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PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 4 –2019

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

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated January 10, 2019, addressed to the County Legislature, has recommended the appropriation of such funds not otherwise appropriated; and,

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

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

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

TOTAL AMOUNT (in dollars)	**SOURCE OF FUNDS**	**APPROPRIATED TO:**			
		FUND	**DEPT. CODE/Index**	**OBJ. CODE**	**AMOUNT** (in dollars)
125,000	N.Y.S. Division of Criminal Justice	GRT	PD	AA	45,000
				DE	80,000

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

§ 3. It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this supplemental appropriation ordinance is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section

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

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

L E G I S L A T I V E C A L E N D A R

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE — MINEOLA, NEW YORK
NINETEENTH MEETING — FEBRUARY 25, 2019 1:00P.M.
SECOND MEETING OF 2019

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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8. **RESOLUTION NO. 6-2019**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIM OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED NICHOLAS SCIORTINO, AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL J. SCIORTINO V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, NASSAU COUNTY POLICE OFFICERS SALVATORE CURCIO, AND FRANK PELO EDNY DOCKET NO. 12-CV-04649(MKB)(GRB) PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. 12-19(AT)

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 7-2019**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS, AND THE FRIENDS OF HEMPSTEAD PLAINS AT NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE. 17-19(PK)

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 8-2019**

A RESOLUTION TO UTILIZE FUNDS RESERVED WITHIN THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACCRUED LIABILITY RESERVE FUND TO PAY TERMINATION PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE MAJORITY DELEGATION TO THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE. 28-19(LE)

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 9-2019**

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GIFT OFFERED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOUNDATION TO THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT. 13-19(PD)

12. **RESOLUTION NO. 10-2019**

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A WARRANT DIRECTING THE TREASURER OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO PAY TO THE SUPERVISORS OF THE SEVERAL TOWNS AND TO THE TREASURERS OF THE SEVERAL VILLAGES AND CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, THE SUMS AS APPORTIONED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE BASED ON A REPORT FILED BY THE COUNTY TREASURER AND THE COUNTY CLERK, SHOWING DEPOSITS FROM MORTGAGE TAXES FOR THE QUARTER BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018; PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. 11-19(LE)

THE FOLLOWING ITEM MAY BE UNTABLED

13. **RESOLUTION NO. 4-2019**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A TAX EXEMPTION AND PAYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, LINDEN KNOLLS RESIDENCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND COMPANY, INC. (THE "HDFC") AND LINDEN KNOLLS RESIDENCE LLC (THE "COMPANY"). 5-19(AT)

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 Human Services and North Shore Child and Family Guidance Association, Inc. RE: OMH Contract – Community Support Services. $14,107.00. ID#CLHS18000080.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Hispanic Counseling Center. RE: OMH – Family Support Services. $3,675.00. ID#CLHS18000068.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Long Island Crisis Center. RE: Community Based MH (Local Assistance). $1,318.00. ID#CLHS18000086.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Family and Children's Association. RE: OMH Grant - ICM. $20,645.00. ID#CLHS18000066.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Maryhaven Center of Hope, Inc. RE: OMH PROS/Community/Reinv/Art. 28 & 31. $8,290.00. ID#CLHS18000069.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Hip – Hop Summit Youth Council, Inc. RE: CDBG. $25,000.00 ID# CQHI18000016.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Long Island Conservatory of Music. RE: CDBG. $30,000.00 ID# CQHI18000035.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Village of New Hyde Park. RE: CDBG. $85,000.00 ID# CQHI18000022.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Village of Westbury. RE: CDBG. $230,000.00 ID# CQHI18000018.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Hempstead Town. RE: CDBG. $3,000,000.00 ID# CQHI18000051.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Village of East Rockaway. RE: CDBG. $50,000.00. ID# CQHI18000027.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Village of Massapequa Park. RE: CDBG. $100,000.00 ID# CQHI18000033.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Village of Lynbrook. RE: CDBG. $225,000.00 ID# CQHI18000026.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and South Shore Association for Independent Living, Inc. RE: OMH Article 28/31 –Advocacy Support Services. $2,684.00. ID#CQHS18000090.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Counseling Services of Eastern District of NY, Inc. RE: Chemical Dependency. $2,153.00. ID#CLHS18000091.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Anthony V. Santoro Psy. D. RE: MH Community Based. $23,963.00. ID#CLHS18000071.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Fiona A. Radcliffe. RE: MH Community Based. $23,282.00. ID#CLHS18000072.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Oceanside Counseling Center, Inc. RE: Chemical Dependency. $3,663.00. ID#CLHS18000076.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Hispanic Counseling Center, Inc. RE: Chemical Dependency. $10,942.00. ID#CLHS18000088.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Maryhaven Center of Hope, Inc. RE: Chemical Dependency. $72,849.00. ID#CLHS18000077.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Youth and Family Counseling Agency of Oyster Bay – East Norwich, Inc. RE: Chemical Dependency. $3,716.00. ID#CLHS18000094.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Baldwin UFSD. RE: YDA - Education. $33,223.00. ID#CQHS18000172.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and South Shore Association for Independent Living. RE: OMH ACT. $30, 430.00. ID#CLHS18000085.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and EAC, Inc. RE: OFA EAC LB C2 EXT 2. $170,000.00. ID#CLHS18000014.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and EAC, Inc. RE: OFA EAC CM, EISEP & WIN. $624,468.00. ID#CLHS18000011.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Health and OT Sensory Stars, PLLC. RE: Preschool Education Program. $.01. ID# CQHE18000008.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Health and Kidscare Speech Therapy, LLC. RE: Preschool Education Program. $.01. ID# CQHE18000009.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Social Services and Little Flower Community & Family Services. RE: Foster Care. $.02. ID# CQSS17000094.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Social Services and Precious Sprit Child Care, Inc. RE: Day Care. $.01. ID# CQSS18000047.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Social Services and The Safe Center LI, Inc. RE: Safe Harbour Program. $14,096.00. ID# CLSS18000040.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Social Services and My Spectrum Center. RE: Day Care. $.01. ID# CQSS18000053.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Nicholas Center for Autism. RE: CDBG $20,000.00. ID# CQHI18000029.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Village of Farmingdale. RE: CDBG $300,000.00. ID# CQHI18000040.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Village of Rockville Centre. RE: CDBG $200,000.00. ID# CQHI18000041.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Village of Mineola. RE: CDBG $225,000.00. ID# CQHI18000032.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Spectrum Designs Foundation. RE: CDBG $20,000.00. ID# CQHI18000034.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Womens Opportunity Rehabilitation Center, Inc. RE: CDBG $20,000.00. ID# CQHI18000025.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and LGBT Network. RE: CDBG $50,000.00. ID# CQHI18000046.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and City of Glen Cove. RE: CDBG $393,000.00. ID# CQHI18000019.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Long Beach Reach, Inc. RE: CDBG $25,000.00. ID# CQHI18000059.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Village of Bayville. RE: CDBG $150,000.00. ID# CQHI18000036.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Long Island Youth Foundation. RE: CDBG $40,000.00. ID# CQHI18000045.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Village of Sea Cliff. RE: CDBG $47,200.00. ID# CQHI18000023.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and North Hempstead Town CDA. RE: CDBG $.01. ID# CLHI18000007.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and La Fuerza Unida, Inc. RE: CDBG $25,000.00. ID# CQHI18000039.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Village of Manorhaven. RE: CDBG $350,000.00. ID# CQHI18000021.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Intergovernmental and Village of Great Neck Plaza. RE: CDBG $150,000.00. ID# CQHI18000031

THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

WILL CONVENE NEXT

COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019 at 1:00PM

AND

FULL LEGISLATURE MEETING ON MONDAY,

MARCH 25, 2019 at 1:00PM

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO

PRESIDING OFFICER

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

County Executive and Legislative Building

1550 Franklin Avenue

Mineola, New York

Monday, February 25, 2019

1:18 P.M.

