

**NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MINEOLA, NEW YORK
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2017 1:00 P.M.
ELEVENTH MEETING OF 2017**

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Legislative Calendar

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Proposed Ordinances

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT
THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017 AT 1:00 P.M.

IN

THE PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER
THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MINEOLA, NEW YORK 11501

AT WHICH TIME THE LEGISLATURE WILL ADDRESS ITEMS AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS
THERE TO ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2018 NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET AND MULTI-YEAR
FINANCIAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018-2021

MICHAEL C. PULITZER

Dated: October 23, 2017

Mineola, NY

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LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
ELEVENTH MEETING OF 2017

MINEOLA, NEW YORK
OCTOBER 30, 2017 1:00 P.M.

THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE IS COMMITTED TO MAKING ITS PUBLIC MEETING ACCESSIBLE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. IF, DUE TO A DISABILITY, YOU NEED AN ACCOMMODATION OR ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC MEETING OR TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN AN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE AT 571-4252, OR THE NASSAU COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED AT 227-7101 OR TDD TELEPHONE NO. 227-8989. AS PER THE NASSAU COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE, THE PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER HAS A MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY OF 251 PEOPLE AND THE OUTER CHAMBER WHICH WILL STREAM THE MEETING LIVE, HAS A MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY OF 72. PASSES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS BEGINNING ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE MEETING TIME.

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1. **HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 132 -2017***

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2018 FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018; TO APPROPRIATE REVENUES AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEYS TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION WITHIN THE TOWNS AND CITIES OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR COUNTY; COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION, SAFETY, COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION FUND; COUNTY POLICE HEADQUARTERS; COUNTY POLICE DISTRICT; COUNTY DEBT SERVICE; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY FUND; COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND; AND COUNTY NEW YORK STATE PROPERTY TAX REFUND FUND PURPOSES FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED 2018 FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY, THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THE COUNTY LAW, THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, AND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW. 351-17(OMB)

***WITH POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS THEREIN**

2.

ORDINANCE NO. 132-2017

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2018 FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018; TO APPROPRIATE REVENUES AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEYS TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION WITHIN THE TOWNS AND CITIES OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR COUNTY; COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION, SAFETY, COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION FUND; COUNTY POLICE HEADQUARTERS; COUNTY POLICE DISTRICT; COUNTY DEBT SERVICE; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY FUND; COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND; AND COUNTY NEW YORK STATE PROPERTY TAX REFUND FUND PURPOSES FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED 2018 FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY, THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THE COUNTY LAW, THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, AND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW. 351-17(OMB)

3.

ORDINANCE NO. 133-2017

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2018 FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018, UPON TAXABLE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNS AND CITIES OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR COUNTY; COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION, SAFETY, COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION FUND; COUNTY POLICE HEADQUARTERS; COUNTY POLICE DISTRICT; NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE; COUNTY NEW YORK STATE PROPERTY TAX REFUND FUND; COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND; NASSAU COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT; COUNTY DISPUTED ASSESSMENT FUND; AND FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED 2018 FISCAL YEAR FOR TOWN, TOWN HIGHWAY, TOWN GENERAL FUND, TOWN GENERAL FUND-PART TOWN, TOWN SPECIAL DISTRICT, UNPAID WATER CHARGES IN ARREARS, TOWN SIDEWALK AND CURB ASSESSMENT AND OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES AND ALLOCATING REVENUES FROM CERTAIN SALES TAXES IMPOSED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AND DETERMINING THE EQUALIZATION RATES IN RELATION THERETO AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE CLERK OF THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO EXECUTE SEPARATE TAX WARRANTS ADDRESSED TO THE RECEIVERS OF TAXES OF THE TOWNS AND CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE SEVERAL SUMS MENTIONED THEREIN; PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, THE COUNTY LAW, THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, THE TAX LAW, THE TOWN LAW AND THE EDUCATION LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. 352-17(OMB)

4.

ORDINANCE NO. 134-2017

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE FOR THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2018 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND TO APPROPRIATE REVENUES FOR SAID BUDGET PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY; THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, THE COUNTY LAW, THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND CHAPTER 14 OF THE LAWS OF 1995. 354-17(LE)

5.

RESOLUTION NO. 192-2017

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018-2021, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 310 OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY, AND ALL FINANCIAL POLICIES INCLUDED THEREIN. 353-17(OMB)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 132-2017

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2018 FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018; TO APPROPRIATE REVENUES AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEYS TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION WITHIN THE TOWNS AND CITIES OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR COUNTY; COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION, SAFETY, COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION FUND; COUNTY POLICE HEADQUARTERS; COUNTY POLICE DISTRICT; COUNTY DEBT SERVICE; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY FUND; COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND: AND COUNTY NEW YORK STATE PROPERTY TAX REFUND FUND PURPOSES FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED 2018 FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY, THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THE COUNTY LAW, THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, AND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. -2017 adopted by the Nassau County Legislature on _____, 2017, there have been included in the proceedings of the said Legislature statements of the total assessed valuations of the properties situated in the County, the three towns, two cities, villages and special districts in the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, heretofore and on the 15th day of September, 2017, the County Executive of Nassau County submitted and filed with the Nassau County Legislature a proposed budget for the County of Nassau for the twelve-month 2018 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2018, together with his budget message and recommendations relative to the items set forth in said proposed County Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Legislature, after the filing of said proposed County Budget, gave due notice, pursuant to law, of a public hearing to be held on said proposed County Budget on the ____ day of October, 2017; and

WHEREAS, said hearing has been duly held and this Legislature has given due consideration and deliberation to each and all of the items which are set forth in said proposed County Budget and to the statements of all persons who were heard at such hearing; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF NASSAU COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The proposed County Budget heretofore submitted and filed by the County Executive with the Nassau County Legislature hereby is approved and adopted by the Nassau County Legislature as the County Budget of the County of Nassau for the 2018 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2018, and said County Budget is now on file with the Clerk of this Legislature.

§ 2. In accordance with the 2018 County Budget, the Legislature of Nassau County does hereby appropriate for the conduct of each department, institution, office, agency or district of the County and other governmental requirements of the County Government for the aforementioned 2018 fiscal year, the several amounts specified for expenditures for Personal Services (Salaries, Wages and Fees); Fringe Benefits; Equipment; Materials and Supplies; General Expenses; Contractual Services; Inter-fund Charges; Utility Costs; Interest; Capital Outlays and such other items as specified herein:

GENERAL FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
AC - DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATIONS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	288,835
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	11,300
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	50,000
AC - DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATIONS Total			350,135
AR - ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	2,409,259
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	68,500
AR - ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION Total			2,477,759
AS - ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	9,093,857
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	189,514
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	996,264
AS - ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT Total			10,279,635
AT - COUNTY ATTORNEY	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	7,875,444
		BB - EQUIPMENT	7,499
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	645,525
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	5,171,310
AT - COUNTY ATTORNEY Total			13,699,778
BU - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	4,757,934
		AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	25,320,618
		AC - WORKERS COMPENSATION	9,560,390
		BB - EQUIPMENT	4,833
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	110,714
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,098,279
		GA - LOCAL GOVT ASST PROGRAM	70,543,549
		HD - DEBT SERVICE CHARGEBACKS	308,622,068
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	6,940,566
		HH - INTERFUND CHARGES	24,719,916
		NA - NCIFA EXPENDITURES	2,025,000
		OO - OTHER EXPENSE	49,728,222
	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	(11,000,000)
BU - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET Total			493,432,089
CA - OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,991,006
		BB - EQUIPMENT	9,223
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	14,042
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,000
CA - OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS Total			2,015,271
CC - NC SHERIFF/CORRECTIONAL CENTER	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	111,433,542
		AC - WORKERS COMPENSATION	9,822,290
		BB - EQUIPMENT	208,900
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,353,030
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	26,569,892
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	1,790,912
	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	7,029,411
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	32,933
CC - NC SHERIFF/CORRECTIONAL CENTER Total			160,240,910
CE - COUNTY EXECUTIVE	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,752,408
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	70,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	225,000
CE - COUNTY EXECUTIVE Total			2,047,408
CF - OFFICE OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	799,876
	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,509,350
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	1,575,400
CF - OFFICE OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS Total			3,884,626
CL - COUNTY CLERK	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	5,988,762
		BB - EQUIPMENT	50,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	305,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	505,000
CL - COUNTY CLERK Total			6,848,762
CO - COUNTY COMPTROLLER	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	7,586,253
		BB - EQUIPMENT	5,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	127,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	783,000
CO - COUNTY COMPTROLLER Total			8,501,253

GENERAL FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
CS - CIVIL SERVICE	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	5,231,659
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	344,351
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	14,499
CS - CIVIL SERVICE Total			5,590,509
CT - COURTS	10	AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	1,167,636
CT - COURTS Total			1,167,636
DA - DISTRICT ATTORNEY	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	42,227,778
		BB - EQUIPMENT	65,500
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	948,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,366,070
DA - DISTRICT ATTORNEY Total			44,607,348
EL - BOARD OF ELECTIONS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,938,355
		BB - EQUIPMENT	25,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	59,000
	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	10,496,011
		BB - EQUIPMENT	47,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	1,756,135
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	324,914
	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	574,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	248,620
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	249,646
EL - BOARD OF ELECTIONS Total			17,718,681
EM - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	957,578
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	5,950
EM - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Total			963,528
FB - FRINGE BENEFIT	10	AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	246,798,882
FB - FRINGE BENEFIT Total			246,798,882
HE - HEALTH DEPARTMENT	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,916,597
		BB - EQUIPMENT	15,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	105,700
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	3,962,208
	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	7,724,094
		BB - EQUIPMENT	14,499
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	64,637
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	93,760
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	461,325
	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	942,638
		BB - EQUIPMENT	75,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	480,648
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	9,666
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	330,048
	40	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,627,581
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	105,868
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	53,163
		DG - VAR DIRECT EXPENSES	5,000,000
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	481,272
	51	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,996,496
		BB - EQUIPMENT	14,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	50,275
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	546,086
		PP - EARLY INTERVENTION/SPECIAL EDUCATION	27,400,000
	54	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	245,811
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,900
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	189,246
		PP - EARLY INTERVENTION/SPECIAL EDUCATION	107,100,000
HE - HEALTH DEPARTMENT Total			163,009,518

