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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

**THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE WILL HOLD
A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FULL LEGISLATURE**

ON

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022 AT 1:00 PM

IN

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

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MICHAEL C. PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature
Nassau County, New York

**DATED: January 31, 2022
Mineola, NY**

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING

MINEOLA, NEW YORK
FEBRUARY 7, 2022 1:00PM
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1. **HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO -2022**

A LOCAL LAW RELATING TO THE READJUSTMENT OR ALTERATION OF COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE DECENNIAL FEDERAL CENSUS OF 2020. 23-22(LE)

2. **VOTE ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO.-2022**

A LOCAL LAW RELATING TO THE READJUSTMENT OR ALTERATION OF COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE DECENNIAL FEDERAL CENSUS OF 2020. 23-22(LE)

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 2-2022

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION UPON A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR THE CORRECTION OF AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL FILED ON JANUARY 3, 2022

WHEREAS, the Honorable Richard Nicoletto, Presiding Officer, has submitted to this County Legislature a written recommendation dated February 7, 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 local law to amend the Nassau County Administrative Code to extend the deadline to file an application for the correction of an assessment for the Tentative Assessment Roll filed on January 3, 2022; 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 local law; 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 local law now before this Legislature.

LOCAL LAW 1-2022

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR THE CORRECTION OF AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL FILED ON JANUARY 3, 2022

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

Section 1. §6-40.3 **Application for the correction of assessment for taxation** of the Nassau County Administrative Code is amended to include the following section subdivision:

(f) Notwithstanding the foregoing, for any grievance for the correction of an assessment contained in the tentative assessment roll filed by the Department of Assessment on January 3, 2022, the deadline to file an application for the correction of an assessment shall be April 30, 2022.

§2. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder hereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its application to the person or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

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

§4. Effective date. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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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, February 7, 2022
1:14 P.M.

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

LEGISLATOR RICHARD J. NICOLELLO

Presiding Officer
9th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL

Deputy Presiding Officer
7th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR DENISE FORD

Alternate Presiding Officer
4th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR KEVAN ABRAHAMS

Minority Leader
1st Legislative District

LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE

2nd Legislative District

LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES

3rd Legislative District

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2 LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE
3 5th Legislative District
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5 LEGISLATOR C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III
6 6th Legislative District
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8 LEGISLATOR JOHN GIUFFRE
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11 LEGISLATOR MAZI MELESA PILIP
12 10th Legislative District
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14 LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON
15 11th Legislative District
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17 LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY
18 12th Legislative District
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20 LEGISLATOR THOMAS MCKEVITT
21 13th Legislative District
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23 LEGISLATOR LAURA SCHAEFER
24 14th Legislative District
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2 LEGISLATOR JOHN FERRETTI, JR.

3 15th Legislative District

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5 LEGISLATOR ANDREW DRUCKER

6 16th Legislative District

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8 LEGISLATOR ROSE WALKER

9 17th Legislative District

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11 LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN

12 18th Legislative District

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14 LEGISLATOR STEVEN RHOADS

15 19th Legislative District

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17 MICHAEL PULITZER

18 Clerk of the Legislature

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Welcome to
3 the Nassau County Legislature. We're going to
4 call this meeting to order and ask Legislator
5 Rose Walker to lead us all in the Pledge of
6 Allegiance. Please rise.

7 Mike, could you call the roll
8 please.

9 MR. PULITZER: Thank you. Roll
10 call. Deputy Presiding Officer Howard Kopel.

11 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

12 MR. PULITZER: Alternate Deputy
13 Presiding Officer Denise Ford.

14 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

15 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela
16 Bynoe.

17 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

18 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Carrie
19 Solages.

20 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

21 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Debra
22 Mule.