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Deputy Presiding Officer
7th Legislative District

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Full Session - 2-25-19

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you all for joining us today. We have a couple of points of personal privilege, which we will get to in a couple of moments. We also have an appreciation of recognition of national African-American History month.

To start things off I will ask Legislator Bill Gaylor to please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and please remain standing after that for a moment of silence.

(Whereupon Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We ask that you again remain standing. As you all know, in the last two weeks detective Brian Simonson of the New York Police Department lost his life in an incident. Tremendous loss to the police community. Tremendous loss to his family and to the community where he lives in Calverton. I'd ask you all to keep him in your thoughts and prayers and his family.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: I ask you to remember the family of Chris Becker. Chris was a young Hicksville man, 44 years old, he

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was killed in a snowmobile accident a week ago Saturday. He's the husband of Trish Becker, who was one of our crossing guards. He is the son-in-law of Trish Horace, who is captain over in our sheriff's department and is commander and officer of the academy and is the brother-in-law of Chris Kelly, who is one of our detectives. So please keep all of them and all his friends in your thoughts and prayers too.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Mr. Pulitzer, would you please call the roll.

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

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

MR. PULITZER: Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Denise Ford.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela Bynoe.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

MR. PULITZER: Legislator Carrie Solages.

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Full Session - 2-25-19

MR. PULITZER: Legislator Debra Mule.

LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

MR. PULITZER: Legislator C. William Gaylor the Third.

LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

MR. PULITZER: Legislator Vincent Muscarella.

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

MR. PULITZER: Legislator Ellen Birnbaum.

LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

MR. PULITZER: Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

MR. PULITZER: Legislator James Kennedy.

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

MR. PULITZER: Legislator Thomas McKevitt.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura Schaefer.

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LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

MR. PULITZER: Legislator John Ferretti, Jr.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold Drucker.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose Marie Walker.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

MR. PULITZER: Legislator Joshua Lafazan.

LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

MR. PULITZER: Legislator Steven Rhoads.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

MR. PULITZER: Minority Leader Kevan Abrahams.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

MR. PULITZER: Presiding officer Richard Nicolello.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

MR. PULITZER: We have quorum sir.

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LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you very much. As you all know, February is national African-American History Month. Our nation and county recognize the achievements of many, many great men and women as well as the achievements of men and women who may not be as well known but through their works have contributed to our society, to our nation and to the African-American community in particular.

We reflect on African-Americans who achieved great things in politics and government, business, arts and sciences, medicine, religion, the military, law enforcement, charitable work and work in the communities and other areas too numerous to mention, who have changed our society, the nation and the world. We also reflect upon the fact that these achievements came, in many cases, in spite of incredible adversity. Not the least of which has been hostile laws and societies intended to prevent those achievements.

Today the members of the Nassau

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County Legislature are privileged to celebrate two African-Americans for their extraordinary accomplishments and life stories. I have the privilege of recognizing the Honorable Gerald S. Carter and I would ask Judge Carter to please join us at the podium.

Judge Carter is the older son of Shirley and Eleanor Carter. He was born on January 27, 1952 in Harlem, New York. In 1956 the Carters moved to Saint Albans, Queens where Gerald attended Saint Catherine of Sienna Elementary School and then Holy Cross High School. In 1970 Judge Carter entered Fisk University, a historically black college in Nashville, Tennessee where he played varsity baseball. During his senior year he served as student body president and graduate cum laude in 1974, majoring in history. Judge Carter attended his father's alma mater, The Howard University School of Law where he excelled in criminal law, winning the Jurisprudence Criminal Procedure Award.

In May 1977 he graduated number six in a class of 126. Which is a lot better than

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me. Upon his graduation, Judge Carter joined the Nassau County's District Attorney where he prosecuted misdemeanor and felony cases. In 1980 he entered the private practice of law with his father specializing in criminal, labor and sports law. In 1989 Mayor Jim Garner appointed Judge Carter as associate justice of the Village of Hempstead. He served with distinction for six years until his elevation in April of 1996 to Nassau County District Court.

In 1997 Judge Carter was elected to the county court bench. And then was appointed as acting supreme court justice and reelected in November of 2007. Judge Carter retired from the bench as a senior judge in the county court in December of 2017.

Judge Carter was a member of the Fisk University board of trustees, a present member of the Touro School of Law Board of Governors and the Holy Cross High School Board of Directors. He served on Chief Judge Judith Kaye's Probation Task Force. He is a recipient of the Outstanding Young Men in

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America Award, the Norman Lent Award for Judicial Excellence, the NAACP Legal Leadership Award Cobank Fidelis Jury Award for Distinguished Service and the Honorary Law Enforcement Man of the Year.

As an adjunct professor, Judge Carter has taught various courses at Touro Law School where he has been recognized as the 2003 adjunct professor of the year. He has appeared as a television legal analyst on Court TV Like It Is, The McCreary Report and Rivera Live.

Judge Carter, we thank you for your long, distinguished career in public service and the contributions you have made to our county and its residents. As judge you were completely respected by members of the bar who practiced before you as a fair, balanced and compassionate jurist. Your career and accomplishments are an inspiration to all of us. Congratulations. Would you like to say a few words?

MR. CARTER: Thank you all for the recognition. When I came out here to

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Nassau County I just wanted to make a contribution and that's the way I conducted my private service, public service. And I want to thank both sides of the aisle for this recognition and I just hope my work is not done. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Judge, I just want to take the opportunity also to thank you for your years of service. And I think the Presiding Officer spoke well about your achievements and your service to Nassau County has been tremendous and thank you again for your deliverance of that work in that capacity.

Also, what I would like to celebrate is two individuals today. Some of you may have read in the paper one of our well-established restaurants in Carle Place --

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Judge Carter.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm sorry. I'm reading from my notes.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: When the Minority Leader is finished with his

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presentation we will all come up and present you with the citation.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Don't go far Judge.

As I was saying before, some of you may have read in the paper one of our distinguished restaurants located in Carle Place LL Dent, which serves a whole cascade of food but specializes in southern cuisine, unfortunately will be closing. The two owners -- I have known Lillian Dent for quite some time -- have operated that restaurant there for the last 13 years. But more importantly, she has demonstrated the ability to give back in many different ways throughout our communities. Because of that giving back, not just to the Roosevelt community but the surrounding areas, the people of Nassau County have benefitted tremendously.

As you might have read in the paper, the Dents have decided to close the restaurant not because of economic conditions or anything along those lines. They have chosen to pursue a career in acting. Lillian

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Dent has appeared on -- I will let her talk about that -- she has appeared on shows like Law and Order and other places. This is a life changing change. Even though it will be sad to not have delicious food, they are closing I believe at the end of this month, so you have a few days to make your way over there, but at the end of the day I just wanted to continue to thank them as two African-American owners that have been able to build a business and structure business, a successful business and at the same time give back to our communities. I believe that their recognition should be here today.