GENERAL FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
HI - HOUSING & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	806,949
HI - HOUSING & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS Total			806,949
HR - COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	557,244
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	5,450
HR - COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS Total			562,694
HS - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	4,817,291
		BB - EQUIPMENT	15,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	1,201,723
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	27,248,987
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	3,155,599
HS - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES Total			36,438,600
IT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	8,187,840
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	494,300
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	14,984,562
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	4,100,000
IT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Total			27,766,702
LE - COUNTY LEGISLATURE	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	2,106,316
		BB - EQUIPMENT	2,069
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	4,500
	15	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,389,267
		BB - EQUIPMENT	6,903
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	10,920
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	215,000
	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	767,307
		BB - EQUIPMENT	45,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	1,660,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	790,000
	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	923,695
		BB - EQUIPMENT	2,600
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	11,102
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,000
LE - COUNTY LEGISLATURE Total			9,936,679
LR - OFFICE OF LABOR RELATIONS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	316,115
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,963
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	400,000
LR - OFFICE OF LABOR RELATIONS Total			720,078
MA - OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	420,810
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	42,805
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	15,000
MA - OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS Total			478,615
ME - MEDICAL EXAMINER	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	9,016,397
		BB - EQUIPMENT	73,744
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	728,059
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	40,953
ME - MEDICAL EXAMINER Total			9,859,153
PA - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	588,014
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,354
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	7,300
PA - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR Total			598,668
PB - PROBATION	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	17,457,724
		BB - EQUIPMENT	36,041
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	292,844
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	590,414
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	500
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	1,883,449
PB - PROBATION Total			20,260,972
PE - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	804,274
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	10,900
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	11,600
PE - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES Total			826,774

GENERAL FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
PK - PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,865,721
		BB - EQUIPMENT	25,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	377,250
	20	DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	3,267,617
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	5,400,540
		BB - EQUIPMENT	124,800
	30	DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	722,582
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,488,000
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	8,293,919
	40	BB - EQUIPMENT	21,578
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	102,306
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	432,304
	61	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	887,352
		BB - EQUIPMENT	3,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	50,766
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	522,053
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	4,586,767
		BB - EQUIPMENT	209,024
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	571,159
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	449,665
PK - PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS Total			30,401,403
PR - SHARED SERVICES	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	840,708
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	23,800
PR - SHARED SERVICES Total			864,508
PW - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	00	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	2,925,878
		AC - WORKERS COMPENSATION	2,143,033
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	287,979
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,668,120
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	2,476,271
		OO - OTHER EXPENSE	13,419,079
	01	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	5,668,813
		BB - EQUIPMENT	25,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	33,404
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	132,059,627
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	1,297,894
		MM - MASS TRANSPORTATION	44,170,818
	02	OO - OTHER EXPENSE	75,000
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	11,561,363
		BB - EQUIPMENT	44,138
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	2,068,198
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,378,013
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	629,208
	03	HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	11,187,333
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,226,513
		BB - EQUIPMENT	10,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,351,600
	06	DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	522,170
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	1,305,685
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	10,360,595
		BB - EQUIPMENT	45,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	999,809
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,437,692
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	24,758,042
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	94,215
PW - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Total			280,230,490

GENERAL FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
RM - RECORDS MANAGEMENT	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	940,037
		BB - EQUIPMENT	115,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	160,500
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	125,000
RM - RECORDS MANAGEMENT Total			1,340,537
SA - COORD AGENCY FOR SPANISH AMERICANS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	249,159
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,442
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	10,000
SA - COORD AGENCY FOR SPANISH AMERICANS Total			262,601
SS - SOCIAL SERVICES	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	4,477,151
		BB - EQUIPMENT	9,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	319,800
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,451,400
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	17,454,553
	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	21,623,455
		BB - EQUIPMENT	11,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	309,426
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	5,510,754
	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	23,662,125
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	169,649
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	115,000
	53	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	16,000,000
	60	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	20,000,000
		WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	5,900,000
	61	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	29,000,000
		WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	9,000,000
	62	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	10,200,000
	63	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	800,000
		TT - PURCHASED SERVICES	1,100
		WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	400,000
	65	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	2,250,000
	66	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	2,000,000
	68	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	575,000
	69	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	650,000
		WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	450,000
	70	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	4,800,000
	72	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	250,000
	73	XX - MEDICAID	237,685,256
	75	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	400,000
	76	TT - PURCHASED SERVICES	67,582,071
SS - SOCIAL SERVICES Total			483,056,740
TC - TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	507,875
		BB - EQUIPMENT	3,866
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	4,833
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	31,529
TC - TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION Total			548,103
TR - COUNTY TREASURER	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	2,118,557
		BB - EQUIPMENT	1,933
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	371,602
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	331,342
		OO - OTHER EXPENSE	30,000,000
TR - COUNTY TREASURER Total			32,823,434
TV - TRAFFIC & PARKING VIOLATIONS AGENCY	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	4,117,702
		BB - EQUIPMENT	9,376
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	223,814
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	10,344,400
TV - TRAFFIC & PARKING VIOLATIONS AGENCY Total			14,695,292
VS - VETERANS SERVICES AGENCY	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	492,884
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	15,200
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,000
VS - VETERANS SERVICES AGENCY Total			510,084
TOTAL GENERAL FUND			2,136,622,804

§ 3. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes as set forth in the County budget for the 2018 fiscal year:

GENERAL FUND	
Object	2018 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget	\$ 2,067,599,488
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget tax levy	\$ 69,023,316
Total	\$ 2,136,622,804

§ 4. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Fire Prevention, Safety, Communication and Education Fund purposes for the 2018 fiscal year:

FIRE COMMISSION FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
FC - FIRE COMMISSION	40 - FRINGE BENEFITS (FCF FUND)	AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	6,168,712
FC - FIRE COMMISSION			
	10 - FIRE COMMISSION		
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	11,319,349
		BB - EQUIPMENT	89,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	200,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	4,810,088
		HD - DEBT SERVICE CHARGEBACKS	820,758
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	2,524,924
Grand Total			25,932,831

§ 5. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Fire Prevention, Safety, Communication and Education Fund budget for the 2018 fiscal year:

FIRE COMMISSION FUND	
Object	2018 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ -
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget	\$ 9,485,291
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget tax levy	\$ 16,447,540
Total	\$ 25,932,831

§ 6. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Police Headquarters purposes for the 2018 fiscal year:

POLICE HEADQUARTERS FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
PD - POLICE DEPARTMENT	30 - FRINGE BENEFITS (PDH FUND)		154,588,825
PD - POLICE DEPARTMENT	10 - POLICE HEADQUARTERS		
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	249,497,413
		AC - WORKERS COMPENSATION	4,405,092
		BB - EQUIPMENT	622,625
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,770,340
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	13,730,200
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	3,004,631
		HD - DEBT SERVICE CHARGEBACKS	22,349,663
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	26,276,092
Grand Total			478,244,881

§ 7. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Police Headquarters budget for the 2018 fiscal year:

POLICE HEADQUARTERS FUND	
Object	2018 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ -
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the	
Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget	\$ 137,679,665
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget tax levy	\$ 340,565,216
Total	\$ 478,244,881

§ 8. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Police District purposes for the 2018 fiscal year:

POLICE DISTRICT FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
PD - POLICE DEPARTMENT	20 - FRINGE BENEFITS (PDD FUND)		
		AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	143,924,555
PD - POLICE DEPARTMENT	20 - POLICE DISTRICT		
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	231,324,325
		AC - WORKERS COMPENSATION	9,480,593
		BB - EQUIPMENT	358,135
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	4,052,450
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,041,000
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	1,165,447
		HD - DEBT SERVICE CHARGEBACKS	2,243,962
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	20,816,584
Grand Total			415,407,051

§ 9. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Police District budget for the 2018 fiscal year:

POLICE DISTRICT FUND	
Object	2018 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget	\$ 26,745,454
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget tax levy	\$ 388,661,597
Total	\$ 415,407,051

§ 10. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the County Debt Service Fund for the 2018 fiscal year:

DEBT SERVICE FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
DS - DEBT SERVICE	10 - DEBT SERVICE		
		FF - INTEREST	127,407,030
		GG - PRINCIPAL	101,380,169
		OO - OTHER EXPENSE	148,232,144
Grand Total			377,019,343

§ 11. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Debt Service Fund budget for the 2018 fiscal year:

DEBT SERVICE FUND	
Object	2018 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ -
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget	\$ 377,019,343
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget tax levy	\$ -
Total	\$ 377,019,343

§ 12. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Sewer and Storm Water Resources District purposes for the 2018 fiscal year:

SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
PW - PUBLIC WORKS	50 - SEWER AND STORM WATER DISTRICT	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	11,187,693
		AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	9,377,251
		BB - EQUIPMENT	15,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	1,007,921
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	64,154,936
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	6,075,000
		FF - INTEREST	5,338,753
		GG - PRINCIPAL	9,713,490
		HH - INTERFD CHGS - INTERFUND CHARGES	28,068,536
		OO - OTHER EXPENSE	4,538,500
Grand Total			139,477,080

§ 13. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Sewer and Storm Water Resources District budget for the 2018 fiscal year:

SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT	
Object	2018 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 15,753,312
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget	\$ 123,723,768
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget tax levy	\$ -
Total	\$ 139,477,080

§ 14. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Sewer and Storm Water Finance Authority Fund purposes for the 2018 fiscal year:

SEWER AND STORM WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
SF - SEWER & STORM WATER FINANCE	10 - SEWER AND STORM WATER FINANCE	DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	900,000
		FF - INTEREST	6,685,500
		GG - PRINCIPAL	10,815,000
		LZ - TRANSFER OUT TO SSW DEBT SERVICE	114,230,768
Grand Total			132,631,268

§ 15. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Sewer and Storm Water Finance Authority Fund budget for the 2018 fiscal year:

SEWER AND STORM WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY	
Object	2018 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ -
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget	\$ 7,867,738
Zone One - Collection & Disposal	\$ 95,770,784
Zone Two - Disposal Only	\$ 18,282,979
Zone Three - Stormwater	\$ 10,709,767
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget tax levy	\$ 124,763,530
Total	\$ 132,631,268

§ 16. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Environmental Bond Fund purposes for the 2018 fiscal year:

ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
PL - PLANNING	45 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	HH - INTERFD CHGS - INTERFUND CHARGES	9,645,222
Grand Total			9,645,222

§ 17. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Environmental Bond Fund budget for the 2018 fiscal year:

ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND	
Object	2018 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 1,942,938
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget	\$ -
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget tax levy	\$ 7,702,284
Total	\$ 9,645,222

§ 18. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Bonded Indebtedness Reserve Fund purposes for the 2018 fiscal year:

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS RESERVE FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
DS - DEBT SERVICE	20 - BONDED INDEBTEDNESS RESERVE FUND		
		LT - TRANSFER TO TSR FUND	3,609,039
Grand Total			3,609,039

§ 19. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Bonded Indebtedness Reserve Fund budget for the 2018 fiscal year:

BOND INDEBTEDNESS RESERVE FUND	
Object	2018 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 3,609,039
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget	\$ -
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2018 Budget tax levy	\$ -
Total	\$ 3,609,039

§ 20. 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.

