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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE WILL HOLD COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 STARTING AT 1:00 PM AND WILL HOLD A FULL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 STARTING AT 1:00 PM FOR PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT, AND AT 2:00 PM FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR IN THE PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER, 1st FLOOR, THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, 1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MINEOLA, NEW YORK 11501.

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

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

MICHAEL C. PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature

Dated: AUGUST 30, 2023
Mineola, NY

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LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
NINETEENTH MEETING
EIGHTH MEETING OF 2023

MINEOLA, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 1:00PM
PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT 1:00PM
LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR 2:00PM

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1. **HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO -2023**

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING TITLE 24 OF THE MISCELLANEOUS LAWS OF NASSAU COUNTY, IN RELATION TO EXTENDING THE HOTEL AND MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX. 258-23(OMB)

2. **HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO -2023**

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 18-1984, AS LAST AMENDED BY LOCAL LAW NO. 8-2020 AND AS INCORPORATED IN CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 9 OF THE MISCELLANEOUS LAWS OF NASSAU COUNTY, IN RELATION TO IMPOSING ADDITIONAL RATES OF SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES AUTHORIZED BY SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED TEN OF THE TAX LAW AND CONTINUING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO-E OF THE TAX LAW. 259-23(OMB)

3. **VOTE ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2023**

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING TITLE 24 OF THE MISCELLANEOUS LAWS OF NASSAU COUNTY, IN RELATION TO EXTENDING THE HOTEL AND MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX. 258-23(OMB)

4. **VOTE ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2023**

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 18-1984, AS LAST AMENDED BY LOCAL LAW NO. 8-2020 AND AS INCORPORATED IN CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 9 OF THE MISCELLANEOUS LAWS OF NASSAU COUNTY, IN RELATION TO IMPOSING ADDITIONAL RATES OF SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES AUTHORIZED BY SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED TEN OF THE TAX LAW AND CONTINUING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO-E OF THE TAX LAW. 259-23(OMB)

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 53-2023**

AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, AN OFFER OF PURCHASE FROM GREENTREE REALTY, LLC OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN UNIONDALE, TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, COUNTY OF NASSAU, STATE OF NEW YORK, SAID REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS SECTION 44, BLOCK 77, LOT 47 ON THE LAND AND TAX MAP OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A DEED, CONTRACT OF SALE, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERTINENT DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO CONSUMMATE THE SALE. 214-22(PW)

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 54 -2023**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUNTY CLERK. 260-23(OMB)

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 55-2023**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE. 264-23(OMB)

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 56 -2023**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS. 265-23(OMB).

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 57-2023**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
266-23(OMB)

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 58 -2023**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. 267-23(OMB)

11. **ORDINANCE NO. 59-2023**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CORRECTIONAL CENTER. 268-23(OMB)

12. **ORDINANCE NO. 60-2023**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. 270-23(OMB)

13. **RESOLUTION NO. 178-2023**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF E&A RESTORATION, INC. PERTAINING TO CONTRACT NO. B90230P03G, PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.
245-23(AT)

14. **RESOLUTION NO. 179-2023**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT VIA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND THE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION.
269-23(CE)

15. **RESOLUTION NO. 180-2023**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A USE AND OCCUPATION PERMIT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, AS OWNER TO THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL AND TOLERANCE

CENTER OF NASSAU COUNTY, INC., AS PERMITTEE, FOR THE USE OF SPACE AT THE WELWYN PRESERVE, CITY OF GLEN COVE, COUNTY OF NASSAU, STATE OF NEW YORK. 278-23(PK)

16. **RESOLUTION NO. 181-2023**

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF ASHLEY M. GAZES TO THE NASSAU COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. 256-23(CE)

17. **RESOLUTION NO. 182-2023**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2023. 261-23(OMB)

18. **RESOLUTION NO. 183-2023**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2023. 262-23(OMB)

19. **RESOLUTION NO. 184-2023**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2023. 263-23(OMB)

20. **RESOLUTION NO. 185-2023**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH FARMINGDALE FIRE DISTRICT IN RELATION TO PROCURE MONITORS/DEFIBRILLATORS AND RELATED ITEMS. 271-23(CE)

21. **RESOLUTION NO. 186-2023**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON IN RELATION TO PURCHASE AND PROCURE MULTIPLE FIRE HOSE SYSTEMS AND RELATED ITEMS. 272-23(CE)

22. **RESOLUTION NO. 187-2023**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PLANDOME MANOR IN RELATION TO THE PURCHASE AND PROCUREMENT OF A GUARDRAIL AND RELATED ITEMS. 273-23(CE)

23. **RESOLUTION NO. 188-2023**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF STEWART MANOR IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES. 276-23(CE)

24. **RESOLUTION NO. 189-2023**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LYNBROOK IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES. 277-23(CE)

25. **RESOLUTION NO. 190-2023**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF STEWART MANOR IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES. 279-23(CE).

26. **RESOLUTION NO. 191-2023**

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 BALDWIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. 280-23(PK)

RESOLUTION NO. 192-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE GLOBAL SETTLEMENT OF PCO CASES: *CHODKOWSKI v. NASSAU, ET AL* INDEX NO. 603925/2017.; *DAVIDSON v. NASSAU, ET. AL.* DOCKET NO. 18-cv-1182 AND *ABBANANTO v. NASSAU, ET. AL.* DOCKET NO. 19-cv-1102 PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. 281-23(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 Legislature and Daniel Blyth Magleby.
RE: Analyses and evaluation of Legislative District Maps. \$22,000.00.
ID# CQLE23000001.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Health and Long Beach Public Schools.
RE: Preschool Special Education. \$0.02. ID# CQHE23000008.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Plainview Old Bethpage CSD.
RE: YDA- Education. \$101,058.00. ID# CQHS23000060.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Oceanside UFSD.
RE: YDA – Education. \$44,945.00. ID#CQHS23000058.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Herricks Union Free School District.
RE: YDA- Education. \$108,273.00. ID# CQHS23000056.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and The Rehabilitation Institute.
RE: OMH – Work / Day Training. \$52,652.00. ID# CQHS23000053.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and The Rehabilitation Institute, Inc.
RE: OMH – Work / Day Training. \$53,327.00. ID# CQHS23000047.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless and Village of Hempstead Community Development Agency. RE: CDBG – 45th Year. \$0.01.ID# CLHI23000010.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and The Rehabilitation Institute, Inc.
RE: OMH – Work/Day Training. \$50,477.00. ID# CQHS23000049.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Town of North Hempstead.
RE: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. \$49,286.00. ID# CQHS23000041.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Hispanic Counseling Center Inc.
RE: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. \$ 182,503.00. ID# CQHS23000051.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Catholic Charities of Long Island.
RE: OF A CC FFCRA Amend 4. \$ 133,000.00. ID# CLHS23000059.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and S.T.R.O.N.G. Youth, Inc.
RE: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. \$ 59,000.00. ID# CQHS23000050.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Health and Ah Charm, Inc. RE: Preschool Special
Education. \$0.01. ID# CQHE23000007.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and People Care, Inc.
RE: OF A People Care EISEP 2023. \$0.01. ID # CLHS23000027.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Social Services and Selfhelp Community Services, Inc.
RE: Adult Guardianship. \$ 0.01. ID# CLSS23000015.

THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

WILL CONVENE THE NEXT

COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023 at 1:00PM

AND

FULL LEGISLATURE MEETING ON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023 AT 1:00PM

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 53- 2023

MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, AN OFFER OF PURCHASE FROM GREENTREE REALTY, LLC OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN UNIONDALE, TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, COUNTY OF NASSAU, STATE OF NEW YORK, SAID REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS SECTION 44, BLOCK 77, LOT 47 ON THE LAND AND TAX MAP OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A DEED, CONTRACT OF SALE, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERTINENT DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO CONSUMATE THE SALE.

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau did heretofore acquire title to this property; and

WHEREAS, the premises are no longer required by the County of Nassau for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, Greenfree Realty, LLC ("Greentree") has requested that the County of Nassau convey to it the aforesaid parcel consisting of approximately 12,500 square feet of land and has made an offer to purchase same in the amount of One Million, One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,150,000.00), pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in that certain Contract of Sale (the "Contract") by and between the County of Nassau and Greentree, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature (the "Sale"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 1611 of the Nassau County Charter and acting in an advisory capacity to the Nassau County Legislature, the Nassau County Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed action, namely the disposition of the subject property, and determined that it is an "Unlisted Action" pursuant to the New York State Environmental

Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), and has further reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form ("SEAF") for the proposed action and recommends that the Legislature upon its review of the SEAF and any supporting documentation, if any, determine that the evidence before it indicates that the proposed action will have no significant environmental impact and does not require further environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Planning Commission, acting in an advisory capacity to the Nassau County Legislature, passed a resolution regarding the proposed action, a copy of such resolution being attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein, recommending that the Legislature conclude that no further environmental review or action is required on such proposed action.

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

1. That the County Executive is hereby authorized to accept the offer of purchase from Greentree in the sum of One Million, One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$ 1, 150,000.00), for said real property being more particularly described as follows:

All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situated, lying, and being in the unincorporated area of Uniondale, Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, State of New York, known and designated as Section 44, Block 77, Lot 47 on the Land and Tax Map of the County of Nassau, subject to all of the terms and conditions as outlined in the Contract.

2. That the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to execute for, and on behalf of the County of Nassau, the deed from the County of Nassau, as Grantor, to Greentree as Grantee, upon compliance with the terms and conditions of the Sale, and to execute any and all other instruments, including but not limited to the Contract, and to take such other

action as is necessary, to effectuate the terms of such offer and carry out the purposes of the Contract.

3. That it is hereby determined pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that the proposed sale of the subject property has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required for the reasons set forth in the attached SEAF.

4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 54 – 2023

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the County Clerk.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated August 21, 2023, 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:

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
74,790	NYS Archives LGRMIF	GRT	CL	DE	74,790

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

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

supplemental appropriation ordinance is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 55 –2023

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Medical Examiner's Office.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated August 24, 2023, 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:

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<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
36,000	NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee	GRT	ME	AA	18,000
		GRT	ME	DD	18,000

BAME23000004

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
102,108	NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services	GRT	ME	AA	25,000
		GRT	ME	BB	41,500

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
		GRT	ME	DD	35,608

BAME23000005

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
504,885	NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services	GRT	ME	AA	60,000
		GRT	ME	BB	145,000
		GRT	ME	DD	299,885

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

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

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 56 –2023

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Board of Elections.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated August 23, 2023, 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:

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<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
1,142,793.15	New York State Board of Elections	GRT	EL	DD	1,142,793.15

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<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
284,556.52	NYS Aid to Localities	GRT	EL	DD	284,556.52

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

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

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 57 – 2023

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Department of Public Works.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated August 22, 2023, 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:

BAPW23000004

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
1,000,000	Federal Transit Administration	GRT	PW	DE	1,000,000

BAPW23000005

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
11,500,000	Federal Transit Administration	GRT	PW	DE	11,500,000

BAPW23000006

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
22,500,000	Federal Transit Administration	GRT	PW	DE	22,500,000

BAPW23000007

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
5,088,750	Federal Transit Administration	GRT	PW	DE	5,088,750

BAPW23000008

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
6,600,000	NYS Department of Transportation	GRT	PW	DE	6,600,000

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

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

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 58 –2023

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

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated August 23, 2023, 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:

BAHE23000012

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
251,400	New York State Department of Health	GRT	HE	AA	162,985
		GRT	HE	AB	88,007
		GRT	HE	DD	408

BAHE23000013

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
1,018,756	New York State Department of Health	GRT	HE	AA	608,420
		GRT	HE	AB	403,760
		GRT	HE	DD	550
		GRT	HE	HH	6,026

BAHE23000014

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
103,438	New York State Department of Health	GRT	HE	AA	68,366
		GRT	HE	AB	35,072

BAHE23000015

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
26,031	New York State Department of Health	GRT	HE	AA	26,031

BAHE23000016

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
14,000	New York State Department of Health	GRT	HE	BB	14,000

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

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

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 59 – 2023

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Correctional Center.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated August 24, 2023, 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:

BACC23000002

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
35,769	NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services	GRT	CC	AA	35,769

BACC23000003

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
184,916	Federal Drug Enforcement Agency	GRT	CC	AA	32,435
		GRT	CC	AB	2,481
		GRT	CC	BB	130,000

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
		GRT	CC	DD	20,000

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

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

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 60 –2023

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Probation 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 August 29, 2023, 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:

BAPB23000003

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
400,000	New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services	GRT	PB	AA	302,328
		GRT	PB	AB	64,202
		GRT	PB	DD	25,470
		GRT	PB	DE	8,000

BAPB23000005

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
635,000	New York State Office of Children & Family Services	GRT	PB	AA	85,000
		GRT	PB	DE	550,000

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

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

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 180-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A USE AND OCCUPATION PERMIT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, AS OWNER TO THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL AND TOLERANCE CENTER OF NASSAU COUNTY, INC., AS PERMITTEE, FOR THE USE OF SPACE AT THE WELWYN PRESERVE, CITY OF GLEN COVE, COUNTY OF NASSAU, STATE OF NEW YORK.

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau (herein after the “County”) and The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, Inc. a.k.a. The Holocaust Memorial and Educational Center (herein after the “Center”) had previously entered into a Use and Occupancy Permit, executed April 14, 2005 (the "Original Agreement"), as amended by certain amendments dated June 9, 2008 (the "First Amendment"), and December 14, 2009 (the "Second Amendment"), passed by the Legislature on December 22, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the County and the Center are seeking to amend said permit to extend the term of the permit and allow the Center to construct Capital Improvements to the facility as set forth by the terms and conditions of said Amendment attached hereto; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorize the County Executive to execute the said amendment to the agreement with the Center; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County said Project was issued a "Negative Declaration," as set forth in the document attached hereto, within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(25) of 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; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Amendment upon its approval be effective immediately.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 191-2023

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 BALDWIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 24 of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County (“the hotel-motel occupancy tax law”), certain revenue may be used by the County through the Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums to fund privately-operated museums for the purpose of improving and advancing the marketability of cultural and historic attractions; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Historical Society, Inc. applied to the Department of Parks, Recreations and Museums for a grant to assist with exhibit and program costs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreations and Museums determined that funding should be awarded to the Baldwin Historical Society, Inc. for these purposes; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the Baldwin Historical Society, Inc.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 178 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF E&A RESTORATION, INC. PERTAINING TO CONTRACT NO. B90230P03G, PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

WHEREAS, E&A Restoration, Inc. (“E&A”) has alleged claims for damages due to construction delays relating to Contract No. B90230P03G against the County of Nassau (the “County”), and the parties have agreed to settle said claims for \$4,875,000 in full settlement of all possible claims E&A may have against the County arising from the circumstances upon which the claims are based; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has caused an investigation and analysis to be made of the said claims and as a result thereof recommends that the claims be settled in the amount set forth above; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be and is hereby authorized and directed to settle the said claims in the amount as indicated above, provided that, if any payment arising from said action is to be made from the proceeds of a borrowing, that a bond ordinance to finance such settlement is adopted by this Legislature and any borrowing pursuant to such bond ordinance is approved by the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority, if such approval is required; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay a maximum of \$4,875,000 as directed by the County Attorney and thereupon delivered to the attorneys for E&A upon receipt of a Settlement Agreement and Limited Release; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this settlement is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 179 -2023

A RESOLUTION approving an amendment via Memorandum of Understanding to the collective bargaining agreement between the County of Nassau and the Civil Service Employees Association.

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau entered into a Collective Bargaining Agreement (the “CBA”) with the Civil Service Employees Association L.830 (“CSEA”) which set terms and conditions of employment for employees in the negotiating unit, which expired on December 31, 2017, and has continued in full force and effect by operation of Law; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau and the CSEA (collectively, “the parties”) have agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) dated August 7, 2023 setting forth terms and conditions of employment for a new labor agreement for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2030; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the act of the County Executive for the County of Nassau in executing the MOU by and between the County of Nassau and the CSEA is hereby ratified and approved.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 181-2023

**A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF
ASHLEY M. GAZES TO THE NASSAU COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Ashley M. Gazes to the Nassau County Advisory Council on People with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1006 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment by the County Executive of Ashley M. Gazes to the Nassau County Advisory Council on People with Disabilities for a term of three years is hereby confirmed effective immediately; and be it further

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

617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment"), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 182 – 2023

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS
HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2023**

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated August 21, 2023 addressed to the County Legislature, has advised that a transfer of appropriations heretofore made has been requested in order to provide funds to meet certain expenditures authorized within the budget for the year 2023; and

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

WHEREAS, the said transfer is known as BTCW23000025 as follows:

BOARD TRANSFER NO. BTCW23000025

	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>FROM</u>	HE GRT T222 – AB10F	Health Department – Grant Fund – Fringe Benefits	\$ 7,506.00
	HE GRT T222 - DD498	Health Department – Grant Fund – General Expenses	\$ 213.00
	TOTAL		\$ 7,719.00
<u>TO</u>	HE GRT T222 – AA97Z	Health Department – Grant Fund – Salaries	\$ 7,719.00
	TOTAL		\$ 7,719.00

and;

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

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature does hereby authorize the said transfers of appropriations heretofore made within the budget for the year 2023, as hereinabove set forth; and be it further

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

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 183 – 2023

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS
HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2023**

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated August 21, 2023 addressed to the County Legislature, has advised that a transfer of appropriations heretofore made has been requested in order to provide funds to meet certain expenditures authorized within the budget for the year 2023; and

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

WHEREAS, the said transfer is known as BTCW23000026 as follows:

BOARD TRANSFER NO. BTCW23000026

	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>FROM</u>	TS GRT 8100 – DD498	Traffic Safety – Grant Fund – General Expenses	\$ 9,800.00
	TOTAL		\$ 9,800.00
<u>TO</u>	TS GRT 8100 – DE547	Traffic Safety – Grant Fund – Contractual Services	\$ 9,800.00
	TOTAL		\$ 9,800.00

and;

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

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature does hereby authorize the said transfers of appropriations heretofore made within the budget for the year 2023, as hereinabove set forth; and be it further

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

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 184 – 2023

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS
HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated August 24, 2023 addressed to the County Legislature, has advised that transfers of appropriations heretofore made have been requested in order to provide funds to meet certain expenditures authorized within the budget for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the transfers have been reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the said transfer known as BTCW23000027 is as follows:

BOARD TRANSFER NO. BTCW23000027

	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>FROM</u>	HEGRTP-292FED-AA98Z	Health Department - Grant Fund – Salaries, Wages & Fees	\$ 6,554.00
	HEGRTP-292FED-DD498	Health Department – Grant Fund – General Expenses	\$ 800.00
	TOTAL		\$ 7,354.00
<u>TO</u>	HEGRTP-292FED-AB10F	Health Department - Grant Fund – Fringe Benefits	\$ 7,354.00
	TOTAL		\$ 7,354.00

and;

WHEREAS, the said transfer known as BTCW23000028 is as follows:

BOARD TRANSFER NO. BTCW23000028

	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>FROM</u>	HEGRTC-100NYS-AB10F	Health Department - Grant Fund – Fringe Benefits	\$ 24,698.00
	HEGRTC-100NYS-DD498	Health Department – Grant Fund – General Expenses	\$ 477.00
	TOTAL		\$ 25,175.00
<u>TO</u>	HEGRTC-100NYS-AA97Z	Health Department - Grant Fund – Salaries, Wages & Fees	\$ 25,175.00
	TOTAL		\$ 25,175.00

and;

WHEREAS, the said transfer known as BTCW23000029 is as follows:

BOARD TRANSFER NO. BTCW23000029

	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>FROM</u>	HEGRTC-NY6FED-AB10F	Health Department - Grant Fund – Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,127.00
	TOTAL		\$ 1,127.00
<u>TO</u>	HEGRTC-NY6FED-AA97Z	Health Department - Grant Fund – Salaries, Wages & Fees	\$ 1,127.00
	TOTAL		\$ 1,127.00

and;

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

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature does hereby authorize the said transfers of appropriations heretofore made within the budget for the year 2023, as hereinabove set forth; and be it further

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

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

new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is a class of actions which does not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 185- 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH FARMINGDALE FIRE DISTRICT IN RELATION TO PROCURE MONITORS/DEFIBRILLATORS AND RELATED ITEMS.

