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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE WILL HOLD COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022 STARTING AT 2:00 PM AND WILL HOLD A FULL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022 STARTING AT 1:00 PM IN THE PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, 1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MINEOLA, NEW YORK 11501.

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

COMMITTEES	TIME
RULES	2:00PM
PUBLIC SAFETY	2:00PM
PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & THE ENVIRONMENT	2:00PM
TOWNS, VILLAGES AND CITIES	2:00PM
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, LABOR AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	2:00PM
PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS	2:00PM
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES	2:00PM
GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND OPERATIONS	2:00PM
MINORITY AFFAIRS	2:00PM
VETERANS	2:00PM
SENIOR AFFAIRS	2:00PM
AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT	2:00PM
ASSESSMENT	2:00PM
FINANCE	2:00PM

MICHAEL C. PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature

Dated: JANUARY 3, 2022
Mineola, NY

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LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
FIRST MEETING
FIRST MEETING OF 2022

MINEOLA, NEW YORK
JANUARY 24, 2022 1:00PM
LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

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2. **RESOLUTION NO. 1-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 119-2021 ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO COMBAT ANTISEMITISM. 6-22 (LE)

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

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and City of Long Beach.
RE: CDBG-TOD. \$.01. ID# CLHI21000025.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Village of Valley Stream.
RE: CDBG-47th. \$300,000.00. ID# CLHI21000050.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Catholic Charities of Long Island
RE: OFA CC FFCRA EXT. \$.01. ID# CLHS21000059.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and EAC, Inc.
RE: OFA EAC CC FFCRA EXT. \$.01. ID# CLHS21000062.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Social Services and Cicrulo de la Hispanidad.
RE: Domestic Violence Non-Residential. \$20,201.00. ID# CLHS21000019.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Village of Rockville Centre.
RE: CDBG-47th YR. \$200,500.00. ID# CLHI21000039.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Village of South Floral Park.
RE: CDBG-47th YR. \$50,000.00. ID# CQHI21000037.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Village of Westbury.
RE: CDBG-47th YR. \$425,000.00. ID# CQHI21000035.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Village of Lynbrook.
RE: CDBG-47th YR. \$255,000.00. ID# CQHI21000036.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and City of Glen Cove.
RE: OFA C Glen Cove FFCRA EXT. \$.01. ID# CLHS21000060.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Doubleday Babcock Sr. Ct/Life Enrichment Center.
RE: OFA LEBOB FFCRA EXT. \$.01.
ID# CLHS21000070.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Village of Great Neck Plaza.
RE: CDBG. \$.01. ID# CLHI21000024.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Long Island Housing Services, Inc.
RE: CDBG-47th Year. \$135,000.00. ID# CQHI21000029.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Village of Farmingdale. RE: CDBG-47th Year. \$325,000.00. ID# CQHI21000032.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Nicholas Center, Ltd. RE: CDBG-47th Year. \$30,000.00. ID# CQHI21000038.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Hispanic Brotherhood, Inc. RE: CDBG-47th Year. \$40,000.00. ID# CQHI21000028.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Long Beach Reach, Inc. RE: Youth Development. \$100,000.00. ID# CLHS21000073.

THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
WILL CONVENE THE NEXT
COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022 at 1:00PM
AND
FULL LEGISLATURE MEETING ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022 AT 1:00PM

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 1-2022

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 119-2021 ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO COMBAT ANTISEMITISM

WHEREAS, in August 2021, the Nassau County established the Special Legislative Task Force to Combat Antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, there has recently been a shocking upsurge in incidents of antisemitic violence and hate across the country, including in the New York area; and

WHEREAS, there is a long and lamentable history of Jewish people being persecuted, vilified and falsely scapegoated for social, economic and political problems for which they bear no responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the scourge of antisemitism has plagued our civilization for over a millennium, reaching a horrible crescendo in the mid-twentieth century but continuing to recur on a constant basis; and

WHEREAS, history further teaches us that to disregard, excuse or justify antisemitism is to encourage its spread and can lead to catastrophic results; and

WHEREAS, it is the judgement of the Legislature that all such hateful acts are abhorrent, un-American, and an offense against basic human decency; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Legislature to take all available legislative steps necessary and proper to protect society and particularly our Jewish friends and neighbors from acts of persecution, hatred and intolerance and to promote education and public awareness of the persistent problem of antisemitic hate; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature strongly believes that it is imperative that this body exercise its lawmaking and oversight power to combat antisemitic hate with all means at its disposal, consistent with the law; and