§ 21. 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 ordinance 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.

§ 22. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 133 -2017

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2018 FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018, UPON TAXABLE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNS AND CITIES OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR COUNTY; COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION, SAFETY, COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION FUND; COUNTY POLICE HEADQUARTERS; COUNTY POLICE DISTRICT; NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE; COUNTY NEW YORK STATE PROPERTY TAX REFUND FUND; COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND; NASSAU COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT; COUNTY DISPUTED ASSESSMENT FUND; AND FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED 2018 FISCAL YEAR FOR TOWN, TOWN HIGHWAY, TOWN GENERAL FUND, TOWN GENERAL FUND-PART TOWN, TOWN SPECIAL DISTRICT, UNPAID WATER CHARGES IN ARREARS, TOWN SIDEWALK AND CURB ASSESSMENT AND OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES AND ALLOCATING REVENUES FROM CERTAIN SALES TAXES IMPOSED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AND DETERMINING THE EQUALIZATION RATES IN RELATION THERETO AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE CLERK OF THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO EXECUTE SEPARATE TAX WARRANTS ADDRESSED TO THE RECEIVERS OF TAXES OF THE TOWNS AND CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE SEVERAL SUMS MENTIONED THEREIN; PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, THE COUNTY LAW, THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, THE TAX LAW, THE TOWN LAW AND THE EDUCATION LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. -2017, adopted by this Nassau County Legislature on , 2017, there have been included in the proceedings of the said Legislature, statements of the total assessed valuations of the properties situated in the County, the three towns, two cities, villages and special districts in the three towns within the County of Nassau for the 2018 fiscal year for County; County Fire Prevention, Safety, Communication and Education Fund; County Police Headquarters; County Police District; Nassau Community College; County New York State Property Tax Refund Fund; County Environmental Bond Fund; Nassau County Sewer and Storm Water Resources District; County Disputed Assessment Fund; Town; Part Town; Town Highway; Town Special District; and other lawful purposes, and the town budgets of the Towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay for the year 2018 including the lists of Special Districts as contained therein and the amounts certified by the Town Board of each of the said towns to be raised and levied for Town General Fund, Town General Fund-Part Town, Town Highway, Town Special District and other lawful purposes, and the

amounts of Unpaid Water Charges in Arrears in the respective water districts and Town Sidewalk and Curb assessments to be levied against certain properties in the Towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead, and Oyster Bay will be caused to be printed in the proceedings of the Nassau County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has, by Chapter 383 of the Laws of 2002, as amended, authorized the Nassau County Legislature to provide for abatement from increases in the County general property tax rate for eligible senior citizens and the tax rates as set forth herein is calculated in consideration of such abatement; and

WHEREAS, since the County is not in receipt of Town budgets of the Towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay for the year 2018 including the lists of Special Districts as will be contained therein and the amounts certified by the Town Board of each the said Towns to be raised and levied for Town, Town Highway, Town General Fund, Town General Fund-Part Town, Town Special District and other lawful purposes, and the amount of Unpaid Water Charges in Arrears in respective water districts and Town Sidewalk and Curb assessments to be levied against certain properties in the Towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay, and the amounts to be raised by the County for the County Disputed Assessment Fund; and, as a result, it is contemplated that this Ordinance will be amended to provide for same at a future date; and

WHEREAS, Appropriation Ordinance No. -2017 for the fiscal year 2018 has been adopted by the Nassau County Legislature for the conduct of the County Government of Nassau County for the 2018 fiscal year, and such Appropriation Ordinance constitutes the Appropriation Ordinance for the 2018 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 302 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, the County Legislature is required to adopt a budget for a twelve-month fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2018, and terminating on December 31, 2018, and to levy taxes in accordance with said 2018 fiscal year budget and year, and to cause real property taxes to be assessed, collected and paid in order to fund County governmental operations for said 2018 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the County accordingly is required to adopt an ordinance for the levy of taxes in accordance with Appropriation Ordinance No. -2017; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 306 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, the County Legislature of the County of Nassau is required to levy County, Town and Special

District taxes for the ensuing year and the Legislature is also required to levy the unpaid water charges in arrears which have been filed by the Town Boards of the respective towns; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 12-4.1 of the Nassau County Administrative Code, the Nassau County Legislature is required to levy the unpaid town sidewalk and curb assessments and other lawful town charges; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1262 of the Tax Law of the State of New York, the Nassau County Legislature is required to allocate revenues from certain sales taxes imposed within the County of Nassau, outside of the City of Long Beach, and for purposes of ascertaining the full valuations of the properties in the area of the County outside the said City of Long Beach so as to make such allocation, may determine the equalization rates to be applicable in such areas; and

WHEREAS, Article 18 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York requires that property must be assigned to one of four classes for the purpose of taxation. The four classes are as follows:

- Class One - One-, two- and three-family homes and such other property as included in the definition of class one set forth in subdivision one of section 1802 of the Real Property Tax Law.
- Class Two- All other residential properties, such as apartments, co-ops, and condominiums, but not hotels, inns and motels.
- Class Three - Public utility properties.
- Class Four - All other property not defined in classes one through three.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The sum of \$69,023,316 having been determined to be the amount of moneys to be raised and levied for county purposes and governmental requirements during the 2018 fiscal year and the said sum having been appropriated for the aforesaid purposes and requirements, as set forth in section 2 of the aforementioned Appropriation Ordinance, the County tax rates on properties situated within the County of Nassau subject to taxation and located within the Towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead, and Oyster Bay, and the Cities of Glen Cove and Long Beach, are hereby determined to be Class One \$15.688, Class Two \$7.527, Class Three \$10.836, Class Four \$8.497, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, of such properties, and the several amounts to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County are as follows:

GENERAL

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$31,305,889
Town of North Hempstead	\$17,312,038
Town of Oyster Bay	\$17,444,009
City of Glen Cove	\$1,355,090
City of Long Beach	<u>\$1,606,290</u>
	\$69,023,316

§ 2. The sum of \$16,447,540, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Fire Prevention, Safety, Communication and Education Fund purposes for the 2018 fiscal year the tax rates such purposes are hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$3.587, Class Two \$1.721, Class Three \$2.477, Class Four \$1.943, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. The amounts to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County for such

purposes are as follows:

FIRE PREVENTION

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$7,496,002
Town of North Hempstead	\$4,082,390
Town of Oyster Bay	\$4,157,556
City of Glen Cove	\$330,868
City of Long Beach	\$380,724
	<u>\$16,447,540</u>

§ 3. The sum of \$449,559,380, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Police Headquarters purposes for the 2018 fiscal year the tax rates for such purposes are, subject to adjustment by virtue of allocations of sales tax revenues, where pertinent as set forth below, hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$97.067, Class Two \$46.574, Class Three \$67.049, Class Four \$52.576, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. The amounts to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County for such purposes, subject to being reduced by virtue of such sales tax allocations are as follows:

	Final Tax Levy
Class One	\$346,049,951
Class Two	\$14,194,208
Class Three	\$14,899,432
Class Four	\$74,415,789
	<u>\$449,559,380</u>

The County of Nassau and the City of Long Beach having each imposed sales and use taxes in certain categories in accordance with Article 29 of the Tax Law of the State of New York, allocations of the net revenues from such taxes in the area outside the City of Long Beach proposed to be received during the year are to be made by the County of Nassau in the area outside the City of Long Beach in the manner set forth in section 1262 of the said Tax Law and such allocations are hereinafter set forth. For the purpose of arriving at the full valuation of real property in the said area and making such allocations, while not endorsing the

use and/or the legality of equalization rates and in fact challenging such rates, this Nassau County Legislature hereby determines, in accordance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (f) of section 1262 of the Tax Law, which section mandates the use of equalization rates as determined by the Nassau County Legislature, that the equalization rates for the towns and cities in said area are as follows:

<u>TOWN OR CITY</u>	<u>EQUALIZATION RATE</u>
Town of Hempstead	100.00
Town of North Hempstead	100.00
Town of Oyster Bay	100.00
City of Glen Cove	100.00
City of Long Beach	100.00

The Legislature hereby allocates to the towns and the City of Long Beach and the City of Glen Cove the proposed net revenues from the abovementioned sales and use taxes and hereby finally fixes and determines the county tax rate on each \$100 of assessed valuation of the properties situated within the County of Nassau subject to taxation and located within the three towns and two cities of the County to be the rate as set forth alongside the particular town and city as designated below and, further, hereby finally determines that the several amounts to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County are as follows:

POLICE HEADQUARTERS	Final Tax Rate	2018 FINAL TAX LEVY
Hempstead		
Class One	78.317	\$ 120,267,319
Class Two	27.824	3,553,531
Class Three	48.299	6,867,837
Class Four	33.825	22,666,640
		\$ 153,355,327
Oyster Bay		
Class One	78.305	\$ 71,586,605
Class Two	27.811	828,363
Class Three	48.287	1,720,046
Class Four	33.813	11,880,156
		\$ 86,015,170
No. Hempstead		
Class One	78.315	\$ 68,593,606
Class Two	27.821	2,253,580
Class Three	48.297	1,682,335
Class Four	33.823	11,707,455
		\$ 84,236,976
Long Beach		
Class One	97.067	\$ 6,691,948
Class Two	46.573	2,180,406
Class Three	67.049	373,504
Class Four	52.575	974,436
		\$ 10,220,294
Glen Cove		
Class One	78.322	\$ 5,359,677
Class Two	27.828	196,975
Class Three	48.304	193,175
Class Four	33.830	987,622
		\$ 6,737,449
County Totals		
Class One		\$ 272,499,155
Class Two		9,012,855
Class Three		10,836,897
Class Four		48,216,309
		\$ 340,565,216