23 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

24 MR. PULITZER: Legislator C.
25 William Gaylor III.

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2 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

3 MR. PULITZER: Legislator John

4 Giuffre.

5 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

6 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Mazi

7 Pilip Birnbaum.

8 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

9 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Delia

10 DeRiggi-Whitton.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

12 Here.

13 MR. PULITZER: Legislator James

14 Kennedy.

15 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

16 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Thomas

17 McKevitt.

18 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

19 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura

20 Schaefer.

21 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

22 MR. PULITZER: Legislator John

23 Ferretti.

24 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

25 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold

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2 Drucker.

3 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

4 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose
5 Marie Walker.

6 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

7 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Joshua
8 Lafazan. 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 Richard Nicoletto.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

16 MR. PULITZER: We have quorum.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
18 Mike. Just a word or two about procedures.
19 Today is a little bit unusual. We are having
20 a meeting of the full legislature to consider
21 one item and then one emergency item and then
22 we will be going to the committees. There
23 will be a public comment period before the
24 full legislature starts. There's also public
25 comment during committees. I know I have one

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2 slip from one attorney Janice Whelan who
3 wishes to speak on the map of Toretta Estates
4 which will be going before the Planning
5 Committee in a number of minutes after we
6 finish with the full legislature.

7 But if anyone wants to speak on
8 committees they can do so then or you can
9 speak now. We just ask that you fill out the
10 slip with the people at the table here.

11 As is our custom, it's our honor to
12 recognize the top cops for the month of
13 February and I'd like to invite the president
14 of the PBA, Tom Shevlin, to come on up.

15 MR. SHEVLIN: Thank you for
16 having us. On August 30, 2021 at 2:15 p.m.
17 Third Precinct police officers Patrick Castel
18 and Michael Chiappone responded to an
19 apartment complex in Floral Park for a
20 juvenile incident. Officer Castel arrived
21 first and observed a five year old hanging
22 from a second-story window approximately 25
23 feet in the air. She was struggling to hang
24 on with her hands. Officer Castel was
25 attempting to instruct the child to re-enter

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2 the window. The child stated "I want to come
3 to the ground." Officer Castel remained
4 beneath the window, ready to catch the child
5 should she fall.

6 Officer Chiappone then arrived and
7 quickly ran to the second floor apartment
8 where the child was located. The door was
9 locked and there was no response to his
10 banging on the door. Knowing that time was of
11 the essence, he kicked the door to gain
12 access. Officer Chiappone ran over to the
13 window and pulled the child to safety.

14 A search of the apartment revealed
15 that the child was left alone in the
16 apartment. After further investigation it was
17 determined that the mother had gone to the
18 doctor's appointment and left a five year old
19 child unsupervised for approximately three
20 hours. A police medic evaluated the child and
21 was found to be in good health and Child
22 Protective Services was notified. The child
23 was released to the custody of her uncle at
24 the request of her mother.

25 If not for these officers quick

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2 actions, this story could have had a very
3 different ending. The PBA is proud to name
4 police officers Michael Chiappone and Patrick
5 Castel as legislative top cops for January
6 2022.

7 COMMISSIONER RYDER: Good
8 afternoon. Thank you. Again, I just want to
9 say thank you for the support over the
10 weekend, thank you for your support today and
11 thank you for the support of our two officers
12 here. Without that, they go out there knowing
13 that they're on their own. They know in this
14 county that all of our legislators and our
15 county exec always have their back and we
16 appreciate that. Thank you.

17 MR. CASTEL: My partner and I
18 would like to thank the legislative board, the
19 PBA president and the police commissioner for
20 having us.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
22 very much. I would like to ask Legislator
23 Giuffre if he would say a couple of words.

24 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: So, officers
25 to serve and to protect is a motto that we

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2 hear. For you it is a life-style. We thank
3 you for saving that little girl and for your
4 dedication to serving the people of Nassau
5 County. God bless you both.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I would
7 like to invite the officers up as well as Tom
8 Shevlin and Commissioner Ryder for a
9 presentation.

10 MR. PULITZER: Josh Lafazan has
11 checked in.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Is there
13 any public comment? Again, full legislature.
14 Meta, you have something for the full
15 legislature, something specific for the
16 committees? What do you have?