WHEREAS, Nassau County (“the County”) and the South Farmingdale Fire District (“the District”) are authorized, pursuant to Article 9, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution and Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law (“GML”) to enter into intergovernmental agreements; and

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

WHEREAS, the District is interested in undertaking a project for to procure monitors/defibrillators and related items (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County and the District desire to enter into a the Agreement, a copy of which is on file with the clerk of the Legislature; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

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

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 186- 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON IN RELATION TO PURCHASE AND PROCURE MULTIPLE FIRE HOSE SYSTEMS AND RELATED ITEMS.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Village is interested in undertaking a project purchase and procure multiple fire hose systems and related items (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County and the Village desire to enter into a the Agreement, a copy of which is on file with the clerk of the Legislature; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

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

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 187- 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PLANDOME MANOR IN RELATION TO THE PURCHASE AND PROCUREMENT OF A GUARDRAIL AND RELATED ITEMS.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Village is interested in undertaking a project for the purchase and procurement of a guardrail and related items (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County and the Village desire to enter into a the Agreement, a copy of which is on file with the clerk of the Legislature; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

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

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 188- 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF STEWART MANOR IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

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

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County and the Village to purchase and procure portable radios and related items (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County and the Village believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize intermunicipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement (“Agreement”), a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the Agreement and to execute any and all other instruments, related documents or ancillary agreements and to take such other action as is necessary to effectuate and carry out the intent and purpose of the Agreement; and it is further

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 189- 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LYNBROOK IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

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

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County and the Village to purchase and install two (2) gateway arches and related items, for the entrances of Greis Park (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County and the Village believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize intermunicipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement (“Agreement”), a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the Agreement and to execute any and all other instruments, related documents or ancillary agreements and to take such other action as is necessary to effectuate and carry out the intent and purpose of the Agreement; and it is further

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 190- 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF STEWART MANOR IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

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

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County and the Village to purchase and plant trees and related items (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County and the Village believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize intermunicipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement (“Agreement”), a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the Agreement and to execute any and all other instruments, related documents or ancillary agreements and to take such other action as is necessary to effectuate and carry out the intent and purpose of the Agreement; and it is further

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 192 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE GLOBAL SETTLEMENT OF PCO CASES: *CHODKOWSKI v. NASSAU, ET AL* INDEX NO. 603925/2017.; *DAVIDSON v. NASSAU, ET. AL.* DOCKET NO. 18-cv-1182 AND *ABBANANTO v. NASSAU, ET. AL.* Docket No. 19-cv-1102 PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

WHEREAS, Nassau County's Police Communication Operators and Police Communications Operators Supervisors (the "Petitioner") commenced actions entitled *Chodkowski v. Nassau, et. Al* Index No. 603925/2017.; *Davidson v. Nassau, et. Al.* Docket No. 18-cv-1182 and *Abbananto v. Nassau, et. Al.* Docket No. 19-cv-1102 against the County of Nassau (the "County"), alleging breach of contract as well as federal discrimination claims, and the County has agreed to make payment to Petitioner estimated in the aggregate amount of \$2,300,000.00, plus interest at a stipulated rate, in full settlement of all possible claims Petitioner may have against the County arising from arising from circumstances upon which the action is based; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has caused an investigation and analysis to be made of the said action and as a result thereof recommends that it be settled in the amount set forth above; now therefore, be it; and

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be and is hereby authorized and directed to settle the said actions in the amount as indicated above, provided that, if any payment arising from said actions are to be made from the proceeds of a borrowing, that a bond ordinance to finance such settlement is adopted by this Legislature and any borrowing pursuant to such bond ordinance is approved by the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority, if such approval is required; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay a maximum of \$2,300,000.00 as directed by the County Attorney and thereupon delivered to the attorneys for the Plaintiffs upon receipt of a Settlement Agreement and Limited Release; and be it further

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

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2023

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING TITLE 24 OF THE MISCELLANEOUS LAWS OF NASSAU COUNTY, IN RELATION TO EXTENDING THE HOTEL AND MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX.

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

Section 1. Subdivision G of section 3 of Title 24 of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County, as last amended by Local Law No. 11-2020, is hereby amended to read as follows:

G. The imposition of the hotel and motel occupancy tax as authorized by this Title shall expire on December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-five.

§ 2. It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that the imposition of a hotel and motel occupancy tax and distribution of revenue pursuant to Title 24 of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County, as amended, are “Type II” Actions within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, are of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

§ 3. This local law shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2023

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 18-1984, AS LAST AMENDED BY LOCAL LAW NO. 8-2020 AND AS INCORPORATED IN CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 9 OF THE MISCELLANEOUS LAWS OF NASSAU COUNTY, IN RELATION TO IMPOSING ADDITIONAL RATES OF SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES AUTHORIZED BY SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED TEN OF THE TAX LAW AND CONTINUING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO-E OF THE TAX LAW.

WHEREAS, Nassau County's authority to impose a combined additional one and one-quarter percent rate of sales and compensating use taxes and to establish a local government assistance program for the County of Nassau has been extended by Chapter 261 of the Laws of 2023; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. Section 1 of Local Law No. 18-1984, as last amended by Local Law No. 8-2020 and as incorporated in Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any local law or ordinance to the contrary, for the period beginning September first, nineteen hundred ninety-one and ending November thirtieth, two thousand twenty-five, there is hereby imposed and there shall be paid a four and one-quarter percent rate of sales and compensating use taxes, with respect to the items and services enumerated in ordinance numbered four hundred four-c of nineteen hundred sixty-eight, as amended, subject to the exemptions, exclusions and other provisions applicable to such taxes set forth in such ordinance.

§ 2. Subdivision a of section 2 of Local Law No. 18-1984, as last amended by Local Law No. 8-2020 and as incorporated in chapter 4 of title 9 of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

§ 2.a. Towns and cities. For the calendar year beginning on January first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight and continuing through the calendar year beginning on January first, two thousand twenty-five, a local government assistance program is hereby established pursuant to section twelve hundred sixty-two-e of the New York Tax Law for the towns and cities within the county to assist such towns and cities to minimize real property taxes; defray the cost and expense of the treatment, collection, management, disposal and transportation of municipal solid waste, and to comply with the provisions of chapter two hundred ninety-nine of the laws of nineteen hundred eighty-three; and defray the cost of maintaining conservation and environmental control programs. The funding for such programs shall equal one-third of the revenues received by the county from the imposition of the three-quarters percent sales and use tax during calendar years two thousand one, two thousand two, two thousand three, two thousand four, two thousand five, two thousand six, two thousand seven, two thousand eight, two thousand nine, two thousand ten, two thousand eleven, two thousand twelve, two thousand thirteen, two thousand fourteen, two thousand fifteen, two thousand sixteen, two thousand seventeen, two thousand eighteen, two thousand nineteen, two thousand twenty, two thousand twenty-one, two thousand twenty-two, two thousand twenty-three, two thousand twenty-four and two thousand twenty-five additional to the regular three percent rate authorized for the county by section twelve hundred ten of the New York Tax Law. Such one-third of such revenues shall be paid and distributed to the towns and cities on a per capita basis using the population figures in the latest decennial federal census. The establishment of this local government assistance program shall preclude any city or town in the county from preempting or claiming under any other section of the New York Tax Law the revenues derived from the county's additional rate of sales

and compensating use taxes imposed pursuant to the authority of section twelve hundred ten of the New York Tax Law. Any town or towns may, by resolution of the town board, apportion all or a part of the monies received in this special assistance program to an improvement district or special district account with such town or towns in order to accomplish the purposes of this special assistance program.

§ 3. Subdivision d of section 2 of Local Law No. 18-1984, as last amended by Local Law No. 8-2020 and as incorporated in chapter 4 of title 9 of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2.d. Aid to villages in Nassau County.

For the calendar years beginning January first, two thousand one and continuing through the calendar year beginning on January first, two thousand twenty-five, the county hereby establishes a local government assistance program for the villages within the county pursuant to section twelve hundred sixty two-e of the New York Tax Law to assist such villages to minimize real property taxes; defray the cost and expense of the treatment, collection, management, disposal, and transportation of municipal solid waste; and defray the cost of maintaining conservation and environmental control programs. Such program shall be funded annually in the amount of one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars from the net collections from the county's additional three-quarter percent rate of sales and compensating use taxes during that calendar year, which amount shall be paid and distributed to such villages on a per capita basis using the populations figures in the latest decennial federal census. The establishment of this village local government assistance program shall preclude any village in the county from preempting or claiming under any other section of the New York Tax Law any revenues derived from the county's additional rates of sales and compensating use taxes imposed pursuant to the authority of section 1210 of the New York Tax Law.

§ 4. It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that the imposition of a hotel and motel occupancy tax and distribution of revenue pursuant to Title 24 of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County, as amended, are “Type II” Actions within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, are of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

§ 5. This local law shall take effect December 1, 2023.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 10- 2023

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION UPON:

- (i) AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT CERTIFIED COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AS TO AMOUNTS OF TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS IN THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 AS TO EXTENSION OF TAXES; LEVYING TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH CERTIFICATE AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION, ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF A WARRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND UNDER THE SEAL OF THE SAID COUNTY, COMMANDING THE RECEIVER OF TAXES OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD TO COLLECT SCHOOL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024 AND PAY MONEYS SO COLLECTED TO THE FISCAL OFFICERS OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND/OR THE TREASURER OF NASSAU COUNTY; PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE;
- (ii) AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT CERTIFIED COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AS TO AMOUNTS OF TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS IN THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 AS TO EXTENSION OF TAXES; LEVYING TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH CERTIFICATE AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION, ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF A WARRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND UNDER THE SEAL OF THE SAID COUNTY, COMMANDING THE RECEIVER OF TAXES OF THE TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD TO COLLECT SCHOOL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024 AND PAY MONEYS SO COLLECTED TO THE FISCAL OFFICERS OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND/OR THE TREASURER OF NASSAU COUNTY; PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE;
- (iii) AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT CERTIFIED COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AS TO AMOUNTS OF TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS IN THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 AS TO EXTENSION OF TAXES; LEVYING TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH CERTIFICATE AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION, ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF A WARRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND UNDER THE SEAL OF THE SAID COUNTY,

COMMANDING THE RECEIVER OF TAXES OF THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY TO COLLECT SCHOOL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024 AND PAY MONEYS SO COLLECTED TO THE FISCAL OFFICERS OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND/OR THE TREASURER OF NASSAU COUNTY; PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE;

- (iv) AN ORDINANCE CERTIFYING BASE AND ADJUSTED BASE PROPORTIONS FOR COUNTY, TOWN & SPECIAL DISTRICTS & SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR EACH CLASS OF PROPERTY SET FORTH IN SECTION 1802 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AND FOR EACH PORTION AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1801 (d) OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW INCLUDED WITHIN NASSAU COUNTY AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 1803 (2) OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW;
- (v) A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE A STATEMENT OF THE TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS OF THE PROPERTIES SITUATED IN THE COUNTY, TOWNS, SPECIAL DISTRICTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU; PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY, THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE TOWN LAW, THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AND THE COUNTY LAW; AND
- (vi) A RESOLUTION TO FIX THE TIME AND DATE ON WHICH CONSOLIDATED TAX WARRANTS SHALL BE ISSUED TO THE TOWN AND CITY RECEIVERS OF TAXES FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS LEVIED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND EXTENDED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR: PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has submitted to this County Legislature a written recommendation dated September 18, 2023, 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:

- (i) an ordinance to accept certified copy of certificate of the County Assessor as to amounts of total assessed valuations in the several school districts within the Town of North Hempstead for the school year 2023/2024 as to extension of taxes: levying taxes in accordance with such certificate and authorizing and directing the execution, issuance and delivery of a warrant on behalf of the County of Nassau and the Nassau County Legislature and under the seal of the said county, commanding the receiver of taxes of the Town of North Hempstead to collect school taxes for the year 2023/2024 and pay moneys so collected to the fiscal officers of each school district and/or the Treasurer of Nassau County; pursuant to the provisions of the County Government Law of Nassau County and the Nassau County Administrative Code;

- (ii) an ordinance to accept certified copy of certificate of the County Assessor as to amounts of total assessed valuations in the several school districts within the Town of Hempstead for the school year 2023/2024 as to extension of taxes; levying taxes in accordance with such certificate and authorizing and directing the execution, issuance and delivery of a warrant on behalf of the County of Nassau and the Nassau County Legislature and under the seal of the said county, commanding the receiver of taxes of the Town of Hempstead to collect school taxes for the year 2023/2024 and pay moneys so collected to the fiscal officers of each school district and/or the Treasurer of Nassau County; pursuant to the provisions of the County Government Law of Nassau County and the Nassau County Administrative Code;
- (iii) an ordinance to accept certified copy of certificate of the County Assessor as to amounts of total assessed valuations in the several school districts within the Town of Oyster Bay for the school year 2023/2024 as to extension of taxes; levying taxes in accordance with such certificate and authorizing and directing the execution, issuance and delivery of a warrant on behalf of the County of Nassau and the Nassau County Legislature and under the seal of the said county, commanding the receiver of taxes of the Town of Oyster Bay to collect school taxes for the year 2023/2024 and pay moneys so collected to the fiscal officers of each school district and/or the Treasurer of Nassau County; pursuant to the provisions of the County Government Law of Nassau County and the Nassau County Administrative Code;
- (iv) an ordinance certifying base and adjusted base proportions for County, Town and Special Districts & School Districts for each class of property set forth in section 1802 of the Real Property Tax Law and for each portion as defined in section 1801 (d) of the Real Property Tax Law included within Nassau County as authorized by section 1803 (2) of the Real Property Tax Law;
- (v) a resolution to include in the proceedings of the Nassau County Legislature a statement of the total assessed valuations of the properties situated in the County, Towns, Special Districts and School Districts within the County of Nassau; pursuant to the County Government Law of Nassau County, the Nassau County Administrative Code, the Town Law, the Real Property Tax Law and the County Law;
- (vi) a resolution to fix the time and date on which consolidated tax warrants shall be issued to the town and city receivers of taxes for the collection of taxes and assessments levied by the Nassau County Legislature and extended by the County Assessor: pursuant to the County Government Law of Nassau County and the Nassau County Administrative Code; 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 ordinances and resolutions; 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 ordinances and resolutions now before this Legislature.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE AT THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023, FOR THE ADOPTION OF AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION UPON:

- (i) AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT CERTIFIED COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AS TO AMOUNTS OF TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS IN THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 AS TO EXTENSION OF TAXES; LEVYING TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH CERTIFICATE AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION, ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF A WARRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND UNDER THE SEAL OF THE SAID COUNTY, COMMANDING THE RECEIVER OF TAXES OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD TO COLLECT SCHOOL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024 AND PAY MONEYS SO COLLECTED TO THE FISCAL OFFICERS OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND/OR THE TREASURER OF NASSAU COUNTY; PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE;
- (ii) AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT CERTIFIED COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AS TO AMOUNTS OF TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS IN THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 AS TO EXTENSION OF TAXES; LEVYING TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH CERTIFICATE AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION, ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF A WARRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND UNDER THE SEAL OF THE SAID COUNTY, COMMANDING THE RECEIVER OF TAXES OF THE TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD TO COLLECT SCHOOL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024 AND PAY MONEYS SO COLLECTED TO THE FISCAL OFFICERS OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND/OR THE TREASURER OF NASSAU COUNTY; PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE;
- (iii) AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT CERTIFIED COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AS TO AMOUNTS OF TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS IN THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 AS TO EXTENSION OF TAXES; LEVYING TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH CERTIFICATE AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION, ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF A WARRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND UNDER THE SEAL OF THE SAID COUNTY, COMMANDING THE RECEIVER OF TAXES OF THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY TO COLLECT SCHOOL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024 AND PAY MONEYS SO COLLECTED TO THE FISCAL OFFICERS OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND/OR THE TREASURER OF NASSAU COUNTY; PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE;

- (iv) AN ORDINANCE CERTIFYING BASE AND ADJUSTED BASE PROPORTIONS FOR COUNTY, TOWN & SPECIAL DISTRICTS & SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR EACH CLASS OF PROPERTY SET FORTH IN SECTION 1802 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AND FOR EACH PORTION AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1801 (d) OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW INCLUDED WITHIN NASSAU COUNTY AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 1803 (2) OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW;
- (v) A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE A STATEMENT OF THE TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS OF THE PROPERTIES SITUATED IN THE COUNTY, TOWNS, SPECIAL DISTRICTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU; PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY, THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE TOWN LAW, THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AND THE COUNTY LAW; AND
- (vi) A RESOLUTION TO FIX THE TIME AND DATE ON WHICH CONSOLIDATED TAX WARRANTS SHALL BE ISSUED TO THE TOWN AND CITY RECEIVERS OF TAXES FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS LEVIED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND EXTENDED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR: PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

ORDINANCE NO. 60-A - 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT CERTIFIED COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AS TO AMOUNTS OF TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS IN THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE **TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD** FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 AS TO EXTENSION OF TAXES: LEVYING TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH CERTIFICATE AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION, ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF A WARRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND UNDER THE SEAL OF THE SAID COUNTY, COMMANDING THE RECEIVER OF TAXES OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD TO COLLECT SCHOOL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024 AND PAY MONEYS SO COLLECTED TO THE FISCAL OFFICERS OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND/OR THE TREASURER OF NASSAU COUNTY; PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the County of Nassau did heretofore finally complete and verify the school district assessment roll pursuant to which the 2023/2024 school district taxes are to be levied and has furnished to the Nassau County Legislature a certified copy of certificate of the County Assessor in pursuance of which certification is made as to the amounts of total assessed valuations in the several school districts within the Town of North Hempstead for the school year 2023/2024, and

WHEREAS, the lawful authorities in each school district have heretofore adopted their budgets and fixed the amount of taxes to be raised therein for each such school district, necessary to raise the total amount of the budget of each such school district and have certified to and filed with the Assessor of the County of Nassau their budgets, including copies of resolutions in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the County of Nassau has filed with the Clerk of the Legislature a certificate to the effect that the County Assessor has extended taxes for school district purposes upon the school district assessment roll in accordance with the provisions of Sections 6-21.0 and 6-22.0 of the Nassau County Administrative Code, as amended together with the portion of the

school district assessment roll containing the properties situated in the Town of North Hempstead to which a warrant is to be annexed; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the certified copy of certificate of the Assessor of the County of Nassau bearing the date September 18, 2023 in pursuance of which certification is made as to the amounts of total assessed valuations in the several school districts within the Town of North Hempstead for the school year 2023/2024 is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the certificate of the Assessor of the County of Nassau filed with the Clerk of the Legislature to the effect that the said County Assessor has extended taxes for school district purposes upon the school district assessment roll in accordance with the provisions of Sections 6-21.0 and 6-22.0 of the Nassau County Administrative Code as amended be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 3. That the taxes so extended for school district purposes in accordance with the foregoing certificate, as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature, are hereby levied.

Section 4. That, pursuant to the provisions of the Nassau County Administrative Code and the County Government Law of Nassau County, this Nassau County Legislature does hereby fix September 29, 2023 at or about 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon of that day as the day and the time upon which a warrant is to be issued and delivered to the Receiver of Taxes of the Town of North Hempstead, commanding the said Receiver to collect from several persons and on the properties names and described in the portion of the school district assessment roll, containing the properties situated in the Town of North Hempstead, the sums set opposite the respective names or properties.

Section 5. That the County Executive of the County of Nassau, or in his absence or inability to act the Presiding Officer of the Nassau County Legislature, and the Clerk of the Legislature are hereby authorized and directed to execute for and on behalf of the County and the Nassau County Legislature a warrant under the seal of the County, addressed to the Receiver of Taxes of the Town of North Hempstead, commanding the said Receiver to collect from the several persons and on the properties named and described in such school district assessment roll the sum set opposite the

respective names or properties and further commanding the said Receiver of Taxes of the Town of North Hempstead to pay over to the Treasurer or fiscal officer of each such school district appearing in such school district assessment roll on the first day of the month until the first day of June next hereafter all moneys so collected for each such school district, and after the first day of June in the year following the year in which the warrant is issued to pay to the County Treasurer of the County of Nassau all moneys so collected by such Receiver for each such school district appearing in such roll.