§ 4. The sum of \$388,661,597, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Police District purposes for the 2018 fiscal year, the tax rates on the properties situated in the towns within the County of Nassau and liable therefore are hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$87.077, Class Two \$64.879, Class Three \$212.862, Class Four \$92.413 on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2018,

through December 31, 2018. The amounts to be collected from each of the towns for such purposes are as follows:

POLICE DISTRICT

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$187,596,657
Town of North Hempstead	\$92,914,686
Town of Oyster Bay	<u>\$108,150,254</u>
	\$388,661,597

§ 5. The sum of \$52,206,883, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau Community College purposes for its 2018 fiscal year, the tax rates for such purposes are hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$11.272, Class Two \$5.408, Class Three \$7.786, Class Four \$6.105, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. The amounts to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County for such purposes are as follows:

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	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$23,820,795
Town of North Hempstead	\$12,925,702
Town of Oyster Bay	\$13,197,089
City of Glen Cove	\$1,056,244
City of Long Beach	<u>\$1,207,053</u>
	\$52,206,883

§ 6. The sum of \$0, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for County New York State Property Tax Refund Fund purposes for the 2018 fiscal year, the tax rates for such purposes are hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$0, Class Two \$0, Class Three \$0, Class Four \$0, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. The amounts to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County for such purposes are as follows:

Property Tax Refund

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$0
Town of North Hempstead	\$0

Town of Oyster Bay	\$0
City of Glen Cove	\$0
City of Long Beach	\$0
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	\$0

§ 7. The sum of \$7,702,284, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Environmental Bond Fund purposes for the 2018 fiscal year, the tax rates for such purposes are hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$1.694, Class Two \$0.813, Class Three \$1.170, Class Four \$0.917, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. The amounts to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County for such purposes are as follows:

ENVIRONMENTAL

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$3,506,767
Town of North Hempstead	\$1,915,931
Town of Oyster Bay	\$1,947,013
City of Glen Cove	\$154,157
City of Long Beach	\$178,416
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	\$7,702,284

§ 8. The sum of \$95,770,784, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Sewer and Storm Water Resources District Sewage Collection and Disposal Zone of Assessment purposes for the 2018 fiscal year, the tax rates on the properties situated within said zone of assessment, and liable therefore, are hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$24.903, Class Two \$18.904, Class Three \$188.571, Class Four \$27.347, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. The amounts to be collected from each of the towns within the County for such purposes are as follows:

SSW COLLECTION & DISPOSAL

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$53,908,211
Town of North Hempstead	\$13,400,149
Town of Oyster Bay	\$28,462,424
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\$95,770,784

§ 9. The sum of \$18,282,979, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Sewer and Storm Water Resources District Sewage Disposal-Only Zone of Assessment purposes for the 2018 fiscal year, the tax rates on the properties situated within said zone of assessment, and liable therefore, are hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$32.623, Class Two \$4.295, Class Three \$123.844, Class Four \$27.097, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. The amounts to be collected from each of the towns within the County for such purposes are as follows:

SSW DISPOSAL ONLY

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$14,752,585
Town of North Hempstead	\$3,025,446
Town of Oyster Bay	\$504,948
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	\$18,282,979

§ 10. The sum of \$10,709,767, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Sewer and Storm Water Resources District Storm Water Zone of Assessment purposes for the 2018 fiscal year, the tax rates on the properties situated within said zone of assessment, and liable therefore, are hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$2.486, Class Two \$1.192, Class Three \$1.717, Class Four \$1.346, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. The amounts to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County for such purposes are as follows:

SSW STORM WATER

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$4,845,096
Town of North Hempstead	\$2,701,143
Town of Oyster Bay	\$2,705,704
City of Glen Cove	\$207,512
City of Long Beach	\$250,312
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	\$10,709,767

§ 11. As the Town Boards of the Town of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay have not yet adopted their Town Budgets, this Ordinance will be hereafter amended to fix the tax rates and levy rates for the year 2018 for Town, Town Highway, Town General Fund, Town General Fund-Part Town, Town Special District, Unpaid Water Charges in Arrears, Town Sidewalk and Curb Assessment, the County Disputed Assessment Fund and other lawful purposes.

§ 12. Taxes and assessments are hereby levied and shall be collected for the purposes for which the aforesaid appropriations have been made and which this Legislature has ordained shall be raised and levied, and that all of said taxes and assessments be collected from the several persons and upon the properties named and described in the assessment roll on file in the Office of the Assessor for the County of Nassau, and the County Executive, or in his absence or inability to act, the Presiding Officer of the Legislature, and the Clerk of this Legislature are hereby authorized and directed to execute for and on behalf of the County of Nassau consolidated tax warrants addressed to the Receivers of Taxes of the several towns and cities within the County of Nassau, to wit: the Town of Hempstead, Town of North Hempstead, Town of Oyster Bay, City of Long Beach and the City of Glen Cove, authorizing, directing and commanding the said Receivers of Taxes to collect the taxes and assessments herein levied by this Legislature from the several persons and on the properties as named and described in the portions of the assessment roll to which the said warrants are annexed, being the several sums mentioned in the respective consolidated tax warrants for County; County Fire Prevention, Safety, Communication and Education Fund; County Police Headquarters; County Police District; Nassau Community College; County New York State Property Tax Refund Fund; County Environmental Bond Fund and County Sewer and Storm Water Resources District purposes. As to the Town, Town Highway, Town General Fund, Town General Fund-Part Town, Town Special District, Unpaid Water Charges in Arrears, Town Sidewalk and Curb Assessment, and County Disputed Assessment Fund and other lawful purposes, as the same are referred to in section 11 hereof, an ordinance amending the within Tax Levy Ordinance will be adopted after the said Towns have adopted their respective Town budgets.

§ 13. The sums mentioned herein, as having been appropriated, shall be that part of the total appropriation for the purposes enumerated herein as shall be required to be raised by the levying of taxes.

§ 14. 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.

§ 15. 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 ordinance 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.

§ 16. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 134 -2017

AN ORDINANCE to adopt the budget for the County Legislature for the County of Nassau for the twelve-month 2018 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 and to appropriate revenues for said budget pursuant to the provisions of the County Government Law of Nassau County; the Nassau County Administrative Code; the Real Property Tax Law, the County Law, the Local Finance Law, the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and Chapter 14 of the Laws of 1995.

WHEREAS, on the fifteenth day of September, 2017, the County Executive of Nassau County submitted and filed with the Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature (“County Legislature”) a proposed budget for the County of Nassau for the twelve-month 2018 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018, together with his budget message and recommendations relative to the items set forth in said proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, said proposed budget contained a budget for the County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, section 305 of the County Government Law of Nassau County requires that the County Legislature vote separately on that portion of the budget relating to the County Legislature; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The proposed budget of the County Legislature, heretofore submitted and filed by the County Executive with the Clerk of the County Legislature on the fifteenth day of September 2017 as part of the proposed budget for the County of Nassau for the twelve-month 2018 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 is hereby approved and adopted by the County Legislature as its budget for the 2018 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018

and ending December 31, 2018, said budget of the County Legislature now being on file with the Clerk of the Legislature.

Section 2. In accordance with the fiscal year 2018 budget of the County of Nassau, the County Legislature does hereby appropriate for the conduct of the County Legislature for the aforementioned 2018 fiscal year, the several amounts specified for the expenditure as follows: salaries, wages and fees; equipment; general expenses; contractual services and such other items as specified herein:

OBJECT CODE	MAJORITY (15)	MINORITY (10)	CLERK (20)	Office of Budget Review (30)	Total LE Budget
AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,389,267	2,106,316	767,307	923,695	7,186,585
BB - EQUIPMENT	6,903	2,069	45,000	2,600	56,572
DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	10,920	4,500	1,660,000	11,102	1,686,522
DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	215,000	0	790,000	2,000	1,007,000
	3,622,090	2,112,885	3,262,307	939,397	9,936,679

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BUDGET OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE FOR THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR: \$9,936,679

Section 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 affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES
PRESIDING OFFICER

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

County Executive and Legislative Building
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, October 30, 2017
1:15 P.M.

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S:

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4 LEGISLATOR NORMA L. GONSALVES

5 Presiding Officer

6 13th Legislative District

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8 LEGISLATOR RICHARD J. NICOLELLO

9 Deputy Presiding Officer

10 9th Legislative District

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12 LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL

13 Alternate Presiding Officer

14 7th 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

21 2nd Legislative District

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23 LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES

24 3rd Legislative District

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2 LEGISLATOR DENISE FORD

3 4th Legislative District

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5 LEGISLATOR LAURA CURRAN

6 5th Legislative District

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8 LEGISLATOR C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III

9 6th Legislative District

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11 LEGISLATOR VINCENT T. MUSCARELLA

12 8th Legislative District

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14 LEGISLATOR ELLEN BIRNBAUM

15 10th Legislative District

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17 LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

18 11th Legislative District

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20 LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY

21 12th Legislative District

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23 LEGISLATOR LAURA SCHAEFER

24 14th Legislative District

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2 LEGISLATOR ANDREW DRUCKER

3 16th Legislative District

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5 LEGISLATOR ROSE WALKER

6 17th Legislative District

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8 LEGISLATOR DONALD MACKENZIE

9 18th Legislative District

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11 LEGISLATOR STEVEN RHOADS

12 19th Legislative District

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14 MICHAEL PULITZER

15 Clerk of the Legislature

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2 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Legislator
3 Gaylor would you lead us in the Pledge of
4 Allegiance.

5 (Whereupon Pledge of Allegiance was
6 recited.)

7 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Thank you
8 Legislator Gaylor.

9 Mr. Pulitzer will you please call
10 the roll.

11 MR. PULITZER: Yes ma'am. Deputy
12 Presiding Officer Richard Nicolello.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

14 MR. PULITZER: Alternate Deputy
15 Presiding Officer Howard Kopel.

16 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

17 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela
18 Bynoe.