17 MS. MEREDAY: Good afternoon.
18 Meta J. Mereday.

19 With regard to the full leg and in
20 reference to this being Black History Month, I
21 wanted to make mention and to pray for the
22 families of the campus safety officers in
23 Bridgewater College in Virginia. Campus
24 safety officer JJ Jefferson and campus safety
25 officer John Painter. As one of the students

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2 at a HBCU that's being targeted with bomb
3 threats we have to do something. And if it
4 has to start in Nassau County then it should
5 start in Nassau County. But we have to do
6 something about all the isms.

7 I recall at the last meeting here
8 there was a lot of discussion warranted with
9 regard to the rise in anti-Semitism. But we
10 have a lot of anti-isms in a number of areas
11 and racism clearly is among them.

12 It is my challenge, my charge to
13 this body that we focus on a broad-based
14 platform that addresses these scenarios.

15 And I'm standing here in February,
16 which has been designated as Black History
17 Month but Black history, as with Hispanic
18 history, Asian history, Jewish history,
19 Italian history, again, it goes across the
20 board, that is 365 and it should be addressed
21 that way. It should be considered that way.
22 And the issues that impact all ethnicities,
23 racial groups, religious sects and genders
24 should be addressed. It should be honored and
25 it should be focused on in more manners than

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2 mere slogans and things of that nature.

3 So, on this specific topic, it is
4 my hope, again, as I mentioned at the last
5 meeting, one, I don't know what the other
6 emergency item is, which is again a disservice
7 to taxpayers. We need to have this
8 information if it warranted an emergency then
9 they should be notified as well. So, if they
10 did have a chance to comment they could do
11 so. But it's my hope with this particular
12 item on this agenda that all residents are
13 given the platform and the privilege as well
14 as the access to address the issues that
15 pertain to what many can construe as their
16 voting rights or their access to voting,
17 period.

18 So, again, it is my hope that this
19 is just the starting point and that what
20 happens after the fact is going to be open,
21 transparent and inclusive to all parties who
22 are involved. And most importantly, all
23 parties who are impacted and continue to be
24 disenfranchised with the voting process
25 whether here in Nassau County, in New York

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2 State and across the country.

3 So again, I pay my taxes here. I
4 stand on the foundation that my family helped
5 to build. And also want to recognize the
6 campus officer, the capital police officer
7 Eugene Goodman, who stood in the forefront to
8 protect the US Capitol. Again, a structure
9 that was built primarily by his ancestors
10 because slaves, indentured servants and some
11 free people built that capitol in Washington
12 D.C. that was desecrated on January 6, 2021.

13 Again, I am standing before you
14 here with the hope that this item will be
15 given the full measure of outreach, support
16 and inclusion that it deserves at this
17 critical time and critical juncture in this
18 nation's history as well as the foundation of
19 this county under a new administration that I
20 can only hope is much more inclusive with
21 regard to not just diversity but also equity
22 and also transparency and honesty and fiscal
23 management. Thank you.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
25 Meta. Let's go to the first hearing, which is

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2 a hearing on a proposed local law. It's a
3 local law relating to the readjustment or
4 alteration of county legislative districts
5 subsequent to the dicennial federal census of
6 2020.

7 Motion to open the hearing by
8 Legislator Ferretti. Seconded by Legislator
9 Kennedy. All in favor of opening the hearing
10 signify by saying aye. Those opposed?
11 Hearing's open.

12 This item pertains to the first
13 step in the redistricting process. It's more
14 of a procedural step than anything else. The
15 Nassau County Charter requires that the
16 boundaries of the 19 legislative districts be
17 adjusted every ten years and the charter
18 provides a means for accomplishing this. The
19 redistricting occurs after the census is
20 released every ten years. And this year the
21 census was delayed because of COVID. It was
22 not released until August 12, 2021.

23 Section 112 of the county
24 government law requires that within six months
25 of the census the legislative must adopt a

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2 local law describing the 19 legislative
3 districts. The deadline is February 12,
4 2022. The local law that we are adopting
5 today merely restates the lines that currently
6 exist for the legislative districts. These
7 are the districts that we have been running
8 under for the last ten years. These district
9 lines will never be used again as a result of
10 the census and constitutional requirements.
11 Regardless of the process in the charter they
12 must be changed.