Section 6. That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to annex the said warrant to the portion of the school district assessment roll, containing the properties situated in the Town of North Hempstead at the end thereof and to deliver the said roll and warrant to the Receiver of Taxes of the Town of North Hempstead.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE NO. 60-B - 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT CERTIFIED COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AS TO AMOUNTS OF TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS IN THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE **TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD** FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 AS TO EXTENSION OF TAXES: LEVYING TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH CERTIFICATE AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION, ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF A WARRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND UNDER THE SEAL OF THE SAID COUNTY, COMMANDING THE RECEIVER OF TAXES OF THE TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD TO COLLECT SCHOOL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024 AND PAY MONEYS SO COLLECTED TO THE FISCAL OFFICERS OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND/OR THE TREASURER OF NASSAU COUNTY; PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the County of Nassau did heretofore finally complete and verify the school district assessment roll pursuant to which the 2023/2024 school district taxes are to be levied and has furnished to the Nassau County Legislature a certified copy of certificate of the County Assessor in pursuance of which certification is made as to the amounts of total assessed valuations in the several school districts within the Town of Hempstead for the school year 2023/2024, and

WHEREAS, the lawful authorities in each school district have heretofore adopted their budgets and fixed the amount of taxes to be raised therein for each such school district, necessary to raise the total amount of the budget of each such school district and have certified to and filed with the Assessor of the County of Nassau their budgets, including copies of resolutions in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the County of Nassau has filed with the Clerk of the Legislature a certificate to the effect that the County Assessor has extended taxes for school district purposes upon the school district assessment roll in accordance with the provisions of Sections 6-21.0 and 6-22.0 of the Nassau County Administrative Code, as amended together with the portion of the

school district assessment roll containing the properties situated in the Town of Hempstead to which a warrant is to be annexed; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the certified copy of certificate of the Assessor of the County of Nassau bearing the date September 18, 2023 in pursuance of which certification is made as to the amounts of total assessed valuations in the several school districts within the Town of Hempstead for the school year 2023/2024 is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the certificate of the Assessor of the County of Nassau filed with the Clerk of the Legislature to the effect that the said County Assessor has extended taxes for school district purposes upon the school district assessment roll in accordance with the provisions of Sections 6-21.0 and 6-22.0 of the Nassau County Administrative Code as amended be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 3. That the taxes so extended for school district purposes in accordance with the foregoing certificate, as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature, are hereby levied.

Section 4. That, pursuant to the provisions of the Nassau County Administrative Code and the County Government Law of Nassau County, this Nassau County Legislature does hereby fix September 29, 2023 at or about 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon of that day as the day and the time upon which a warrant is to be issued and delivered to the Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Hempstead, commanding the said Receiver to collect from several persons and on the properties names and described in the portion of the school district assessment roll, containing the properties situated in the Town of Hempstead, the sums set opposite the respective names or properties.

Section 5. That the County Executive of the County of Nassau, or in his absence or inability to act the Presiding Officer of the Nassau County Legislature, and the Clerk of the Legislature are hereby authorized and directed to execute for and on behalf of the County and the Nassau County Legislature a warrant under the seal of the County, addressed to the Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Hempstead, commanding the said Receiver to collect from the several persons and on the properties named and described in such school district assessment roll the sum set opposite the respective names

or properties and further commanding the said Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Hempstead to pay over to the Treasurer or fiscal officer of each such school district appearing in such school district assessment roll on the first day of the month until the first day of June next hereafter all moneys so collected for each such school district, and after the first day of June in the year following the year in which the warrant is issued to pay to the County Treasurer of the County of Nassau all moneys so collected by such Receiver for each such school district appearing in such roll.

Section 6. That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to annex the said warrant to the portion of the school district assessment roll, containing the properties situated in the Town of Hempstead at the end thereof and to deliver the said roll and warrant to the Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Hempstead.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE NO. 60-C - 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT CERTIFIED COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AS TO AMOUNTS OF TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS IN THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE **TOWN OF OYSTER BAY** FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 AS TO EXTENSION OF TAXES: LEVYING TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH CERTIFICATE AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION, ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF A WARRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND UNDER THE SEAL OF THE SAID COUNTY, COMMANDING THE RECEIVER OF TAXES OF THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY TO COLLECT SCHOOL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024 AND PAY MONEYS SO COLLECTED TO THE FISCAL OFFICERS OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND/OR THE TREASURER OF NASSAU COUNTY; PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the County of Nassau did heretofore finally complete and verify the school district assessment roll pursuant to which the 2023/2024 school district taxes are to be levied and has furnished to the Nassau County Legislature a certified copy of certificate of the County Assessor in pursuance of which certification is made as to the amounts of total assessed valuations in the several school districts within the Town of Oyster Bay for the school year 2023/2024, and

WHEREAS, the lawful authorities in each school district have heretofore adopted their budgets and fixed the amount of taxes to be raised therein for each such school district, necessary to raise the total amount of the budget of each such school district and have certified to and filed with the Assessor of the County of Nassau their budgets, including copies of resolutions in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the County of Nassau has filed with the Clerk of the Legislature a certificate to the effect that the County Assessor has extended taxes for school district purposes upon the school district assessment roll in accordance with the provisions of Sections 6-21.0 and 6-22.0 of the Nassau County Administrative Code, as amended together with the portion of the

school district assessment roll containing the properties situated in the Town of Oyster Bay to which a warrant is to be annexed; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the certified copy of certificate of the Assessor of the County of Nassau bearing the date September 18, 2023 in pursuance of which certification is made as to the amounts of total assessed valuations in the several school districts within the Town of Oyster Bay for the school year 2023/2024 is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the certificate of the Assessor of the County of Nassau filed with the Clerk of the Legislature to the effect that the said County Assessor has extended taxes for school district purposes upon the school district assessment roll in accordance with the provisions of Sections 6-21.0 and 6-22.0 of the Nassau County Administrative Code as amended be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 3. That the taxes so extended for school district purposes in accordance with the foregoing certificate, as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature, are hereby levied.

Section 4. That, pursuant to the provisions of the Nassau County Administrative Code and the County Government Law of Nassau County, this Nassau County Legislature does hereby fix September 29, 2023 at or about 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon of that day as the day and the time upon which a warrant is to be issued and delivered to the Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Oyster Bay, commanding the said Receiver to collect from several persons and on the properties names and described in the portion of the school district assessment roll, containing the properties situated in the Town of Oyster Bay, the sums set opposite the respective names or properties.

Section 5. That the County Executive of the County of Nassau, or in his absence or inability to act the Presiding Officer of the Nassau County Legislature, and the Clerk of the Legislature are hereby authorized and directed to execute for and on behalf of the County and the Nassau County Legislature a warrant under the seal of the County, addressed to the Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Oyster Bay, commanding the said Receiver to collect from the several persons and on the properties named and described in such school district assessment roll the sum set opposite the respective names

or properties and further commanding the said Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Oyster Bay to pay over to the Treasurer or fiscal officer of each such school district appearing in such school district assessment roll on the first day of the month until the first day of June next hereafter all moneys so collected for each such school district, and after the first day of June in the year following the year in which the warrant is issued to pay to the County Treasurer of the County of Nassau all moneys so collected by such Receiver for each such school district appearing in such roll.

Section 6. That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to annex the said warrant to the portion of the school district assessment roll, containing the properties situated in the Town of Oyster Bay at the end thereof and to deliver the said roll and warrant to the Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Oyster Bay.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ORDINANCE NO. 60-D - 2023

CERTIFYING BASE AND ADJUSTED BASE PROPORTIONS FOR COUNTY, TOWN & SPECIAL DISTRICTS & SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR EACH CLASS OF PROPERTY SET FORTH IN SECTION 1802 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AND FOR EACH PORTION AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1801 (d) OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW INCLUDED WITHIN NASSAU COUNTY AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 1803 (2) OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Nassau County Legislature, with the approval of the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services, hereby establishes the following procedure for the applicable component of the calculation of adjusted base proportions to ensure consistency under Real Property Tax Law § 485-u Class One Reassessment Exemption: Divide the taxable assessed value plus the assessed value exempt due to the Real Property Tax Law § 485-u Class One Reassessment Exemption of the property in the class or portion class on the levy roll, excluding special franchise properties in class three, by the appropriate change in level of assessment factor.

Section 2. The Nassau County Legislature does hereby certify the base and adjusted base proportions for County, Town, Special Districts & School Districts for each class of property set forth in Section 1802 of the Real Property Tax Law and for each portion as defined in Section 1801 (d) of the Real Property Tax Law included within Nassau County, in accordance with the base and adjusted base proportions certificates on file with the Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature.

Section 3. Nassau County hereby reserves all legal, equitable and administrative rights and remedies. This certification shall not be construed as an admission of any error, responsibility, or liability on the part of Nassau County in connection with these or any other base or adjusted base proportions.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 192-A 2023

A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE A STATEMENT OF THE TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS OF THE PROPERTIES SITUATED IN THE COUNTY, TOWN, SPECIAL DISTRICTS & SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU; PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY, THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE TOWN LAW, THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AND THE COUNTY LAW.

RESOLVED, that the statement by the Assessor of the County of Nassau as to the assessed valuations of the properties situated in the County, Town, Special Districts and School Districts within the County of Nassau as heretofore filed with the Clerk of the Legislature by said Assessor of the County of Nassau is hereby ordered to be included in the proceedings of this meeting.

RESOLUTION 192-A - 2023

A RESOLUTION TO FIX THE TIME AND DATE ON WHICH TAX WARRANTS SHALL BE ISSUED TO THE TOWN AND CITY RECEIVERS OF TAXES FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS LEVIED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND EXTENDED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR: PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of the County Government Law of Nassau County and the Nassau County Administrative Code, the Nassau County Legislature hereby fixes 3:00 in the afternoon on, September 29, 2023 the day immediately following the filing of a certificate by the County Assessor to the effect that taxes and assessments levied by the Nassau County Legislature have been extended, in accordance with the ordinance levying such taxes and assessments, as the time and date on which tax warrants shall be issued to the Town and City Receivers of Taxes for the collection of the several sums levied by the Nassau County Legislature on the taxable properties in the Towns and Cities within the County of Nassau, and that when annexed to the portion of the assessment roll relating to the said Towns and Cities, the said tax warrants shall be in force and effect from and after said date.

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
FULL LEGISLATURE MEETING

RICHARD NICOLELLO, PRESIDING OFFICER

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

Monday, September 18, 2023

1:17 p.m.

TAKEN BY: KAREN LORENZO, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

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

LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE

5th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR C. WILLIAM GAYLOR, III

6th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR JOHN J. GIUFFRE

8th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR MAZI MELESA PILIP

10th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

11th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY

12th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR THOMAS MCKEVITT

13th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR LAURA SCHAEFER

14th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR JOHN FERRETTI, JR.

15th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR ARNOLD W. DRUCKER

16th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER

17th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN

18th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR MICHAEL GIANGREGORIO

19th Legislative District

MICHAEL PULITZER

Clerk of the Legislature

ALSO APPEARED:

TOP COPS

Detective Gary Butt

Detective Sean Slowski

Police Officer Gary Butt

Police Officer Kyle Fagan

Public comment:

Theresa Michelini

Rev. Canon Marie Tatro

Pearl Jacobs

Meta J. Mereday

Richard Clolery

Otto Schroeder

Susan Gottehrer

Daniel Daly

Tori Cohen

Susan Hansen

Patrick Wynne

Cheryl Keshner

Eva Broslic

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Colleen Riebl
Brian Flacks
Susan Naftol
LilyAnn Fisherman
Jackie O'Loughlin
Renee Campanile
Anna Maria Redmond
Cathleen D'Angelo
Thomas Bergman
Susan Cneu
David Gery
Vivian Sasson

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Ladies and gentlemen, we're going to call this meeting of the Nassau County Legislature to order and ask Legislator Michael Giangregorio to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Please rise.

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance is said by all.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Thank you very much. Mike, could you please call the roll?

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, Presiding Officer.

Roll call. Deputy Presiding Officer Howard Kopel?

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Denise Ford?

LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Siela Bynoe?

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Carrie A. Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Debra
Mule?

LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator C.
William Gaylor, III?

LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.
Legislator John Giuffre?

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Mazi
Pilip?

LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Delia
DeRiggi-Whitton?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James
Kennedy?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.
Legislator Thomas McKevitt?

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura
Schaefer?

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator John
Ferretti?

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Arnold
Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Rose
Marie Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Joshua
Lafazan?

LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
Giangregorio?

LEGISLATOR GIANGREGORIO: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader
Kevan Abrahams?

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Presiding Officer
Richard Nicoletto?

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,
sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Okay.

Thank you very much.

We are going to start out meeting as we always do with the Top Cop presentations. And first off, we have the president of the Nassau County PBA, Thomas Shevlin.

MR. SHEVLIN: Good afternoon, everybody. Thank you once again for having us and honoring great police work that our men and women do every day and night when they risk their lives for our communities.

On May 4th, 2023, Police Officers Conley and Fagan of the Criminal Intelligence Rapid Response Team were on patrol in the Second Precinct. They heard a broadcast for an auto accident with injury. Second Precinct officers at the scene of the auto accident advised two victims of the accident tragically succumbed to their injuries. At this time, I would like to take a moment of silence and remember Drew Hassenbein and

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2 Ethan Falkowitz, who tragically lost
3 their lives; two 14-year-old-boys.
4 Please, let's have a moment of silence
5 for them and keep their families and
6 their communities and our thoughts and
7 prayers.

8 (Whereupon, a moment of
9 silence is observed by all.)

10 MR. SHEVLIN: Thank you.

11 Officers Conley and Fagan
12 immediately began canvassing for the
13 subject, who fled on foot. While
14 canvassing, they observed the male in the
15 rear parking lot of a closed building.
16 This male was in close proximity to the
17 accident. As they approached him, they
18 noticed that he had a cut on his forehead
19 and blood on his shirt. A witness to the
20 accident was brought to the parking lot
21 and positively identified the male as a
22 driver who left the scene of the
23 accident. Officers performed field
24 sobriety tests and administered a PBT
25 with positive results. The subject was

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2 placed under arrest and transported to
3 the hospital for treatment for his
4 injuries. He was charged with numerous
5 felonies, including aggravated vehicular
6 homicide.

7 Due to the officers' quick response
8 and dedication, they were able to take
9 this dangerous person off the street and
10 bring him to justice. When we went to
11 court, we found out that this was not his
12 first DWI arrest.

13 Another thing I want to bring up, I
14 want us all to keep all the police
15 officers who responded to this scene,
16 keep them in your thoughts and prayers
17 because they had to witness this horrific
18 scene. Things that we will never get out
19 of our minds. Our police medics also do a
20 phenomenal job. Let's not forget all of
21 those police officers.

22 These two are heroes for their great
23 work and dedication. But let's not forget
24 everybody. We're a team and we work
25 together.

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2 For all these reasons, the Nassau
3 County PBA is proud to announce police
4 officers Kevin Conley and Kyle Fagan as
5 Legislative Top Cops for September 2023.

6 (Whereupon, applause.)

7 OFFICER FAGAN: Me and Officer Conley
8 would like to thank all members of the
9 Legislature as well as First Deputy
10 Commissioner Smith, Chief Palmer and all
11 members of the PBA. Thank you for this
12 award and your continued support of us.

13 (Whereupon, applause.)

14 FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SMITH:
15 Thank you for having us here today.

16 I just want to say, you know, our
17 streets are not a speedway. They're not a
18 video game. We're constantly pulling over
19 and sanctioning people. Driving poorly or
20 reckless is not a privilege. These two
21 officers did a good job. You pay us to be
22 suspicious and relentless when we're
23 investigating crimes, and that's just
24 what these officers did. We're very
25 proud of them. We thank you for this

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2 award today. Thank you, guys.

3 (Whereupon, applause.)

4 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:

5 Legislator Rose Walker.

6 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you,
7 Presiding Officer.

8 I'm sure most of the people in this
9 room remember this horrific accident.
10 These young boys had just won a tennis
11 match, were out with fellow tennis
12 players getting something to eat at the
13 Broadway Mall. When they left to go
14 home, someone recklessly driving close to
15 100 miles an hour on the wrong side of
16 106/107 killed those boys. And God bless
17 that poor boy who was driving the car.
18 God bless our officers who to me look
19 like kids themselves and they had a
20 witness this horrific accident. And it
21 was just awful. And I've been at various
22 events since then, Mothers Against Drunk
23 Driving, where so many of the family
24 members and friends of these young boys
25 were there reaching out and trying to

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2 remind everyone: Be smart, don't be
3 foolish, don't drive when you shouldn't.
4 Obviously, this person didn't take heed
5 to that before and continued to go in a
6 pattern. Thank God these officers now
7 have this this man off the street.

8 God bless you all for what you've
9 done. We will continue to certainly keep
10 the families in our prayers and these
11 boys in our prayers, and each and every
12 one of you and all of our officers,
13 because I can't even imagine what you had
14 to see that night.

15 So God bless you all. Thank you for
16 all you do. And I'm going to let
17 Legislator Drucker, who is represents
18 that district also.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
20 Legislator Drucker and then Legislator
21 Lafazan.

22 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you very
23 much, Presiding Officer.

24 This, without a doubt, in all of my
25 years was one of the most horrific, heart

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2 wrenching accidents I've ever seen and
3 heard about, and I witnessed this
4 location on a regular basis. It's not
5 far from where I live. I represent the
6 community. But the gravity of it that
7 these two young boys, with such a bright
8 future, their lives were snuffed out in
9 an instant by someone who did not belong
10 on the roads, and that's something where
11 we need to be more cognizant of as
12 residents.

13 You guys do an amazing job, and
14 that's just a tribute to the training.
15 Nassau County's finest and bravest do
16 this day in and day out. And it's not a
17 job, it's a calling. And you do it with
18 such success and such professionalism
19 that you went and you got this guy and
20 hopefully this guy never sees the light
21 of day and never gets a chance to get
22 behind the wheel again.

23 But there are others like him out
24 there. And the tragedy that occurs when
25 these people get behind a wheel, when

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2 they should never get behind the wheel,
3 it's mind boggling. And families,
4 communities have been ripped apart by
5 this particular accident. And I know
6 because I speak to these people on a
7 regular basis. I know people who their
8 kids were friends with these kids. It's
9 just really horrible.

10 We can talk about that for hours.
11 But I just want to take this opportunity
12 to tell you that we, as legislators, as
13 residents of this county, are indebted to
14 you for your bravery, your training and
15 what you do. Despite facing these
16 horrific circumstances and what you have
17 to witness, you don't let that deter you
18 from the job you have to do. You did it
19 here and you got this guy and you
20 continue to do that on a day-to-day basis
21 with your vigilance and your training.

22 So on behalf of this Legislature, on
23 behalf of myself and my community that I
24 represent, I thank you from the bottom of
25 my heart.

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2 Thank you.

3 (Whereupon, applause.)

4 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Thank You,
5 Presiding Officer. This location is in my
6 district. In the days and weeks following
7 the accident, this was a loss that
8 Legislator Drucker mentioned, that I've
9 never seen. It was a community loss. The
10 entire community of Roslyn, the entire
11 North Shore community, was devastated.
12 And what you did in your heroism and your
13 bravery as you gave the community a bit
14 of closure to know that this person who
15 robbed these two young boys of their
16 futures will be put behind bars and that
17 justice will be served.

18 Without your tenacity, without your
19 bravery, without your effort. That
20 community continues to ail. But that
21 community sees the light of justice and
22 of closure. And it's because you put
23 yourselves in harm's way. You risk the
24 welfare of yourselves to make the
25 community a better and safer place.

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2 So I cannot thank you enough for all
3 that you do. You are the reason why this
4 county has the greatest police department
5 in the nation. I am so grateful.

6 On behalf of the families and the
7 community, thank you for giving us a bit
8 of closure.

9 Thank you.

10 (Whereupon, applause.)

