power for three weeks, we
- don't have power for three months, we don't
- have power.
- 24 You know, unless you do that work
- 25 and you know the constraints and you know the

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- 2 safety considerations that have to be made by
- 3 people who do work out in the field then
- 4 you'll understand sometimes why it does take a
- 5 long time for your power to be restored. It's
- 6 not just a matter of flicking on a switch. A
- 7 lot of times it's a matter of clearing
- 8 debris. Clearing trees. Trying to get access
- 9 to rear poles. Highway poles. Poles that are
- 10 down.
- 11 These workers, every time we always
- 12 criticize them for not doing -- like, in our
- 13 minds, of not doing the job right. But unless
- 14 you climb a telephone pole, unless you know
- 15 exactly what it is, what it's like running
- 16 cable in the most extreme type of weather
- 17 conditions, then please, when you want to say
- 18 that we didn't have power just say that we
- 19 understand that the workers have their
- 20 constraints and they try their best but
- 21 sometimes it does take a long time. Don't
- lump them in with the LIPA executives because
- they're a completely different jurisdiction.
- 24 Okay?
- 25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No.

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- disrespect Legislator Ford, but maybe you
- 3 misheard me. But I never mentioned the
- 4 workers.
- 5 LEGISLATOR FORD: But no, when
- 6 you said it takes three to four weeks.
- 7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I was
- 8 talking about the LIPA administration.
- 9 LEGISLATOR FORD: I just want to
- 10 point out that it's different because the
- 11 workers are also the ones that are restoring
- 12 the power.
- 13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I have
- 14 nothing but respect for the workers.
- 15 LEGISLATOR FORD: I just wanted
- 16 to be clear.
- 17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It's
- 18 already clear coming from my mouth. I never
- 19 mentioned the workers. But that being said,
- the administration did, LIPA administration,
- let me make sure I'm clear, not the workers,
- 22 but they did a very poor job not just with
- 23 Superstorm Sandy but Isaias. There's multiple
- 24 storms that they were unprepared.
- 25 LEGISLATOR FORD: I'm not

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- 2 defending LIPA.
- 3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But it
- 4 sounded like you just were to some degree.
- 5 What I'm saying is, the fact is that people
- 6 went without power for weeks. But it sounds
- 7 like we're talking about a different LIPA.
- And I'm glad to see that you're
- 9 going to vote no. I wish there was somebody
- 10 else on your side that was going to vote no.
- But that being said, people went
- 12 without power for weeks. And here we are
- 13 considering LIPA, of all the public utilities,
- 14 probably the worst one, here we are
- 15 considering LIPA for a settlement today which
- 16 they consider to be fair. Which I can't
- 17 believe that we would do anything that LIPA
- would consider to be fair because that means
- 19 they think it's to their benefit.
- I mean, think about what the
- 21 residents went through without power. This
- 22 has nothing to do with the workers. It
- everything to do with the LIPA administration
- 24 handling and poorly executing a plan for
- 25 Superstorm Sandy. The reason why we have PSEG

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- 2 today folks is because they did such a shoddy
- 3 job with Superstorm Sandy. So, it's not just
- 4 me that's saying that. There's no one
- 5 criticizing the workers.
- The fact remains we're still going
- 7 to vote for a settlement that gives shoddy
- 8 work, as well as an entity that raised rates
- 9 for decades. I just don't see the logic in
- 10 that.
- 11 Look, I understand the position the
- 12 county is in today. But that being said, I
- from our standpoint, I cast blame on both
- 14 sides. Nor do I cast any blame totally on one
- entity in terms of the administration.
- 16 But I think we can do better and I
- 17 think we should go forward with doing better
- and challenge this up to the 11th hour. But
- 19 if we can't get another vote to do that then
- 20 that's okay.
- 21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I disagree
- 22 with one point that was made. Minority Leader
- 23 Abrahams indicated that LIPA is on the hook.
- 24 That's exactly 180 degree opposite. The
- 25 county is on the hook. You litigate cases and