I know Lisa is not here today Lillian, but you are here. If you want to come to the podium at this time. As I said before, I have known Lillian for quite some time. She lives in the Roosevelt community. I hope you plan to stay in the Roosevelt community even though we may see you on the Oscars like last night one day.

I just want to thank you personally. You and your daughter have been

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tremendous. And we have a proclamation as well as some flowers that I want to present to you as well. I want to wish you the best of luck. Sounds like you have a very exciting future that's leading up ahead. And it's bittersweet because I know many of us here on the dais have visited the restaurant plenty of times and we are sorry to see you go. But we are happy to see that you going out on your terms. So thank you again.

MS. DENT: Thank you.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Talk about that acting stuff. I want to hear more about that.

MS. DENT: Hello everyone and thank you for the opportunity to stand here before you. We have had a great 13 years at LL Dent Restaurant. Now it's time to move on to another phase of my life. This is my second retirement. And I've already starting to do some acting and I'm looking to do other things. Also to focus on my golf. So I'm very happy and excited about the new phase of my life. Thank you.

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LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Ask Judge Carter and Lillian to come up for a presentation. Join us up here.

Congratulations again to Judge Carter and to the Dents. Very well deserved recognition.

We now have presentations for our top cops for the month of February and we would like to invite up James McDermott, president of the PBA, for purposes of a presentation.

MR. MCDERMOTT: My entourage. Once again I want to thank you, thank the legislature for having our top cops for the month of February 2019.

Nassau County police officers Adam Meyer, Michael Kenney, police officer medics Kathleen Fay, Scott Dipino and John Episcopo are being honored this month.

On February 13 of 2019, approximately eight a.m., a 911 call was dispatched in Roslyn Heights within the confines of the Third Precinct for a construction worker at the job site. The

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construction worker was severely injured when a large metal plate in excess of 2500 pounds slid off a stack and struck the worker in his knees. The force of the weight completely severed both his legs from his body and pinned the worker in a large ditch. Responding officers, police medics and construction workers were eventually able to remove the plate that pinned the injured worker.

At one point, the officers and medics, at a risk to their own personal safety and well being, did enter the construction ditch. Officer Meyer, experienced as a US Army combat field medic, was carrying his own tourniquets and was able to apply them to one of the aided's leg to prevent the aided from bleeding to death.

Officer Kenney arrived and assisted, placing his tourniquet on the aided's other leg. When the bleeding was under control the officers and police medic Fay prepped the aided for transport to the hospital. The aided was then treated and transported by EMTs Scott Dipino, John

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Episcopo and Kathleen Fay to Winthrop University Hospital.

At the hospital an emergency room trauma surgeon stated if the tourniquets weren't applied so quickly the aided would of course have died at the scene.

Because of the officers quick response to the scene, teamwork and diligence, let's not forget the training of officer Meyer which he received from the United States military, this construction worker was able to live to tell the story to his family. This is why we are proud to name these officers and these police medics as top cops and medics for February of 2019.

COMMISSIONER RYDER: You just heard the PBA president explain that situation. To put it into perspective and really understand it, if you've never worked in that type of world, and I did before I came on the job, when you'd be in hole, you're always worried about those walls collapsing behind you. Obviously our victim had no choice. They jumped in the hole. They put

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their lives in danger to help that victim and save his life. If it was not for the training they had, if it was not for the police medics knowing their job, he would not be alive today. They did an outstanding job and they truly are heroes. We're always asked to put ourselves out there and be the one that first line of defense, they were the first line of defense for that man that day and because of the work they did they saved his life and they truly are heroes and we commend them all.

MR. MCDERMOTT: Let me just add that officer Adam Meyer was in the army for three tours, two in Iraq and one in Kuwait and that he should be commended for also. Thank you to all.

MR. MEYER: Thank you to the legislature for hosting us, for PBA and Third Precinct. It was really a team effort. When we got there every call is different. We weren't aware of the severity until we arrived and quickly became a situation that was desperate. And if it wasn't for Kenney and the extra tourniquet and Brian McKaid helping

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out and especially the EMTs, once we did get him in the ambulance it needed to be done quickly and efficiently. And if we didn't have the training and tools we needed and weren't patrolling our sectors as we need to be then we wouldn't be here today. I wish the man a speedy recovery and I thank you for hosting us.

MR. KENNEY: Just as Adam said, I would like to thank James McDermott, the PBA as well as the legislature for acknowledging us today. It was truly a team effort. There were a number of other police officers on the scene who did help and I can't thank them enough. As well as the police medic, police medic supervisor. It was just lucky we were all there at the right time and the right place and worked quickly to help this man. So thank you again.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator Schaefer.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Hi. I just wanted to -- I represent a part of the Third Precinct as well, and I just wanted to commend

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you all and I wanted to thank you for what you've done. I'm an attorney as well and I used to work at a personal injury firm and accidents like these happened more often than most of us know. I remember when I saw it on the news recently how devastating I recall seeing the families that we've dealt with in law who had situations like this and they were not all so lucky. Because of you, as was said, this man can now live on and he can continue his life and he can do more with his life. So I want to thank you because that's probably the greatest gift you can give to somebody is to save their life. Thank you for what you did.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We will do the presentation for the DAI and then we will have you all up for a physical presentation. I would like to invite up Nassau County Detectives Association, Inc. president John Wighaus for a presentation.

MR. WIGHAUS: Thank you. I would like to thank Presiding Officer Nicolello, Minority Leader Abrahams and the full

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legislative body number one, for remembering detective Brian Simonson this morning and also for honoring our detectives today.

Today we have detective Chris Barley and Gena Salerno of the Fifth Squad. There's a lot of subjects and locations on this case so just bear along with me.

Subject one and subject two became involved in a verbal altercation with subjects three and four in a deli in Elmont. Subjects three and four left the deli while subjects one and two robbed and assaulted two deli customers. When that was over, subjects one and two left the deli and entered a vehicle parked outside.

Subject three then returned and walked up to the vehicle with a handgun and fired multiple rounds into the vehicle. Subjects one and two fled in that vehicle with subjects three and four trailing them in a van. This chase wound up in Queens over the Nassau County border. The van then pulled up to the vehicle and subject three fired multiple rounds from a handgun into that

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vehicle striking subject one in the face. Subjects three and four fled in the van. Subject one was transported to Elmhurst Hospital.

Detectives Barley and Salerno were assigned the case and conducted interviews, secured surveillance videos and notified crime scene. The detectives coordinated efforts with the NYPD 105 Squad and identified subjects three and four. Search warrants were conducted on two vehicles, cell phones and a residence where a Glock nine millimeter handgun was recovered with assorted ammunition.

Subjects one and two were arrested on robbery charges. Subjects three and four were indicted on attempted murder charges. The detectives secured statements of admission from the defendants.

Nassau County Police took full jurisdiction of both cases since the crimes were continuous from Nassau County and the Queens case occurred less than 500 yards from Nassau County's line.

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The detectives successfully conducted a complicated and demanding investigation with numerous suspects, cross complainants and multiple crime scenes with overlapping jurisdictions.

I, along with the entire Detective Association, would like to thank these two detectives and also the full legislative body for your continued support of the Nassau County detectives. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER RYDER: President Wighaus has the advantage of reading from a script. These detectives live it. They walk through it every day. They go in to court and they're challenged by defense counsels and they're attacked because of their credibility or attacked because of evidence that might have been misplaced or not labeled correctly. That's the perfection that a detective goes through every single day to make these cases work. The case only begins for a detective when the arrest is made. They have to collect that evidence, the fingerprints, the DNA, the video, all the technology that is out there

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today and then they have to prepare for trial and hearings. That's the great work that our detectives do day in and day out. And I commend both of them for the great work they do and all of the detectives for the work that they do.