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

20 MR. PULITZER: Thank you.
21 Legislator Carrie Solages.

22 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

23 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Denise
24 Ford.

25 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

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2 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura
3 Curran.

4 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

5 MR. PULITZER: Legislator C.
6 William Gaylor III.

7 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

8 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Vincent
9 Muscarella.

10 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

11 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Ellen
12 Birnbaum.

13 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

14 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Delia
15 DeRiggi-Whitton.

16 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
17 Here.

18 MR. PULITZER: Legislator James
19 Kennedy.

20 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

21 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura
22 Schaefer.

23 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

24 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 Donald
7 MacKenzie.

8 Legislator Steven Rhoads.

9 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

10 MR. PULITZER: Minority Leader
11 Kevan Abrahams.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

13 MR. PULITZER: Presiding Officer
14 Norma Gonsalves.

15 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Present.

16 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum
17 ma'am.

18 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Thank you
19 very much.

20 At this point, Mr. Pulitzer, will
21 you call the hearing.

22 MR. PULITZER: Hearing on
23 proposed ordinance clerk item. A hearing on a
24 proposed ordinance. Clerk item 351-17. An
25 ordinance to adopt the Nassau County budget

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2 for the 12 month 2018 fiscal year, beginning
3 January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018;
4 to appropriate revenues and the total of
5 monies to be raised by taxation within the
6 towns and cities of the County of Nassau for
7 county, county fire prevention, safety,
8 communication and educational funds; county
9 police headquarters, county police districts,
10 county debt service, county sewer and storm
11 water resources districts, county Sewer and
12 Storm Water Finance Authority fund, county
13 environmental bond fund and County New York
14 State property tax refund purposes for the
15 aforementioned mentioned 2018 fiscal year
16 pursuant to the provisions of the County
17 Government Law of Nassau County, the Nassau
18 County Administrative Code, the Real Property
19 Tax Law of the State of New York, the County
20 Law, the Local Finance Law and the General
21 Municipal Law.

22 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Motion by
23 Deputy Presiding Officer Nicolello to open the
24 hearing and seconded by the Alternate Deputy
25 Presiding Officer Howard Kopel. All those in

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2 favor of opening the hearing signify by saying
3 aye. Any opposed? The hearing is now open.
4 Before we go, I would like for the record that
5 Legislator MacKenzie has joined.

6 MR. PULITZER: Yes ma'am. Will
7 do.

8 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: It is
9 customary at this point in time to give the
10 opportunity to those who are here from the
11 public to comment in regard to the hearing. I
12 will begin with Alec Slatky.

13 MR. SLATKY: Good afternoon
14 everyone. My name is Alex Slatky. I'm here
15 from Triple A Northeast, and I'm here to thank
16 everyone because last week or two weeks ago or
17 a few times I stood up here and said that I
18 hope the legislature unanimously rejects the
19 increase in the public safety fee which was
20 revealed last week went from 55 up to 120.
21 And it appears, based on media reports, that
22 both parties have submitted amendments that do
23 not include that public safety fee. So we are
24 very happy to hear that. We want to thank all
25 the legislators for that.

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2 But we do want to make sure that in
3 any potential skirmishes let's say that might
4 occur with NIFA after today and going forward
5 over the next couple of weeks that those fees
6 continue to remain absent from any budget.
7 Because we view it as certainly bad policy,
8 potentially an unlawful policy, and we hope
9 that the legislature holds steadfast to the
10 opinion that it expressed today, which is that
11 this fee is uncalled for and simply bad
12 policy.

13 Thanks for giving me the
14 opportunity to comment.

15 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Thank you
16 Alec. Randy Kaplan.

17 MR. KAPLAN: Good afternoon
18 everybody. I'm Randy Kaplan, the director of
19 government affairs for the Long Island Board
20 of Realtors. I too just want to thank
21 everybody on behalf of all the realtors. You
22 all listened. You all heard us. You
23 understand very well how important it is to
24 keep these fees out. So we want to convey our
25 thanks to each and everyone of you up there

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2 for recognizing that.

3 As my peer with Triple A said,
4 Alec, if you could please just stand tall if
5 NIFA does come back and rejects the budget and
6 says we need to get those fees in we would be
7 very honored if you would stand tall on that.
8 And once again thank you so much. I just want
9 to let you know we're joined today by a few of
10 our folks from LIBOR as well and it's a
11 pleasure working with each and everyone of you
12 and thank you.

13 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: You're
14 welcome Randy.

15 Michael Armstrong.

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: Good afternoon.
17 Thank you very much for having me. I'm Mike
18 Armstrong, I am director of field operations
19 Reclaim New York Initiative, a 501(c)(4) that
20 across the state seeks to make New York a more
21 affordable place and make New York's
22 government more transparent. Thank you for
23 giving me the opportunity to speak.

24 We are here to send a basic message
25 to the legislature that many of you already

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2 know, that illegal fees are theft and that
3 Nassau County cannot steal from its
4 residents. Now, we are delighted to hear that
5 both parties have put forth proposals that
6 would strip the \$59 million in increases in
7 fees. That is a promising first step. So we
8 are here to encourage you two things.

9 If NIFA rejects this budget that
10 when you come back and convene that you hold
11 strong and keep those \$59 million out of the
12 fee increases.

13 But the second is to tell you this,
14 that that \$59 million fee increase is not the
15 end of this. In fact, in just the clerk's
16 office, the Assessment Department and the
17 Traffic and Parking Violations Agency there
18 are still \$100 million in illegal fees. Not
19 fees but illegal fees. That is something that
20 the county is going to need to address in next
21 year's budget and going forward.

22 Some of you may have seen the news
23 in Suffolk County where Suffolk County was
24 just sued over illegal fees by the Government
25 Justice Center. That is something that could

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2 come here to Nassau County as well. So we
3 encourage you to start this practice today by
4 rejecting the \$59 million fee increase and
5 next year looking to fix the budget by
6 stripping out all illegal fees entirely.
7 Thank you very much.

8 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: I don't
9 have any other slips but is there any other
10 individual who would like to comment at this
11 particular time at the hearing from the
12 public? There being none, then I will move on
13 to any comments or questions from the
14 legislators. There being none, no questions
15 from the legislators?

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Madam
17 Presiding Officer if I may. We have a
18 statement but I was going to present it at the
19 time when we actually proposed our amendments.

20 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: That's
21 fine.

22 There being no other comments from
23 the legislators, a motion to close the
24 hearing. Moved by Legislator Schaefer.
25 Seconded by Legislator Walker. All those in

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2 favor of closing the hearing signify by saying
3 aye. Any opposed? The hearing is now
4 closed.

5 The next item, which is not in
6 order on our calendar, is item four
7 legislative budget, clerk item 354. And
8 Mr. Pulitzer you can read the item.

9 MR. PULITZER: Thank you madam.

10 An ordinance to adopt the budget
11 for the county legislature for the County of
12 Nassau for the 12 month 2018 fiscal year
13 beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December
14 31, 2018; and to appropriate revenues for said
15 budget pursuant to the provisions of the
16 County Government Law of Nassau County, the
17 Nassau County Administrative Code, the Real
18 Property Tax Law, the County Law, the Local
19 Finance Law, the General Municipal Law of the
20 State of New York and Chapter 14 of the laws
21 of 1995, 354-17.

22 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Thank you
23 very much. Moved by Deputy Presiding Officer
24 Richard Nicoletto and seconded by Legislator
25 Muscarella. Now.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We have as
3 part of our amendment package, some of our
4 amendments include potential changes to the
5 legislative budget as it pertains to the
6 legislative majority and minority, clerk's
7 office and Budget Review. However, we view
8 our amendments in their entirety. Those
9 amendments were part of an elected official
10 reduction, which included the county
11 executive's office. We would rather prefer to
12 know if there is willingness on our amendments
13 as it pertains to the legislative budget and
14 the county executive reductions before we take
15 up the measure of seeing where we are in the
16 legislative budget right now. If that's
17 understood.

18 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: I believe
19 though you had amendments pertaining to this
20 item?

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We do but
22 our amendments cannot be viewed as isolated.
23 Our amendments include reductions to other
24 elected officials offices as well. Being that
25 those reductions are not being up for

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2 consideration at this particular second in
3 regards to the amendments, we feel it's a
4 little bit putting the cart before the horse
5 because ultimately we would like to see the
6 reductions across the board. If there's no
7 willingness to do the reductions across the
8 board then we kind of know where we stand as
9 it pertains to our amendments in regard to the
10 legislative budget.

11 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: I will
12 certainly consider your request and therefore
13 I'm going to -- it's been requested that I
14 call item 351-17, an ordinance to adopt the
15 Nassau County budget for the 2018 fiscal
16 year. And it's moved by Deputy Presiding
17 Officer Nicoletto. Second by Alternate
18 Officer Howard Kopel. So the item is now
19 before us. This is item 351.

20 But before I would like to comment
21 on the fact that we have heard from the Office
22 of Management and Budget, the police
23 department and various other county
24 departments and personnel and we will now
25 consider amendments offered both by the

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2 Democrat and Republican caucuses. As is
3 customary, I will now offer the floor to the
4 Democrats to propose their amendments.
5 Legislator Abrahams do you have?

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you
7 Madam Presiding Officer. Before I make the
8 motion obviously to put our amendments
9 forward, I just wanted to explain them in
10 their entirety. Obviously one of the big
11 thrusts of our amendments is removing the
12 fees. There's \$50 million in fees of which
13 \$35 million is tied to public safety. The
14 public safety fee. \$12 million towards the
15 clerk. Another \$12 million towards
16 assessment.

17 Also within our budget amendments
18 we include the enhancement of an independent
19 inspector general. As we all well know, in
20 Nassau County as well as abroad in other
21 municipalities, we've seen a heightened level
22 of public corruption, an independent inspector
23 general to revamp our procurement process,
24 revamp our system, that amount will be 1.25
25 million.

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2 To fund our amendments we would
3 utilize bond premiums to cover \$35 million in
4 the public safety fee.

5 We also believe that -- our next
6 amendments would be a 50 percent reduction in
7 printing and graphics. I think we have seen
8 for some time now the blatant abuse of how
9 printing for postcards and mailers in many
10 cases become self-glorification for elected
11 officials. I think our taxpayers are tired of
12 seeing mailers come to their homes that cost
13 the county hundreds of thousands of dollars.
14 We believe that we can put this forward as an
15 amendment which will save the county \$875,000
16 in the legislative portion of the budget.