WHEREAS, in order to exercise such legislative authority in an informed and responsible manner, it is advisable to promptly and expeditiously convene a special legislative task force to hold hearings, engage with governmental and community leaders and collect information on the current extent of antisemitism including acts of antisemitic harassment, violence and vandalism in our County and our region, such task force to be composed of a diverse group of legislators, clergy and leaders of the Jewish community and other community leaders; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the exercise of lawmaking authority and oversight, this legislative body recognizes that it is imperative to use our leadership role to bridge cultural, social, and religious divides within our County through education, community outreach, and activities to promote values of tolerance, respect, and empathy so that the diverse residents who call Nassau their home can live and thrive in an environment that is conducive to their well-being; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature believes that presenting the history and contributions of Jewish people to our society, especially to young people within our diverse community, can be a highly effective means of quelling antisemitism by dispelling misinformation and negative rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, as lawmakers, this Legislature acknowledges the great contribution of jurists such as Benjamin N. Cardozo, a New York native of Jewish descent who became chief judge of the New York Court of Appeals and a revered justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and his accomplishments can serve as a source of learning and inspiration for eradicating antisemitism and promoting public policy as a tool for enlightening and improving society; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Resolution 119-21 is hereby amended to conform to the provisions contained herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that there is hereby established a legislative task force to be known as the "Special Legislative Task Force to Combat Antisemitism"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such task force shall consist of three legislative members appointed by the Presiding Officer and three legislative members appointed by the Minority Leader; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the legislative members shall select five additional members from the Nassau County community to serve as non-legislative members of the task force who possess documented backgrounds in opposing antisemitism, intolerance, and community leadership; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or her designee shall also be an ex officio advisory member of the task force; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the legislative members of the task force shall select one of their number to serve as chair of the task force; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the task force shall hold one or more public hearings to engage with appropriate governmental and community leaders, law enforcement personnel, clergy, members of academia, and other knowledgeable individuals and institutions to collect information and public input regarding the current extent of antisemitism including acts of antisemitic harassment, violence, and vandalism in our County and our region; and be it further

RESOLVED, that there shall be a public comment period of no less than sixty days during which the task force will accept written commentary from the public concerning their experiences with antisemitism and suggestions and proposals on methods to raise public awareness of and combat antisemitism in all its manifestations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that appointments to the Special Legislative Task Force to Combat Antisemitism shall be made no later than International Holocaust Remembrance Day, January 27, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, after due deliberation and considering the data, information and public input collected during its proceedings, the task force shall submit recommendations for appropriate legislative action to the Presiding Officer and Minority Leader, such recommendations to be submitted no later than Yom Hashoah, April 28, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the task force shall coordinate and sponsor with the help of stakeholders including educators, community leaders, and religious leaders a videoconferencing "Virtual Youth Roundtable Against Antisemitism" that shall be known as "Cardozo Day" to commemorate the jurist while engaging Nassau County youths to explore the ways the law and public policy can help to diminish bias and insensitivity; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that carrying out its responsibilities under this resolution, the task force shall be guided by the Working Definition of Antisemitism adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance as follows: Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities; and be it further resolved

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

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SERVICE EXAMINATION FEES**

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of this Legislature that due to their dedication, discipline, adaptability, leadership, courage and willingness and ability to perform under the most stressful circumstances, active-duty military service members and military veterans of the United States armed forces are highly valuable candidates for public service; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature recognizes that by virtue of the enormous sacrifices they and their families have made on behalf of the nation, active-duty military service members and military veterans are deserving of assistance in reentering the civilian economy; and

WHEREAS, in order to encourage and assist active-duty military service members and military veterans to enter public service, the Legislature deems it fitting and proper to exempt veterans from the burden of paying Nassau County Civil Service Commission examination fees; now therefore, be it

ORDAINED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

This law shall be known as the “Hiring Our Heroes Act.”

§2. Section 6 of Ordinance No. 180-2016 is amended to read as follows:

§6. The following fees are set and established for the Civil Service Commission:

Description	Fee
Police Officer Examination Application Filing Fee	\$150
Deputy Sheriff Examination Application Filing Fee	\$100
Correction Officer Examination Application Filing Fee	\$150
Correction Officer Open Competitive Examination Fee	\$150
Correction Corporal Promotion Examination Fee	\$100
Correction Sergeant Promotion Examination Fee	\$100
Correction Lieutenant Promotion Examination Fee	\$100
Correction Captain Promotion Examination Fee	\$100
Police Sergeant Promotion Examination Fee	\$200
Police Lieutenant Promotion Examination Fee	\$200
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Probation Officer Trainee Open Competitive Examination	\$50

Probation Officer II Promotion Examination Fee	\$100
Probation Supervisor I Promotion Examination Fee	\$100
Probation Supervisor II Promotion Examination Fee	\$100
All other Civil Service Examinations	\$50
Non-competitive Examination Fee	\$15

Notwithstanding the foregoing, active-duty military service members and military veterans shall be exempt from the payment of all of the foregoing Nassau County Civil Service Commission Civil Service Examination fees. For purposes of this section, “active-duty military service members and military veterans” shall mean anyone who has served, or currently serves, on active duty, in the United States Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Army, Coast Guard or any such additional military forces created by the federal or state government as authorized by law, and, in the case of military veterans, received an honorable discharge.

§3. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the constitutionality or validity of the remainder of this ordinance and the applicability of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

§4. SEQRA Determination.

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§5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 1-2022

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION UPON A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 119-2021 ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO COMBAT ANTISEMITISM

WHEREAS, the Honorable Richard Nicoello, Presiding Officer, has submitted to this County Legislature a written recommendation dated January 24, 2022, pursuant to the provisions of the County Government Law of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the said recommendation refers to an emergency resolution declaring an emergency for immediate action upon a resolution to amend resolution no. 119-2021 establishing the Special Legislative Task Force to Combat Antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, the said recommendation is that the County Legislature adopt a resolution declaring that an emergency exists in Nassau County the nature of which is to take immediate action upon the aforesaid resolution; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby declares that an emergency exists within Nassau County, the nature of which is to consider and to take immediate action upon the aforesaid Resolution now before this Legislature.