MS. SALERNO: I just wanted to thank the DAI, John Wighaus, Commissioner and the chiefs that are here and the legislature for your continued support especially in this climate. It means a lot. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator Muscarella.

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: The commissioner is absolutely right. We take for granted as members of the public all that our police department does every single day of the year. Not only in preventing crime by their mere presence in our communities but in solving those crimes and taking those dangerous individuals and there are bad people out there.

I read this scenario a couple of times to actually figure out what went on.

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There were so many different crimes, so many different people involved that we don't really understand that after the arrest is made the commissioner said, the testimony and getting on the stand and being subject to memory lapse and keeping the individuals in the proper order as to what happened. It's really, really a very difficult job. And unfortunately sometimes we take it for granted. We are here to thank you. And I want to say on behalf of all the legislature, on behalf of our communities thank you for the great job that you do every single day of the year.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Invite you up for a presentation.

This is the part of the meeting for public comment. We have a three minute limitation. Of course we don't cut you off exactly at three minutes. If you do go over three minutes we ask that you sum up at that point.

First speaker is Karen Montalbano.

MS. MONTALBANO: Good afternoon.

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As you said, my name is Karen Montalbano. I'm here today representing the Baldwin Civic Association as chair of the Government Relations Committee. The BCA board as individuals and collectively favor the Grand Avenue Complete Streets Project.

The BCA has been involved from the very beginning in this process and commend the outreach by Nassau County DPW to the major stakeholders and community at large in both general and group meetings.

Opponents who have been here before of this so-called road diet, which is taking four and making it three lanes with a turning lane in the middle have based their worries about the emergency response. Early in the process I was assured by Inspector Flanagan, then the commanding officer of the First Precinct, that he had faith in Nassau County producing a design that they could work with. And that was recently reiterated by the police at the last open meeting and it was reported on in the Baldwin Herald.

From a practical stance, Baldwin

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has four firehouses strategically located across the community. Each is equipped to address emergencies. Police answer calls from locations throughout the patrol area. Emergency vehicles move freely in Baldwin because drivers and pedestrians act responsibly when sirens and lights are in action.

Nassau County representatives recently hosted walking tours of Merrick Avenue in Merrick and Post Avenue in Westbury. Unfortunately, the only people who showed up were supporters of the project. I wish those who are concerned about emergency response had been there to be an eyewitness to the fire engine zooming up Merrick Avenue without any interference.

Opponents and supporters of Complete Streets agree that Grand Avenue in Baldwin needs improvement. Change is not easy. But without changes nothing will get better on Grand Avenue.

Studies have been done. The experts have spent a lot of time working on

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this to provide the community with safer travel for pedestrians, turn lanes where there are none, and more attractive streets without sacrificing public safety. The BCA supports this Complete Streets project. Let's get the project done and make it better for those walking and driving and traveling through Baldwin. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you Ms. Montalbano. Jerry Presta is our next speaker.

MR. PRESTA: Good afternoon. My name is Jerry Presta. I represent the Nassau County Junior Fire Fighters Association. The Association is a group that puts together the association of all of the junior groups in Nassau County together as one. Our function basically is to introduce the fire service to the youth, to get them interested and then eventually they will graduate into the seniors of the department. So, we put this group together to give them more of an interest, more training, and with all of the activities that the kids have today it's so hard for them

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to focus just on one thing. So, we developed a camp.

A camp that takes place in the last month in July at the Nassau County Fire Service Academy. Gives them the training that we receive as fire fighters compacted down into one week. They fight live fires. They go through CPR training. They get something that nobody else has in the country.

The Association was designed 13 years ago and we were visited by the National Office of the Fire Counsel. Nobody else in the country has what Nassau County has. Training, youth groups, organizations.

So, like everybody else, the problem is funding. Trying to fund this camp is very, very difficult. So we are coming to the legislature to hopefully, maybe we can get some funding for the camp. We don't want to interfere with the operating budget of the fire academy. That's not our purpose. We would like a line item set aside that we can use this every year to bring these kids back to the fire academy. We've had about 135 kids

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in the last four years go through this program. About 55 of them are in the fire department right now. About another 50 something are still juniors and about 20 something either left the fire service or moved out of the community or went away to college.

You can see that this camp is structured so much to keep these kids' interest to actually see what they're about. It's a very important thing because what happens is, when they go through this they find out early if it's for them. Not to go into a department to find out three months later after getting sworn in, medicals, $3,000 turnout gear, that this is not for me. They know right then and there if they want to stay.

We have such a high retention rate in the county. There's a 1,000 junior fire fighters in Nassau County and the retention rate is in the 80 percent. This is our strive. This is what we do. We have such a high retention rate that it's just amazing

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that these kids keep coming back. We have meetings four or five times a year. 150 to 200 kids show up on a Sunday morning at 10 o'clock time after time. Shows something. They want to be there. So we just ask for your help.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you Mr. Presta. We all recognize the important service that you are providing and all of those who are responsible for the junior fire fighters program, especially in this era when our volunteer fire departments are having difficulty with retention. This is a fantastic program. I have a number of these chapters in my own district. The kids do a great job. They actually are a tremendous benefit to the department themselves before they actually go on to become fire fighters.

I received a letter and we have submitted a request and are pursuing a grant from the hotel-motel grant program. We are going down that avenue to perhaps get a grant for you. We will pursue other alternatives also. It's an important program.

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MR. PRESTA: We appreciate it. We have some legislators that do come to the camp on media day. I will make sure that I invite everybody when it comes up. If you can make it, come and see what these kids go through and come and see the looks on their faces. It's something really great to see. Since we are the only ones in the country that have this.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you again. Legislator Walker.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: I just wanted to thank Mr. Presta and also Mr. Scanlon who is here today. Both who are very, very involved in the juniors. I have been out to that camp. Some of the other legislators have been there to see them in action. Also to some of their meetings. The dedication of these young men and women is unbelievable. I thank you for your dedication to them to help build our future fire fighters. Thank you very much. And like our Presiding Officer said, we will do everything we can to try to assist you.

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LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Pete Gaffney.

MR. GAFFNEY: Name's Pete Gaffney, Westbury-Carle Place School District. Thanks for the partial patching of Old Country Road. However, more work needs to be done. Last year at a legislative meeting Old Country Road was scheduled to be repaired this spring. Hope that's still happening. The county budget for road prepare has been tripled for this year. But really that's not enough for past failures of what we've done in terms of our roads.

In addition to evaluating how our roads are being maintained currently, we have to start planning now and for the future of Nassau County. Newsday on January 5th published an article entitled Study: Long Islanders Pay $719 a Year for Riding on Rough Roads. Nearly 70 percent of all Long Island roads are in poor or mediocre condition. One million plus vehicles are registered in Nassau County. That's not including the thousands of vehicles that are registered out of state but

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live and work in the New York area. That's lost revenue. Serious dollars.

How about these ride sharing and delivery companies like Uber, Lyft, Grub Hub Door Dash et cetera. I have no problem with workers making additional income just to make ends meet and pay your taxes. But what about the billionaire executive who reap the monetary benefit of using our roads? Utilities also. Ones that dig up our roads. Especially when a road's just been resurfaced. That's a whole another issue.