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- 2 some cases are just you're going to lose.
- 3 That is this case. We battled with LIPA, the
- 4 county has, through different
- 5 administrations. And this case wound its way
- 6 through the court. It was adjourned. Public
- 7 meetings were held. But the county was always
- 8 going to lose the case. They're on the wrong
- 9 side of the case.
- Because it comes down to what is
- 11 the value, assessed value of those plants?
- 12 When the county looked at those plants it
- 13 actually came up with lower values than LIPA.
- 14 So this was a loser. We were going to lose
- 15 this case. And we are at the point now we
- 16 have to face that reality. Just as they had
- 17 to face the reality in Suffolk County.
- The exposure to county taxpayers by
- 19 all accounts is upwards of \$800 million. \$100
- 20 million a year for debt service to pay this.
- More importantly, for the residents
- of those districts, if we litigate this case
- and lose, and we're going to lose because our
- 24 appraisals are even lower than LIPA's, the
- 25 immediate reduction in assessed value for that

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- 2 plant will be either 81 percent or 94
- 3 percent.
- 4 That means that in October, in the
- 5 Island Park school district, LIPA will be
- 6 paying 81 percent less than they were paying
- 7 now or 94 percent. Basically they were going
- 8 to wipe all almost the entire amount of money
- 9 that LIPA is paying to that district if we
- 10 litigate this case, which we're going to lose.
- So, we have no alternative at this
- 12 point. We've battled this for years. It's up
- 13 for a vote now. If we don't do this we are
- 14 going to do a grave disservice to our county,
- 15 to the residents and it's time to vote.
- 16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: The message
- is today -- I'm sorry Senator D'Amato.
- MR. D'AMATO: May I make an
- 19 observation?
- LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Yes.
- MR. D'AMATO: I appreciate your
- 22 indulgence. I didn't ask you to put it on
- 23 after the court meets. You have at least
- three weeks before the court meets. Maybe
- 25 longer.

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- 2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We
- 3 understand that Senator. It's our considered
- 4 opinion --
- 5 MR. D'AMATO: What I'm asking is
- 6 to give the court an opportunity to listen to
- 7 our argument. Because our argument, if indeed
- 8 LIPA violated the PACB law, which said every
- 9 contract over a million has to be approved by
- 10 PACB and it goes back to the Caithness matter
- 11 where they started to bring in the power from
- 12 outside so these plants did not have to be
- 13 utilized.
- So, if I said put it on after the
- 15 case is scheduled you'd say senator, we have a
- 16 settlement, the county. I'm not asking you to
- 17 jeopardize that settlement. I'm asking you to
- 18 give the court an opportunity.
- And to some of the members on the
- 20 board, I don't understand why you would not
- 21 give the court an opportunity to hear the
- 22 Island Park, Town of Hempstead case before the
- 23 court takes up your settlement. You still
- 24 don't lose that and if it wants to settle on
- 25 it. But why not give us the leverage to do

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- 2 better with the governor and with LIPA by an
- 3 adjournment? Adjourn it for two weeks.
- 4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Senator,
- 5 you made those arguments eloquently before.
- 6 MR. D'AMATO: But guess what? If
- 7 they're so eloquent and they fail then they
- 8 should be failing for a reason. Give me a
- 9 reason.
- 10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You want a
- 11 reason?
- MR. D'AMATO: I'm not asking you
- 13 to jeopardize the county settlement because
- 14 they've entered into an agreement already with
- 15 the county. They can't rescind it. What I'm
- 16 asking you is to give the court an opportunity
- 17 to listen, I think it's May 13th, to listen to
- 18 Island Park and to the Town of Hempstead. It
- does not interfere with the date, which I
- 20 think is May 22nd. What do you lose? What
- 21 are you jeopardizing? Why not put some
- 22 pressure on LIPA?
- 23 If they were the little choir boys,
- 24 if they did everything properly, if they
- 25 were -- fine. But I'm going to tell you,

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- 2 Billy Gaylor, I don't understand why you
- 3 wouldn't vote to give us an opportunity before
- 4 the court. Not jeopardizing the county
- 5 settlement. Give us a chance. Why don't you
- 6 put the pressure on LIPA for a change? You
- 7 like being blackmailed? That's what's going
- 8 on. You're marching to a drum. Some
- 9 political drum. What the hell drum is it?
- 10 Why won't you vote the right way? That's to
- 11 give us an adjournment for three weeks. I
- don't understand it. You go ahead and vote.
- 13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We will.
- MR. D'AMATO: But let me tell
- 15 you, if you vote not to give us an adjournment
- 16 you're failing the taxpayers. Certainly the
- 17 taxpayers of Island Park by not giving them an
- 18 opportunity. I didn't say back away from your
- 19 agreement. I didn't say that. If I said to
- 20 do that you'd say it's unreasonable. I say to
- 21 my Republican colleagues there, there's a time
- 22 to act for what's right. You just don't march
- 23 to a political drum. Thank you for your
- 24 indulgence.
- 25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you