17 Then we would also be looking to
18 make another reduction to the, other than
19 personal services, for outside counsel
20 contracts. The Rules Committee sees on I
21 guess every other week we see through our
22 Rules Committee, sometimes more frequent, we
23 see Rules contracts that we believe this work
24 could be done in-house. We have been saying
25 this for quite some time. Outside counsel

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2 contracts could save this county \$15.7
3 million.

4 And then obviously there are other
5 amendments that we are looking to do as well.
6 Reductions among elected officials, in the
7 county executive's office, as well as the
8 legislative office. We believe by trying to
9 lead by example that if we are going to ask
10 for other elected officials to make cuts in
11 their budget while the county is doing some
12 belt tightening we can very well do it in our
13 own budget. We believe that we can see a cut
14 of \$150,000 among the legislative staff which
15 spreads it out throughout the entire
16 legislature. But then also there would be a
17 cut to the county executive as well.

18 Last two things, we would like one
19 of our amendments includes use of the NIFA
20 consultant initiatives, which is \$2.2 million
21 expense decrease. And then we believe also
22 tied to what Commissioner Ryder has talked
23 about in regards to potentially reducing
24 greater opportunities in overtime. We believe
25 we can save \$5 million by decreasing that

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2 expense because of the enhancements that he
3 will continue to try to do.

4 That being said, I would like to
5 put a motion forward to have our amendments be
6 considered.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
8 will second it.

9 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Moved by
10 Minority Leader. Second by Legislator
11 DeRiggi-Whitton. Any comments from the
12 legislators? Any public comment? There being
13 none, all those in favor of the items that
14 Kevan has put forth signify by saying aye.
15 Any opposed? The items fail.

16 Now we're going to move on to the
17 item that I called previously, which was the
18 legislative budget, and I think they were
19 incorporated, the amendments were incorporated
20 in the minority's amendments. And so at this
21 point in time I'm going to ask for a vote on
22 item I believe it was four, correct? I
23 believe it was item four. And all those in
24 favor of item four, which is the legislative
25 budget, signify by -- my apologies. I was

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2 trying to jump the gun a little bit. We're
3 going back to the county budget.

4 Moving on, Legislator Muscarella
5 made the motion to put forth the Republican
6 amendments and seconded by Legislator Kopel.
7 Now the amendments before us, to make it
8 clear, will eliminate proposed fee increases
9 and replace these fee increases with \$60
10 million in alternative revenue opportunities
11 and expense reductions to fully fund the 2018
12 budget.

13 A major difference between this
14 budget and prior budgets is that NIFA has once
15 again changed the rules for 2018 and has
16 created an artificial accounting standard for
17 Nassau County that is different than any other
18 that existed in previous administrations,
19 democratic administrations, and when the
20 democratic majority existed. And this is a
21 departure from GAAP, the Generally Accepted
22 Accounting Principals.

23 Nassau County, unlike other
24 municipalities in the state, including the
25 state itself, cannot recognize bond premiums

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2 as revenue. This revenue allowed by other
3 municipalities and New York State.
4 Furthermore, it has been allowed by NIFA in
5 past budgets to fund litigation expenses,
6 including the 2017 budget wherein \$55 million
7 was used to pay for suits and damages.

8 The Republican majority does not
9 support this abrupt rule change and apparently
10 neither does the Democratic minority.
11 Applying bond premiums to suits and damages
12 and tax certiorari is a prudent use of this
13 money as many of these liabilities span
14 multiple budget years that are not specific to
15 2018.

16 Additionally, two major initiatives
17 to address tax certiorari liabilities, the
18 Disputed Assessment Fund, DAF, and Income
19 Expense Law passed by both Republicans and
20 Democrats in this legislature must be given
21 time to take effect. These laws, if
22 successful, will be transformative in their
23 effect and will help to slash tax certiorari
24 debt, minimize commercial assessment errors
25 and save taxpayers money. By changing its

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2 rule on bond premiums and denying us this
3 GAAP-accepted revenue NIFA has created a
4 massive budget hole that the administration
5 has tried to plug with \$60 million in fee
6 revenue. OMM has rejected this approach while
7 using conservative projections and time tested
8 alternatives. The amendments before us
9 utilize a combination of cuts, revenue and
10 savings from the following initiatives.

11 An opportunity exists to
12 restructure county debt for savings of
13 approximately \$8 million in 2018 and over \$30
14 million throughout the life of the debt.

15 Sales tax. Our robust economy
16 justifies an increase in our expected growth
17 in sales tax from two percent as proposed to
18 two and a half percent. Governor Cuomo
19 estimates, listen to this one, New York State
20 sales tax will grow five percent, and all
21 economic indicators are positive going into
22 2018. Based on this information this increase
23 is more than justified.

24 Police overtime. As we have heard
25 from Commissioner Ryder, additional police

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2 hires over 2017 and into 2018 combined with
3 more aggressive management allow for a \$5
4 million cut to police overtime.

5 Traffic and Parking Violations
6 revenues remain above budget for 2017
7 justifying a higher estimate of \$3.5 million
8 for 2018.

9 Police department summonses and
10 activity has increased allowing for at least a
11 million dollar budget credit. It is likely
12 this number is very conservative.

13 County clerk's fees continue to
14 overperform in 2017 and a strong economic
15 outlook for 2018 justifies an increase of \$4
16 million.

17 Budget recovery. Every year Nassau
18 County recovers amounts unspent from prior
19 year's budgets on average in the amount of \$22
20 million. OMM is recognizing additional \$10
21 million for a total of \$15 million recovered
22 in 2018. Conservatively estimated well below
23 the average recovery.

24 Turnover attrition. Managed
25 backfill. Labor turnover. Hiring at lower

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2 salaries and structuring the backfilling of
3 employees is estimated to save an additional
4 \$8 million above budget. NIFA's consultant
5 flagged this as a management opportunity.

6 Fund balance. Nassau County is
7 currently overreserved at 5.1 percent. And
8 both the comptroller and budget office
9 estimate a year-end cash surplus. This
10 amendment utilizes \$9.5 million in fund
11 balance to be replenished in whole or in part
12 by our expected cash surplus for 2017.

13 NIFA cost initiatives. NIFA has
14 identified multiple initiatives that will save
15 \$6.5 million including issuing paperless
16 checks, the employment of an energy
17 consultant, fuel savings, reduction in
18 personnel and consolidation of IT and dispatch
19 functions. The total of these initiatives
20 amount to \$60 million. Many of these
21 initiatives are going to require the
22 aggressive management of the next
23 administration to be successful. The fact is
24 many of them are not necessary and represent
25 opportunities for the benefit of the county

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2 residents if NIFA allows us to utilize bond
3 premiums as it has in previous years.

4 Accordingly, we have included as a
5 contingency \$30 million, as a contingency \$30
6 million in bond premium revenue to be used if
7 NIFA rejects any of the items I have just
8 detailed. This revenue is likely to be
9 available given the country's current low
10 interest rate environment.

11 As for the Republican members, do I
12 have any comments from the legislators? Any
13 public comment?

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Madam
15 Presiding Officer?

16 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Yes
17 Minority Leader.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I do want
19 to offer an opportunity. Obviously, as you
20 will know, we are in agreement of removing the
21 fees in regards to the legal nature of them.
22 Also from the standpoint of the testimony that
23 we heard as it doesn't pertain to actual --
24 the budgets of those offices that those
25 revenues do not go towards the budget or

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2 administering or enhancing services.

3 The one part that we do not have
4 agreement on, there are several parts, but the
5 one part we do not have agreement on that we
6 do not hear in your budget amendments is
7 amending your budget to include an independent
8 inspector general. If there is willingness on
9 your side, there could be agreement for the
10 budget amendments moving forward. And we
11 believe that we can pay for the inspector
12 general, independent inspector general, using
13 the three contingency initiatives already
14 included in your amendments. If there is a
15 willingness to do that and work towards
16 rooting out corruption in this county then we
17 are more than prepared to review as well as
18 support your amendments. So I would like to
19 make a motion to amend the majority
20 legislative budget to include the independent
21 inspector general.

22 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: I don't
23 believe it's in order at this particular time
24 because we have not voted on the Republican
25 amendments.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That's what
3 I'm saying. I'm making a motion to amend
4 before you vote. That's the point of it.
5 Before your amendment passes you have to make
6 the motion. We do that all the time. Once
7 it's voted on it's voted on.

8 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: I think
9 there is a time period here of seven days.
10 Therefore the proposal is out of order.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Madam
12 Presiding Officer, just to make sure we're
13 clear, our amendments, as were yours, were
14 filed seven days prior to the legislative
15 calendar of where we are today. So our
16 amendments have been vetted. There's nothing
17 in disguise. The public has had an
18 opportunity to see our amendments. They have
19 had an opportunity to question our
20 amendments. I'm not changing our amendment.
21 What I'm requesting is that you include one
22 portion of our amendment so that it's included
23 in the majority's amendment. I believe we
24 have a motion on the floor so at least let's
25 take a vote.

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2 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
3 will second it.

4 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Now you
5 have to remember that the minority amendments
6 failed. It's still out of order.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Our
8 amendments failed because the majority is not
9 willing to support an independent inspector
10 general? There are many components about our
11 amendments. But there is agreement, at least
12 on the fees being reduced, being removed in
13 the budget. Is it because the independent
14 inspector general why you voted against our
15 amendments or was it because of something
16 else? This is one item. We listed out a
17 whole slew of amendments that included
18 printing and graphics, included cuts to
19 elected officials' office. It had the
20 reduction of outside counsel for the county
21 attorney's office. I'm not too sure. You
22 guys really didn't say which part of our
23 amendments you had a problem with. You just
24 voted no.

25 If the problem is an independent

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2 inspector general then I think the public
3 deserves a response to that. But from our
4 standpoint, we are willing to concede you're
5 not going to support our other amendments as
6 it pertains to other things such as OTPS and
7 the county attorney's budget. So, we're
8 willing to support your amendments if there's
9 agreement that you are willing to pay for an
10 independent inspector general using your
11 contingency initiatives which are already
12 included in your budget.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Obviously
14 it's been discussed over and over again that
15 we have a difference of opinion in terms of
16 the nature of the office. We believe that the
17 Commissioner of Investigations fulfills the
18 functions. The issue obviously with
19 increasing the budget for that office is you
20 have to obtain revenues to cover that. And
21 ultimately I think we felt that your
22 amendments in many ways were too speculative.