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO
PRESIDING OFFICER

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

Monday, January 24, 2022
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 RICHARD J. NICOLELLO

5 Presiding Officer

6 9th Legislative District

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8 LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL

9 Deputy Presiding Officer

10 7th Legislative District

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12 LEGISLATOR DENISE FORD

13 Alternate Presiding Officer

14 4th Legislative District

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16 LEGISLATOR KEVAN ABRAHAMS

17 Minority Leader

18 1st Legislative District

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18 Clerk of the Legislature

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Call this
3 meeting of the legislature to order. I would
4 ask everyone to please rise for the Pledge of
5 Allegiance and please remain standing
6 afterwards for a moment of silence.

7 I'd like to have a moment of
8 silence for the two NYPD officers who were
9 ambushed in Harlem on Friday night. Officer
10 Jason Rivera, 22 years old. Officer Wilbert
11 Mora who is 27. Officer Rivera passed away.
12 Officer Mora is, as we sit here, fighting for
13 his life. I would ask that we all keep them
14 and their families in our thoughts and prayers
15 in the coming days. Thank you.

16 Mike, could you call the roll
17 please?

18 MR. PULITZER: Thank you
19 Presiding Officer. Deputy Presiding Officer
20 Howard Kopel.

21 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

22 MR. PULITZER: Alternate Deputy
23 Presiding Officer Denise Ford.

24 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

25 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela

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2 Bynoe.

3 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

4 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Carrie

5 Solages.

6 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

7 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Debra

8 Mule.

9 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

10 MR. PULITZER: Legislator C.

11 William Gaylor III.

12 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

13 MR. PULITZER: Legislator John

14 Giuffre.

15 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

16 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Mazi

17 Melesa Pilip.

18 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

19 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Delia

20 DeRiggi-Whitton.

21 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

22 Here.

23 MR. PULITZER: Legislator James

24 Kennedy.

25 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

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2 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Thomas
3 McKevitt.

4 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

5 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura
6 Schaefer.

7 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

8 MR. PULITZER: Legislator John
9 Ferretti.

10 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

11 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold
12 Drucker.

13 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

14 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose
15 Marie Walker.

16 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

17 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Joshua
18 Lafazan.

19 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

20 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Steven
21 Rhoads.

22 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

23 MR. PULITZER: Minority Leader
24 Kevan Abrahams.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

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2 MR. PULITZER: Presiding Officer
3 Richard Nicoletto.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

5 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum
6 sir.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
8 very much. We are honored today to be
9 recognizing our top cops, and today we have a
10 presentation by the Detectives Association and
11 I'd like to invite up president John Wighaus
12 as well as Commissioner Ryder.

13 MR. WIGHAUS: Thank you Presiding
14 Officer Nicoletto, Minority Leader Abrahams,
15 the full legislative body for your support of
16 law enforcement and also for recognizing the
17 two NYPD officers who were ambushed on Friday
18 night. They are in our prayers as well.
19 Thank you for recognizing them.

20 Today we have detectives Michael
21 Shreve, Dakota Clark from the Fifth Squad, Joe
22 Albergo from Gang Unit and Bobby Rescigno from
23 Electronics Squad.

24 On October 12th at approximately
25 11:30 p.m. Fifth Precinct patrol units were

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2 dispatched to a house in Lakeview for a call
3 of a suspicious and unusual occurrence. The
4 911 caller witnessed a disturbing video on
5 Snapchat where a man was being tortured. The
6 victim of this assault was shown on video
7 being kicked multiple times and attacked by a
8 pit bull. The injuries depicted in this post
9 showed that the victim's health status was
10 getting progressively worse.

11 At the end of this three-minute
12 video, the victim is observed unconscious with
13 shallow breathing, bound, naked and covered in
14 his own blood. The 911 caller did not know
15 the name of the person who posted this video.
16 She only knew him as Danny from Hempstead.

17 The 911 caller provided this video
18 and Snapchat screen name to Fifth Squad
19 detectives Michael Shreve and Dakota Clark.
20 These detectives conducted multiple checks and
21 conferred with Gang Squad detective Joe
22 Albergo. A short time later detectives Shreve
23 and Clark were able to determine that "Danny
24 from Hempstead" was in fact Danny Harrell.
25 Mr. Harrell is known as a Crip member from

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2 Hempstead.

3 Due to this, Gang Squad detective
4 Joe Albergo joined the investigation and these
5 three detectives worked side by side in search
6 of this victim and the subjects. These
7 detectives coordinated the search of multiple
8 locations from Hempstead to Uniondale to Long
9 Beach. Assisting in these numerous searches
10 were detectives from the First Squad, Third
11 Squad and Hempstead Police Department.

12 Detective Bob Rescigno, from
13 Electronics Squad, responded and coordinated
14 the digital forensic search for this subject.
15 Detective Rescigno was in constant
16 communication with Snapchat and was able to
17 obtain the possible location of this subject
18 as being in a large apartment building located
19 in Schenectady, New York.

20 With this information, these
21 detectives contacted the Schenectady Police
22 Department and advised them as to the events
23 of this heinous act. The Schenectady Police
24 Department immediately responded to this
25 apartment building and conducted a large-scale

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2 search going door to door and utilizing
3 critical information provided by these
4 detectives to locate the apartment where this
5 assault had transpired.