13 We are following precedent in terms
14 of how this was handled 20 years ago by the
15 Democratic majority at the time in terms of
16 this first step just re-adopting the existing
17 district lines. Sections 113 and 114 of the
18 county charter govern the substantial process
19 that will be followed in getting new district
20 lines.

21 The next step after today will be
22 the appointment of the commissioners who will
23 serve on the temporary district advisory
24 committee which will be charged with
25 developing maps and holding hearings

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2 throughout the county and providing all sorts
3 of means for input for our residents. So,
4 those substantial steps will follow this. But
5 for today's purpose we are merely re-adopting
6 the existing lines.

7 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Not
9 to start out on a bad note, in light of the
10 new state law, Chapter 156 Law 202, we've
11 basically decided that because that sets out a
12 criteria that the county should follow
13 regarding redistricting we are concerned that
14 some of the actions that this legislature is
15 taking now are not consistent with the
16 statutory requirements. Without a written
17 opinion from our county attorney we feel that
18 we are unprepared to support this at this
19 time.

20 So, basically what our concerns are
21 is that some of the lines that are in
22 existence today are not in compliance with the
23 new law. So, at this point, until we get a
24 written opinion from the county attorney,
25 which we would like to request now, we plan on

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2 abstaining.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I would
4 just point out under the existing laws of the
5 county that we have to adopt a map by February
6 12th. In five days. So, we have to take this
7 step before February 12th to be in compliance
8 with Section 112.

9 And again, these lines will never
10 be used for any candidate to ever run for
11 legislature again. Simply cannot be used.
12 It's more of a procedural step to comply with
13 the way the county government law is
14 structured. But we hear your request.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
16 understand it. And again, obviously it will
17 pass but we just don't feel comfortable
18 passing it through at this point because we
19 feel that it's not in compliance with the new
20 law that just took place. So, we're going to
21 abstain.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
23 comment or discussion among the legislators?
24 Any public comment?

25 MS. EPSTEIN: May I ask a

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2 question?

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Yes. You
4 have to state your name.

5 MS. EPSTEIN: My name is Barbara
6 Epstein. My question is, when will you be
7 appointing the members of the commission?

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I believe
9 they have to be appointed by early May. So,
10 you're talking within the next few weeks the
11 appointments will be made by the Majority and
12 the Minority.

13 MS. EPSTEIN: Will the names of
14 the members be posted so that the committee
15 and where the procedure will take place with
16 the commission's hearings?

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Yes. The
18 names will be posted. There's money that's
19 been allocated in our budget for a full
20 process involving hearings, involving public
21 dissemination of information, etcetera. That
22 will all be a matter of public information.

23 MS. EPSTEIN: Is there a
24 particular way I can get that information?

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Yes. If

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2 you want to give your contact information to
3 the clerk's office who will make sure that you
4 get advised.

5 MS. EPSTEIN: Thank you very
6 much.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Anyone
8 else?

9 MS. MEREDAY: In light of
10 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton's statement, I was
11 wondering if there was a way, because it is a
12 new state law, in terms of getting some type
13 of extension, period, from the state with
14 regard to that February 12th deadline.

15 Secondly, again, you stated that
16 this is just a procedural continuance so to
17 speak. That there would be no changes. So,
18 if that's the fact, I think residents are
19 still probably a little confused or concerned
20 as to the process for this appointment and the
21 procedure and when these new lines would then
22 be put into effect. Because they would in
23 fact influence election processes particularly
24 in this county.

25 On the one hand we're just saying

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2 we're going to keep everything the same and
3 everything should be okay along the same
4 lines. Then you're saying we're setting up
5 committees, we're having meetings, we're
6 having appointments and once again, there are
7 so many constituencies in this county that
8 have felt long-standing disenfranchisement and
9 being left out of the process and getting lack
10 of information or getting it late.