11 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: All
12 right, Officers Fagan and Conley, we have
13 presentations for you. We'd ask that you
14 come up right after the DAI gives their
15 presentation.

16 Thank you.

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2 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: And
3 for the DAI, Detectives Association, we
4 have Delegate Kevin O'Brien, who will
5 lead the presentation.

6 MR. O'BRIEN: Thanks for having us.

7 This incident took place on July 13,
8 2023, at approximately 2:05 p.m. with
9 Detective Butt and Slowski, assigned to
10 the Fifth Squad, were investigating a
11 vicious robbery of a 72-year-old female
12 victim which occurred in the parking lot
13 of the Green Acres mall in Valley Stream.

14 Two perpetrators, one female, one
15 male, robbed an elderly woman of her
16 money. The perpetrators blocked in the
17 victim's car with their car and the
18 female perpetrator exited the vehicle and
19 demanded her money from the victim. A
20 female perpetrator opened the victim's
21 door and proceeded to punch the victim in
22 the face, legs and arms. The victim
23 relented and gave up \$100 to stop the
24 violent assault on her.

25 Detective Butt and Slowski

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2 interviewed the victim and gained useful
3 information about the perpetrator's
4 vehicle, and after an investigation found
5 out it was stolen. License plate readers
6 were checked with positive leads where
7 both detectives were able to establish
8 probable cause for both subject's arrest.

9 Through their thorough
10 investigation, they were able to identify
11 and arrest the female and male subject
12 that robbed, assaulted and injured this
13 elderly victim.

14 We have many vulnerable groups in
15 our community, both young and old. These
16 two detectives went above and beyond to
17 find justice for this lady. It is this
18 dogged determination which makes Nassau
19 County detectives the best detectives in
20 the country. Exactly why Nassau County is
21 the safest county in New York State.

22 The DAI would like to thank
23 Detective Butt and Slowski for their
24 service and thank the Legislature for
25 honoring them.

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2 Thank you.

3 (Whereupon, applause.)

4 FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SMITH: So
5 I'll second that. That dogged
6 determination that these officers have,
7 these detectives have is the best in the
8 world. And there's no question about it
9 that are our detectives, when they get a
10 lead, even if they don't have a lead,
11 they develop leads and they get to the
12 bottom of it. And in this particular
13 case, victims such as this, a person
14 who's very young or a person that's very
15 old, certainly touches a string in our
16 hearts that says we've got to get this
17 done because we can't have people preying
18 on the young and the elderly.

19 So I just want to thank both
20 detectives publicly for their service,
21 and I hope they just keep doing a great
22 job that they're doing.

23 Thank you very much.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Before
25 you guys step, I don't know if the two

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2 detectives wanted to say anything or not.

3 Either way is good.

4 OFFICER BUTT: Just want to thank
5 everyone for being here. Thank you for
6 allowing us the opportunity to help the
7 community, especially when a victim, such
8 as in this case, is an elderly female,
9 and just the opportunity to be able to
10 give her some closure and give her a
11 little peace of mind that this community
12 is still safe.

13 Thank you.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Thank
15 you. Stay right up there. Legislator
16 Gaylor and then Legislator Saloges will
17 have remarks.

18 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Thank you,
19 Presiding Officer.

20 So, you know, I'm proud to commend
21 both of you, detectives. What some of the
22 backstory is that maybe people don't know
23 is that we actually went to New York City
24 to hunt these people down and arrest them
25 and bring them back to our county. And so

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2 it's a clear message to anybody else that
3 wants to come to our county and commit a
4 crime, our detectives of the finest
5 nature are going to hunt you down, bring
6 you back to the county and bring you
7 before the the judges of this county. So
8 just beware if you want to commit a crime
9 in Nassau County.

10 Atrocious, come to the county and
11 assault a 72-year-old-female in her car
12 after she was shopping at Green Acres.
13 Open the door, forcibly reached in and
14 started beating her in the car seat.
15 What's happening to this country? What's
16 happening to this state? Things like this
17 shouldn't be happening in our county.

18 Thanks to your thorough
19 investigation and using the resources
20 that you could use and were able to use,
21 you quickly located them in the city and
22 you brought them back. You arrested them,
23 apprehended them and brought them before
24 justice. And it's through your dedication
25 and exemplary public service that because

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2 of you, that's the reason why we're the
3 safest county, here in Nassau. Despite
4 these infrequent, I hope, events that
5 happened.

6 So keep up the good work. Keep us
7 safe, be vigilant in your duties. Go get
8 them wherever they may be and bring them
9 back, and let's prosecute them. And let's
10 send a message to the rest of the state.
11 Keep up the great work.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
13 Legislator Solages.

14 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I would also
15 like to thank you, detectives, for your
16 dogged determination and for protecting
17 the confines of the Third Legislative
18 District, which includes Green Acres
19 Mall, which, because it has a Walmart and
20 other big large department stores,
21 attracts a large population from New York
22 City. I want to thank you very much again
23 for protecting our community and keeping
24 our shopping centers safe.

25 I also would like to thank this Body

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2 for approving funding for the license
3 plate readers, which were also useful in
4 your investigation. So on behalf of the
5 residents of the Third Legislative
6 District, which, again, surrounds Green
7 Acres Mall, and we deal with the issues
8 of having such a mall that attracts a lot
9 of people from New York City. So we just
10 want to thank you very much for your
11 professionalism and for helping the most
12 vulnerable members of our community. And
13 we wish you Godspeed and God's
14 protection. Thank you.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Thank
16 you, Detectives Butt and Slowski, we're
17 actually going to have presentations for
18 you as well. So we'll invite the PBA
19 honorees first and then you guys.

20 (Whereupon, citations
21 presented and photos taken.)
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2 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: All
3 right. Now we have the public comment
4 portion of our meeting. I have a number
5 of slips I'm going to call. If you have
6 not completed the slip and want to speak,
7 please fill one out. There are slips at
8 the table to your left at the front of
9 the room.

10 A number of the slips have to do
11 with the CSEA contract, which we will be
12 calling shortly after the public comment
13 portion. So I will assume that those
14 speakers on the CSEA contract would like
15 to speak when that item is being is
16 called. If not, please feel free to let
17 me know and I'll call you up at this
18 point of the meeting.

19 The first slip, I'm not sure if this
20 is a speaker on the contract or not, so
21 I'll call her.

22 Theresa Michelini.

23 MS. MICHELINI: So I was hired from
24 Civil Service in 2018. Supposedly there
25 was no contract. I just found out that I

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2 was working without a contract. I'm four
3 years shy of getting benefits for life.
4 They did a vote the last week in August
5 or the second to the last week. And I
6 feel a lot of people are on vacation, so
7 there might have been 2000 members and
8 you only had a thousand members voting.
9 So that's not really fair. Everything is
10 like rush, rush. I don't know what
11 they're rushing for.

12 We worked during Covid. We were
13 promised days, hours, vacation. We didn't
14 receive those. We pay our dues. We come
15 to work, we do our job. People were
16 allowed to stay home during Covid and
17 they got paid. I had to show up. I have
18 an 85-year-old uncle living with me. I
19 took a chance to bring germs home to him.

20 So I don't understand. If there's a
21 handful of people who thought they were
22 going to get benefits for life, how they
23 could just take them away from you. And
24 that's really my beef.

25 I mean, we're going to get a

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2 pension. I show up every day. I do my
3 job. I'm not a troublemaker. So that's
4 all. I'm just here for the benefits for
5 life and I don't think I should be forced
6 to stay 20 years when I was told 10
7 years. I mean, I don't know. Do you want
8 to work till you're 80 years old? That's
9 why I'm here.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Thank
11 you. The contract will be called in a
12 little while, and then we'll have
13 presentations on the contract at that
14 time.

15 Next speaker is the Reverend Canon
16 Marie Tatro.

17 REV. TATRO: Good afternoon. I'm
18 with the Diocese of Long Island and we've
19 provided you with a letter signed by 165
20 faith leaders.

21 I ask everyone present who supports
22 our immigrant neighbors seeking asylum to
23 please stand as you are able.

24 (Whereupon, group of
25 supporters stand.)

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2 REV. TATRO: We often define
3 neighbor very narrowly, but sacred
4 scriptures insist that neighbor is never
5 defined by proximity or nationality. None
6 of us owns this whole county, and none of
7 us can dictate who can live here. There
8 are numerous cases that we studied in law
9 school, from Oyster Bay to Garden City
10 that have already settled this question
11 of trying to keep certain kinds of people
12 out. It's a losing case and we all know
13 it.

14 I'm not going to harp on God's call
15 to love our neighbor, welcome the
16 stranger; it's all in the letter and in
17 the Bible. And many religiously
18 affiliated people are not particularly
19 fond of the difficult parts of following
20 our faith. Some of these mandates from
21 God are terribly inconvenient or just
22 hard. Things like forgiveness, mercy and
23 welcoming the stranger. So let's just
24 dispel some myths.

25 First, these folks are not part of

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2 some nefarious drug ring. Over 50% are
3 children, and the adults are mostly hard
4 working people fleeing persecution,
5 violence, poverty and starvation. We are
6 all heartbroken by the needless deaths
7 from fentanyl, but it is undeniably the
8 US drug industries who are responsible
9 for the opioid crisis and fentanyl is
10 being smuggled over the US border
11 primarily by US citizens.

12 Second myth, they can't collect
13 welfare.

14 Third, they pay taxes.

15 Fourth, seeking asylum is legal,
16 full stop. It can ultimately be denied,
17 but it is legal to request and you can
18 live here pending the Court's order.

19 People don't leave their homes on a
20 whim. When the flames in a burning
21 building are scorching your back, you
22 jump out of the building, you are
23 essentially pushed out. Most of us can't
24 imagine the horrors these folks are
25 fleeing.

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2 When I was a teenager in rural New
3 England, I worked on a tobacco farm for
4 five summers to earn money for school
5 clothes and other expenses. It was brutal
6 work, but those are the only jobs in town
7 for high school kids. I think we all know
8 that neither your teenagers nor mine will
9 likely be filling essential farming jobs
10 on Long Island.

11 As I've gotten older, my notion of
12 neighborhood has expanded, and with that,
13 God has also gotten bigger for me. If you
14 are a believer, let your notion of
15 neighborhood and God get bigger, not
16 smaller. If you're an ethical humanist,
17 likewise, let your notion of neighborhood
18 and the family of humankind expand, not
19 contract. As a nation and as a community,
20 we all need to be less small.

21 Thank you.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:

23 Richard Clolery.

24 MR. CLOLERY: I come to you, members
25 of the Legislature, with something that

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2 could potentially harm or destroy our
3 county if no action is done about it.
4 This is a trifecta, a triple threat.

5 The first problem that Nassau County
6 has to face is obviously transportation,
7 not just public transportation, But we
8 need improvement in traffic law because
9 we have been having accidents left,
10 right, center. Not just drivers, but
11 passengers, families and especially
12 pedestrians. It's because drivers are
13 being distracted, drunk or treating our
14 roads like it's their personal Audubon.
15 Does anyone know what the Autobahn is?

16 Not only that, but we need more
17 sidewalks so that people can walk safely.
18 The main roads have them, but not all of
19 our roads. When people encounter streets
20 without sidewalks, they are at the mercy
21 of the driver who may be drunk or
22 distracted. I will let you figure out
23 what happens next.

24 Speaking of drivers, you, the
25 Legislature, claim that you care about

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2 them. That's interesting considering the
3 number of sinkholes we've been having
4 lately. Among other things, such as
5 broken signals so that people who walk or
6 ride or drive safely.

7 Another thing is housing. I've been
8 noticing that luxury apartments have been
9 going up. But what about affordable
10 housing for ordinary people like myself
11 who work for a living?

12 Finally, I want to talk to you about
13 prices. Everything is going up through
14 the roof now. Not just gas, which fuels
15 our cars, which fuels our economy. But
16 ordinary things like food, rent, used
17 cars, the things that make life possible
18 here on the island. I would like to know
19 what you, members of the Legislature, are
20 going to do about it. I would appreciate
21 response. So what are you guys going to
22 do about it?

23 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Thank
24 you, Richard.

25 MR. CLOLERY: I'm not done. One more

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2 thing.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Okay.
4 Sure.

5 MR. CLOLERY: Our bus system needs a
6 huge increase in funding from the County.
7 Current funding levels can only maintain
8 the bus service as it is right now, which
9 includes bus lines that were cut a long
10 time ago. This is completely unfair to
11 those who depend on those lines to get to
12 where they need to be.

13 When I went to the last bus meeting,
14 they keep on talking about flex rides
15 that could potentially replace the bus
16 lines that were cut. However, they only
17 service certain areas, not areas that
18 need the most like East Meadow.

19 We need the Legislature to step up
20 and increase funding for the buses so
21 that everyone can enjoy this county.

22 Please, Before I go, I would like to
23 reply to my speech and to let me know
24 what you think and to acknowledge me.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Thank

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2 you, Richard. And as you know, this is an
3 opportunity for for you to address us.

4 It's not never been a question and answer
5 period. But we do appreciate your
6 comments and we hear them.

7 MR. CLOLERY: All right.

8 (Whereupon, applause.)

9 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Okay.
10 Next speaker is Otto Schroeder.

11 MR. SCHROEDER: Yes. Good afternoon,
12 everybody. My name is Otto Schroeder from
13 Mineola.

14 I have questions about the red light
15 cameras. And this, probably most of the
16 drivers or all the drivers in Nassau
17 County should be concerned.

18 What is the main purpose of the red
19 light camera? Does anybody know?

20 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Just
21 ask --

22 MR. SCHROEDER: I'm just asking the
23 question. So just remember that. Okay?

24 Now, who benefits from the red light
25 camera violation? Is it the driver or the

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2 county who received the money? What does
3 the driver get? It doesn't solve any
4 safety issues because I've talked to a
5 few people, and what happens is three
6 weeks later, he gets a notification. And
7 guess what? He committed the violation
8 two or three other times before he gets
9 the notification.

10 So it's a safety issue, but nobody
11 knows what they basically have done. What
12 are the rules and regulations? I don't
13 know. I went one inch over the line. I
14 didn't know one inch is going to get me a
15 violation, but it did.

16 There's a big time lapse, like I
17 said, before somebody gets notified and
18 that's a big safety issue because you can
19 keep doing that violation. Plus, the
20 money where it's being used, it sounded
21 like the money raising issue. Whoever
22 sold you this probably didn't tell you
23 what the negatives were. Just a part of
24 it. Yes. You can make money. You can make
25 money with a printing press also. Okay.

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2 So I think it should be looked into
3 because it doesn't resolve the issue of
4 the person making a violations.

5 There's another situation. I
6 discussed this with a highly reputable
7 county court judge, and he asked me, you
8 know, what was my concerns. I told them
9 the red light issue is a scam or a
10 scheme. He looked at me and he said I was
11 right. Now, this is a respected retired
12 judge. If anybody wants his name call me
13 to the side, I will not tell you here.
14 But that's what his feeling is about
15 this. It does not help the drivers.

16 Now you can resolve this. Collect
17 the money, have them attend that driver's
18 education program, either online or
19 through AARP or anything. Then you're
20 educating the person; otherwise, you're
21 left in the dark.

22 Thank you very much for hearing my
23 issues.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Thank
25 you, Mr. Schroeder.

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2 Susan Gottehrer.

3 MS. GOTTEHRER: Good afternoon. If
4 everybody could stand who is in support
5 of the immigrant community and asylum
6 seekers.

7 (Whereupon, people in
8 support stand.)

9 MS. GOTTEHRER: My name is Susan
10 Gottehrer. I'm the director of the Nassau
11 County New York Civil Liberties Union.
12 It's good to see everybody again.

13 I'm here to address some of the
14 unwelcoming statements recently made
15 regarding asylum seekers and Nassau
16 County.

17 Immigrants who have come into this
18 country in search of better circumstances
19 should be greeted with compassion and
20 support, not shunned and stigmatized. It
21 is deeply shameful that rather than
22 welcoming new Americans to our local
23 community, our county executive chooses
24 to shut the door. Let me remind you and
25 Mr. Blakeman, that any formal attempts to

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2 exclude immigrants from the county would
3 be unconstitutional. As a federal court
4 in the Southern District of New York
5 recently found, formalizing prohibitions
6 on transports from New York City would
7 likely violate the Constitution and
8 federal civil law. And the 14th Amendment
9 also prohibits the government from
10 discrimination against people because
11 they were born outside the country or
12 lack citizenship.

13 New York State has always been a
14 destination for people coming to the
15 United States to build new lives, and the
16 state has a long tradition of welcoming
17 immigrants. Immigrants make up nearly a
18 quarter of our state's population and
19 contribute to our communities in
20 significant and often under appreciated
21 ways.

22 The spirit of Mr. Blakeman's
23 statements are also out of touch with the
24 traditions and values of our state and of
25 our county. They are certain to generate

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2 hostility, bias and even violence against
3 new immigrants, as well as residents of
4 the county who may be perceived as new
5 immigrants.

6 I'm not sure why this simple fact
7 can't be grasped and has never been
8 grasped by so many people. When you
9 support and embrace people, they become
10 invested and productive in their
11 communities and that is what creates
12 public safety. And the argument about
13 limited resources does not fly. When it
14 comes to over investing in some places,
15 there doesn't seem to be a problem. But
16 when it comes to investing in human
17 beings, you're okay with already
18 underserved communities remaining
19 underserved. This creates a divide and
20 conquer problem among our most
21 underserved communities. And you have
22 more than enough money dedicated to
23 policing and incarceration, but you don't
24 have money for housing and schools in
25 some areas that badly need it.

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2 Nassau County doesn't seem to
3 understand the root causes of public
4 safety. Not addressing them when somebody
5 grabs somebody out of a car, but
6 addressing them where they're really
7 needed so that everybody in this county
8 is getting what they need financially.

9 So get your fiscal priorities
10 straight and your values straight before
11 you talk to us about not having enough
12 resources for people coming into the
13 county.

14 Thank you.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Daniel
16 Daly.

17 MR. DALY: Good afternoon, ladies
18 and gentlemen. Thank you for hearing me.
19 I'm going to make this succinct.

20 I don't like living in a basically
21 lawless society. I work. I drive about
22 150 miles a day. South shore to north
23 shore. And probably for the last two
24 years, I'm seeing nothing and I mean
25 nothing but blowing red lights, blowing

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2 stop signs. They're ignoring them. I
3 look at these people. They gave me the
4 finger when I beep at them. These people
5 are making rights on reds when there's
6 clearly a sign saying no, turn on red and
7 there's even cameras there like the other
8 gentleman said. There's no punishment.

9 Now, what about putting cameras
10 inside of stop signs? And say, hey, okay,
11 I get caught once, you pay a fine. Caught
12 twice or three times, you got a moving
13 violation, two points. Their insurance
14 goes up. See how fast they don't do it
15 anymore.

16 I've seen accidents too many times
17 on an everyday basis. These people don't
18 give a you know what. I see it every day.

19 Human trafficking. Human trafficking
20 is all over the United States. I'm going
21 to a meeting on Saturday morning in
22 Farmingville to address this very factor.
23 These kids are being trafficked from one
24 year to two years old to as probably as
25 high as maybe 16, 17. They get too old

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2 and they're thrown aside. The border
3 needs to be closed. No one has the guts
4 to tell Biden it's his own fault. Period.
5 No one wants to tell him.

6 The civil rights, going back to
7 Covid, were taken away. I was I was
8 kicked out of three supermarkets, banned
9 from two doctors because I wasn't wearing
10 a surgical mask. I asked him, I said,
11 okay, are you telling me that I cannot
12 have a medical service performed on me
13 without a surgical mask that has no -- it
14 doesn't work, for lack of a better word.
15 They looked at me and said, Yes. I said,
16 So it's medical tyranny. Okay, no
17 problem.

18 There's been no retaliation, nothing
19 at all for the people who lost jobs, who
20 have forced jobs like the other lady was
21 saying. What's going to happen with that?
22 I doubt it (buzzer).

23 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Mr.
24 Daly, just please sum up your remarks.
25 Your three minutes are up.

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2 MR. DALY: That's what I'm going to
3 do right now.