6 Schenectady police officers were
7 able to gain entry into this apartment and
8 rescue the victim, who was found inside of a
9 closet still bound, naked and near death.
10 This victim was immediately transported to a
11 local hospital where he was in critical
12 condition. The attending physician stated
13 that if this victim wasn't found when he was
14 he would have succumbed to his injuries.

15 Due to the swift action of these
16 four detectives from three separate detective
17 squads in Nassau County, the life of this
18 victim was saved and three evil individuals
19 were arrested.

20 The following contraband was
21 recovered by Schenectady PD from this
22 apartment. Two illegal handguns and a large
23 quantity of Fentanyl, heroin and crack
24 cocaine. Two of these subjects were from
25 Hempstead and one subject is from Uniondale.

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2 They were charged with kidnaping, attempted
3 murder, criminal possession of a weapon and
4 possession of a controlled substance.

5 Thank you for recognizing these
6 detectives today.

7 COMMISSIONER RYDER: So, first,
8 I'd like to thank you for that moment of
9 silence for the officers in New York City and
10 the entire NYPD. We are all one family. We
11 bleed the same. We go out there and we do the
12 battles every day. This past weekend alone we
13 took five guns off the streets in Nassau
14 County. Five. Due to the work of our
15 narcotics bureau, our CERT, COPE, aviation was
16 involved, canine. There were foot chases
17 involved. Officers were injured. That's one
18 week in Nassau County.

19 These residents that you just heard
20 that did this horrific act lived in Nassau
21 County. These are the people that sometimes
22 get mixed up in our communities, our good
23 communities, and we go out there and we find
24 them and weed through to find out who they are
25 and take them out of that environment so the

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2 environment get healthier.

3 39 years doing this, I have never
4 ever in my life seen a video like I had to
5 watch with this act and what this poor man was
6 done is basically fed to the pit bull and the
7 pit bull going after him ripping his flesh
8 from his body. It was the hardest thing I
9 ever had to watch. My detectives had to watch
10 it over and over and over again to figure out
11 who they are.

12 Our specialty and our technology in
13 Electronics Bureau had to step in. Our gang
14 members had to step in. They work together as
15 a team to take these individuals out. To get
16 them out of the environment so we can have our
17 healthy environment here. This is a thing
18 that goes on every single day and you saw it
19 in New York City this weekend.

20 Five guns off the streets. One of
21 the officers was killed was 22 years old. My
22 son is 22 year old. Just started the police
23 department. It starts you thinking. We have
24 to do more for the respect of our law
25 enforcement.

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2 I thank every one of you, both
3 sides of the aisle, who always respect law
4 enforcement in this county and will continue
5 to do that forward while we all along respect
6 our communities. Thank you.

7 MR. CLARK: I want to thank you
8 guys for the award and thank you for the
9 continuing support of law enforcement from the
10 leg. Thank you.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Deputy
12 Presiding Officer Kopel.

13 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So, while I'm
14 not in -- my district and this precinct don't
15 coincide we're very close. It's very
16 comforting to know that we have such vigilant
17 and actually smart people working to protect
18 us. It's quite remarkable that you're able to
19 take something like a video and ultimately
20 figure out that somebody else is being harmed
21 in Schenectady. That's just an amazing and an
22 astonishing thing.

23 We're lucky of course that some
24 evil doers are dumb enough to post things
25 online. We're lucky that we have citizens

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2 here in Nassau, who, having seen that, alerted
3 the police. That's a terrific thing.

4 But as I said, I'm just astonished
5 that you were able to figure this out and
6 ultimately save this man's life. I
7 congratulate you. And on behalf of everyone,
8 I think I'm sure on behalf of everyone, we
9 thank you. We thank you and appreciate all
10 that you do for us not only this time but
11 every day.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I would
13 just add to that I think Howard hit the nail
14 on the head. The fact that you were able to
15 take a Snapchat video and then through
16 detective work, incredible detective work,
17 connect it to a victim and perpetrators in
18 Schenectady is truly extraordinary. To do it
19 in a fashion and a timeliness that you were
20 able to save a man's life, I mean, we are very
21 proud of you. Wonderful job you've done.
22 Anyone else? Legislator Bynoe.

23 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Good
24 afternoon. I echo the sentiments of my
25 colleagues. This is extraordinary police work

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2 done by an extraordinary police department. I
3 thank you all for your service. You did not
4 give up on the trail. You kept going. And
5 even when it took you outside of your
6 jurisdiction you kept going. So, for that I
7 say thank you for your tenacity and your
8 perserverance. You saved this man's life and
9 you may have saved countless lives by making
10 sure that those criminals, who were from
11 Nassau County up in Schenectady, will be
12 incarcerated and they will have to pay the
13 fine and pay for justice for this young man
14 that they harmed sounds like horrifically.
15 When I read this account it was horrible. To
16 see that they would take a dog and sic it on
17 this person like that without any regard for
18 human life. So, thank you for all that you
19 do, what you did in this situation and what
20 you do every day.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
22 Schaefer.

23 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: I also echo
24 the sentiments of all my colleagues. This may
25 sound silly in light of everything but what

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2 happened to the dog in that situation?

3 Usually do they remove a dog that's been or
4 no?

5 MR. SHREVE: I think they put it
6 down. But they actually had taken DNA from
7 the victim from the dog's mouth that they
8 tested and actually found it. So the dog was
9 actually a big part of the case.

10 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Thank you.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We'd like
12 to invite you up here. We have presentation
13 for all of you.