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- 2 Senator. It's time for a vote. All in
- 3 favor --
- 4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm going
- 5 to request a roll call vote.
- 6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Sure.
- 7 Roll call vote.
- MR. PULITZER: Thank you. Roll
- 9 call vote proceeding. Deputy Presiding
- 10 Officer Howard Kopel.
- 11 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Yes.
- MR. PULITZER: Alternate
- 13 Presiding Officer Denise Ford.
- 14 LEGISLATOR FORD: No.
- MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela
- 16 Bynoe.
- 17 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: On the motion
- 18 I'm going to vote no for the fact that I do
- 19 think there's more time necessary to make sure
- that the agreements between our special
- 21 districts are baked and that they make sure
- that they protect all the special districts.
- 23 If even one is left behind it would be a
- 24 crime. This is an opportunity for us to make
- 25 sure that we're doing our very best as

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- 2 fiduciaries to protect our special districts
- 3 as well as the county. So I'm voting no.
- 4 MR. PULITZER: Thank you.
- 5 Legislator Carrie Solages.
- 6 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I'm voting
- 7 no. I want there to be a proper chance of due
- 8 process for the residents of Island Park and
- 9 the Town of Hempstead to be heard. It would
- 10 not inure anyone just also to grant the
- 11 adjournment. I'm voting no.
- MR. PULITZER: Thank you.
- 13 Legislator Debra Mule.
- 14 LEGISLATOR MULE: I will be a no
- 15 vote also for the reasons stated. We have the
- 16 time. It doesn't make sense to me to not
- 17 allow that process to go through. We still
- 18 have the opportunity to protect the people who
- 19 live in Island Park in particular. And still
- 20 protect the taxpayers in all of Nassau
- 21 County. I'm voting no.
- MR. PULITZER: Thank you.
- 23 Legislator C. William Gaylor the Third.
- LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: All right.
- 25 It's a difficult decision and the senator

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- 2 brings up some very compelling arguments. So
- 3 does Councilman D'Esposito as well as
- 4 everybody else. Looking at the overall bigger
- 5 picture to the county we got a certain
- 6 fiduciary responsibility that we're charged to
- 7 uphold. An obligation to preserve the
- 8 taxpayers precious resources where we can.
- 9 That's all the taxpayers of Nassau County.
- 10 You know, this agreement is really
- 11 a revocable agreement. It could be pulled by
- 12 LIPA tomorrow. It could be pulled by the
- 13 county tomorrow. I don't know. It's here
- 14 before us to be ratified and it gives us some
- 15 certain assurances of a resolution to a matter
- 16 that's been contentious for a decade. A
- 17 matter that's been discussed, debated in the
- 18 courts, out of the courts, in one
- 19 administration, in the second administration,
- in the third administration now for ten
- 21 years. But it still comes back to what's best
- 22 for all of the residents in Nassau County. In
- this case I think it's best if I vote yes in
- 24 the affirmative. That's my vote.
- MR. PULITZER: Thank you.

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- 2 Legislator John Giuffre.
- 3 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: My vote is
- 4 yes.
- 5 MR. PULITZER: Thank you.
- 6 Legislator Mazi Pilip.
- 7 LEGISLATOR PILIP: I will vote
- yes in order to protect the entire residents.
- 9 MR. PULITZER: Thank you.
- 10 Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton.
- 11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
- 12 want to just give like a quick story of what
- 13 happened I think it was two years ago. I was
- 14 asked to go on a Zoom meeting with LIPA and
- 15 president or everyone called him Falcone was
- on the call. Everyone introduced themselves.
- 17 It was the mayor of Sea Cliff at the time. I
- 18 was sitting in my backyard. It was during
- 19 COVID. So my husband and daughter were home.
- I had already met with the administration and
- 21 expressed my concerns and was questioning
- 22 about the PILOT and questioning about the fact
- that this settlement was going to affect our
- 24 residents for decades. For the rest of the
- 25 time they owned their homes. It's a major,