4 That's about it. I just wanted to
5 thank you for listening. And I'm also
6 thinking about running for either Nassau
7 County or Albany legislature in the
8 assembly, because basically, I'm at the
9 end of my rope. I'm done. Thank you.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Okay.
11 Tori Cohen, Long Island Alzheimer's.

12 MS. COHEN: Hello. Good afternoon.
13 I'm Tori Cohen and I'm the Executive
14 Director of the Long Island Alzheimer's
15 and Dementia Center, which is located
16 just down the street in Westbury. We're a
17 hands-on program and services for people
18 that are dealing with Alzheimer's disease
19 and other forms of dementia.

20 I'm here today to let you all know
21 that we are writing to urge the Nassau
22 County Legislature to bring the Chesnel
23 Veillard Program to the floor for
24 approval. For everyone to know, the baby
25 boom generation has begun to reach age 65

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2 and beyond the age range at the greatest
3 risk for Alzheimer's disease. In fact,
4 the oldest members of the baby boom
5 generation turned 74 in 2020. As
6 America's first suburb home to the
7 original baby boomers, it should come as
8 no surprise that nearly 20% of Nassau
9 County residents will be over 60 by the
10 year 2040. The population of Nassau
11 residents between ages 55 and 64 has
12 increased 48% since 2000. Yet despite
13 this, Nassau County is behind the curve
14 when it comes to addressing many of the
15 challenges of helping people at this
16 population age in place. Nassau County's
17 current project Lifesaver Integration
18 with the Silver Alert System is a
19 powerful tool for protecting the safety
20 and welfare of those who are cognitively
21 impaired; however, the \$325 enrollment
22 fee is cost prohibitive for many
23 families. The Chesnel Veillard Program
24 would bridge this gap for these families
25 and make it possible for them to receive

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2 this type of bracelet, which is super,
3 super important for this population,
4 because every day there is someone that's
5 diagnosed with this disease, as we say,
6 every 65 seconds, and we always seem to
7 hear about someone who's lost. And for
8 that family, that is possibly the worst
9 thing that could happen to them when
10 you're already dealing with a disease
11 that's really not a 24 hour disease, it's
12 a 36 hour disease.

13 So we are respectfully calling upon
14 the Nassau County Legislature to include
15 the Chesnel Veillard Program in this
16 floor for discussion. We further request
17 that the Legislature approve funding for
18 this program in the upcoming budget cycle
19 so that families such as these living in
20 Nassau County as well at our center, have
21 the potential to be able to receive these
22 life saving technologies.

23 Thank you very much.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Thank
25 you, Miss Cohen.

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2 Susan Hansen and Patrick Wynne. They
3 asked to be called up together.

4 MS. HANSEN: This is my third time
5 before you in three months. If you
6 recall, I mentioned that a civic group,
7 New York Citizens Audit, obtained state
8 and county voter registration data via
9 the Freedom of Information Act. After an
10 extensive analysis, they notified
11 numerous government officials of their
12 findings, which have been ignored,
13 criticized and even vilified with few
14 exceptions.

15 Their reported 2022 election
16 findings include 35,000 more votes than
17 voters who voted. What does that mean?
18 You see, after an election, New York
19 State reports the official vote count,
20 but your voter registration record shows
21 your voting history by date. The sum of
22 everyone who voted in 2022 should match
23 the 2022 vote count; it does not. For
24 some inexplicable reason, there were an
25 extra 35,000 votes. Over 48,000 voter

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2 registrations had a blank address. These
3 records should not even be in the
4 database. And yet, based on their voter
5 history, over 16,000 voted.

6 There is more, much more. But the
7 good news is that New York Citizens Audit
8 has already done much of the work
9 necessary to identify some of the
10 problems. Their analysis is the type of
11 work the Board of Education should be
12 doing to ensure the integrity of our
13 elections. But this is just a start.
14 Identifying the problems was difficult
15 enough. Acknowledging, fixing, and
16 preventing them in the future will be the
17 real challenge.

18 In August, New York Citizens Audit
19 submitted their evidence to New York
20 State. The State's response was to tell
21 you and others: Do not talk to New York
22 Citizens Audit. My suggestion for you is
23 to request from the New York State Board
24 of Elections the subset of Nassau data
25 they received showing voter

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2 irregularities. Then you can verify the
3 evidence with your own county database.
4 As logical as this sounds, I suspect they
5 will deny your request. Hopefully, I'm
6 wrong. I am skeptical because when New
7 York Citizens Audit foiled for the
8 transaction logs, reflecting an audit
9 trail of changes to the database, they
10 were denied.

11 I am skeptical because when ordinary
12 citizens attempt to present their
13 grievances, they are often ignored or
14 worse, slandered. That is why I am
15 appealing to you today, this legislative
16 body at the county level, to listen here
17 and respond to the voice of ordinary
18 citizens, the people you represent.
19 Everyone can visit the website
20 AuditNY.com for more details.

21 MR. WYNNE: Good afternoon. My name
22 is Patrick Wynne, Nesconset, Suffolk
23 County. I've been a resident of the state
24 of New York for most of my life.

25 In the September 11, 2023,

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2 publication of the *Epoch Times* newspaper
3 is an article titled "Watchdog Discovers
4 Thousands of Unexplained Changes in
5 Florida Voter Rolls". One of the more
6 encouraging things in this article is the
7 dialogue that takes place between the
8 Florida Citizens Audit Group and the Palm
9 Beach County Supervisor of Elections.
10 Here in the great state of New York, we
11 have seen nothing like this. We have what
12 we have seen is the vilification of
13 honest citizens by the New York State
14 Board of Elections, co-executive
15 directors. We have been referred to by
16 these co-executive directors as bad
17 actors who create malicious claims to
18 feed a false narrative predicated on the
19 fictional analysis of voter data.

20 I ask a question of the members of
21 the Nassau County Legislature: Is it
22 fictional that Westchester County scanned
23 in over half a million blank ballots in
24 the 2022 general election? If it were, it
25 shouldn't be on the New York State Board

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2 of Elections website located under
3 revision history for the 2022 general
4 election and available to anyone who may
5 care to look. And you may ask why honest
6 citizens would bother to look. In
7 *Federalist Paper 39*, Publius gives us an
8 answer: It is essential to such a
9 government, a republic, that it be
10 derived from the great body of the
11 society, not from an inconsiderable
12 proportion of a favored class. Otherwise,
13 a handful of tyrannical nobles exercising
14 their oppressions by a delegation of
15 their powers might aspire to the rank of
16 Republicans and claim for their
17 government the honorable title of
18 Republic. It is sufficient for such a
19 government that the persons administering
20 it be appointed either directly or
21 indirectly by the great body of the
22 people, and that they hold their
23 appointments during pleasure for a
24 limited period during good behavior.
25 Otherwise, every government of the United

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2 States, as well as every other popular
3 government that has been or can be well
4 organized or well executed would be
5 degraded from the Republican character.

6 Any agency of the government created
7 indirectly through legislators or
8 directly by the people themselves are
9 answerable to the people".

10 The discoveries of numerous
11 violations of election law, as well as
12 irregularities in the voter rolls
13 provided by the New York State Board of
14 Elections, are most certainly not the
15 result of a fictional analysis, and one
16 has to wonder why these co executive
17 directors would want to create a hostile
18 relationship between honest citizens
19 looking for answers to legitimate
20 questions, and a government agency
21 mandated with the responsibility to
22 validate, certify and maintain an
23 accurate and auditable record of
24 elections.

25 No honest citizen would call the

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2 behavior of these bureaucrats good and
3 the creation of hostility rather than
4 honest, forthright dialogue can only
5 serve to indicate good reason for our
6 suspicion, and is why we must insist that
7 the Resolution for an audit of the 2022
8 general election for both paper and
9 electronic records be signed and adopted
10 by your County Legislature.

11 Thank you.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: All
13 right. Thank you.

14 Pearl Jacobs.

15 MS. JACOBS: Pearl Jacobs,
16 Uniondale.

17 I have here: "20-year-old woman
18 killed, two others critically injured in
19 Rockville Centre crash"; that was this
20 morning, 4:25 a.m. Sunday evening, same
21 roadway, Rockville Centre, Peninsula
22 Boulevard, "two killed, three badly hurt
23 in separate Sunday crashes on Peninsula
24 Boulevard in Rockville Centre".

25 I have a home in Queens, so I

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2 receive a local paper. And here, *Queens*
3 *News*, it says, "Speed cameras, lower
4 traffic injuries - Department of
5 Transportation; one year into 24/7
6 surveillance, fatalities are down by
7 25%", because they implement Vision Zero.

8 There were 74,683 crashes on Long
9 Island in 2022; 35,748 in Suffolk; and
10 38,935 in Nassau, according to the
11 preliminary statistics maintained by the
12 University at Albany based Traffic Study
13 Institute. Of those crashes, 80 were
14 killed and 14,514 were injured in Nassau
15 County. Southern State Parkway is one of
16 Long Island's deadliest roadways, and now
17 a state trooper has been assaulted by a
18 drunken driver.

19 Our residential roads, our tertiary
20 roads, have now become speedways with
21 reckless and drunk drivers now crashing
22 into residential homes. What is your plan
23 of action to put a stop to the out of
24 control, drunken, drugged and reckless
25 driving in Nassau County as this is now a

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2 crisis?

3 As I said at the last meeting here,
4 speed cameras are needed on Jerusalem
5 Avenue, a roadway where a young student
6 lost his life over 20 years ago. Speeding
7 and reckless driving along this roadway
8 has always been a problem, and now it is
9 much worse. At last February's political
10 forum, hosted by the Uniondale PTA,
11 students who attend Turtle Hook Middle
12 School spoke about the concern for their
13 safety as they cross this dangerous
14 roadway. They also asked for additional
15 crossing guards on Jerusalem Avenue. At
16 night, Jerusalem Avenue becomes a raceway
17 with cars racing along this long stretch
18 of roadway at upwards 80-90mph. Residents
19 whose homes are located on Jerusalem
20 Avenue complained not only of the
21 speeding, but of the excessive noise.

22 Again, please do the right thing and
23 put the safety of constituents first.
24 Camera technology has proven to reduce
25 traffic accidents and save lives.

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2 Again, a shout out to Assemblywoman
3 Solages for stepping up, putting Nassau
4 County residents lives first and taking
5 action against the reckless driving
6 crisis here in Nassau County.

7 And concerning the County
8 Executive's \$4 billion budget, as a
9 resident of Uniondale an underserved
10 community where residents are taxed,
11 poorly represented, receive no investment
12 and never mind our deteriorating
13 infrastructure, we cannot even get our
14 streets swept. Let's just call this what
15 it is Taxation without representation.

16 As for veterans, they really do
17 matter.

18 DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL:
19 Please sum up.

20 MS. JACOBS: I'm going to sum up.
21 Just give me a minute, please.

22 Thank you. I appreciate it. As for
23 our veterans, they really do not matter.
24 They fought for our country. Many died
25 for our country. And they do not receive

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2 the basic necessities: Decent shelter,
3 mental healthcare and healthy food
4 options. Many of our veterans suffer from
5 mental health issues and wander aimlessly
6 through Nassau County. Where's the
7 outreach? Many of our seniors, especially
8 seniors of color, are residing in senior
9 residence that are unsafe, unhealthy and
10 crime ridden. Will this proposed \$4
11 billion budget address these long
12 standing inequities? I would say not.

13 Thank you.

14 DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All
15 right.

16 Cheryl Keshner, the Long Island
17 Language Advocates Coalition.

18 MS. KESHNER: Good afternoon. My
19 name is Cheryl Keshner. I'm the
20 coordinator of the Long Island Language
21 Advocates Coalition, reading a statement
22 on behalf of LILAC.

23 We call upon Nassau County Executive
24 Bruce Blakeman and the Nassau County
25 Legislature, to begin responsible and

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2 humane planning for any possible increase
3 in the number of newly arrived immigrants
4 being relocated from the southern border
5 to the New York metropolitan area,
6 including Nassau County.

7 We condemn recent statements made by
8 the County Executive in which he made it
9 clear that Nassau County would not
10 welcome immigrant newcomers. Such
11 statements are divisive and are anathema
12 to the County's values of compassion and
13 care. It is essential that Nassau County
14 recognize the humanity of all immigrants,
15 including those who are legally asking
16 for asylum, and that we greet them with
17 kindness, inclusion and solidarity.
18 Anything else is cruel and will foster a
19 climate of fear and hatred within our
20 communities.

21 Contrary to the belief that
22 receiving and supporting immigrants will
23 undermine public safety, it is the very
24 act of forcing them into the shadows with
25 no means for employment, schooling,

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2 housing or healthcare that creates unsafe
3 conditions.

4 While many new immigrants may seek
5 out their own network of support, the
6 County must ensure that the necessary
7 resources are accessible to newcomers in
8 the appropriate language and that
9 children and their families are not
10 prevented from enrolling in school or in
11 essential healthcare, housing or
12 nutrition programs.

13 We urge Nassau County to foster a
14 positive plan for long term economic and
15 social integration instead of embracing a
16 strategy of rejection, divisiveness and
17 unsteadiness which will create
18 generational trauma and negative impacts
19 for years to come.

20 Immigrants are not to be feared.
21 They are the fabric of our society and
22 contribute to our economy and to the
23 vibrancy of our culture. Many are
24 essential workers who have cared for the
25 infirm, who have grown prepared and

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2 delivered our food, who have worked in
3 factories and construction, who are
4 entrepreneurs, teachers, doctors and
5 lawyers. There is no reason to believe
6 that a new generation of immigrants will
7 make any less of a contribution as long
8 as we allow them the opportunity to
9 succeed.

10 The County Executive's job is to
11 plan to handle unforeseen contingencies
12 safely and efficiently. By refusing to do
13 so, he is shirking his job
14 responsibilities. Many organizations on
15 Long Island, many of which are here, have
16 stated that they are ready to assist
17 newcomers, and Governor Hochul has stated
18 that she has set aside \$1 billion to
19 assist municipalities in this endeavor.

20 Instead of politically posturing, we
21 call on County Executive Blakeman and the
22 Nassau County Legislature to work
23 cooperatively with state and county
24 agencies and nonprofits and to do their
25 job in a way that will allow for a

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2 healthy integration of new and productive
3 immigrants into our country and to our
4 county.

5 Lastly, I do want to also remind you
6 that it's been ten years since Nassau
7 County made a promise to provide language
8 access at county agencies, including
9 interpretation and translation. And the
10 County has failed to keep that promise.
11 Now is the time for the County to live up
12 to its responsibilities.

13 Thank you.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Meta
15 J. Mereday.

16 MS. MEREDAY: Where does one begin?
17 \$4 billion Budget. Talk about hysterical.
18 We're still trying to figure out what
19 happened with the \$3 billion budget.

20 I stand here and I'm glad that
21 someone brought up the point with regard
22 to the veterans services because I read
23 this nice little piece in *The Herald* by
24 Mr. Ruderman about improving operations
25 at the Medical Center. And I stood before

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2 this Body on numerous occasions
3 addressing resources that could be very
4 insightful, impactful and most
5 importantly, helpful to our thousands of
6 underserved veterans in Nassau County. He
7 writes that we brace for a nearly \$1
8 billion reduction in aid to close payment
9 gaps for those who can't afford medical
10 care. And in many cases, those are our
11 veterans.

12 But again, it keeps falling on deaf
13 ears because it seems that the further
14 embarrassment that's become a global
15 situation, when you have your former
16 commander in chief who is under four
17 indictments and, well, 91 Causes of
18 Action. It's just ridiculous. And then
19 you have read *Newsday* where you see that
20 your County Executive's name is in lights
21 and the rest of you are maybe, you know,
22 two points. So what is this? The B and B
23 and the Etcetera Show? I'm not sure.

24 But for \$4 billion, it's a lot of
25 money to not invest in the communities

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2 that need it the most. We had a
3 presentation the other night at one of
4 the community meetings where we have the
5 police officers that were like, Hey, you
6 get before your legislative body, tell
7 them we need more than the one police
8 radar trailer, particularly in the First
9 Precinct -- I don't know if the other
10 precincts have any -- to address the
11 speed that the speed traps and issues
12 that are killing our residents as Pearl
13 and Richard and others have mentioned,
14 that's something we need to address.

15 But again, with regard to our
16 veterans and the lack of support services
17 we need to do a better job. And I haven't
18 seen anything upcoming in this budget.
19 Speaking to that, I would hate to bring a
20 news crew, a national news crew, to our
21 hard working Veteran Service Officer
22 office location because they would be
23 appalled at the conditions that they have
24 to operate in, the Yeoman's job that they
25 do, but the conditions they operate in,

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2 we need to do better.

3 We have a facility -- the State is
4 saying that they've had money. The
5 federal government clearly has money. We
6 have a budget gap. I don't understand
7 what the problem is. Actually, I do
8 understand what the problem is. But the
9 voters in this county need to basically
10 wake up and rise up because the issues
11 that are pertaining to all of us, whether
12 it's immigrants who are here (buzzer) --
13 and I will sum up and others were given
14 the opportunity to do so -- those that
15 were brought here by choice or by force,
16 they're here. And if there's an
17 opportunity for us to do better, I would
18 think it would need to start with those
19 men and women who gave their lives on a
20 variety of battlefields and are dying in
21 droves as we speak. You know, again, I
22 know I'm just speaking to the crowd and
23 someone may be listening with their
24 popcorn and Pepsi because Meta J. Mereday
25 is standing here with my five herniated

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2 discs and in a back brace. But if I have
3 to continue to do that until we do
4 actually affect some change and address
5 some issues.

6 Finally, a budget that's going to,
7 yes, rightfully so, increase the number
8 of police officers that we have on the
9 street. But has anybody counted the
10 number of officers that have to ride in
11 the same broken down cars that they
12 operate in? And we need to get, as I
13 said, can we please get one more Police
14 Radar trailer in the First Precinct, and
15 maybe the other seven?

16 And again, let's think about our
17 veterans.

18 Salute to all those who died on 911.
19 And let's also remember our World Trade
20 Center first responders like myself.
21 Thank you. And I'll take my seat.

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2 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: We
3 need a motion to suspend the rules. It's
4 going to be necessary for the Chodkowski
5 settlement, which will be going through
6 Rules and the Full Legislature later.

7 So moved by Legislator Walker,
8 seconded by Deputy Presiding Officer
9 Kopel, all those in favor of suspending
10 the Rules signify by saying, "Aye".

11 (Whereupon, all members of
12 the Full Legislature respond in
13 favor with, "Aye".)

14 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Those
15 opposed?

16 (Whereupon, no verbal
17 response.)

18 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: The
19 Rules are suspended.
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3 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Now we
4 are moving on to the Consent Calendar.
5 These are items that went through
6 Committees a couple of weeks ago, and
7 it's been agreed by the majority and
8 minority that no further debate and
9 discussion is needed on these items at
10 this time:

11 Item five, Ordinance 53, Item six,
12 Ordinance 54; Item seven, Ordinance 55;
13 Item eight, Ordinance 56; Item nine,
14 Ordinance 57; Item 10, Ordinance 58; Item
15 11; Ordinance 59; Item 12, Ordinance 60;
16 Item 13, Resolution 178; Item 15,
17 Resolution 180; Item 16, Resolution 181;
18 Item 17, Resolution 182; Item 18,
19 Resolution 183; Item 19, Resolution 184;
20 Item 20, Resolution 185; Item 22,
21 Resolution 187; Item 23, Resolution 188;
22 Item 24, Resolution 189; Item 25,
23 Resolution 190; Item 26, Resolution 191.

24 Motion by Minority Leader Abrahams,
25 seconded by Legislator Ford.

Any debate or discussion among the
legislators?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
Hearing none. All in favor of the
consent item signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of
the Full Legislature respond in
favor with, "Aye".)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Those
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: They
carry unanimously.

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3 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: So now
4 we're going to Calendar 14, Resolution
5 179. It is a Resolution approving an
6 Amendment via Memorandum of Understanding
7 to the Collective Bargaining Agreement
8 Between the County of Nassau and the
9 Civil Service Employees Association.

10 Motion by Deputy Presiding Officer
11 Kopel, seconded by Minority Leader
12 Abrahams. That puts the Item before us,
13 and I'll turn the floor over to the
14 Administration.