14 We are going to the public comment
15 portion of our meeting and the first speaker
16 is Claudia Borecky.

17 MS. BORECKY: Hello everybody.
18 I'm Claudia Borecky, codirector of LI Clean
19 Air Water and Soil. Also known as CAWS. I
20 gave copies of our letter, our December first
21 letter, to you and should be in front of you.

22 I've been advocating for the
23 establishment of a public authority to take
24 over New York American Water's Long Island
25 operations for over a decade. To that end,

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2 our state representatives passed legislation
3 last June that established water authorities
4 for both the north shore and the Town of
5 Hempstead. The county legislature has now had
6 over six months to prepare for appointments.

7 We then pushed our new governor to
8 sign the two bills, which she did, on November
9 3rd. The new South Nassau Water Authority is
10 to be governed by a board of directors
11 consisting of five members. Three members
12 appointed by the Town of Hempstead, two
13 members appointed by the Nassau County
14 Legislature. The board shall receive no
15 compensation for their services.

16 Last time the towns of Hempstead
17 and Oyster Bay reestablished a water authority
18 they invited the public to go through a
19 screening process which took nine months from
20 the time they made an announcement to when
21 they made its appointments. The state this
22 time made sure that the governing bodies would
23 not be allowed to procrastinate. The South
24 Nassau Water Authority will go into effect on
25 February 1.

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2 I'm here today to urge the
3 legislature to take immediate steps to appoint
4 knowledgeable, capable, independent
5 commissioners with varied financial,
6 municipal, environmental, civic and legal
7 experience to the authority so that the Nassau
8 County Water Authority is fully established by
9 February 1, 2022 as ordered by the state.

10 This is the county's last meeting
11 in January and we've yet to see appointments
12 up for a vote, which means the Nassau County
13 Legislature must appoint the water
14 commissioners within the week in order for the
15 Nassau County Water Authority to be
16 established by February 1.

17 As I'm sure you're aware, Liberty
18 Utilities recently purchased New York American
19 Water's stock. CAWS opposed such sale mainly
20 because we believe the purchase price to be
21 inflated and we expect Liberty Utilities to
22 want to make a profit on their investment if
23 they sell it to the new authorities in the
24 short term.

25 As part of the settlement

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2 negotiations, CAWS made sure that the Public
3 Service Commission require Liberty or New York
4 American Water to negotiate in good faith with
5 the new South Nassau Water Authority to
6 acquire its Hempstead operations. We made
7 sure that this was included with the hope that
8 an agreement will be reached without having to
9 go through eminent domain.

10 As a specific time frame forming
11 this organization is included in their sales
12 agreement, it is imperative that the Nassau
13 County Legislature and the Town of Hempstead
14 acts expeditiously in appointing commissioners
15 to the South Nassau Water Authority. The
16 South Nassau Water Authority will supply water
17 to 114,000 customers serving approximately
18 250,000 of your constituents.

19 I have a few minutes left. I can
20 read them off. The following legislators
21 represent communities served by Liberty.
22 Legislator Abrahams, Roosevelt. Legislator
23 Bynoe, Lakeview. Legislator Solages, Valley
24 Stream, Inwood, Lawrence and North Woodmere.
25 Legislator Ford, Atlantic Beach, East Atlantic

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2 Beach.

3 MR. PULITZER: Miss, your time
4 has expired.

5 MS. BORECKY: I'm sorry. It
6 looked like I had a minute left.

7 MR. PULITZER: There was a mixed
8 up communication. Sorry.

9 MS. BORECKY: Okay. Just one
10 question. What has been done so far to
11 appoint the new water commissioners to the
12 South Nassau Water board?

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: My
14 understanding is that the legislation actually
15 becomes effective on February 1st and
16 therefore the appointments cannot be made
17 until after February 1st.

18 MS. BORECKY: Town of Hempstead
19 is making their three appointments tomorrow.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Well,
21 then, apparently they're jumping the gun but
22 that's fine.

23 MS. BORECKY: Have you done
24 anything to start even interviewing people?

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you

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2 Ms. Borecky. We appreciate you being here.

3 MS. BORECKY: That's my answer.

4 Thank you.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Richard
6 Clolery.

7 MR. CLOLERY: To the members of
8 the legislature. I would like to congratulate
9 those that got voted in even though I voted
10 for Democrats. Without being Democrat of
11 Republican, I am here because I would like to
12 see what your plan is to increase funding for
13 the buses. You're concerned about getting
14 people to stay on the island. You're worrying
15 about businesses failing and also concerned
16 about increasing tax revenue. But one major
17 expense for any person is their car. Whether
18 it's gas for it, insurance, repairs, whatever,
19 it adds up. Especially when they have to buy
20 their car now because of the pandemic because
21 of high prices.

22 One way to cut this is dedicated
23 funding for the buses. Without matching funds
24 from the state bus lines got cut. Like the
25 N-50, N-73, 74 etcetera. So please help

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2 everyone not just the drivers but everyone who
3 can't drive. Thank you.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank
5 you. Pat Boyle.

6 MR. BOYLE: Hi. How is
7 everybody? My name is Pat Boyle. I work with
8 Gateway Youth Outreach in Elmont but I'm also
9 here representing the Coalition of Youth
10 Service agencies.