23 After having said that, I want to
24 note for the record that there is a tremendous
25 amount of common ground between what they

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2 proposed and what we're proposing. Both sets
3 of amendments eliminate the fees as has been
4 pointed out. Both sets of amendments use bond
5 premiums in the 2018 budget as every other
6 municipality in the state is able to do. Both
7 sets of amendments incorporate some NIFA
8 suggested initiatives while rejecting the more
9 ridiculous ones. Both sets of amendments
10 reduce the overtime expenses in consideration
11 of the testimony of the commissioner.

12 So there is broad sense of
13 agreement. We have some disagreements. But I
14 think the overall message here to NIFA is that
15 with respect to these broad areas, and they
16 cover most of what we are trying to do, there
17 is unanimous agreement among 18 elected
18 officials who represent both sides of the
19 aisle who represent this entire county.

20 So when NIFA, which is an unelected
21 bureaucracy, who according to the rules that
22 existed for most of these years should have
23 ended its control period, when they look at
24 what we're trying to do today or what we were
25 doing, I ask them to have respect for the

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2 elected officials of Nassau County. And I ask
3 them to understand that these elected
4 officials representing the entire county are
5 telling them that we want to go in the
6 direction that we are putting forth today.
7 That all of our amendments are properly
8 sourced. This is a conservative budget, a
9 manageable budget. That's the message to
10 NIFA. Which is A, your control period should
11 be over. And B, have some respect for the
12 people of Nassau County.

13 Getting back to your point. Look,
14 we have disagreement over inspector general or
15 a commissioner of investigations that's been
16 going on over a year, and if we can identify
17 additional funds to support the Commissioner
18 of Investigations we certainly would be
19 interested in doing that.

20 One last point to make. I know
21 it's not in our amendments but it's our
22 intention to do later on, which is to increase
23 the funding for Legal Aid which was something
24 in your amendments. We unfortunately missed
25 that but we will be supporting that before the

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2 end of this year.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Is that
4 something that you can support now?

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I don't
6 know if we can because of the way --

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We can do
8 it by emergency.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You have
10 our commitment on that. That increase to
11 Legal Aid is something that will be done
12 before the end of 2017.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I
14 understand that and I appreciate you making it
15 on the record that you are committed toward
16 the Legal Aid.

17 From our standpoint, in regard to
18 the independent inspector general it's not
19 just the funding of the office. That's what
20 we're doing today in funding the office to the
21 tune of \$1.25 million. It's also tied to the
22 fact that this office, in our belief, will
23 potentially root out waste, fraud and abuse as
24 it pertains to many offices which we can't
25 quantify that number. The only number we can

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2 quantify is the potential of the Abtech
3 contract where it could have cost the county
4 upwards of \$12 million. If we had someone
5 that was actually focused on making this their
6 focus of rooting out wasteful spending in the
7 procurement program it could save this county
8 even more.

9 We are looking at this in a
10 vacuum. This should be something that could
11 save the county more so we are able to do
12 things like the Legal Aid Society as well as
13 other things as well. It just seems like that
14 seems to be the issue in regards to -- if it's
15 not the issue then why can't we incorporate it
16 today? It makes perfect sense to incorporate
17 it today. We are enhancing the Office of the
18 Commissioner of Investigations. This is going
19 to be a better office. It's going to have
20 more investigators, more staff, going to be
21 able to deal with the issues at hand. Other
22 municipalities are pushing for these
23 initiatives. They're pushing for these types
24 of policies. Your colleagues in the Town of
25 Hempstead, Oyster Bay are all pushing for

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2 these things. It just seems like there is an
3 unwillingness to do it here. Especially when
4 there's 95 percent agreement on the rest of
5 the amendments and how we fund them.

6 But I can't believe we are going to
7 continue to put our heads in the sand and not
8 do anything. When we have an opportunity to
9 do so in this budget document we are not going
10 to do anything.

11 Quite frankly, the Commissioner of
12 Investigations it's my understanding she is no
13 longer here. So right now this office is not
14 functioning with anyone there. Don't know
15 when that person will be hired. I doubt that
16 person will be hired before the end of this
17 term. But quite frankly, I really believe
18 this is a perfect opportunity before the next
19 person comes in under the next county
20 executive to give them clear guidelines of
21 what this legislative body is expecting from
22 an independent inspector general or
23 commissioner of investigations or whatever you
24 want to call it. It is a perfect opportunity
25 to clearly delineate what we expect with the

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2 proper staff and the proper instruction for
3 that office.

4 This is our opportunity folks. If
5 we don't seize it now then we are culpable of
6 going down the same path as we went before.
7 It's our opportunity with a new county
8 executive coming it is a perfect opportunity
9 for this legislative body to speak up and
10 state exactly they stand. Which we believe is
11 an office that is funded to the tune of \$1.25
12 million which would drastically be an
13 improvement on where we are now.

14 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Legislator
15 Rhoads.

16 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you
17 Madam Presiding Officer. I think I understand
18 the sentiment but I think it's unfair to
19 suggest that we have done nothing to address
20 what I think we all want, which is openness
21 and transparency in government. Over the
22 course of the last year and a half we passed a
23 series of reforms requiring new lobbyist
24 disclosure forms, reforming our contracting
25 procurement process, to require vendor

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2 disclosures, campaign contribution
3 disclosures. We have actually lowered the
4 threshold of Rules Committee review from
5 \$25,000 to \$1,000 for contracts. We've
6 strengthened the Board of Ethics. We have
7 strengthened the Office of the Commissioner of
8 Investigations. We've hired a director of
9 procurement compliance.

10 I think we are all supportive of
11 openness and transparency in government but I
12 think our disagreement with respect to the
13 inspector general proposal, and again, I don't
14 want to engage in a semantics argument, we
15 think that the combination of the Board of
16 Ethics and Commissioner of Investigation are
17 able to perform the functions that the
18 inspector general would perform under the
19 Democrats proposals.

20 But I think the question becomes
21 what's the function? What's the oversight?
22 Who has control? Our concern with respect to
23 the notion of an independent inspector general
24 is simply one of you have oversight powers
25 that are invested in the county comptroller,

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2 that are invested in the district attorney,
3 that are invested in the county legislature.
4 They are invested in elected officials because
5 the elected officials are directly accountable
6 to the people. When you take those roles and
7 responsibilities and put them in an office
8 defined as independent when really that term
9 is unaccountable, that becomes problematic on
10 constitutional grounds. You can't take powers
11 that are invested in elected officials and
12 turn them over to someone who is unelected
13 whom elected officials don't have the ability
14 to review even when there is misconduct on
15 their part.

16 I think we have not really a
17 budgetary agreement. I think we simply have a
18 disagreement with respect to the roles of the
19 office investing ultimate responsibility in
20 the people that the state government bests
21 that ultimate responsibility in which is our
22 elected officials. We should be doing our
23 job.

24 So, I think we have an honest
25 policy disagreement, not really a budgetary

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2 disagreement. I don't know that this is the
3 proper forum even really to talk about it.

4 But thank you Madam Presiding Officer.

5 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Hold on.

6 I have Legislator Kopel.

7 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: And I just
8 want to build just a little bit on what
9 Legislator Rhoads just so eloquently pointed
10 out. I think that we don't have much of a
11 disagreement as to what we all want. We all
12 want ethics. We all want oversight. We all
13 want honesty. We all want transparency.
14 There's nobody here that wants things to be
15 anything else.

16 The question really becomes taking
17 somebody who is independent, you give somebody
18 a contract. That person then literally has no
19 one to whom he or she has to report. They do
20 what they want. They run amok. You've got
21 change of administration, you've got change of
22 the legislature. You don't know what's going
23 to happen there.

24 Now, if you look at the functions
25 of the Commissioner of Investigations as it is

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2 now the functions are not all that different.
3 The functions are essentially similar.
4 Further, we have a responsibility, and I think
5 we need to very carefully discharge that
6 responsibility of oversight. We're talking
7 about contracts. We have tightened up the
8 contracts. We pointed out and you
9 enthusiastically on the other side joined in
10 on the question of retroactive contracts which
11 essentially took away our right to decide and
12 our right to review things. That's been
13 tightened up considerably. It needs to be
14 tightened up more certainly but we are going
15 in the right direction.

16 So, it's not a funding issue. It's
17 not particularly relevant to the budget
18 because the difference in funding, if we
19 should somehow come to further agreement on
20 the main political issue on whose
21 responsibility it should be. Should it be the
22 district attorney and the attorney general and
23 the US Attorney at times who have been indeed
24 we've seen doing their jobs in this regard.
25 If we can come to some sort of accommodation

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2 at some point in the future about what
3 specifically the functions are to be and if
4 perhaps the person -- let's get away from
5 labels, inspector general or Commissioner of
6 Investigations, labels aren't important. I
7 think we all understand that. If we can come
8 to some sort of agreement as to enhancement in
9 the grand scheme of things in the \$3 billion
10 budget the money will be found. That's not
11 the issue at all.

12 Over here this is really a budget
13 discussion, and I would respectfully suggest
14 that that's something that we ought to stick
15 to. Let's continue talking about the budget.
16 If we want to have a further discussion at
17 some point in the future about making changes,
18 we've been having discussions, we ought to
19 continue them certainly. And as I say, at
20 that point the funding becomes fairly
21 noncontroversial.

22 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Minority
23 Leader.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: In all due
25 respect to Legislator Rhoads and Alternate

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2 Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel, a couple of
3 different things about what you had said.
4 First and foremost, this is the perfect
5 opportunity to have this discussion because we
6 are talking about increasing the budget of
7 Commissioner of Investigations, our
8 independent inspector general as we see it.
9 We are talking about increasing the budget so
10 that they can assist in preventing, rooting
11 out potential corruption.

12 I also want to make sure we are
13 clear. The offices that have been mentioned,
14 whether it's the US Attorney or the district
15 attorney or the attorney general's office all
16 those offices are coming in after the fact.
17 What the inspector general, as we see it, the
18 inspector general would be working hand in
19 hand in preventing. We don't want to deal
20 with the corruption when it's on the front
21 page of the newspapers. We want to be able to
22 prevent it before it even occurs. How we
23 envision an office would be an office that is
24 working to prevent it, that's a part of the
25 procurement process, that is part of the RFP

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2 process, that is an integral part of how
3 Nassau County does things.