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- 2 major, major decision.
- 3 And Mr. Falcone said to me,
- 4 Legislator, I want you to really consider what
- 5 you're doing by going against this
- 6 settlement. Because if you continue to do so,
- 7 I'm going to take everything out of the north
- 8 shore Glenwood Landing plant and bring it in
- 9 through Northport and you'll have nothing.
- 10 And I said "Are you threatening me?" Because
- 11 I've been threatened a couple of times even in
- 12 the last week. And usually when somebody
- 13 threatens you they feel an insecurity.
- 14 At that moment some other person
- came on the phone. And that's the problem
- 16 with Zoom, especially back then, you didn't
- 17 always know who was on the phone. He said
- 18 "No, no, no legislator. You're not being
- 19 threatened. LIPA's not threatening you. No,
- 20 no, no." I said "No, I think I was just
- 21 threatened." I said "You just told me if I
- don't agree with it you're going to take
- everything away from the north shore."
- To make a long story short, I
- 25 finished the meeting because I hung up on them

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- 2 and I walked into my house and my husband said
- 3 "I don't know who you were yelling at but I'm
- 4 glad it wasn't me." So like, that's how they
- 5 were with me. They are bullies.
- 6 Look, I know, I see how nervous the
- 7 deputy county executive is right now. This is
- 8 checklist to help us get rid of NIFA. I get
- 9 it. We have to get rid of this liability. I
- 10 get it. But do we have to give them
- 11 everything they want? No.
- I agree with Senator D'Amato. It's
- been a pleasure to see you again. I'm so
- impressed with how sharp you still are and how
- 15 strong you are and how you don't back down to
- 16 people that tried to bully you right 15
- 17 minutes ago. I appreciate it from my district
- 18 and from Island Park because, again, we're
- 19 going to go home today and it's over and
- 20 great. But it's going to impact these
- 21 families for generations to come. I'm sick
- 22 about it.
- Because again, I feel this is a
- 24 company that's making more money than ever.
- 25 And, you know, it's just a real shame that

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- 2 we're -- I feel like we're bowing down. And
- 3 I'm a fighter. I was raised by a fighter. I
- 4 would fight. I would definitely fight this.
- 5 And I appreciate you taking your time to try
- 6 to motivate it. Unfortunately, it's very hard
- 7 to get anyone to break the ranks. So, you did
- 8 a good job and you tried but I haven't seen it
- 9 happen before. The odds were against you. So
- 10 I vote no for the settlement.
- MR. PULITZER: Thank you. Is
- 12 James Kennedy available.
- 13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: He's not
- 14 available, no.
- MR. PULITZER: Okay. Legislator
- 16 Thomas McKevitt.
- 17 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Yes.
- MR. PULITZER: Thank you.
- 19 Legislator Laura Schaefer.
- LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: I vote yes.
- MR. PULITZER: Thank you.
- 22 Legislator John Ferretti.
- LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Sorry, I'm
- 24 going to be a little bit longer. I think
- 25 there's been an attempt today, specifically by

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- 2 my colleagues on the other side of the aisle,
- 3 to paint this picture that somehow the
- 4 administration has negotiated a deal where the
- 5 county is bowing down. I think that's what
- 6 was said. Or that LIPA is getting everything
- 7 they want. It's just not reality.
- 8 The reality is that the evidence
- 9 submitted by the county, by the previous
- 10 administration, we will lose. At best they
- 11 will get an award I believe Mr. Vincelette
- said between \$500 million and \$800 million.
- 13 At best. That's if they agree with the
- 14 previous county administration's numbers.
- 15 Every one of our residents, with the exception
- of two legislators, will be on the hook for
- 17 that money.
- The minority talked about rates,
- 19 the high rates of LIPA. I agree. Nobody
- 20 wants to pay high rates. Isn't it possible
- 21 that because they've been overpaying on these
- 22 plants for X amount of years that they
- increased their rates as a result and that all
- of our constituents in every district are
- 25 paying higher rates because of that?

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- So, when you talk about LIPA rates
- 3 and then vote no on this settlement it's a
- 4 contradiction to me. It could very well
- 5 happen that in the event that this does not
- 6 pass that the rates will get even higher. So,
- 7 I don't really understand that.
- I respect and I understand the
- 9 complaints about LIPA as an entity and I agree
- 10 with them. But I didn't hear anybody on the
- other side of the aisle going after the state
- 12 when those things were happening. It's a
- 13 state utility. That's the reality of that.
- So, again, I just want to kind of
- drill home the fact that this is not a
- 16 winnable case. Every one of our residents
- 17 will lose. Island Park and Glenwood
- 18 Landing -- and look, I don't love the term
- 19 glide path either. But talk about a cliff.
- 20 If we were to lose it would be more
- 21 devastating than it is now. Nobody wants to
- 22 pay higher taxes. I have compassion for both
- of those communities. We have to go to the
- state and get more money for them to mitigate
- 25 this disastrous outcome. But we also have to