11 Two very quick things. One is
12 welcome back everybody that was voted back
13 into your seat. I look forward to working
14 with you again. And also too welcome to the
15 people who have been newly elected to the
16 seats. Those are the people who we really do
17 want to speak with so that way we can get an
18 opportunity to explain to you what youth
19 programs in Nassau County are.

20 They're not just bats and balls
21 like some people would think. We throw out a
22 ball and say go have fun. That's not what
23 we're all about. We're here to be able to
24 help and to be able to teach kids on many,
25 many different levels. As well as provide

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2 counseling for those youngsters. Which is a
3 very important component right now because
4 unfortunately we're starting to see a lot in
5 the way of depression with regard to kids. A
6 lot in the way of social issues. All due to
7 the isolation that they've had to go through
8 with COVID.

9 As you can imagine, if you are a
10 parent or if you remember having children if
11 they were younger, parents are going a little
12 bit on the bonkers side as well too. That's
13 not a technical term. But they're going a
14 little bit crazy as well too because it's
15 tough. It's tough having kids around all day
16 and not being in school and things of that
17 nature and that's already happened. It's just
18 really starting to show itself in fruition
19 now.

20 So, I do welcome you and I
21 especially welcome John Giuffre because he
22 will be representing part of the district that
23 we're in and I look forward to speaking with
24 him.

25 The second thing I just want to

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2 talk about a little bit was is let's think
3 about what's going on as far as finances in
4 the county go. You all know, who've been
5 here, that youth services is kind of the
6 bottom ladder in the funding chain and now
7 might be an opportunity to be able to do
8 something about that. There are ARP monies
9 out there -- ARP is federal monies -- that
10 they promised to give us 20 percent of our
11 regular contracts. We were supposed to
12 receive that money in September. I think it's
13 a little late.

14 So, one of the things that we'd
15 like to do is to be able to work together.
16 And I think the new administration is starting
17 to go in the right direction with regard to
18 this. But we'd like to be able to work
19 together to be able to provide that funding
20 for agencies. The main reason being that we
21 had higher expenses because of COVID. When
22 you do individual programs it makes it that
23 much more expensive. We can talk about these
24 types of things when the time comes up and my
25 six seconds are left. Thank you very much for

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2 listening and I look forward to speaking with
3 you all.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
5 Pat. Meta Mereday. Meta, let me express our
6 deepest condolences on the loss of your
7 father. We are very sorry for your loss.

8 MS. MEREDAY: Thank you so much.
9 On behalf of my family we accept your
10 condolences and I want to thank my legislator
11 for her lovely card.

12 But as they say, the work goes on.
13 And as the Reverend Dr. Vernon Johns, who was
14 the predecessor to Martin Luther King at
15 Dexter Avenue Church in Montgomery, he said if
16 you see a good fight get in it. So, I'm going
17 to continue to be in the fight. Particularly
18 for our veterans and for all who are
19 underserved in this county.

20 My concerns as we're going into the
21 new year with a new administration, I want to
22 say, I want to actually say my hope as we go
23 into a new year and new administration, that
24 we take a better look, a deeper dive and
25 actually get some action items in place as it

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2 pertains to our veteran support services.

3 I've been asking with regard to a
4 review of the particles at the NUMC, the
5 medical center, and the empty spaces that
6 could be effectively utilized and better
7 served for our veterans for a wide range of
8 particular services.

9 I note that there is an ordinance
10 here as it pertains to Hiring Our Heroes Act.
11 I'm all for anything that is providing support
12 services to our veterans. But just to exempt
13 the fee for the civil service exam and not
14 provide them with jobs, credible jobs, so that
15 they can live in Nassau County, which
16 continues to rank among the highest in
17 property taxes in the country, is a
18 disservice.

19 There is a law that's still on the
20 books with regard to service disabled veteran
21 businesses and contracting that still is
22 gathering dust.

23 So, if we don't create those
24 opportunities for veteran businesses, which
25 provide 85 percent of the jobs for veterans,

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2 then what would be the point? You're just
3 saying okay, we're going to exempt you from
4 taking a test but we can't give you a job.
5 That's why we still have such high levels of
6 unemployment for our veterans and their
7 families.

8 We have opportunities right here in
9 this building. Public safety officers do a
10 commendable job. They need to be supported.
11 We have veterans among that contingent. That
12 again is a resource. So we have to look where
13 we are and do what we need to do.

14 Also transportation, which is an
15 issue for people who live in Nassau County, to
16 get to certain jobs. Health care is becoming
17 a problem with regard to COVID and the
18 transportation and supports. We have more
19 seniors actually who need assistance in the
20 northern part of the county and we have more
21 workers who are viable in the southern part of
22 the county. But we have a piss poor and I
23 mean piss poor transportation modality that
24 goes north and south. We need to address
25 that.

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2 There's federal and state funds
3 that are available. Newsday just reported
4 that Nassau County lags behind in the number
5 of grants that it can possible receive in
6 state and federal funds. That's a problem.
7 I'm hoping that we can address that.

8 I'm also looking at where were the
9 changes with regard to the minority business
10 affairs office? There's some individuals that
11 I haven't heard anything about. I'm curious
12 as to where they were because for them to lose
13 a job in a position where they were not given
14 any resources we have a problem.

15 Again, I was the one that
16 distributed the lift every voice lyrics for
17 everyone. I hope you all get a chance to read
18 it, to actually look it over and understand it
19 because black history is not just a month,
20 it's 365 days a year. Thank you.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
22 Meta. Kevin McKenna.