You might want to check out legislation North Hempstead just passed to prevent major utility road work. It's going to save the taxpayers some serious dollars. The Town of Huntington and other states have using something called a pot hole killer. It cleans and seals the roadway two and a half times faster than the current way pot holes are repaired in the county. And it's also less obtrusive to traffic. There's a big push now coming on electric vehicles and currently there's no tax on them to pay for any of the

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roads.

California in 2020 is going to start charging $100 fee for the privilege of driving on their roads. Why not do the same?

In 2015 a think tank that tracks this stuff states than an average driver using uses 656 gallons of fuel per driver. How about adding three or four cents for the privilege of driving on our roads. I do know that the tax in New York State is about 40 cents. But as long as this charge can be split between the county and the municipalities and go directly into a specific roadway fund just to create a better and safer roads, I would like to believe that the public would go for it because our roads are in terrible shape.

Now the other thing. What's the plan for light rail going north and south? That would help in reducing vehicle traffic. Traffic mitigation where possible create bypass lanes during the a.m. and p.m. rush hours. Drivers are already using left turn lanes to bypass traffic on Old Country Road

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from Washington to almost to Glen Cove Road.

Traffic signage. No u-turns, no block the box along key intersections. Last but not least traffic enforcement. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator Ford.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you very much. I know that the roads are an issue. We travel them day in and day out. Is there anyone from the administration here that I would like to ask? Because I know there was a program that we started here and I would like to get, if there is a possibility of getting a status update. I'm getting new glasses. In the future I will be able to see out there.

I know that in October of 2018 the county executive, along with DPW, had a press conference in regard to this new program with rather than just fixing pot holes, they were going to take patches of road where they had severe issues so that they can make it so it's safer and easier to drive. Do you know where we are with that? I know that I've reached

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out to DPW and I got a list of some of the roads in my area. Because the winter has been so warm. Have we actually started and have we finished any of these projects?

MS. HORST: Katy from the administration. I don't have an answer for you but I will have DPW reach out and answer that.

LEGISLATOR FORD: I know that they're looking. I'm hoping that we are working on them today. Because no matter where you go and I know that we have not even had snow this winter. We really haven't used the salt or the sand that we've had. We haven't had ice where I know with the cold and it gets warm, whatever. But you see all over, I mean, most of the gouges in the road are like where the middle where the lanes meet.

So, I think that, you know, I'm getting, I'm sure that every legislator is getting phone calls and emails from angry residents. I'd like to see us if we can just try to step this up and, you know, utilize our DPW members because I know that they can do it

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to really get them out there to start fixing these roads because they're getting worse.

MS. HORST: I will ask Commissioner Arnold to send out an update to all the legislators.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you very much.

MR. GAFFNEY: It's not just a patch. It's also let's create some more additional options. Let's start thinking outside the box.

LEGISLATOR FORD: I don't want to belabor this because we are running out of time, but just to let you know there is a program so that they want to have it -- we have a road project where they'll fix the roads, you know, so that they'll like, I guess they'll take up the asphalt and put new asphalt down. They don't want any roads to be more than ten or 15 years old. Some of the roads the asphalt is older than that. But I know that this program, rather than just going to individual pot holes, they want to take areas and just like repave them until they can

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do the road.

MR. GAFFNEY: I do understand that but we need to thinking outside the box. The road killer is something that should be checked.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Joanne Borden.

MS. BORDEN: Good afternoon. I've been asking for discrimination protection for transgender people for virtually every month since August 2, 2010. Almost nine years my voice has been falling on deaf Republican ears. Since then we've had over two-thirds of Nassau population in towns and villages and cities voted favorably on my request for inclusion in the law. Past rolls have shown far more than two-thirds of Nassau's population favor transgender human rights laws. New York State has recently included us in the protection of the law.

In the past I presented facts that dismissed phobic thoughts presented here and elsewhere. I have also presented a multitude of reasons for why transgender human rights

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are right for the nation and good for Nassau County. The reasons were political, psychological, medical and patriotic.

Now you can add one more. I'm getting too old to make this trip and scream at you all the time. Protection of transgender people in New York State is now a fact. Why do you turn a blind eye toward it? It's pointless. There's nothing to lose now. Not even a vote because the state requires you to protect transgender people.

By maintaining this you keep people who are fearful of embarrassing discrimination from shopping and partying in our county. Why do you reinforce those fears and defy the will of your majority of your constituents? You've not kept pace with the law. You should recognize the state law as it exists. Step to the right side of history and join your constituents, both transgender and others, and do it now. Thank you for listening.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you Joanne. Sherrie Gottfrey.

MS. GOTTFREY: Good afternoon

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Nassau County legislative board. I'm actually originally from Nassau County. I now live in Suffolk County. And I want to bring to the attention of this legislative board, because I did question the Suffolk County legislative board where I now reside in Suffolk County. I will read this what I read to them. I'm just going to change it up a little bit and then ask a question. Hopefully someone can give me a timely response and a quality answer.

So, on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, Tuesday, March 20, 2018, June 5th, July 17th, November 7th, December 18th, 2018 I stood before the Suffolk County legislative board asking for help and a solution to prevent recurrence of corrupt, unjust and biased misconduct that I have endured by businesses and/or organizations and/or divisions and/or libraries located in the County of Suffolk.

When I addressed the Suffolk County legislative board all of the above updates mentioned, one of my requests of the legislature assembly was to generate a new law

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what or that will recommend and prevent recurrence of prejudices, partisanship, favoritism, one-sidedness and/or unfair misconduct that I have endured by Suffolk county businesses, libraries divisions and/or organizations that operate not just in Suffolk County but also Nassau County, Long Island.

The Suffolk County legislative board is a, and this word gets me sometimes, that liberative assembly, as well as the Nassau County board, who has the authority to make new laws. And that is one of the main responsibilities of a legislative board.

So, I would like to know, and this is the juice of this, where is there in written law that prevents businesses, divisions and/or organizations from creating bogus, bias and unjust policies that are written for the conduct of their customers or consumers or patrons or guests or visitors et cetera that pertains to their business's place, a public accommodation? Just a question. I had directed this question to the Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone but I

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did not get an answer. So I'm now addressing the question listed above to the lawmakers of not just Suffolk County but also Nassau.

I hope that my question will be taken seriously in that you all can contact me -- I have a number here (631) 624-8017 or Sherrie Gottfrey at Yahoo dot com -- with some sort of timely response.

I truly feel that the county's justice system, mental health system, prison systems, policy system, resource system, housing systems and written policies by businesses, division and/or organizations or libraries are bias, corrupt and broken and all need immediate reform. So I can only tell you what I've endured, which was injustice. I always state this. An unjust law is not a law. Unjust people of the law are unlawful. An injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. I'm sure you've all heard that. I hope that this does not fall on deaf ears. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you Ms. Gottfrey. If you have some written

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materials and you would like to give them to the clerk so we can have them you can give them. We can make a copy. I do have your contact information and there was a lot there. So our counsel is going to take a look and see if we can respond to you.

MS. GOTTFREY: This is a personal human rights matter. Black lives matter. But persons with disabilities and their human rights matter.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you ma'am. Meta Mereday.

MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday, Baldwin resident. I come to you I guess on the last week of the shortest month that is considered Black History Month again to speak to the issues that I am most concerned about. Again, that is the plight of our veterans in Nassau County as well as Long Island, New York State et cetera, et cetera.