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How does the one piece, we're
12 keeping this as it is, impact the other
13 piece? That we need a set of committees, we
14 have to have a commission, we have to have a
15 process and then we have to decide on how we
16 want these districts to look.

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And thirdly, tying it in from a new
18 state law, which kind of changes the game in
19 many aspects, and you have state courts that
20 are striking down redistricting plans that are
21 coming from other types of municipalities and
22 how is that going to be handled in this region
23 when you have one party ruling on one side and
24 you have another party ruling on the other and
25 the taxpayers are the ones being squeezed out

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2 in the middle? If anybody can address that
3 particularly with regard to getting some type
4 of extension for review and consideration of
5 what the state is putting down as far as
6 guidelines.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The
8 deadline is set by the Nassau County
9 government law. In five days we have to take
10 action, period. The substantive process will
11 unfold after that as per the county charter.
12 And ultimately whatever results from that
13 process will have to comply with the United
14 States Constitution, one man one vote, and
15 other principles, the New York State
16 Constitution and the laws passed by, recently
17 passed by the state legislature. The result
18 of the process will be in compliance with
19 every one of those requirements.

20 But the substantive process in
21 terms of defining what the district lines will
22 be will be determined by the process as set
23 forth. But for today's purposes, we're simply
24 complying with the way the charter is written.

25 MS. MEREDAY: But you have the

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2 opposing side presenting a strong argument
3 that's based upon state law. So, again, my
4 question has to do with I guess the chains of
5 command. So, once again, are we just
6 circumventing what is actual state law under
7 the guise that we are following constitutional
8 procedure based upon a Nassau County
9 structural dynamic?

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You can
11 describe it whatever way you want but --

12 MS. MEREDAY: I'm asking a
13 question. The other side said they're
14 abstaining. They have some valid arguments
15 with regard to that.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: That's not
17 unusual. But the bottom line here is that
18 these lines will never ever, ever be used for
19 anyone to run for office. So, the more
20 important issue is going to be the lines that
21 are adopted after the process is over.

22 MS. MEREDAY: But these lines are
23 always, always used for someone running for
24 office because that's generally how they are
25 gerrymandered in such a way that you have even

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2 if Newsday is saying that certain states are
3 realigning their districts to create certain
4 structures for certain parties to have power.
5 And I'm really focused on making sure that it
6 goes honestly. Again, with transparency and
7 involvement from across the board.

8 So, if the other side, and this is
9 new news today, if they're abstaining based
10 upon a valid argument I'm just saying why
11 can't -- I mean, there are issues that have
12 been tabled here on even less on even flimsier
13 agendas. That's why I'm asking. If the
14 question is going to be kind of dismissed then
15 it's kind of business as usual.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We're
17 going around in circles. I want to thank
18 you. Any other comments on this from the
19 public? If not, Legislator Kennedy do you
20 want to make a motion to close the hearing?
21 Legislator Ferretti seconds the motion. All
22 in favor of closing the hearing signify by
23 saying aye. Those opposed? The hearing is
24 closed.

25 Now for a vote on the proposed

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2 local law. It's a local law relating to the
3 readjustment or alteration of county
4 legislative districts subsequent to the
5 decennial federal census of 2020.

6 Moved by Legislator Walker.
7 Seconded by Legislator Schaefer. That item is
8 now before the legislature. Any other comment
9 or discussion among legislators? If not, all
10 in favor signify by saying aye. Those
11 opposed? Those abstaining? It passes by a
12 vote of 12 votes in the affirmative by the
13 Majority with seven votes --

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can
15 you mark for the record that Legislator
16 Lafazan has voted.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm
18 sorry. He actually came on a while ago. So
19 Legislator Lafazan has participated and voted
20 on this item. 12 votes in the affirmative,
21 seven votes abstaining. Item passes.

22 We are not ready to proceed with
23 the emergency item and I'll tell you briefly
24 what it is. We are seeking to extend the
25 period that people have to challenge their

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2 assessment from the current deadline to a date
3 later in April. But we're not ready to call
4 that just yet. So, I will put the legislature
5 in recess and we will move to the Rules
6 Committee.