23 MR. MCKENNA: Good afternoon.
24 Kevin McKenna Nassau County resident. I
25 provided a copy to the clerk for the record

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2 and I've also provided it to the authorities.

3 Only seven out of 19 Nassau County
4 legislators voted to award a massive \$122
5 million no-bid contract to Motorola in
6 December of 2020 with the other 12 legislators
7 not even voting. Seven out of 19 legislators
8 is not a majority. So Nassau County taxpayers
9 have two questions. How do 12 legislators
10 avoid voting for a \$122 million no-bid
11 contract? And how does a \$122 million
12 contract become a no-bid contract? I will
13 tell the Nassau County residents how.

14 Motorola would have to be, quote,
15 the only entity qualified to provide the
16 services to allow just seven legislators in
17 the Rules Committee to vote on the \$122
18 million contract and to allow that the \$122
19 million contract become a no-bid contract.

20 Who determines if Motorola is,
21 quote, the only entity qualified to provide
22 the services? Well, NIFA did. So, I
23 submitted a FOIL request to NIFA. I received
24 a two-page document from NIFA general counsel
25 Jeremy Wise. It states -- it was to the NIFA

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2 directors from Evan Cohen. Evan Cohen is
3 NIFA's executive director. This document from
4 Evan Cohen falsely states that Motorola is,
5 quote, the only entity qualified to provide
6 the services. I provided you all a copy of
7 that.

8 How do I know that Motorola is not,
9 quote, the only entity qualified to provide
10 the services? Well, I simply emailed
11 Motorola's chief competitor L3 Harris and its
12 representative Natalie Ciao replied, and I
13 quote, it was completely sole sourced to
14 Motorola. There wasn't an opportunity for
15 competitive bid process with other vendors.

16 I provided you all a copy of that
17 email.

18 If Nassau County never solicited
19 bid proposals, how can NIFA executive director
20 Evan Cohen know if Motorola is, quote, the
21 only entity qualified to provide services.

22 Getting back to the legislature, I
23 wanted to know which seven legislators voted
24 and who voted yes. So I submitted a FOIL
25 request to the legislature clerk Christopher

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2 Leimone and he mailed me back a response
3 telling me the seven legislators that voted.
4 I'm going to skip over the names. I provided
5 you all with a copy of this email from
6 Leimone.

7 I then emailed NIFA general counsel
8 Jeremy Wise a request for the contract
9 approval request form for this \$122 million
10 contract. Jerry Wise refused to provide that
11 to me, writing, in quote, it's not available
12 under FOIL. I provided you all with that I
13 replied to this email and he refused to
14 comment any further.

15 And what is unbelievable is that
16 NIFA general counsel Jeremy Wise, once he
17 realized the questions I was asking, he had me
18 blocked from sending emails to him and all the
19 NIFA individuals. I strongly suggest that you
20 take a look at the fraud that was purported on
21 Nassau County and all of you that voted on
22 this by NIFA director Jeremy Wise. Thank you
23 very much.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: First item
25 is ordinance number one of 2022. It's an

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2 ordinance to be known as the Hiring Our Heroes
3 Act amending Section 6 of Ordinance 180 of
4 2016 to exempt active duty and military
5 veterans from the payment of civil service
6 examination fees.

7 That is moved by Legislator Lafazan
8 and seconded by Legislator Gaylor. That's
9 before us. Does anyone want to say a few
10 words? Any public comment?

11 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday.
12 First of all, I also want to add my
13 condolences to NYPD and the families of those
14 officers. That is something that we have to
15 definitely focus on and they have to focus
16 on. And again, also coming from a family of
17 police officers and other first responders and
18 being a first responder myself on 9-11 too
19 often we have to have these types of
20 scenarios. But we have to focus also on
21 addressing the needs in these communities
22 involving housing and homelessness and things
23 of this nature.

24 Again, I support anything that
25 provides opportunities and access and takes

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2 away any obstacles for our heroes, our
3 veterans. But again, I challenge this
4 legislature that you really have to blow the
5 dust off of the many initiatives that are in
6 place that have not been implemented to
7 benefit the veterans in this community.

8 Nassau and Suffolk combined have
9 the largest veteran population in the
10 northeast corridor. But we have, as far as
11 the results and the focus, even though we have
12 a very hard working and committed team in
13 Nassau County veteran services, they continue
14 to need resources and bodies and just those
15 supplies in a location that befits the work
16 that they do.

17 I don't know how many of you and
18 including the new members on this body have
19 actually toured their space and the amount of
20 work that they do within that space. But I
21 challenge you to look at what is taking place
22 and what is not happening that's resulting in
23 so many actions and the despair that's
24 impacting many of our veterans and those in
25 service. Our war widows.

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2 We have a lot of work that needs to
3 be done and this is 2022. I really have other
4 things that I myself could be doing as opposed
5 to coming here and challenging you at every
6 opportunity to step outside of the comfort
7 zone.

8 I'm tired of Nassau County just
9 being known for cronyism, corruption, nepotism
10 and patronage. We've got to get on board with
11 addressing the homelessness, the hopelessness
12 that's impacting our veteran community and the
13 taxpayers and the residents that are here.

14 So, I'm in support of this but this
15 is not it. It can't be the well, this is the
16 first step and we have to have a starting
17 point. No. We've been out of the gate long
18 enough. Thank you.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
20 Gaylor.