I have not seen any changes now that we are in February of 2019 with regard to any increase in the programs and support services. Very disappointed in the county

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executive's budget that I believe allocated two additional part-time people for a veterans service program that monitors the activities for over 80,000 veterans in Nassau County. We are one of the few counties of the size and number that we don't even have our own veteran facility. And Northport VA hospital is still toxic, it's been toxic and will always remain toxic until we change the dynamic and shift the paradigm.

As was mentioned earlier with regard to roads, they are atrocious. I will leave it at that. I don't know how many more of my rims I can get replaced. Just coming over here I avoided about 16 pot holes and seven craters. Then to spin around this parking area where we have county employees with their licensed tags in the visitors parking, including the delivery van that blocked at least one of the few remaining spots in the visitors section. Again, you don't make it easy for residents to even come and participate in this process.

Lastly, the Minority Affairs

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Committee again still does not have its true representation, budget, financing, leadership et cetera. So the voices of the diverse in this county continue to be unheard. So I don't know, I guess it just seems between Nassau County, Town of Hempstead, I don't know how many lawsuits are won or lost in North Hempstead or Oyster Bay but we just can't seem to win any lawsuits in Nassau County. And Town of Hempstead is not far behind you. With the outcome of the Woodmere Country Club where the county's got one view and the Town of Hempstead has another I sure that's going to be another court that's going to be a hoot. So, it just seems once again the taxpayers are continuing to be short-circuited.

But my major issue here has to do with asking when are we going to see some real results for our veterans? Long Island has a unique classification of having the largest percentage of Korean and Vietnam war veterans and World War II veterans that are still remaining. But their cries are still being unanswered. So when is the problem going to

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be fixed? Thank you.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you Meta. Marco Cashman.

MR. CASHMAN: I wanted to first thank the legislature for the opportunity to speak today as well as commend the officers and medics and detectives that received praise today for all their service.

I want to speak briefly about the possibility of legalizing the use and sale of recreational marijuana in Nassau County.

Everything should not be about money but in today's age most things are. The need for innovative ideas that are both progressive and generate tax revenues have never been more urgent. All across the US different states have been looking into the legalization as well as the sale of recreational marijuana. Some states, like Colorado and California have already legalized the use and sale of recreational marijuana and the results have been beneficial to both the states and municipalities as well as the taxpayers.

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I believe the prevention of driving while high in addition to educating the youth about drug use should be the main focuses behind the possible legalization of recreational marijuana. I think everyone can agree rolling out this type of legislation has many moving parts. Making the need for its actual regulation to be clear, precise and fair to all it will affect. Not only will this have an immediate affect on the people of Long Island but throughout New York State. New York will become an example, good or bad, of the outcome of the legalization of recreational marijuana, including its sale.

The taxes generated from sales would be from residents who choose to use recreational marijuana. Unlike the red light camera program in Nassau County which has essentially become a tax-generating scheme to illegally tax commuters in Nassau County.

As I've stated previously, the effects of choices made in the next coming months and years will affect the residents of Nassau County for generations to come. It is

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my belief that if Nassau County chooses to opt out while other counties in Long Island and New York State choose to opt in and sell recreational marijuana, Nassau County will lose out on a revenue stream that would be both beneficial to not only the people that choose to use recreational marijuana but the regular taxpayers as well. Hopefully relieving some of the financial burden on the residents of Nassau County.

I urge Nassau County legislators to look at all information and reports from all sources and all different angles in regards to legalizing the use and sale of recreational marijuana. From the health and mental illness advantages to the possible tax revenue and economic growth this legislation could possibly help and provide. I thank you for all your time in regards to this matter. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you Mr. Cashman. Just your appearance here, coincidentally at 2:30 there is a brief upstairs by the governor's counsel on

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marijuana. We are still gathering information and we will see what the final outcome of what's in the governor's budget looks like.

Last speaker, public comment anyway, John Joseph Budnick.

MR. BUDNICK: Thank you Mr. Chairman, honorable members of the county legislature. With regard to the local law about the disclosure of intimate information about people, pictures, whatever, I have only two things that I must note to you.

First of all, the effective date has to be after the Secretary of State has accepted it for filing. And the other thing is the penalty provision currently only provides for a $1,000 fine and up to one year in jail. That means that as it is currently constituted, there is no authorization for any post relief supervision, probationary supervision, any final order of protection or any order of restitution being allowed under the proposed county law as it currently reads and I think it should be amended to include these things.

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There was a gentleman talking about issues involving marijuana, which has four times the tar and 170 percent of the carcinogens of cigarette smoke. And recent studies have also shown that it is disruptive at best and destructive at worst of the minds, particularly those of people under the age of 26, who ingest it.

I am very disgusted to say that over this past weekend the National Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences enclosed marijuana candy in their goody bags which included amounts of up to 20 milligrams of THC. Which if ingested by a child could end up with the child in the hospital at the best and at the worst, terrible outcomes.

Thank you very much for your time and trouble. God bless you one and all. Thanks for putting up with me.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you Mr. Budnick. Legislator Drucker.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Mr. Budnick, I wanted to tell you under the criminal procedure law and the penal law judges already

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have under their judicial authority the ability to render that type of post court disposition.

MR. BUDNICK: I have seen judges in the Nassau County District Court refuse to do that.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: But it's within their discretion to do so.

MR. BUDNICK: It may be in discretion but the problem is certain judges say if it's not in the enacting law it's an unclassified misdemeanor, so I am bound by the enacting law. Easily enough, all you have to do is just say it's a class A misdemeanor. I am very, very, very strenuously in favor of the provisions, and I'm merely trying to make sure that it can be successfully prosecuted based upon my own experiences in court both as an assistant district attorney and as a private practicing attorney before I ceased to practice law.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you for that. We have been assured by legal counsel at the District Attorney's Office, our

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county attorney's office and our minority counsel that we are within the law.

MR. BUDNICK: Go get them.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I have received another slip but it pertains to the first hearing. So I'm going to hold that until we jump into that legislation. But first I'm going to call the consent calendar. These are items that went through committees, were vetted at that time and it's agreed by majority and minority that there is no further need for debate or discussion on these items.

Starting with item seven ordinance four. Item eight Resolution six. Item nine Resolution seven. Item ten Resolution eight. Item 12 Resolution ten.

Moved by Legislator Birnbaum. Seconded by Legislator McKevitt. Any debate or discussion? Any public comment on the consent items? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

One other item before we go to the hearings, we have an item which a legislator

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is going to recuse herself. That would be item 11 Resolution nine. That would be Legislator Bynoe is recusing herself. Leaving the chambers, not participating in any debate or discussion or vote. This item is moved by Legislator Kennedy. Seconded by Legislator Lafazan.

It is a resolution to accept a gift offered by the Nassau County Police Department Foundation for the Nassau County Police Department.

Any discussion or debate on this item? Any public comment? All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously. Please invite Legislator Bynoe back in. We are going to move to the hearings and local laws.

Item one is a hearing to protect against unlawful disclosure of intimate images. Moved by Legislator Mule. Seconded by Legislator Ford. We have a motion to open the hearing and second. All in favor of opening the hearing signify by saying aye. Those opposed? The hearing is now open.

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Anyone want to make remarks or do we want to call our speaker or you want to say something?

LEGISLATOR MULE: So thank you Presiding Officer. This is legislation that Legislator Drucker and I have cosponsored. We have been working very hard on it for about six months or so. This would give legal redress to someone who was a victim of someone who spread intimate images of that person without their consent. This is a problem that is a fairly new one with the advent of social media and instant access to photographs. It is something that has had significant and devastating results to the victims and it is something that cannot currently be taken care of under the law as it's written. This law would specifically close that hole and it's something that we feel very strongly about and we're very pleased with the support we have received for this. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other legislators want to comment on this at this time? Legislator Drucker.