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- 2 do what's right for the entire county and that
- 3 is why I am voting yes.
- 4 MR. PULITZER: Thank you
- 5 legislator. Legislator Arnold Drucker.
- 6 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you.
- 7 You know, my colleagues who are attorneys I'm
- 8 so impressed that you have a crystal ball and
- 9 you can predict the outcome of every single
- 10 trial because I wish I had that crystal ball
- 11 every time I went into court.
- 12 You know, I'm an attorney and I
- 13 believe in the rule of law and I believe in
- 14 democracy. And I want to thank Senator
- 15 D'Amato for educating me on the procedural
- 16 defects that LIPA faces that could carry the
- 17 day. We don't know. I think there's reason
- 18 to pause, not necessarily as the senator said
- 19 about waiting until after the court hearing,
- 20 but at least give us a few weeks time to just
- 21 pump the brakes a little bit.
- I think that rule of law is
- important and we have to respect that. Also,
- 24 LIPA is this behemoth that, I don't know, this
- 25 particular offer on its face also does nothing

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- for the ratepayers. Are they offering any
- 3 sort of reduction to ratepayers to compensate
- 4 them for what has been going on for, as the
- 5 minority leader said, decades. Decades of
- 6 ineptitude. Decades of abject corruption.
- 7 I for one believe that there
- 8 shouldn't be a rush to judgement here.
- 9 Stranger things have happened in pretrial
- 10 conferences and maybe something can come out
- of this that's a little bit better for Nassau
- 12 County taxpayers.
- 13 Yes, many times we're asked as
- 14 legislators when we go into executive session
- and approved settlements that all of us, both
- 16 sides of the aisle, we don't like. Sometimes
- we have to hold our noises and say yeah, we're
- 18 going to have to vote for this because it's
- 19 better for Nassau County to have to pay this
- than pay something a lot larger later on.
- 21 That makes a lot of sense sometimes.
- This one of those cases where I'm
- 23 not willing to hold my nose on. I want to
- 24 give it some more time to percolate and maybe
- 25 some better results can come out of this. So

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- 2 I'm going to vote no.
- 3 MR. PULITZER: Thank you
- 4 legislator. Legislator Rose Marie Walker.
- 5 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I quess I
- 6 would have to say, and I don't have a crystal
- 7 ball either, I look on the other side that
- 8 Legislator Drucker was looking on. I think
- 9 the result that if it wasn't beneficial to us
- 10 that it would hurt the residents so much
- 11 more. It would hurt all of our residents and
- 12 certainly hurt the residents in both of those
- 13 districts very, very much.
- I'm going to vote yes, but I'm also
- 15 going to say I will do everything in my power
- and continue to do everything in my power,
- 17 along with the rest of us, to petition the
- 18 state, to petition the governor to do what is
- 19 right too for both of these school districts.
- MR. PULITZER: Thank you ma'am.
- 21 Legislator Joshua Lafazan.
- 22 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Thank you,
- and I appreciate all who came down to speak
- today so passionately. This is something that
- 25 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton and I have been

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- 2 working on together for a number of months if
- 3 not years now to protect the residents in
- 4 Island Park, to protect the residents in
- 5 Glenwood Landing and to do the right thing. I
- 6 vote no.
- 7 MR. PULITZER: Thank you.
- 8 Legislator Steven Rhoads.
- 9 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you
- 10 Mr. Clerk. We do have I guess different
- opinions on what doing the right thing is. I
- 12 guess that's a question of our own individual
- 13 perspective.
- 14 This is not a rate case. This is
- not a case about the quality of service. This
- is a tax certiorari case. This is a case,
- 17 like so many others that come before us, where
- 18 we look at facts, look at evidence, look at
- 19 what we anticipate the court is going to see
- 20 in terms of evidence and make a decision as to
- 21 what's in the best interest of the county.
- What we know, and I don't have a
- 23 crystal ball either, but what I do know is
- 24 that I have handled a ton of cases where you
- 25 have experts on both sides. And what I do