7 (Meeting recessed at 1:43 p.m.)

8 (Meeting reconvened at 3:36 p.m.)

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We're
10 going to call the legislature back into
11 session. We have one emergency item. I'll
12 call the emergency and then we'll need a
13 motion to establish the emergency.

14 The item is a proposed local law to
15 amend the Nassau County administrative code to
16 extend the deadline to file an application for
17 the correction of an assessment for the
18 tentative assessment roll filed on January 3,
19 2022.

20 We need a motion to establish the
21 emergency. Moved by Legislator Giuffre.
22 Seconded by Legislator Walker. Any debate or
23 discussion on the emergency? All in favor of
24 establishing the emergency signify by saying
25 aye. Those opposed? The emergency is

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2 established.

3 Now I will call the item. 54 of
4 2022 is a proposed local law to amend the
5 Nassau County administrative code to extend
6 the deadline to file an application for the
7 correction of assessment for the tentative
8 assessment roll filed on January 3, 2022.

9 Moved by Legislator Rhoads.

10 Seconded by Legislator McKevitt.

11 This is an item which will give the
12 residents, homeowners an extension of time to
13 file their assessment challenges until April
14 30th. The need is based on the fact that the
15 notices of tentative assessment did not go out
16 until late. So, by failing to send those out
17 closer to the beginning of the year, they, in
18 effect, will have shortened the challenge
19 period for almost all county residents. These
20 notices are up on the website but 99.9 percent
21 of the county residents see these notices and
22 that's what triggers them to evaluate and
23 potentially challenge their assessment. Any
24 debate or discussion?

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes. If I

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2 may?

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Sure.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you
5 Rich. I just want to take the opportunity to
6 mention that my colleagues and I, on behalf of
7 the Democratic caucus, we had written to the
8 county executive as well as copying the
9 Majority in regards to extending the date for
10 being able to file grievances. We have heard
11 from many of our constituents that have
12 identified that they did not receive their
13 previous notices in the proper time.

14 However, I do have a question, if
15 someone is available, if all the notices have
16 been sent out? Because I've still heard from
17 several constituents that still have not
18 received notices as of today. Is there anyone
19 available from the department to be able to
20 answer any of those questions? We plan to
21 support this. This is something that we would
22 like to see. Obviously, like I said before,
23 we supported it, we wrote it into a letter,
24 but I do have a question in regards to whether
25 or not have all the notices, to the best of

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2 their knowledge, have gone out to each of the
3 homeowners?

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Chris.

5 MR. LEIMONE: Chris Leimone from
6 the administration. How are you? I'm not
7 sure of that answer but I will follow-up and
8 get back to you.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We just
10 want to make sure that, you know, we're
11 extending the timeline, which is great, but we
12 would just like to have an assurance that the
13 notices have gone out. In that way we don't
14 have to potentially extend the deadline again
15 if notices haven't gone out as of today. If
16 you could get back to us that would be great.
17 Thank you Chris.

18 MR. LEIMONE: Yes, will do.
19 Thank you.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
21 Rhoads.

22 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thanks
23 presiding officer. My understanding is, and
24 please let me know if I'm speaking
25 incorrectly, my understanding is that the

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2 notices were untimely because the
3 administration stepped into a roll and notices
4 that contained about 160,000 errors that they
5 uncovered and then had to reproduce the
6 letters.

7 So, I don't want to leave anyone
8 with the impression that the lateness was in
9 any way the responsibility of this
10 administration. It's kind of having to fix
11 what they inherited from the prior
12 administration.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other
14 debate or discussion? Any public comments?
15 All in favor signify by saying aye. Those
16 opposed? Carries unanimously.

17 Motion to adjourn by Mazi Pilip,
18 Legislator Pilip. Seconded by Legislator
19 Walker. Any debate or discussion? All in
20 favor signify by saying aye. We are
21 adjourned.

22 (Meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.)
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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 tenth day of
February 2022.

FRANK GRAY