21 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: I just want
22 to first of all thank each and every one of
23 the legislators who do support this bill and I
24 believe it's unanimous support. Any action we
25 can to do to support a veteran is an action

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2 that I'm always going to vote for. Whether
3 somebody deems it significant or insignificant
4 I don't care. Okay? We're doing something
5 and we're moving forward to help veterans.

6 So, we're going to keep doing the
7 little things. We'll do the big things. More
8 may be able to be done and it will be done as
9 the issues arise.

10 But, you know, let's not look a
11 gift horse in the mouth and bad mouth because
12 someone doesn't think it's significant. Like
13 I said, this is meaningful legislation, well
14 thought of. I appreciate the efforts of my
15 colleague on the other side, Josh Lafazan, for
16 bringing this before us so that we can work
17 with it, make it even better. That's how
18 democracy works. So this is what we're going
19 to do. We're going to keep moving the little
20 issues. We're going to move the big issues.
21 We're going to do what we got to do to take
22 care of our veterans in Nassau County. So I
23 appreciate each legislator's support for this
24 bill. Thank you.

25 MS. MEREDAY: Legislator Gaylor,

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2 I did not bad mouth that if you heard what I
3 said. I did not bad mouth it. So, I don't
4 want anything attributed to me that I did not
5 say.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank
7 you.

8 MS. MEREDAY: Thank you. I just
9 wanted to make sure it's correct for the
10 record. We need to do more big things.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
12 legislators? Hearing none, all in favor
13 signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Passes
14 unanimously.

15 Item two, resolution one of 2022 is
16 a resolution to amend Resolution 119 of 2021
17 establishing a special legislative task force
18 to combat anti-Semitism.

19 Item is moved by Legislator Mazi
20 Pilip. Seconded by Legislator Arnie Drucker.
21 I know that some legislators want to speak to
22 this but why don't we go through the
23 procedures and set it up before we do that.
24 We need a motion to establish an emergency on
25 this. Moved by Legislator Walker. Seconded

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2 by Legislator Pilip. All in favor of
3 establishing an emergency signify by saying
4 aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously. So
5 the emergency has been established.

6 Now we need a motion to amend which
7 will allow the county executive or his
8 designee to be a member of the task force, a
9 voting member as opposed to ex officio.

10 That is moved by Legislator
11 Giuffre. Seconded by Legislator Lafazan. Any
12 debate or discussion on the amendment? All in
13 favor of the amendment signify by saying aye.
14 Passes unanimously. The item as amended is
15 before us. I know Legislator Drucker you
16 wanted to speak.

17 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you
18 very much Presiding Officer. I am gratified
19 by the unanimous bipartisan support that this
20 legislature has played in the imminent
21 formation of the special task force to combat
22 anti-Semitism.

23 The task force is about to embark
24 upon it's crucial mission and, quite frankly,
25 we do not have a moment to spare. When I

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2 introduced this legislation back in June of
3 2021 to create the task force I cited an
4 alarming and frighteningly persistent increase
5 in anti-Semitic incidents in recent years.
6 Based on recent events in our region and
7 across the nation it is clear that it has not
8 abated.

9 For example, on January 22nd there
10 was an arrest of a woman who days before
11 verbally attacked and spat upon three children
12 in Brooklyn ages eight, seven and two and
13 yelled, in sum and substance, that Hitler
14 should have killed you all.

15 Or the adoption agency in Tennessee
16 that according to recent reports in the New
17 York Times refused to allow them to adopt a
18 child because they are Jewish.

19 And the shock of a horrific hostage
20 incident at congregation Beth Israel in
21 Colleyville, Texas last week still weighs
22 heavily upon my heart. The congregation was
23 attacked by a gunman who took the synagogue's
24 rabbi and three worshippers as hostages.

25 While we were all profoundly

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2 grateful and relieved that the four hostages
3 were released safely, we were haunted by yet
4 another attack on Jewish people practicing
5 their faith in America.

6 Through the work of Nassau's
7 special legislative task force to combat
8 anti-Semitism, we have an opportunity to
9 fearlessly confront that question and devise
10 solutions that will help Jews in Nassau County
11 worship in peace and live without fearing for
12 their family's safety. Now is the time to
13 come together as one Nassau County to pave the
14 way to a brighter, more inclusive future and
15 send a clear message that we will never be
16 silent when confronted with hatred of any
17 kind. Thank you.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank
19 you. Any other legislators?

20 LEGISLATOR PILIP: First, I would
21 like to thank all of my colleagues for not
22 only recognizing the seriousness of
23 anti-Semitism but also for the commitment
24 together, concrete proposal, how to fight this
25 kind of hate. I'm looking forward to working

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2 with the task force. And talking about the
3 problem is a great start but this is a time to
4 do something about this. This is people's
5 issue and I'm happy that all my colleagues are
6 with me with this day.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
8 legislators? Hearing none, all in favor of
9 the item as amended signify by saying aye.
10 Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

11 Motion to adjourn? Legislator
12 Ferretti. Seconded by Legislator
13 DeRiggi-Whitton. All in favor of adjourning
14 signify by saying aye. Those opposed?
15 Carries unanimously. We have a Rules
16 Committee coming up next.

17 (Meeting adjourned at 1:59 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 25th day of
January 2022.

FRANK GRAY