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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Just to echo Legislator Mule's comments. This is a very, very important piece of legislation. It's something that we have been unable, and this is after conferring with the Nassau County District Attorney for a while who has been a big supporter of this bill, because they have been hampered to some extent in the prosecution of this in the past. With this legislation, and we've solicited the assistance of Nassau County District Attorney Singas and the Nassau County Police Department's legal counsel to draft this legislation in a way that's going to facilitate and make it easier to prosecute people who commit these heinous acts.

In addition, it now offers an ability of a victim to pursue civil remedies and obtain damages. Someone doing this can also be prosecuted but it also can hit them in their pocketbooks too. That's an added relief that a victim can now pursue if in fact this heinous act results in a loss of employment, career opportunities, educational

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opportunities that are lost.

So we are very pleased with it and very happy that we are now able to provide this legislation, give our law enforcement the tools they need to prosecute this quickly and it would go into effect immediately without having to wait so we can provide this protection and relief to our residents immediately.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you Legislator Drucker. Anyone else? Any other legislators? Legislator Lafazan.

LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: I want to thank my colleagues, Legislator Mule and Legislator Drucker, for your steadfast support and encouragement here. My comments here are very simple. I am desperately imploring parents in every Nassau County household to remind your children that their actions taken on social media are now amplified and immortalized. They are amplified in terms of their audience and they are immortalized in that they will live on forever on the internet. And though this law delivers

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justice to victims of revenge porn, the panacea we are all seeking is for these intimate images to never be sent in the first place.

So I remain optimistic that this law will serve as a reminder for parents to have discussions which their kids about digital citizenship in the 21st Century, and I hope this law inspires us to collectively endeavor to form a kinder and more gentle society. So again, thank you to Legislator Mule, thank you to Legislator Drucker and I'm proud to give my support.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you Legislator Lafazan. Legislator Schaefer.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: I wanted to add to that. Never mind not sending anything out. How about not take any pictures. I think that's what got to be relayed to the children, young people, anybody really. Because once you start it you can't stop that chain once it's out there.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Anyone else? I would like to call up our speaker,

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Elizabeth Osowiecki.

MS. OSOWIECKI: Hello legislators. Again, my name is Liz Osowiecki. I am an educator at the Safe Center, and I would like to thank you for your support in drafting this legislation and for everyone having support in passing, hopefully passing this legislation.

Again, just a reminder that the Safe Center does operate 24-7 365. That's how we are providing support to survivors in many different ways. I go out into the community and speak to high school students about this type of behavior and the consequences to this type of behavior. And again, the main focus with this law is the idea of consent in that we are trying to make a cultural change that encompasses a consent culture and helps people to understand that.

We get it when it comes to people's bodies. We get that you can't look at people when they say you can't look at them. But when it's on a phone you forget all these aspects of consent and that's the main focus

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of this bill again. It may be to stop those images from being sent or help get that message across. But the main point we want to make is that a person's body is their own and when we recognize consent these obstacles won't happen. And our laws do have to keep up with the technology and consent within technology has to be taken seriously as well. Thank you so much for taking that seriously thank you. I would just like to submit a victim's statement as well.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Do we have any other public comment? Hearing none, take a motion to close the hearing by Legislator Mule. Seconded by Legislator Ford. All in favor of closing the hearing signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Hearing is closed.

We are going to jump to item four, which is a vote on the local law to protect against the unlawful disclosure of intimate images. Moved by Legislator Drucker. Seconded by Legislator Walker. Any debate or discussion? Any public comment? All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? It

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carries unanimously.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator Drucker.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I just want to thank the majority for supporting this bill. Legislator Mule and I worked on this for a long time and obtaining your support is very gratifying. And what this shows today that this body can do is work in government -- and the minority caucus as well, I take that for granted, they always support us and me. But what this shows today is that we can operate the way government is supposed to operate. And it makes me feel good to see I'm part of a body here that when we need to get things done that are not political in any way but what we are elected to do. And that is to protect the citizens of this county and protect them and advocate for them and support them in any way we can and that's what this bill does and I want to thank everybody on this body for that.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you for bringing this to our attention because I think

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it is something very timely. And I know that hearing from the Safe Center and from one of the family members who gave beautiful and touching, moving testimony during the committee hearings in regards to this when you realize the damage that can be done to an individual just is mind boggling to say it without any further do. But just to say how much it is. How it can impact somebody's life when they do this porn, revenge porn. They try to go after them with these pictures and stuff like that.

I think that it is something that we are happy that you brought it to our attention and of course you can see every single one of us supports this. I think to even when we say it is immortalized on the internet, it will never be erased. But I think even Legislator Schaefer brought up something up that was key. We must remind our young people try not to take these pictures. Try to keep them off. When you think about it, I think of some young kids and some of the pictures that I know that they posted and you

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just want to cry because you know that it's going to follow them for the rest of their lives.

So for all of us, I think this is a good day to show that we can work together for the betterment of our community and especially for the protection of our children.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you Legislator Ford and Legislator Drucker. Legislator Mule.

LEGISLATOR MULE: Thank you Presiding Officer. In the spirit of the Oscars, which many of us saw last night, I do have some thank yous. I would like to thank certainly Legislator Drucker for working so closely and hard on this. I would like to thank Crystal for bringing this to our attention. I would like to thank my staff for working again so hard on this. Kienna and Vanessa. Legislator Ford for being a champion for this and making sure that this happened. Pete and his staff for crossing all the Ts and dotting all the I's. The Safe Center for really helping us to understand the magnitude

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of this problem. Commissioner Ryder, DA Singas for looking at the law and again making sure that it was the best law possible for Nassau County to protect its citizens.

To Carmen, our new friend and we're so happy that we can do this. Hope that nothing like this ever happens that happened to your brother. And we were hoping that this can serve as not just a way to redress it when it happens but to actually prevent it from happening again.

Finally, I would like to thank my friend and partner in the Town of Hempstead government Erin King-Sweeney, who was a very vocal proponent of this. I know she did a lot of work behind the scenes to make sure that this moved forward. So thank you everyone.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you. Next hearing is on item two, a hearing on a local law to amend the Nassau County administrative code in relation to providing additional whistleblower protection to county employees by removing certain notification requirements.

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Moved by Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel. Seconded by Legislator Ferretti. All in favor of opening the hearing signify by saying aye. Those opposed? The hearing is now open.

MR. HARDEMAN: Kevin Hardeman from the county attorney's office. This local law would amend Section 22-4.4 of the administrative code, which is the county whistleblower law. To remove the prior notification requirements of paragraph D of subdivision three in order to be consistent with Section 75(b) of the New York State Civil Service Law. In addition, the local law also amends paragraphs A and B of subdivision three of the county whistleblower law to officially list the inspector general as a county government official to whom allegations of improper government actions can be reported and referred. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you. Any debate or discussion? Any public comment?

MS. MEREDAY: With regard to the

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law itself, I'm just trying to get a handle. I understand the second part of it as far as clerical to officially list the inspector general. I just want to get some clarification with regard to the application of the law itself. What has been some of the -- well, if we don't hear about it in Newsday -- just want to get an idea of what is being put in place overall in the county as far as processes and procedures so that we can reduce even the opportunities for someone to have to come out of the dark to address issues that impact our taxes and finances. So if someone could bring some clarity with regard to the actual structure of this whistleblower process I would appreciate it. Crickets?