4 Second, the district attorney said
5 right here before this legislative body that
6 she was in support of an independent inspector
7 general. From that statement alone gives us
8 the impression that she is not concerned about
9 her power being diminished. She believes that
10 this is an integral part. Yes, an independent
11 inspector general would work towards
12 investigating or reporting. They will not be
13 prosecuting any particular cases. Those cases
14 will still be prosecuted by the district
15 attorney, the Attorney General or the US
16 Attorney's office. That will not change. But
17 you do need somebody that's able to
18 investigate and report on what's going on in
19 this county in regards to procurement. That
20 is fact. There is no one doing that now. We
21 were told that the Commissioner of
22 Investigations, Ms. Myrel, was going to be
23 that. To our understanding and based off of
24 what we have seen, she's only forwarded one
25 case as it pertains to the parks department or

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2 lumber. That was it. She has not done any
3 other investigation. With everything that's
4 going on in this county she has not done
5 anything else. We were promised that a year
6 ago, that that person would be the equivalent
7 to what we were seeking in an independent
8 inspector general and she has not demonstrated
9 that ability. We wish her well as she deals
10 with her personal and family matters, but the
11 fact remains that she did not provide that
12 function. That is a clear fact. She did not
13 have the resources, the ability or whatever
14 may be the case but she did not do that. So
15 from our standpoint it's a very clear
16 delineation of what the two things are.

17 This is a perfect opportunity to
18 discuss this because we are talking about
19 ramping up this office so that it can handle
20 potential corruption that is out there.

21 And as was said before in regards
22 to some of the measures that have been put
23 forward, not one of those measures that have
24 been put forward would have prevented an
25 Abtech scandal from happening from our

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2 standpoint or the alleged allegations from the
3 county executive now. None of those measures
4 would have taken place. You're talking about
5 disclosures. You're not talking about
6 anything that's being done from an
7 investigative arm.

8 So, to summarize, it is our belief
9 that this is the perfect opportunity to
10 discuss it. It's an opportunity for this
11 legislative body to give their stamp of
12 approval that we are ready to roll up our
13 sleeves and show the public that we are
14 willing to staff an office that will have the
15 proper investigators to be able to assist and
16 report to this legislative body on what
17 they're seeing as it pertains to discrepancies
18 in the procurement practice in this county.

19 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Legislator
20 Bynoe.

21 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you
22 Presiding Officer. I just wanted to make a
23 point that I believe this is a discussion
24 centered around the budget relative to the
25 Commissioner of Investigations in so much that

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2 again, the investigators that were determined
3 or I should say identified to assist that
4 office came out of the county attorney's
5 office. And we keep saying whether it's
6 Office of Inspector General or whether it's
7 the Commissioner of Investigations the
8 operative word here to me is independent. If
9 we're going to create an office that's going
10 to operate independently we are required to
11 make sure that it's resourced properly. That
12 it's not sharing any of the resources of a
13 department that is directly within the
14 supervision of the administration, the county
15 executive's office.

16 Further, we have seen that even in
17 its formation the current office did not
18 function properly because it's not independent
19 of the administration. There was money that
20 was allocated to that department for positions
21 that would be hired in that department to
22 assist in the investigations and those
23 positions were never filled. So this
24 department acting in direct relation to the
25 administration is ineffective. I don't know

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2 how many times we can say this. It's lost on
3 me how the folks on the other side can't get
4 that. That it's not operating independently
5 as long as it's going to be in line to the
6 administration and it's not insulated from
7 retribution or retaliation. We have to
8 insulate that department and we have to
9 resource them properly.

10 This is certainly a conversation
11 tied to this budget. This is the time for us
12 to discuss this. This is the time for us to
13 act. Yes, there have been other measures that
14 have been implemented. But as the minority
15 leader has stated, none of them would have
16 stopped an Abtech scandal.

17 So, the point is, let's stop
18 playing around with this thing and do
19 something meaningful, impactful. The
20 residents of Nassau County are crying for it.
21 When are we going to act? Today is the day.
22 Let's do something meaningful. We can
23 implement this through emergency. We are
24 here. We are willing. Let's get it done.
25 Thank you.

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2 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: At this
3 point if there's no public comment I would
4 like to move on.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Madam
6 Presiding Officer, I would like to push for a
7 vote today on your amendments as amended to
8 include an independent inspector general.

9 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: There is
10 no amendment.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: What are
12 you talking about? There is a motion on the
13 floor.

14 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: It's out
15 of order Minority Leader.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No, it's
17 not. Our amendments have been vetted for
18 seven days just like yours were. The public
19 had an opportunity to scrutinize our
20 amendments.

21 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: The
22 amendments were voted upon and they failed and
23 it included this particular amendment.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That is why
25 we are making a motion to amend your

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2 amendments as it pertains to this particular
3 item.

4 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: I'm ruling
5 that it's out of order.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It's not
7 out of order.

8 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: I'm going
9 to move on. If there is no public comment I'm
10 going to move on.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If we can
12 say just for the record we put forward an
13 amendment for an independent inspector general
14 to amend 95 percent of agreement that we have
15 in your budget document --

16 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: The chair
17 is now calling for a vote.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I just want
19 to make sure we are clear for the record so
20 the public understands. Basically we are in
21 agreement with 95 percent of your amendments
22 and you have made the decision, since we have
23 that agreement, you have made the decision
24 that you will not include an independent
25 inspector general to be funded to the tune of

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2 \$1.25 million, which you can fund out of your
3 contingency, part of your budget, you have
4 made it clear that you are not going to
5 consider our amendment to your amendment
6 because you do not want an independent
7 inspector general. You've made that very
8 clear.

9 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: I'm going
10 to call the item. All those in favor of the
11 Republican amendments to the budget signify by
12 saying aye. Any opposed? The amendments pass
13 11 to seven.

14 Now a vote on the budget as
15 amended. All those in favor of the budget as
16 amended signify by saying aye.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Madam
18 Presiding Officer before you take that vote --

19 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: We are
20 going to go back to the legislative budget as
21 well.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: This is on
23 the county budget. Again, we are very
24 encouraged and happy to see that the fees have
25 been stripped out of this budget. We believe

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2 that the legal fees imposing \$66 million in
3 fee hikes, and I think it's been noted by
4 public comment just recently we saw -- I'm
5 sorry \$59 million -- in Suffolk County we saw
6 that this past week that there's obviously
7 been a lawsuit filed under the complaint
8 stating that there's unauthorized taxes by the
9 fees that are being done there. It would have
10 been costly to Nassau County to have this
11 liability going into the 2018 budget. We feel
12 and are happy to see at least your amendments
13 will address that.

14 However, we are very discouraged at
15 this point at several different times just
16 today when there was an opportunity to vote
17 for an independent inspector general to add
18 transparency and enhance oversight for this
19 particular budget you chose not to do it.
20 Unfortunately, at this present time, though we
21 are happy to see the fees be reduced as we
22 showed in our amendments that have been put
23 forward, we are going to have to vote against
24 the budget because it does not protect Nassau
25 County taxpayers to the potential of hundreds

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2 of millions of dollars that's out there in
3 potential waste, fraud and abuse in this
4 county. Right now by not having an
5 independent inspector general the taxpayers
6 have no idea whether or not their taxpayer
7 dollars are being watched carefully by
8 independent authority. Thank you.

9 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: At this
10 point before I take a vote on the budget as
11 amended I would like for the record to say
12 that we from the get go, both sides of the
13 aisle, made every effort to find ways to avoid
14 the fees that were put into the county
15 executive's budget. So we did and we are
16 going to move on and move to the budget as
17 amended. All those in favor signify by saying
18 aye. Any opposed? The budget passes 11 to
19 seven. Which means that the fees are
20 eliminated so that you understand where we're
21 coming from.

22 Now for the legislative budget,
23 which was item four in the budget, and I
24 believe that amendments were put forth and we
25 did not take a vote. I believe we took a vote

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2 on those amendments. I believe we did. I
3 don't think we did. The minority amendments
4 were explained and the motion was made and
5 seconded and now we need to vote on the
6 minority amendments. All those in favor of
7 the minority amendments signify by saying
8 aye. In favor of the minority amendments. We
9 are doing the legislative budget. No.
10 Remember we said.

11 I have been advised there are no
12 amendments to vote on at this time but item
13 four, which is the legislative budget. And
14 all those in favor of the legislative budget
15 signify by saying aye. Any opposed?
16 Unanimous. The legislative budget goes
17 forward.

18 No, we're not done. We have two
19 other items.

20 We have a tax levy ordinance, which
21 is clerk item 352 and item three on the
22 calendar. Rather than read the whole thing
23 can we avoid reading the ordinance 133?
24 Please waive the reading. We are waiving the
25 reading of ordinance 133. Any questions or

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2 comments regarding the -- motion. Moved by
3 Legislator Nicoletto. Second by Legislator
4 Muscarella.

5 I believe there is an amendment on
6 this item. A motion to put forth the
7 amendment by Legislator Kopel. Second by
8 Legislator Nicoletto. All those in favor of
9 the amendment to item three signify by saying
10 aye. Any opposed? The item passes 11 to
11 seven.

12 Now a vote on the item as amended.
13 All those in favor of item three signify by
14 saying aye. Any opposed? The item passes 11
15 to seven.

16 One more item, which is the last
17 item, which is item five on the calendar and
18 it pertains to the multiyear plan. Clerk item
19 353-17. Moved by Legislator Nicoletto.
20 Second by Legislator Muscarella. Any
21 questions, comments regarding item five? Any
22 public comment? There being none, all those
23 in favor of resolution item five multiyear
24 plan, clerk item 353, signify by saying aye.
25 Any opposed? It passes 11 to seven.

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2 Guess what? I believe that's it.

3 A motion to adjourn. Moved by Legislator
4 Kopel. Seconded by Legislator Nicoletto. All
5 those in favor signify by saying aye. Any
6 opposed. We are now adjourned and thank you
7 for coming and indulging.

8 (TIME NOTED: 2:18 P.M.)

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CERTIFICATION

I, FRANK GRAY, a Notary
Public in and for the State of New
York, do hereby certify:

THAT the foregoing is a true and
accurate transcript of my stenographic
notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand this 31st day of
October 2017

FRANK GRAY