15 MR. PERSICH: Andy Persich, Office
16 of Management and Budget.

17 The item before you is an MOU with
18 the CSEA Union which is a deal that:

19 - terms over 13 years that provides
20 general wage increases between 2 and 3%
21 over the term of the agreement;.

22 - It also provides a \$3,000 sign on
23 bonus for some full time employees. In
24 addition, employees with 15 years of
25 service or more will get \$2,000 stipend;

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2 - There was a change in the health
3 coverage to NYSHIP Excelsior;.

4 - It provides between 4 and 6
5 million for a healthcare reimbursement
6 account to help offset some of the costs
7 that employees might have from the switch
8 in the benefit;.

9 - It also, which is the big ticket
10 item, it fixes unfreeze wages for the
11 most part to the college chart in a
12 staged fashion. It will be 60% in 2024,
13 and it'll be 100% in 2026. So we've
14 actually restored the chart back to the
15 pre NIFA wage freeze;

16 - It also provides vesting for 20
17 years of service. Now you now have to
18 vest for 20 years of service starting in
19 2026.

20 - It eliminates two vacation days
21 for the period of 2024 to 2026. That
22 provides savings in the contract;

23 - The daily workday will increase
24 from 6.75 to 7 hours;

25 - termination will be capped at one

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2 and a half times base salary;

3 - Emergency leave is capped at four
4 days;

5 It was a long, arduous process. I
6 will say that much. Both sides. As with
7 every negotiation, nobody gets everything
8 that they want. But we believe this is a
9 fair and equitable deal that fits within
10 the County's financial structure. It also
11 provides better wages for our employees,
12 which has been one of the major concerns
13 that we've heard from this Body and from
14 the Union and from people around here. So
15 it's a very, very good, fair deal.

16 There's some things that people are going
17 to like and some things they aren't going
18 to like. To the point that this
19 agreement is is sound and is long, it
20 provides a good stable base, which is the
21 primary function of civil service, is to
22 keep government running in the absence of
23 who's ever elected or anything else. They
24 have the key role to make this place run.
25 So it is a fair deal that I think based

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2 on the vote of the Union and how it came
3 out, I think it's a fair and equitable
4 deal to both the CSEA and to the County.

5 I'm here to field any questions that
6 you may have. I know it's a short
7 synopsis, but I'm sure there's going to
8 be some questions that you may have.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: I know
10 that a number of the people here who will
11 be speaking in a moment are concerned
12 about the retirement health benefits and
13 the change in the service requirement
14 from ten years to 20 years effective June
15 29, 2026. Question for you is: How did
16 that provision work its way into the
17 contract?

18 MR. PERSICH: It was a joint
19 bargaining thing between us and the
20 Union. And that's really I mean, they
21 came, and we agreed to it. Because the
22 fact that we have CSEA members who want
23 to get short term benefits for a short
24 term career, that's great. This
25 lengthened it. But we also monetize them.

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2 And like I said in the beginning, the
3 purpose is not to make short term careers
4 here, it's to make long term careers
5 here. So I think a 20 year vesting -- and
6 it's been changed in the past, just so
7 we're aware, it has gone up and
8 accelerated in other in other years. So
9 this is just another means. In order to
10 get the wages up, we had to manipulate
11 numbers and that's how this worked and
12 that's how we got there.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: The
14 information that we were provided was
15 that Mr. Dellaverson, who is counsel
16 retained by NIFA for labor negotiations,
17 insisted that this provision be in the
18 contract, which is the reason why it
19 wound up in this final agreement.

20 MR. PERSICH: We worked with him
21 hand in hand because this is the way
22 we've done it in the past, because it's
23 just the path to get it through NIFA. But
24 no, it wasn't wasn't his adamant concern.
25 It was negotiated between the two parties

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2 and we agreed to it because it provided a
3 level of savings that would provide a
4 better chart. They're getting a credit
5 for something that they didn't have in
6 the past. Wasn't insisting, it was a
7 negotiated thing.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Any
9 legislators have questions?

10 Legislator Drucker.

11 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you,
12 Presiding Officer.

13 Andy, how much money in dollars will
14 the County be realizing by switching from
15 the Empire to the Excelsior Plan over the
16 course of the contract?

17 MR. PERSICH: Over the course? Just
18 give me one second. It's a rather
19 significant number (perusing). About \$210
20 Million. I had two numbers in my head for
21 retiree health benefits in total, but a
22 total of \$210 Million over the 13 years.

23 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: And does that
24 factor in the additional revenue as a
25 result of the increase in co-pays that

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2 the members will have to pay?

3 MR. PERSICH: That's what the HRA
4 was set up for. There's an HRA component
5 to help offset any additional costs that
6 an employee might have as a result of the
7 switch in the plan.

8 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Okay, so you
9 just used the words, "we had to
10 manipulate the numbers". Would you talk
11 about --

12 MR. PERSICH: Maybe I should
13 rephrase that. We calculated the numbers
14 to come up with a savings to make sure
15 that we conform to the pattern that we're
16 we're required to do, which, in fairness,
17 if I had to do this again, pattern
18 bargaining is easier because you have to
19 realize that when you're negotiating,
20 everybody wants more. And that's just the
21 term, for lack of a better thing, that's
22 what unions are here to do. And
23 management is to say no, so it's part of
24 the negotiating process. But it's a
25 calculated number that we calculated to

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2 fit in. The wages were the problem here.
3 And in order to do that, we had to come
4 up with a different solution. And that's
5 how we did it. There's a couple of
6 things. It's common in some of the other
7 union agreements. There was things that
8 were good and bad, and this is one of the
9 things that we came up with that I think
10 both sides agreed to.

11 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Okay.

12 I'm going to let my colleagues ask
13 questions, too. I don't want to
14 monopolize.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
16 Legislator Bynoe.

17 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you,
18 Presiding Officer.

19 Hi, Mr. Persich. I have a question
20 regarding how you arrived at some of
21 those salaries. Was there a comparative
22 study done in terms of interfacing with
23 other municipalities to determine
24 salaries that are being paid locally or
25 regionally?

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2 MR. PERSICH: No, we didn't do that.
3 Every municipality is going to have a
4 different wage based on the size of their
5 budgets and everything else. But what we
6 did is when we looked at the size of the
7 increases by fixing the OAOB chart, which
8 is the term, we're centralizing or
9 simplifying this the step charts and
10 we're giving the employees a very fair
11 and equitable deal.

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Fair and
13 equitable --

14 MR. PERSICH: In the sense of what
15 could fit into our budget and how we
16 could do this. Look, we can if we start
17 selectively picking out positions and
18 everything else, this negotiation would
19 have went on forever. There are some
20 positions that sometimes we will do side
21 MOUs or MOAs, we will do that post that.
22 But I think when you look at what the
23 increases are, you will see that it's a
24 very, very fair deal to the employees and
25 to the County too, because we can afford

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2 to fit that into what we're getting as
3 far as a credit on the other side of it.

4 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Right. But my
5 concern is being competitive, right?
6 Because we have routinely said that we
7 have challenges being able to expand our
8 workforce and bring some things in-house
9 versus having these things provided
10 through private professional services
11 contracts. Case in point, I know we were
12 trying to make sure that a lot of the IT
13 work, especially in the day and age of
14 being concerned with cyber security, that
15 we could bolster that department would be
16 actualized by way of being competitive.
17 There were some other departments that we
18 found out weren't so competitive either
19 in terms of the salaries; therefore, we
20 were unable to hire in those positions.

21 You did not spend any time to
22 determine whether these increases to
23 those salaries would bring
24 competitiveness?

25 MR. PERSICH: To the point, did we

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2 go out and say, what's Suffolk making
3 compared to us? No, we did not. But we
4 came up with a solution that would
5 provide wages that I think were fair to
6 the employee that was overwhelmingly
7 approved by the Union itself. And I think
8 a lot of the things we were doing were
9 very messy when we did these things by
10 doing waivers and everything else. But if
11 you look at what the average ranges for
12 the increases -- look, we can't afford to
13 pay people. I'm going to use a number, \$1
14 million, because I'm sure everybody wants
15 to make the most. But we had to fit it in
16 to what we could actually budgetarily
17 afford.

18 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I hear you. The
19 excuse then of coming back to this Body,
20 when we asked those questions of you, of
21 of the Administration, into the future
22 when we can't hire in these positions,
23 that, we can't compete with Suffolk or we
24 can't compete with other parts of the
25 region is going to fall flat with me

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2 because this is when our Administration
3 should have been doing that work. And you
4 can rebut or --

5 MR. PERSICH: Maybe the better way
6 to answer is, I don't think, and I think
7 our Union representation will tell you
8 that I think we're not far off from some
9 of the Suffolk numbers, which is probably
10 our biggest competitor. If that's what
11 you want to call it, our neighboring
12 county. I think when you look at what
13 we're paying in our wages compared to
14 them -- we looked at this many years ago.
15 But the point is, is that certain
16 positions, we couldn't just selectively
17 pick out what positions. There are other
18 positions that are going up rather high.
19 And there's some positions that are
20 actually, you know, fair and equitable.
21 And I think to your point, I think we
22 have to wait and see right now to see if
23 that holds true. But I think this is
24 going to entice people to come to work in
25 Nassau County, because what we did as far

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2 as wage increases and step charts. So I
3 think it's a TBD. To say that it's it's
4 that we're not competitive with Suffolk
5 or we're not competitive with New York
6 City. We're comparing apples to oranges
7 sometimes. But I think our chart, when
8 you look at it, when you look at Suffolk
9 County, I think probably would be
10 somewhat comparable.

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Okay. I hope I'm
12 clear to what I'm saying.

13 MR. PERSICH: Your point is taken.

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And I don't put
15 that at the feet of the Union. I'm
16 putting that at the feet of the
17 Administration because you have come
18 routinely and told us that we cannot hire
19 in-house because we're not competitive.
20 And I'm saying if we went through this
21 process and the Administration did not do
22 any work to ensure that we are
23 competitive and that we can attract
24 people to come here, then shame on you
25 guys in this process. I'm making that

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2 clear in this moment.

3 And then I wanted to talk a little
4 bit about the actual healthcare component
5 of this CBA to the extent that Excelsior
6 is now going to be replacing the Empire
7 plan, correct?

8 MR. PERSICH: That is correct. We
9 are taking the entire union body and
10 putting it in there in totality.

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I spent some time
12 speaking to the Union and I had some real
13 grave concerns, as we all did. And they
14 were able to explain to us a little bit
15 about how this plan will work locally and
16 why some of the concerns and the angst
17 that was birthed out of this process by
18 some of their employees regarding
19 Excelsior was because we're actually
20 going to be the biggest bargaining unit
21 that will sign into Excelsior, and we
22 will be bringing it the largest number of
23 membership into that plan, correct?

24 MR. PERSICH: That is correct.

25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Okay. And so what

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2 I was learning was that some of the
3 employees were calling around to their
4 respective doctors and specialists, and
5 they were told, "Excelsior plan? We
6 don't have the Excelsior plan. We don't
7 know what that is". And that's because
8 there was unfamiliarity to it, because we
9 may have 1 or 2 small little bargaining
10 units that are actually in Excelsior. Is
11 that correct as well?

12 MR. PERSICH: That's correct. Okay.
13 And so we are bringing the largest number
14 of membership to Excelsior. And I spoke
15 to them about ensuring that the doctors
16 and the providers in the area that we do
17 some level of a public service
18 announcement and really do a lot around
19 awareness that this plan is available
20 under the United HealthCare umbrella
21 because because folks are calling doctors
22 and they're saying we don't accept
23 Excelsior, we don't know anything about
24 Excelsior. And so the Union has told me
25 and they identified the person within

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2 their staff that will spend a lot of time
3 and has spent some time doing some
4 marketing outreach on that. But I do
5 think some of that also will fall to the
6 burden of the County to make sure that
7 the doctors in the area know what
8 Excelsior is and that it exists and that
9 our employees, their patients, can be can
10 be serviced under that insurance plan. Is
11 that something that you have been made
12 aware of?

13 MR. PERSICH: We had extensive
14 conversations with the Union, with the
15 State on this stuff. And some of the
16 concerns that were voiced I think were
17 not really true. I think there was a lot
18 of misinformation going out there. But,
19 you know, let me just say this, and I
20 don't know what the healthcare insurance
21 world is going to look like in five years
22 from now. We're starting to see some of
23 the effects of Covid pricing and costing.
24 The downstate region in New York is
25 probably one of the most expensive places

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2 for healthcare in the state of New York.
3 Just so you're aware, there's two
4 sections of it that's downstate and
5 upstate. So I don't know what it's going
6 to look like and what the future holds as
7 far as health insurance, I do not know. I
8 mean, for all of us, the unknown is
9 there.

10 But to the fact that we were able to
11 find a plan that fit the needs
12 financially of what we were trying to do
13 with the contract was a win for both
14 sides. And I think there was some
15 givebacks that the the CSEA members will
16 be giving. But on the other side of it,
17 they were there was some financial
18 benefit as a result of that switch. So I
19 think it'll even out in the end. We are
20 contributing between 4 and \$6 Million to
21 the HRA to help offset any additional
22 costs that may be had. I was a little
23 skeptical. I'm not going to lie to you.
24 But when it all came down to it, I the
25 way it was accepted with the Union, I

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2 think told us told me something, too. So
3 I think it's a good thing for both sides
4 is what I will say.

5 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: In terms of
6 skepticism, I share in that. I don't like
7 being first. I don't buy first generation
8 anything because I want people to work
9 out kinks and I come through later and
10 sail through with a refined product. But
11 we are going into this being somewhat
12 first, especially being so large. I
13 really would like to make sure that we do
14 have some level of, you know, some real
15 eyes that are committed to being on this
16 plan to make sure that our employees
17 aren't going to fall through some gaps,
18 some gray area.

19 And I also want to make sure because
20 we are first basically to this market
21 based on the size of our union, that the
22 County also doesn't in some way have this
23 balloon. I'm told that there was some
24 actuarial services that were committed
25 to this process to make sure that we

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2 don't have something balloon at year
3 five. I'm concerned about that as a
4 fiduciary. But as an advocate for our
5 employees, I have trepidation. But 79%
6 of the Union agreed to do this. I'd like
7 to think that we're moving into something
8 that would be great for them into the
9 future. But we have to keep our eyes on
10 it. We have to have people that are
11 dedicated to keeping their eyes on how
12 this plan is functioning. And I'd like to
13 have some level of commitment on the
14 record as to how you plan to do that.

15 MR. PERSICH: Well, I believe
16 there's a stipulation or condition in
17 there that we're going to review this on
18 an annual basis with the HRA to see how
19 things are working out. Look, we're
20 trying to provide a good workplace with
21 good benefits to our employees. So we
22 don't want to see this fail. We are aware
23 that we are the largest people in there.
24 Remember, it's NYSHIP Excelsior. It's not
25 NYSHIP empire; It's NYSHIP Excelsior,

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2 which is a very similar program that I
3 believe the majority, if not all, the
4 doctors in the book are in the same book
5 of the Excelsior Plan. And keep in mind,
6 NYSHIP -- Let me just give everybody what
7 I've learned during this process is
8 something about NYSHIP that we all need
9 to be aware of. NYSHIP is more like a
10 wholesale insurance. There's the United
11 Healthcare, which is not NYSHIP, and then
12 is Blue Cross Blue Shield, which is the
13 hospitalization. What we're doing is
14 NYSHIP is just a pool of insurance that
15 they're doing, and they're administering
16 who gets what.

17 As I said earlier, I don't know what
18 health insurance is going to look like in
19 five years from now. And I think we all
20 have to be prepared that something is
21 going to change. I mean, we just can't
22 sustain this level of cost when it comes
23 to health insurance and everything else.
24 So we'll see what happens. I mean, it's
25 to be determined what's going to happen

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2 in the future. But just keep that in mind
3 that the landscape may change in the near
4 future.

5 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: What do you mean
6 by that?

7 MR. PERSICH: I'm talking about
8 financially and what I --

9 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: How it will
10 impact the County?

11 MR. PERSICH: I'm the finance guy.
12 You've got to realize, I look at it
13 through the set of glasses, how much it's
14 going to cost me. I'm not looking to
15 harm any employees or anything else.

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: That's fine. I
17 just needed to clear it up because I
18 don't want people who are listening that
19 are employees saying he's saying, we got
20 to see what it looks like in five years,
21 meaning they don't know what their plan
22 will look like. And so I just wanted to
23 clarify that.

24 One other point. The \$4 Million,
25 it's going to be set aside annually and I

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2 guess we'll be prorated something about
3 proration per month in the actual plan.
4 So I understand who's eligible, we don't
5 have any understanding how that will be
6 administered. And that's because there is
7 no administrator of that plan in the
8 moment. Correct?

9 MR. PERSICH: We are working to do
10 an RFP to get an HRA administrator in by
11 January. We have to. And that's what
12 we're going to figure out. Some of these
13 sticking points still are going to be
14 worked out of the funding, whether it's
15 single family, what you're going to get
16 is far as dollars and everything else.
17 The County will work with the CSEA
18 membership to bring that to light and
19 figure out how we're going to administer
20 the plan. But we know the number is and
21 we'll figure out determining based on the
22 population and a pool of people because
23 it fluctuates all the time. The families
24 become singles at some point. But we will
25 work to figure out the logistics of the

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2 plan of the HRA.

3 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Is that like a
4 side agreement or how does that work?

5 MR. PERSICH: No. When we when we
6 when we get an HRA administrator, we will
7 figure out. I would imagine individuals
8 -- it's like a flexible spending account,
9 but it's not. It's going to be very
10 similar to that setup is what I would
11 say.

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Is that something
13 that routinely we would have had done
14 during the negotiation?

15 MR. PERSICH: We came up with a
16 number that the County and the Union
17 agreed upon based on the population of
18 the union membership and how much we
19 thought it was going to cost to fund for
20 each individual account.

21 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And that's \$4
22 Million.

23 MR. PERSICH: Four million going to
24 5 to 6. It increases over time, which is
25 to say that sometimes costs are going to

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2 rise and we're trying to offset some of
3 those additional costs that we might see
4 in the future.

5 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Okay.

6 Then my final thing and I want to
7 close out on is Juneteenth. It appears
8 that every municipal government in the
9 region and even some public benefit
10 corporations are providing Juneteenth to
11 their employees. And there was
12 legislation that was filed back when the
13 federal government announced their
14 commitment to Juneteenth as a holiday,
15 and it was filed locally here at the
16 County. And I think we may have been
17 first to file, we might have been first
18 out of the gate. But we're sitting here
19 last and we don't have Juneteenth as a
20 holiday and this was not negotiated into
21 the CSEA contract. I'm just trying to
22 figure out why that would not have been
23 the case.

24 MR. PERSICH: What I can tell you is
25 that we'd have to go back to the other

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2 Collective Bargaining Units because we
3 can't have some with the day off and some
4 not. We can't have police communication
5 operators not and we have the Police
6 Department working. So maybe we will look
7 in the future to figure out a way that we
8 could fit this in. But right now, when we
9 were doing this contract, it was too
10 complex and it took us almost six months
11 to get here. We would have had to go back
12 and reopen the other contracts in order
13 to get --

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Well some of
15 those contracts came after.

16 MR. PERSICH: I agree.

17 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: We could have
18 started somewhere, right? And then we
19 could have worked to have MOUs for the
20 others that were settled prior to. And so
21 this is not my first time addressing this
22 Administration regarding Juneteenth. And
23 to me, it's not passing a smell test that
24 you're moving forward in good faith in an
25 effort to recognize Juneteenth. And this

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2 is something that's being celebrated
3 across this country. And you mean to tell
4 me a community that is as diverse as
5 Nassau County with unions, especially
6 CSEA that is home to many African
7 Americans. The bulk of your African
8 American population sits in that CSEA
9 bargaining unit. It's lost on me why the
10 administration would not in good faith
11 work towards putting that in and hide
12 behind the fact that other bargaining
13 units, you'd have to open it up. It's
14 just in bad taste. I feel that we could
15 have achieved this. We've achieved more
16 difficult things in this county than
17 giving folks the opportunity to have the
18 Juneteenth holiday. And so I'm not
19 accepting anything you said on the record
20 regarding that. I do appreciate
21 everything else that you stated and
22 clarified for me.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:

24 Minority Leader Abrahams.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you,

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2 Presiding Officer.