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Maybe the gentleman from the county attorney's office can respond to your question.

MR. HARDEMAN: The process would be that the public employees notify various individuals that are listed within the law whenever they are aware of improper actions taken by government officials that need to be

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reported pursuant to the law. So, the law itself lists out the various different individuals that you can bring, as a public employee, can bring various improper government actions to their attention. And then it follows through a process after that to certain people that would do additional investigation into it.

MS. MEREDAY: I think because -- I still have time -- I think because the layers that have been involved that are currently under review, investigation, indictment, et cetera in this county, it just begs the question as to who exactly can you report to? For example, if it's your immediate supervisor and then your immediate immediate supervisor who is the problem. Again, what is the county and those of you who monitors and stewards of our funding and financing, what is being done, what type of training, what type of awareness? Because clearly we have issues when it comes down to discrimination, lack of diversity and inclusion. So we have lent ourselves well to

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a number of lawsuits and potential lawsuits that we just don't seem to get, we don't seem to address those concerns and those lapses in the process and procedure.

So, I'm just trying to understand what protections are being put in place. One, for employees who notice that there is wrongdoing. And two, what are we doing from a preventive standpoint to address those issues. Because I could roll off a number of violations that are already in practice with the county as it pertains to veterans and lack of support services. I just wanted to make sure that that was on the record. Because as I said, I'm sure I will see it on Newsday or News 12 as to what's going to be coming up next. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you Ms. Mereday. Any other public comment? Hearing none, motion by Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel, second by Legislator Ferretti to close the hearing. All in favor of closing the hearing say aye. Those opposed? Hearing closed.

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Now we will go to vote, which is number five. It is a local law to amend the Nassau County administrative code in relation to providing additional whistleblower protection to county employees by removing certain notification requirements.

Moved by Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Ford. Seconded by Legislator Bynoe. Any debate or discussion at this time? Any public comment? All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? That carries unanimously.

Number three is a hearing on a local law requiring county contracts to state the maximum amount of consideration payable to the vendor.

Moved by Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton. Seconded by Legislator Rhoads. All in favor of opening the hearing signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Hearing is now open. Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Thank you Presiding Officer. As someone who

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has been a legislator going into my eighth year already, which I can't even believe, there have been a few times when we've been reviewing contracts and we notice that there's a minimum stated more than a maximum stated as far as the spending that the county will incur. As a legislator, I truly believe us approving a contract or any type of purchase order without clearly stating the maximum amount this county will spend on said item is, in my opinion, us not doing the job that we were elected to do.

There were a couple of different examples. One being when we entered into a LICAP contract it was actually stated that the county will spend at least $50,000 a year with no maximum. Another time, just in recent memory, we had two items tabled because in the items themselves on August 6, 2018 the maximum stated amount cost shall exceed $100,000.

So again, it's very simple. I take my life experience of having three daughters. I always feel it's more important to tell them the max to spend rather than the minimum that

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they are allowed to spend.

I also want to thank everyone for their support, and I think it's going to make our jobs easier. It will also make it clearer as to what we are voting on especially when it comes to purchase orders that are in a repetitive position. We will see if it's just a one-year purchase order or if it's a five-year purchase order. Whatever the case may be we will have the total in front of us. So I think it will make our job a little bit easier in the sense we will know exactly how much we are committing to and it will make another layer of protection because it will also have the different groups monitor the spending prior to coming back to the legislature should they need more.

Again, I think it really classifies the fact that we are the watchdogs for the county's finances and we take that role very seriously.

I want to thank my legal team for drafting it and writing it and for the administration for supporting it. And I hope

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it's something that I can have everyone's support on. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton. Anyone else want to comment or discussion? Any public comment on this item?

MS. MEREDAY: Stand on too many shoulders not to speak. I definitely support Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton's proposal with regard to this legislation. It's definitely a long time in coming. I just want to again reiterate the concerns that those of us who are out here fighting for diversity and inclusion still see lacking. So, if there's any consideration if we look down the road, I don't know if this has to be legislated or if it's just again something procedural, to speak to the inclusion of the contracts for the public, for many of us who don't have the supporting staff and resources and connections within the various agencies, to have an understanding if these contracts are actually inclusive of service disabled veteran business, minority and women-owned business

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when we are doing the actual contracting and presenting that information to the public. Because we can't determine any type of benchmark. I just find it amazing when I attend these hearings for the budgets and we talk about the budgets, for example, Minority Affairs or for our veteran support services, that there is no line item specifically as it pertains to the outreach and training internally with the county agencies to do the outreach for service disabled, veteran-owned businesses, minority and women-owned businesses specifically. And to continually be told we handed the package over to Minority Affairs with nothing supporting that. No recommendations, no platform.

Again, it's giving a disservice to again the diverse and inclusive business model that is reflective in the county. I still have yet to get any type of report as to the breakdown in the support services for minority businesses, service-disabled businesses. And from my recollection of the report from the county administration, I think the number

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percentage was less than one percent and that was for minority women as well as service disabled. I guess if I'm the only one that's upset about that that speaks loudly for those of you that promote yourselves in campaign that you are inclusive of diverse businesses when we are not even providing opportunities for our veterans for their businesses to grow when statistically 85 percent of our veterans prefer to work for other veterans and we are not even giving them opportunities.

So, as it pertains to this legislation, before someone asks me does my statement pertain to this legislation, I'm just hoping that we can consider some type of procedural or process, documentation that speak to not only to the maximum on these contracts but if we are going to be following federal law, that if these contracts are including -- they are awarded to a service-disabled veteran owned business or minority and women business enterprise that it's listed. If it's a majority business, which the majority of these contracts are, and

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God willing if the vetting process is approved, then fine. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you. Any other public comment? Hearing none, Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton makes a motion to close the hearing. Legislator Rhoads seconds it. All in favor of closing the hearing signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Hearing is closed.

Item six is a vote on a local law requiring county contracts to state the maximum amount of consideration payable to the vendor. Moved by Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton. Seconded by Legislator Rhoads. Any debate or discussion? Any public comment? All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

That concludes the regular calendar. We have an emergency. I'm going to ask our clerk to please call the emergency.

MR. PULITZER: Thank you. An emergency resolution declaring an emergency for an immediate action upon a resolution authorizing the county attorney to compromise

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and settle the claim of plaintiffs as set forth in the action entitled Mhany Management, Inc. versus County of Nassau EDNY docket number 05-CV-2301 pursuant to the county law, the county government law of Nassau County and the Nassau County administrative code.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Motion to establish the emergency moved by Legislator Gaylor. Seconded by Legislator Mule. All in favor of establishing the emergency signify by saying aye. Those opposed? I believe we have then it's 17-2. Legislator Bynoe and Minority Leader Abrahams are voting against it. The emergency has been established.

It's time to read the item again. Clerk item 642 2018, a resolution authorizing the county attorney to compromise and settle the claim of plaintiffs as set forth in the action entitled Mhany Management versus County of Nassau.

Motion to place that before us by Legislator Drucker. Seconded by Legislator Muscarella. I will now entertain a motion to table this. Moved by Legislator Gaylor.

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Seconded by Legislator Schaefer. All in favor of tabling this item signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

I am going to put the legislative meeting into recess at this time. Thank you everyone.

(Meeting was recessed at 2:58 P.M.)

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