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- 2 know is that when you hire an expert who gives
- 3 you an opinion that not only agrees with the
- 4 other side but in fact says it's worse,
- 5 there's a great chance you're going to lose.
- 6 That's what I know. That's the situation that
- 7 we're in in this particular case.
- I agree, LIPA is terrible. I agree
- 9 that the public service commission does very
- 10 little, if anything, to protect ratepayers.
- 11 I've been fighting with the public service
- 12 commission over New York American Water and
- 13 Liberty Water for the last -- how long have
- 14 I've been here? Seven years. Four years ago
- 15 they gave them a rate increase anyway. I
- 16 asked the governor to change the public
- 17 service commission. It never happened. We
- 18 changed the governor before we changed the
- 19 public service commission. That fight needs
- to happen up in Albany.
- But what's before us here is a
- 22 situation where if this settlement isn't
- 23 approved today LIPA could walk away from that
- 24 settlement tomorrow. Until both sides sign on
- 25 the dotted line, and effectively what we're

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- 2 doing today by ratifying the agreement is
- 3 signing on the bottom line, that agreement is
- 4 fully revocable. And if LIPA walks away from
- 5 that agreement, then Nassau County taxpayers
- 6 are likely on the hook for between five and
- 7 \$800 million in liability. That is money that
- 8 will be paid by every single taxpayer of
- 9 Nassau County. That is money that the
- 10 residents of Island Park and the residents of
- 11 Glenwood Landing, who I could not be more
- 12 sympathetic towards, but if they win that
- 13 judgement there is no five year phase in. It
- 14 happens immediately. Was it 87 or 94 percent,
- 15 whichever it was, increase immediately in
- 16 their tax liability.
- So, the reasonable thing to me to
- do and the responsible thing in my opinion to
- do is to vote for this settlement today for
- the assurance that one, we're avoiding this
- 21 liability on behalf of all Nassau County
- 22 residents. But providing a path even for the
- 23 residents in those individual districts to
- have at least some phase in and at least some
- 25 relief instead of the threat of being

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- 2 immediately impacted by a case that we are
- 3 pretty confident we're not going to win. So I
- 4 vote in the affirmative.
- 5 MR. PULITZER: Thank you
- 6 legislator. Minority Leader Kevan Abrahams.
- 7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you
- 8 Mike. I've heard a lot of justification for
- 9 votes today which I quess it is what it is.
- 10 We have to justify why we vote yes. At the
- 11 same time we have to justify that this is a
- 12 different entity than the entity that has been
- 13 hurting ratepayers for the last God knows how
- 14 many decades. That being said, your voters
- and your constituents don't see the
- 16 differentiation. They don't see the examples
- 17 that you're trying to make.
- 18 At the end of the day this is the
- 19 same LIPA that has given them shoddy service
- 20 and raised their rates. Granted, we
- 21 understand that that's not before us today.
- 22 Today is a tax certiorari case. But the
- 23 little guy had a chance to score a victory
- today and you guys voted with the big entity.
- 25 That's the fact. The little guy could have

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- won something today. Could have been one zero
- 3 for the little guy. Finally gets a chance to
- 4 stick it to the big guy.
- In agreement with Senator D'Amato.
- 6 Everyone knows this case has to be settled but
- 7 we don't have to settle it today. We're
- 8 settling it because LIPA said that we have to
- 9 settle it today or we're backing away. That's
- 10 placating to LIPA. That's the point that I'm
- 11 making. That if LIPA says jump you guys are
- 12 asking how high.
- So, clearly what's happening today
- is that ratepayers don't matter. Constituents
- don't matter. School districts, library
- 16 districts don't matter. LIPA matters. That's
- 17 the entity that matters. That's where we're
- 18 going wrong and that's where we're losing the
- 19 message. That the same entity that hurt your
- 20 constituents during countless super storm
- 21 after, they left them in the dark, literally
- left them in the dark, is getting what they
- 23 want. Not just what they want but when they
- 24 want it. What kind of message does that say
- about you guys? Not a good one. I vote no