3 Andy, I have some questions on the
4 financial construction of the agreement.
5 But just to piggyback on Legislator Bynoe
6 as it pertains to Juneteenth. Obviously,
7 Juneteenth is a very significant and
8 should be acknowledged holiday that's
9 expressed all throughout the country. But
10 the county, our county, is becoming more
11 and more diverse. Legislator Lafazan in
12 the past has has basically tried to put
13 in legislation to recognize other
14 holidays such as Diwali and other
15 holidays in celebration of that cultural
16 diversity that our county has. It was
17 brought to our attention that the
18 discussion of the Juneteenth holiday
19 would be an expense to the County if we
20 were trying to recognize it on that
21 particular day. But like many
22 municipalities as well as many in the
23 private sector, they have recognized as a
24 floating holiday, which, I would think,
25 drastically reduce the expenditure. Is

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2 that the case or your discussions didn't
3 get that far or was it was hung up on
4 that particular day?

5 MR. PERSICH: It was hung up because
6 of the other CBAs or MOUs that we had in
7 place. Again, I'm going to say we
8 couldn't give to one without the other.
9 It was an arduous process, which I'm not
10 saying we can't revisit this in the
11 future. I'm not saying that right now.
12 I'm not putting it on the hands that we
13 didn't. But at the point in time, in
14 order to get this deal done and keep
15 reopening other contracts, we wouldn't
16 have a CSEA agreement if we kept going
17 back and asking. I'm just being honest
18 with you. It's a long process. We were
19 trying to fit a square peg into a round
20 hole at some point.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I get it.

22 I would love to see an analysis and
23 maybe we can ask Budget Review to do it.
24 It's also our understanding that the
25 Hospital didn't need a negotiation,

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2 didn't need a contract to be open. The
3 very same hospital, quite frankly, that's
4 that's losing a bunch of money but
5 figured in recognition to its employees
6 did the right thing and just did an MOU
7 that recognized Juneteenth for all the
8 CSEA workers at the hospital. To me, I
9 can't believe, we're in much better
10 financial shape, at least by the County
11 Executive's testament, than the Hospital.
12 And the Hospital is able to do this, but
13 we're not? It doesn't seem like there's
14 a strong parallel here in terms of
15 recognizing that holiday.

16 MR. PERSICH: Agreed. What I'm
17 going to say is I think we can revisit
18 this in a future date. I don't think it's
19 going to be taken off the table. I hear
20 what this Body is saying. We will take a
21 look at it. But I think, again, it was
22 too complex for where we were at with
23 this deal, which was a six month
24 negotiation to try and fit the other
25 pieces of the other bargaining units to

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2 make it -- because it has to all line up.
3 Because again, I'm going to use the
4 analogy, I can't have CB operators and
5 medics being off on a day, even though
6 the not they work holidays, but I'm using
7 it as an example. We have to just make
8 sure we coincide that with the other
9 collective bargaining agreement so it's
10 all on the same page.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Two things and
12 then I'm going to move on.

13 One, it doesn't have to be
14 recognized -- and I believe based on what
15 I've seen in the private sector, what
16 I've seen, other municipalities, it
17 shouldn't be considered that it can't be
18 done because it has to be recognized on
19 that particular day. Other
20 municipalities, people in the private
21 sector have recognized it on a different
22 day, a floating holiday. They've also
23 recognized it as a cultural diversity
24 day. So it would basically be
25 encompassing of many other religious

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2 holidays as well. So I think from that
3 standpoint, we could do a little bit
4 better. This is the kind of thing that
5 honestly -- I hear what you're saying and
6 you know I have the utmost respect for
7 you, but at the same time, this is the
8 kind of thing I don't think the CSEA or
9 any collective bargaining unit should
10 have to negotiate for this. There's
11 certain things in terms of recognition of
12 our employees, I can't believe if we went
13 back 40 or 50 years that we to have to
14 negotiate for Martin Luther King Day or
15 any other important significant holiday
16 that has come up over the years. There's
17 certain things that I like to think that
18 should be incorporated into the County's
19 holiday schedule, and this is one of
20 them.

21 That that being said, I want to get
22 into a little bit of the crux in terms of
23 how the Agreement was formulated. I was
24 reading through OLBR's report and it had
25 indicated that 210, I think by your

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2 estimates as well, comes from savings
3 from the switch from Empire to the
4 Excelsior.

5 MR. PERSICH: That's correct.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. In the
7 discussions with Mr. Dellaverson, with
8 the County, with the Union. Was there a
9 number that they had to reach? A total
10 number they had to reach? And could you
11 share that number with us?

12 MR. PERSICH: How do I say this? Let
13 me just think about my words here,
14 because I want to make sure I say this
15 right. There was not a number they had to
16 reach. It was a number that we all agreed
17 upon as far as what the credit would be
18 for that piece of the contract. Meaning,
19 we got a number. We went through an
20 actuary, we got a number that said this
21 is what we think the costs are going to
22 be, which on the up front seemed to be a
23 little higher. But as you go over time,
24 because we're going to be the largest
25 participant in the Excelsior plan, the

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2 diminishing returns in savings we would
3 have had scared us too like everybody
4 else. That's why we got a third party to
5 look at this and give us what we thought
6 was a fair number. And we agreed with the
7 union on what that number would be. Okay.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm sorry. I
9 wasn't clear. I wasn't talking about the
10 savings in terms of the actual Excelsior
11 versus the Empire program. I was talking
12 about was there a savings number that
13 CSEA in terms of what their contract was
14 going to cost, was there a number that
15 their contract could not go over a
16 certain budgeted number?

17 MR. PERSICH: First of all, we had
18 to stick -- that's why it's broken up. We
19 had to stick to pattern bargaining, which
20 is why they ended up getting additional
21 benefits after 2026. But that's why the
22 contract is termed that way.

23 But there was not a number in our
24 head that we said you got to give us \$300
25 Million in savings. It kind of fit in.

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2 When we took the Excelsior Savings, we
3 were able to manipulate, I don't want to
4 say manipulate. We were able to calculate
5 how much we could go with the college
6 chart. That's why it's 60% starting
7 January 2024, and then it goes to 100% in
8 2026.

9 So that's how we kind of fit the
10 numbers in. We were trying to fix the
11 step charts and part of that component
12 was built in between the numbers that we
13 calculated this step chart to be along
14 with what the Excelsior program and a few
15 other things. It wasn't just that one
16 item, there were multiple of items on it.
17 So that's how we got to where we figured
18 out how we could do all these things.

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I was going to
20 get to that. Because if I'm reading
21 through the OLBR report, obviously the
22 \$210 Million is a big crux of the
23 savings, but it also identifies
24 additional savings that was contributed
25 towards the actual contract, such as I

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2 know CSEA workers are going to have to
3 work an additional 15 minutes per
4 workday, and so on and so forth.

5 I do want to get to one particular
6 item in the savings because I'm just
7 trying to figure out was it something
8 that was that needed to be required to
9 get to a certain number? And that's what
10 I'm driving at. Obviously, the change in
11 2026 for individuals that have ten years
12 of service with the County is going to be
13 a change. But that particular item, if
14 I'm understanding it correctly, looking
15 through all the reports, is going to
16 generate \$2.1 million in savings and it
17 impacts roughly about 100 people, right?

18 MR. PERSICH: There at about. Yes, I
19 would say that's correct.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: 2.1 million
21 over the life of the agreement.

22 MR. PERSICH: Correct.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And the life
24 of the agreement is how much, again?

25 MR. PERSICH: Thirteen years.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And how much
3 and how much total money?

4 MR. PERSICH: Roughly \$760 Million
5 on my cost. I think Maurice is very close
6 to what we costed it out at.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: \$760 Million.

8 MR. PERSICH: Over 13 years.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. And I
10 don't have a calculator with me, but 2.1
11 million is what percentage of 760
12 million?

13 MR. PERSICH: That's a very small
14 percentage. But there's future cost
15 savings that will help us with the
16 vesting period that we should see.
17 Meaning that we have an OPEB liability.
18 It's going to assist us with that. And
19 again, part of Civil Service's role,
20 which is when you went to the Union, we
21 collectively bargained with the Union.
22 This is what they wanted. This is one of
23 the things we can't just start
24 selectively pulling pieces out now
25 because then it changes the term. I'm

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2 just telling you.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No. I'm trying
4 to understand the rationale.

5 MR. PERSICH: Yeah. But that's how
6 we ended up where we were at. And the
7 fact that we're extending it came with a
8 monetary incentive for you to stay. And
9 it kind of coincides if you look back.
10 First of all, there's an age requirement.
11 I think it has to be 55. The other thing,
12 too, for the New York State Pension
13 System, you get your biggest money if you
14 make the 20 years. So it kind of goes
15 hand in hand with that. And we don't want
16 a lot of turnover. The argument was that
17 we can't keep people, retain people. We
18 don't want a turnover here. That's the
19 primary function of civil service is
20 continuity of services within the county.
21 And they're the backbone of what we do
22 here, from deed recordings to ambulance
23 workers. And I can keep going down the
24 list. They're the ones. But we don't want
25 to have turnover. That's what we're

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2 trying to prevent. And the fact that
3 we've offered an incentive to lengthen
4 the vesting period was the reason we did
5 it.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It wasn't
7 monetary.

8 MR. PERSICH: Well, it was monetary
9 to a point. Yes. It did have some
10 monetary savings. Our future cost could
11 probably be higher, too.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It can't all
13 be monetary because, I mean, there was no
14 target number in savings that you were
15 expected from the contract. I mean, we
16 were kind of thinking, you know, 210
17 here, 15 minutes here from the savings of
18 an extra workday. But were we targeted
19 towards a number?

20 MR. PERSICH: Yes, we were.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Oh, we were?

22 MR. PERSICH: We were targeting
23 toward a pattern number, which you're
24 going to hear, 1476, because that's what
25 we did with the other unions and that's

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2 the pattern we established. So 1476 was
3 the total cost. So to your point, maybe I
4 didn't answer you properly earlier, but
5 that's how we got -- how we did what we
6 did was sticking to the previous patterns
7 we did for the other unions, which was
8 1476.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So we were
10 driving towards a number and then this
11 actually fit the bill of 2.1 million.

12 MR. PERSICH: Precisely.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Got it.

14 MR. PERSICH: Maybe I didn't answer
15 that correctly, but I think maybe that
16 clarified it.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That does
18 clarify. Okay. All right.

19 And if I understand correctly, the
20 savings that comes from the Excelsior
21 versus Empire would save 75%. So the big
22 crux of the savings comes from that.

23 MR. PERSICH: Absolutely. And that's
24 how we funded the college charts to
25 unfreeze the the salary wages that were

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2 frozen by NIFA back in 2014. That's what
3 we did. We unfrozen the wage charts.
4 College charts weren't frozen. They were
5 not part of it.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. Now I
7 understand.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It's a win/win
9 for everybody. We're unraveling some of
10 the things that NIFA has instituted, and
11 that's how we're doing it.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So basically,
13 if I'm understanding everything
14 correctly, those individuals that have
15 worked ten years in the County come June
16 2026, if they do not have 20 years and
17 they choose to retire, they will no
18 longer receive retirement benefits.

19 MR. PERSICH: No, they will. If they
20 terminate before January, if they have
21 ten years and they terminate in 2026,
22 they have the option to leave with the
23 health benefit.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Maybe I'm not
25 asking my question correctly. Let me try

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2 again.

3 If I'm in the County, currently
4 right now I have three years, in 2026, if
5 I choose to terminate from the County --
6 I'm sorry, that wouldn't be right. In
7 2030, if I choose to terminate from the
8 County and I have ten years, which is
9 after 2026, I would basically no longer
10 be able to get retirement benefits in my
11 11th year.

12 MR. PERSICH: Correct.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Right? Am I
14 saying is that correct? I want to make
15 sure I'm saying it correct.

16 MR. PERSICH: Right.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So that
18 particular change impacts 100 people, as
19 I said before, roughly more than I don't.

20 MR. PERSICH: Approximately 100.
21 It's roughly around 100. It might be a
22 little north of 100.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: This was an
24 initiative that was negotiated between
25 the Collective Bargaining Unit and the

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2 County. Did the County look at the
3 individuals that are impacted to
4 determine some of the criteria that you
5 talked about in terms of -- like you
6 talked about incentive to stay. And I
7 totally understand that. Look, I've been
8 here 22 years. You know, I got incentive
9 to stay to some degree. So I get that.
10 But I guess what I'm asking is, did the
11 County do an analysis to determine what
12 that makeup of individuals was? Because
13 maybe some of those individuals don't
14 have the ability to stay? I don't know,
15 because, look, I'm not going to try cast
16 aspersions or figure out the age of
17 individuals. But say, for example, if I
18 came to the County later in life, maybe I
19 came at the age of 52, maybe 55, and now
20 I'm being forced, not being forced, but
21 I'm being asked in the Agreement to now
22 work to the age of 75, did the County do
23 that analysis to determine where a lot of
24 those people lie?

25 MR. PERSICH: We did an analysis. We

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2 looked at it again. But I hate to say
3 this, and I'm not diminishing the people
4 who are impacted. So let me just say
5 that. But we we did this agreement for
6 the masses of the people in order to give
7 them a financial benefit as a result of
8 this. This was one of the means to get
9 there. So we didn't look at the
10 individual. We didn't say we're looking
11 to harm Joe Smith because they don't have
12 it. It was a financial benefit that we
13 got to do other things with inside the
14 contract.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I get that.
16 And obviously, all of us, the 19 of us
17 are here, we're all fiduciary officers of
18 the County, and we're going to look at
19 the confines and the Agreement in terms
20 of how it saves money for the County. I'm
21 just trying to make sure I understand
22 some of the rationale. Because to me, if
23 we were able to do that analysis -- and
24 this kind of ties into what Legislator
25 Bynoe started with when it pertains to

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2 Juneteenth. And this is all about how we
3 treat and how we give respect to our
4 employees. What I'm trying to say is
5 that we talk about it's hard to hire
6 people. It becomes even harder when you
7 have people that, whether it's 100, 200,
8 whatever the number is, that feel this
9 way, that feel that they've been treated
10 unfairly. I think if there was an
11 analysis that showed that if there is a a
12 younger person that could achieve that 20
13 years and it's still within their
14 retirement scheme to be able to do that,
15 I understand why you want to incentivize
16 that person who may be 28, 30 years old
17 and you want them to work to 50 in the
18 County, totally get that. But if we did
19 an analysis and we saw that some people
20 were a little bit later in life and they
21 were looking forward to that retirement
22 branch, and then we suddenly pulled the
23 rug out from them and we tell them,
24 instead of going to 65, you got to go to
25 75 to get the same benefits you would

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2 have got at 65, and that analysis showed
3 that the number was smaller -- this is
4 the kind of thing, like I said, same
5 thing about Juneteenth -- it shouldn't
6 have to be negotiated. It's the kind of
7 thing that if it impacted 30 or 40
8 people, we should just be doing it
9 because it's the right thing to do. And
10 when we're talking about numbers of 2.1
11 million savings for all of the people --
12 and granted some folks that will fall
13 into the area, that they will keep
14 working, that number is going to be
15 reduced, I would think -- the folks that
16 wanted to stop working, I can't believe
17 that that number is drastically that much
18 higher. I would love to see that
19 analysis. I'm not going to see that
20 analysis today, I'm guessing because
21 obviously it can't be provided in the
22 time for this vote. But I would love to
23 see that analysis because I can't believe
24 we are talking about millions of dollars,
25 not even close to the \$2.1 million of the

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2 folks that are nearing retirement age
3 that would have to put in an extra ten
4 years, and to be able to do the right
5 thing and give them health insurance
6 benefits instead of them having to do the
7 20 years instead of do the ten. Just the
8 grandfather. I'm not talking about
9 starting anew. I'm talking about taking
10 care of those that are there already. But
11 I envision that analysis is not coming.
12 And like I said before, I just want to
13 state my position in regards to this on
14 the record in terms of how we're treating
15 our employees.

16 MR. PERSICH: It's noted and it was
17 negotiated between the two parties. We
18 looked at it and this is what we thought
19 was a way to fit the pattern bargaining.
20 This is the way we did it.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I get that. I
22 get the fact that it's been negotiated.

23 MR. PERSICH: We negotiate for the
24 3800 other people who did this, which was
25 the thing that we did. And it was

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2 overwhelmingly approved by the
3 membership.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I get the
5 fact that it's been negotiated. I totally
6 understand that. And I understand that it
7 takes two to tango. Trust me, I totally
8 get that. But like I said, the County has
9 definitely has recognized the fact that
10 it has become very hard to hire people.
11 That's very largely part because of the
12 salary scale, which I'm glad to see both
13 sides have come together to address. But
14 I also think it's the treatment. So I do
15 think in this aspect we could have done
16 better. And I do believe also in this
17 aspect that I don't believe that it would
18 have cost a tremendous amount of money if
19 we did the proper analysis to determine
20 the folks that are being impacted, that
21 100, 200 or whatever number is. I truly
22 believe that that number is going to be
23 smaller when you start to look at the
24 individuals that are very close to that
25 retirement. Unless you did that analysis

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2 already.

3 MR. PERSICH: We did an extensive
4 analysis on the number of individuals. We
5 didn't look at names or who it was or
6 anything else, but there was an analysis
7 done. There are certain people who will
8 have ten years that have the ability to
9 retire of that pool of people.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Andy, I don't
11 want to belabor this, but the analysis
12 that was done, what was the criteria that
13 was used?

14 MR. PERSICH: It was the selection
15 of based on age and years of service. You
16 know what I mean? And you know, when
17 their hire date was. There was an
18 analysis done of who's going to fall into
19 that window or a bucket of where they
20 were going to land.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: What was the
22 age cutoff?

23 MR. PERSICH: I don't even know off
24 the top of my head. We used a different
25 variety. We had to look at hire date

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2 first because that's what it was the way
3 it was done. Okay. But the other thing
4 too, was that we looked to see how many
5 people would be impacted and what the
6 savings would be based on those people.
7 So that's how it was done.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It just it
9 just seems to me if there was -- and
10 look, I'm not going to speak for the
11 Union. Obviously, I understand when
12 you're putting together this type of
13 agreement, it's like looking at a knitted
14 sweater and you start pulling the string,
15 everything starts to unravel. The Union,
16 you said it before and I think they've
17 said it to us in the past, they put in
18 many, many years to get to this point to
19 where they are today. Look, we are not
20 trying to unravel their deal or unravel
21 something that you said 79% of the
22 membership has voted for. What we're
23 trying to figure out is, it seems like a
24 very small percentage of folks that are
25 being impacted by this. We're talking

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2 about a tremendous deal. One that's going
3 to be able to save the County over \$230
4 Million, if I understand correctly. And
5 it just seems to boggle the mind, of that
6 savings, we talked about 2.1 million of a
7 \$760 million deal, and we're talking
8 about 100 people. I understand everything
9 is tied together, but it just seems like
10 we're missing the ball again in terms of
11 trying to take care of our employees.

12 But thank you again, Andy, for your
13 testimony today.

14 MR. PERSICH: Thank you.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
16 Legislator Ford.

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: Hey, Andy, how are
18 you?

19 MR. PERSICH: How are you?

20 LEGISLATOR FORD: Okay. I won't be
21 as lengthy.

22 First of all, I just want to
23 congratulate the County as well as the
24 Union on negotiating this contract. I
25 know that is not accepted by everybody

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2 here, but overall, I guess when you look
3 at it globally, it is a good contract.
4 Not only does it save the County money,
5 but it does appear that we're going to
6 look at some salary increases for many of
7 the CSEA workers who are here in the
8 County. I believe that it is going to
9 result in some higher starting salaries
10 that will attract more and more people to
11 come to work for the County?

12 MR. PERSICH: Yes, that is correct.

13 LEGISLATOR FORD: Okay. But I know
14 that you might not have captured every
15 title and maybe not every title will be
16 competitive with whether or not it's with
17 Suffolk County or Rockland County or
18 whatever. But when we talk about the
19 living wage adjustment, is this something
20 that can be utilized so that if we find
21 that in one of the job titles, that we're
22 just not getting people applying for the
23 job, maybe it's starting at \$35,000, but
24 it really should start at \$45,000. Is
25 this something that can be looked at to

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2 compensate for that shortfall of salary?