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- 2 for the ratepayer.
- MR. PULITZER: Thank you
- 4 legislator. Presiding Officer Richard
- 5 Nicolello.
- 6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Our voters
- 7 and the residents of Nassau County are a lot
- 8 more intelligent than you give them credit
- 9 for. They understand the fact that there's a
- 10 potential exposure to the county of a billion
- 11 dollars. It's money that they have to pay.
- 12 Taxpayers have to pay. Even the residents in
- 13 the districts that are most prominently
- 14 affected they have more intelligence than
- 15 that. They can understand the numbers.
- 16 Steve talked generally about
- 17 experts. Let's look at what the experts are
- 18 saying. This is an assessment case. What's
- 19 the value of those plants? LIPA says Barrett
- 20 plant the value is \$28 million. Would be a 94
- 21 percent reduction in the taxes they pay.
- Nassau County, they say it's \$94 million.
- 23 Which is an 81 percent reduction in taxes they
- 24 have to pay.
- 25 Glenwood Landing. LIPA says that

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- the plant is worth \$40 million. 72 percent
- 3 reduction in taxes that LIPA will be paying to
- 4 that school district. Nassau County was
- 5 less. \$35 million. So, under Nassau County's
- 6 numbers a 76 percent reduction in the taxes
- 7 that we pay to those school districts. Those
- 8 are the numbers.
- 9 Again, we can rail about LIPA and
- 10 none of us like LIPA and they're the whipping
- 11 boy that we can talk about and all that
- 12 stuff. But our residents are smart. They
- 13 understand the numbers. They understand that
- they don't want to pay another billion dollars
- in county taxes to get nothing for it.
- 16 And the residents in the school
- 17 districts are smart and they understand that
- 18 at some point in the litigation you have to
- 19 decide whether you're going to settle it or go
- 20 forward. And in this case they understand if
- you don't settle the reduction in taxes will
- 22 be devastating and immediate.
- So, I have a lot of respect for the
- residents of the county, apparently more than
- you do and I think the residents will see this

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- 2 to be a good deal that it is for the county
- 3 residents and in fact for the school districts
- 4 is the best we're ever going to get. I vote
- 5 yes.
- 6 MR. PULITZER: Thank you. Final
- 7 count, ten yes, eight no.
- 8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank
- 9 you. The item passes.
- 10 We have two other items on the
- 11 agenda. Number one, a local law to amend
- 12 Section 3-2.3 of the Nassau County
- 13 Administrative Code in relation to the special
- 14 revenue fund created pursuant this section.
- A motion to open the hearing?
- 16 Legislator Schaefer makes that motion.
- 17 Legislator Walker seconds the motion. The
- 18 hearing is now open. Andy, do you want to
- 19 speak to it?
- MR. PERSICH: Andy Persich,
- 21 Office of Management and Budget. As I spoke
- before in the committee meetings last week,
- 23 two weeks ago, I'm sorry, this just amends the
- special uses for the special revenue fund to
- 25 broaden its uses for what we can spend the

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- 2 money on. And I'm here to take any questions.
- 3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: More
- 4 specifically it will allow us to spend money
- 5 with respect to the longevity payment?
- 6 MR. PERSICH: It will give us
- 7 monies to fund the longevity payments. We
- 8 have some other litigation out there that it
- 9 would open up the horizons. There's Article
- 10 18 cases out there that are still looming.
- 11 Some other post-employment benefits that we
- 12 might be able to use the money for.
- 13 Again, this will help us on the
- 14 glide slope to get us out of the control
- period is what the ultimate goal is by
- spending down some of our -- or reducing some
- of the liabilities that are on the county's
- 18 books that are unforeseen.
- 19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any
- 20 guestions? Motion to close the hearing?
- 21 Legislator Walker. Seconded by Legislator
- 22 Ford. All in favor of closing the hearing
- 23 signify by saying aye. Those opposed?
- 24 Carries unanimously.
- Item two is a vote on the proposed

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2	local law to amend Section 3-2.3 of the Nassau
3	County Administrative Code in relation to the
4	special revenue fund created pursuant to this
5	section.
6	Motion by Legislator Giuffre.
7	Seconded by Legislator Ferretti. Any debate
8	or discussion on this local law? Hearing
9	none, all in favor signify by saying aye.
10	Those opposed? Carries unanimously.
11	Motion by Legislator Rhoads.
12	Seconded by Legislator Walker. All in favor
13	of adjourning signify by saying aye. Those
14	opposed? Carries unanimously.
15	(Meeting was adjourned at 5:46
16	p.m.)
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2	CERTIFICATION
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4	I, FRANK GRAY, a Notary
5	Public in and for the State of New
6	York, do hereby certify:
7	THAT the foregoing is a true and
8	accurate transcript of my stenographic
9	notes.
10	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
11	hereunto set my hand this first day of
12	May 2022.
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