3 MR. PERSICH: Absolutely. We've
4 been doing that with some of the
5 positions with salary waivers which drive
6 you crazy because it impacts not the
7 person in the title. I mean, the people
8 that are sitting in the titles, they get
9 bumped up as a result of that. With this
10 new salary chart, you have to wait and
11 see what it's going to look like. I mean,
12 everybody's got to understand the
13 economy's roaring right now. But, you
14 know, people come here like myself. I
15 worked on Wall Street. I ended up in
16 government. I'm here 18 years now. We
17 have to wait and see what happens because
18 sometimes those people come here for
19 different reasons, is what I will say.
20 And the salary chart, let's see what
21 happens now that we move some of the
22 beginning steps. There was some problems
23 with the OAOB Chart. Let's see what
24 happens. We'll see if we're not
25 attracting in certain -- there's certain

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2 job classifications. We cannot negotiate
3 individuals in a contract. We cannot
4 negotiate individual titles. If you want
5 to do that, we would have been here for
6 six more years. They would not have a
7 contract. We would have been stuck in the
8 mud. That's why when we looked at it,
9 this was the most efficient way. We can't
10 look at individual titles. We will
11 address those separately as a side MOA
12 and then we'll see if we're not getting,
13 for an example, if we're not getting
14 clerks or something else and we need to
15 do something to to that, up the salary
16 grade that we can do that.

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you. And
18 with the negotiations, NIFA had hired
19 Dellaverson.

20 MR. PERSICH: Yes.

21 LEGISLATOR FORD: Was this
22 individual party to all of the
23 negotiations between the Union and the
24 County?

25 MR. PERSICH: We, the County, and

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2 the Union and NIFA worked together
3 collaboratively to do this deal.

4 LEGISLATOR FORD: So they were
5 together.

6 MR. PERSICH: It's how we did the
7 other ones. As painful as it may be,
8 we're still under the control period. So
9 in order for this contract to pass, we
10 need to work with them to see what fits
11 in the boundaries of what the contract
12 would look like.

13 LEGISLATOR FORD: And they would
14 give advice and how to save money, how to
15 bring it more in line?

16 MR. PERSICH: It was a give and
17 take. The expertise between all three,
18 because it was a tri party agreement, for
19 lack of a better thing. It was the Union
20 itself, the County and NIFA worked
21 together to formulate this Agreement.

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: Off the top of
23 your head, how many years is Dellaverson
24 been working for NIFA?

25 MR. PERSICH: Since 2020, I think.

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2 LEGISLATOR FORD: Yeah. I think it
3 was like right before the pandemic --

4 MR. PERSICH: Yeah.

5 LEGISLATOR FORD: If my memory
6 serves me. I remember going to the
7 hearing on that.

8 MR. PERSICH: It was either '18 or
9 '19, I think.

10 LEGISLATOR FORD: Over three years.
11 Well, it's a lot of money.

12 Okay. So then but then I guess also
13 then when you take a look at the
14 employees who were raised from 10 to 20
15 years, and I know I listened to your
16 responses to both Legislators Bynoe and
17 Abrahams on it, but when you looked at
18 the analysis, was there any
19 consideration, perhaps, that if you were
20 trying to achieve a certain savings of --
21 I guess right now the savings would be
22 2.1 million? Is that a year that you're
23 saving by pushing the people to 20 years?

24 MR. PERSICH: It's a cumulative
25 number over the term. The point is,

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2 though, we were trying to get additional
3 monies for other things that were in
4 there. So it was a component of savings
5 that had to be calculated.

6 LEGISLATOR FORD: But it was
7 basically a 2.1 million?

8 MR. PERSICH: Yes.

9 LEGISLATOR FORD: I know that the
10 time frame when when people were able to
11 get benefits and retire had jumped many
12 years ago from five years to ten years,
13 it was a five year jump. Was there any
14 consideration looking at this,
15 considering the age of the employees and
16 the number of employees that would be --
17 and I understand you can't go by every
18 job title, but something like this was
19 going to impact a number of employees
20 that maybe to go from ten years to 15
21 years rather than 20 years.

22 MR. PERSICH: I would respectfully
23 say that they're still going to have the
24 same complaints with 10 or 15 and 20, you
25 know what I mean? So it's been changed in

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2 the past. I've worked for another
3 municipality where they've changed the
4 vesting period. I mean, it's not an
5 uncommon thing in labor practices to
6 extend vesting periods for that.

7 LEGISLATOR FORD: Is there any
8 possibility at any later date perhaps
9 that something like this can be looked at
10 and considered, considering that it's not
11 going to take effect until 2026?

12 MR. PERSICH: I don't want to
13 guarantee anything because I don't have
14 the contract in place. Right now, we
15 have a contract. We're going to move
16 forward with what we have and then the
17 chips will fall where they have to at
18 this point. And then we'll deal with if
19 there's fallout, we'll address it like we
20 do with everything else. Government is
21 ever changing here.

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: All right.

23 My last comment then, I just wanted
24 to bring up about Juneteenth as well.
25 Considering that it is a holiday that

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2 many other employees throughout the state
3 and the country do get to celebrate and
4 have time off. And I understand that
5 consideration, like whether or not going
6 back to the the unions as if you're going
7 to have to reopen their contracts. But I
8 would think that if the Administration
9 did say that they wanted to acknowledge
10 Juneteenth as a holiday, that the Unions
11 would accept it as a holiday, you
12 wouldn't have to reopen a contract to
13 negotiate to give them something.
14 Correct?

15 MR. PERSICH: Let me put it to you
16 this way. There's a cost by giving
17 another holiday. So that's what we'd have
18 to figure out. And then we'd have to look
19 at the individual Collective Bargaining
20 Agreements. Will we do it simultaneously?
21 I don't know. It would be better if we
22 had all the unions wrapped up together,
23 but we're working to get there so that
24 once we have all the unions, maybe we
25 review this at a future date. We're

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2 getting to the terms of the other deals,
3 which is coming up. Remember, they're
4 terming in July of 2026. So we're getting
5 there. So I'm not saying we're walking
6 away from it. But at this point in time,
7 it's not subject for what we're looking
8 for here because it wasn't wasn't part of
9 this agreement. But we will look into it
10 in the future.

11 LEGISLATOR FORD: But I think it
12 probably would have been just to send a
13 nice message to everybody that, you know,
14 by allowing the CSEA workers to be the
15 first county workers to be able to have
16 this as a recognized holiday, then it can
17 open the door so that if the other unions
18 would like to come back and maybe speak
19 to the County about it. But I really
20 think that it should have been something
21 that should have been negotiated and
22 given to the employees. Considering the
23 importance of that date.

24 MR. PERSICH: Again, I couldn't have
25 CSEA and the other collective bargaining

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2 units because they support each other.
3 Everybody works in tandem together. For
4 argument's sake, if we shut down
5 Juneteenth or that day, we shut down the
6 county CSEA people, there's a cost
7 associated with that. But then PBA, SOA,
8 DAI, and the other ones that don't have
9 that -- I don't know how this would work,
10 is my point, you know what I mean? And
11 there would be additional costs as a
12 result of that, which then would undo
13 pattern bargaining, which is what we
14 strive to do here. We will take a look
15 at it. I'm not going to say that we're
16 not.

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: I would strongly
18 recommend.

19 MR. PERSICH: We will review it
20 again after we have everything wrapped
21 up. And we will take a look to see if
22 there's a mechanism with all six
23 bargaining units to come back and look at
24 that.

25 LEGISLATOR FORD: I do hope that you

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2 do. All right. Thank you.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: We
4 have a couple more legislators.

5 But let me just ask you this, Andy.
6 The contract term will start December 31,
7 2017?

8 MR. PERSICH: Yes.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: The
10 CSEA has been without a contract for that
11 length of time?

12 MR. PERSICH: That is correct.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: So
14 we're going on six years, correct?

15 MR. PERSICH: That is correct.

16 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: The
17 term extends to December of 2030?

18 MR. PERSICH: That is correct.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: So the
20 CSEA obviously is our largest workforce?

21 MR. PERSICH: Yes, they are. Let me
22 just see if you agree with this. There's
23 certain things that had to be priorities
24 in this. We want a fair wage for our
25 employees. You have to fit within the

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2 NIFA pattern.

3 MR. PERSICH: Yes, that's basically
4 what we were eluding to.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: And it
6 had to be affordable within the budget
7 and four year plan, correct?

8 MR. PERSICH: Absolutely.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: And
10 you mentioned before it was
11 overwhelmingly approved by the CSEA
12 members.

13 MR. PERSICH: Yes, it was.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: All
15 right. My colleagues have made some very
16 good points, especially on this issue of
17 the length of service for health benefits
18 and retirement. But we're presented today
19 with two options: Voting yes or voting
20 no. Correct me if I'm wrong, we cannot
21 change specific terms of the contract.

22 MR. PERSICH: No, you cannot.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: So if
24 we vote it down, you are back to the
25 drawing board on the contract, number

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2 one. Number two, although this has been
3 approved overwhelmingly, there's no given
4 that whatever it is you come up with next
5 will be approved. Correct?

6 MR. PERSICH: That is that is
7 correct.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: We've
9 seen that the opposite way with one of
10 our biggest unions recently, where they
11 voted down a contract and then we get a
12 contract that's very similar and was
13 voted up.

14 MR. PERSICH: That is correct.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: So to
16 vote this down because on this provision,
17 no matter how important it is to to so
18 many people, is a risk that we will then
19 set the negotiations back for months, if
20 not years.

21 MR. PERSICH: Absolutely. Not only,
22 it was a long negotiation process to
23 which was almost six months that we
24 started negotiating. And that was
25 extensive: Weekly, bimonthly meetings,

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2 meeting regularly trying to figure out
3 things. So what it would definitely
4 impact the process on what the deal might
5 look like.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Thank
7 you. Legislator Ferretti and then
8 Legislator Solages.

9 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Actually, the
10 Presiding Officer just took a lot of my
11 thunder right there, but he says it much
12 more eloquently than me. So thank you,
13 Presiding Officer.

14 But just look, after six years, I
15 think it's six years now. I guess about
16 six years where the CSEA's been without a
17 contract. I just want to congratulate the
18 Administration as well as Ron Gurrieri
19 and the CSEA team that worked together to
20 get this done. And obviously no contract
21 is going to make everybody happy. I
22 understand that. I understand the
23 frustration of some of the people in this
24 room over some things. So believe me, I'm
25 not minimizing or diminishing that

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2 whatsoever. But at the end of the day,
3 the bottom line is that this
4 Administration, along with the CSEA, has
5 gotten something done that has been
6 unable to get done for the last six
7 years. And I think that's an
8 accomplishment.

9 Just my two cents with regard to in
10 the future, looking at additional
11 holidays, whether it's Juneteenth or any
12 other holiday, there's obviously a cost
13 to any additional holiday being
14 instituted, but there wouldn't be if that
15 was exchanged with a holiday that's
16 currently on the books. So at least I
17 don't think it would be. So maybe that's
18 something that could be considered in the
19 event that there is a movement towards an
20 additional holiday. I know there are some
21 holidays, specifically Lincoln's birthday
22 right now. That's a Nassau County
23 holiday. That's not a holiday in
24 virtually every other jurisdiction or in
25 school districts. So anyway, that's just

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2 an idea I'm throwing out there for the
3 future to think about.

4 Again, I want to thank you. The
5 administration, the CSEA, for all this
6 hard work. I know this was not easy. And
7 it's a pretty good accomplishment, as
8 illustrated by the 80% of the union
9 membership that voted for it.

10 Thank you.

11 MR. PERSICH: Thank you.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
13 Legislator Solages.

14 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you very
15 much. Thank you, Presiding Officer.

16 Thank you, Andy for answering all
17 these questions. Like Legislator Ferretti
18 said, his thunder was stolen by
19 Legislator Nicollelo, a lot of those same
20 questions I had regarding Juneteenth were
21 also asked by my colleagues, Legislator
22 Bynoe, Abrahams and Legislator Ford.

23 The idea of just trying to give up
24 one holiday for another holiday may put
25 communities against each other. Whether

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2 you're looking at Columbus Day or Freedom
3 Day or Emancipation Day, or Juneteenth,
4 as we're talking about here, I think the
5 County should be embracing all
6 communities and giving an opportunity for
7 most communities to celebrate important
8 holidays.

9 You said that with respect to
10 Juneteenth, there was a cost. What cost
11 would it be for the County to celebrate
12 Juneteenth? What would that cost be?
13 Three million, two million?

14 MR. PERSICH: If we give an
15 additional holiday, it means that that
16 would be an additional cost if we swapped
17 it out or did something else --

18 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Was there
19 analysis?

20 MR. PERSICH: Yeah. I think we've
21 done an analysis. I don't have the exact
22 number right now, but I think it's
23 roughly around \$3 Million it would cost
24 us.

25 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: That would pale

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2 in comparison to the benefit of having
3 Juneteenth recognized as a holiday. I
4 mean, as a county legislator, I have
5 community events where I encourage
6 individuals, for example, to take the
7 test to become a police officer or to
8 apply to become a county employee. And,
9 you know, it's concerning now that in
10 addition to these concerns to this, now
11 school districts may have an upper hand
12 in providing attractive positions. You
13 know, I feel for these workers who made a
14 reliance upon certain statements that
15 were made to them, and now they are out
16 of healthcare benefits. I'm concerned
17 that we may not be attracting the best
18 candidates, especially now when people
19 learn that Juneteenth is not celebrated
20 in this jurisdiction. It's celebrating
21 Suffolk County, it's celebrated Queens
22 and Brooklyn and all these other areas,
23 but not in Nassau County. So I'm
24 concerned as to the process. What
25 efforts were made by the Blakeman

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2 Administration to recognize it as a
3 holiday?

4 For example, the body cameras, there
5 was one certain union that took the lead
6 and say, hey, we're going to wear body
7 cameras for the benefit of our officers
8 in our community. You know, other unions
9 were not doing that. We could have taken
10 that same lead and that same example of
11 leadership with this opportunity. But we
12 didn't.

13 MR. PERSICH: I will take the
14 concerns of this Body in Juneteenth back
15 to my principals here. But again, we
16 would have had to renegotiate the other
17 contracts in order for this to work.

18 What we don't want to happen is, is
19 we do something for one union and then we
20 have a problem with the other unions. I
21 think possibly after we get all the other
22 Collective Bargaining Agreements, after
23 this one, which hopefully will be
24 ratified by this Body and by NIFA, we
25 will get the other two outstanding unions

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2 and then maybe we'll revisit this and
3 bring all six bodies together and we
4 figure out a way of doing that.

5 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I mean, I want
6 to make our county workforce and all our
7 unions the most diverse, the most
8 talented body possible. I'm concerned
9 that especially with respect to this
10 Juneteenth issue, that we may have an
11 issue now in attracting quality
12 candidates who are African American.

13 To my understanding, you know, the
14 largest number of African Americans in
15 the county workforce, is that in the
16 Parks Department?

17 MR. PERSICH: I don't know the
18 diversity of each individual department,
19 Legislator. I'm being honest with you. I
20 don't know who works where or their
21 ethnic persuasion. I'm being honest with
22 you. I do not know that.

23 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I understand.

24 MR. PERSICH: You have to keep in
25 mind that civil service is a competitive

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2 title, meaning that this test for certain
3 positions that you have to be listed on
4 and everything else. So I think there's a
5 process that is part of New York State
6 Civil Service law that has to be
7 followed, too.

8 To your point, yes, we want to
9 attract a diverse workforce that the
10 mirrors the community that it represents.
11 And I think it's part of this
12 administration to keep that process going
13 along. Again, we want to get the
14 contract in place. Now, there's some
15 other side things that always come out
16 after negotiation. Maybe there's a fix
17 that can happen in the near future.

18 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Okay.

19 Again, my last statement again is
20 with respect to the individuals that may
21 have issues with respect to having this
22 new healthcare package and plan honored
23 to please assist them. Just don't leave
24 them hanging. When they called to get
25 that service and they're told, oh, we

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2 don't take that plan. If that does
3 happen, you know, or there are key
4 differences, please don't leave them
5 hanging. Thank you.

6 MR. PERSICH: Not the intention of
7 of the Administration or the Union or
8 anybody to undermine anybody's benefits
9 at this point.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: All
11 right. We have a bunch of slips. So let's
12 go to the public comment portion.

13 Thank you, Andy. Maybe just hang
14 around.

15 MR. PERSICH: Thank you.

16 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Eva
17 Brodsky.

18 MS. BROSKIE: Hi. I'm Eva Broskie,
19 and I'm one of those 100 or so people
20 that our union chose not to protect. I'm
21 very disappointed by the new 20 year
22 lifetime medical benefit to leave when
23 you get it. I'm an older individual who
24 took this job with the promise of
25 lifetime medical after ten years. With

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2 the new rule I would have to work until
3 I'm 82 years old to obtain that. I
4 understand that in these times, lifetime
5 medical is a huge expense for the County,
6 but I was hoping that by some way you
7 could find a way to grandfather those 100
8 people in to keep the promise that I was
9 given when I was hired.

10 Thank you.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:

12 Colleen Riebl.

13 MS. RIEBL: Good afternoon. My name
14 is Colleen Riebl. I've worked for Nassau
15 County since February 9, 2018 as a social
16 welfare examiner. I began at \$26,000 a
17 year. When I was hired, I was told after
18 six months I would get a \$5,000 increase,
19 and I did. And after another six months,
20 probation was over, and now I'd receive
21 another \$5,000 increase, which I did. I'm
22 up to 36 then. That's because what I was
23 told was true. And at that time I was
24 hired, I was told after ten years of
25 employment I'd be entitled to my

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2 healthcare, paid for for the rest of my
3 life.

4 Right now, I have to work an
5 additional 15 years in order to get 20
6 years and receive this benefit. Why? Why
7 shouldn't I be able to believe what I was
8 told? Like those \$5,000 things?

9 Why, when I was told that this is
10 part of working for Nassau County as a
11 civil servant, now this benefit can be
12 taken away?

13 Now let's talk about civil servants.
14 You, along with me, we're all civil
15 servants here. Our police. It was
16 wonderful to see the police. They deal
17 with people that are criminals and
18 addicted to substances. People with
19 severe mental illnesses and just those
20 who just need to be listened to. Then
21 after that, those criminals, the ones
22 that are found guilty, go to jail. Then
23 the corrections officers see them. After
24 that, it's the parole and probation
25 officers.

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2 However, one thing you may not have
3 thought of, those same individuals who
4 have dealt with the police, the
5 corrections officers and probation and
6 parole are my clients. That's who I deal
7 with every day. And I do a darn good job.
8 I have 130 clients right now. I work my
9 tail off. I took the test to be a Social
10 Welfare Examiner II in June of 2019. It
11 took until last September for me to get
12 my promotion. That was \$6,000 difference.

13 I'm an eligibility requirements
14 civil servant. I have to make sure all
15 the clients provide and complete all the
16 requirements to receive and be eligible
17 for public assistance.

18 I'm asking you, I'm begging you,
19 please consider grandfathering in those
20 employees who began working for our
21 County, thinking that in the end, I would
22 finally get what I deserve.

23 The editorial today says 100 people.
24 I'm really hoping you consider that. And
25 I disagree with the gentleman that was

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2 here. I'm sorry. I don't know his name
3 that our salaries are going to be
4 comparison with Suffolk. That's all
5 relative. If you're making what I'm
6 making now, which is \$46,000, say \$3 an
7 hour difference between Suffolk County
8 and us, that's \$90 a week, \$400 a month,
9 \$4,800. That's 10% more for me. If you're
10 making 80,000, it's only 5%.

11 So, yes, it might be okay for those
12 people who are making that amount of
13 money. But at 46,000, paying my mortgage,
14 my taxes in Nassau County, it's very,
15 very, very difficult.

16 I thank you so much for your time
17 and thank you so much for putting all the
18 thought into this.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Thank
20 you very much.

21 Brian Flaks.

22 Hello, Brian.

23 MR. FLAKS: Hello there. I'm Brian
24 Flax. Some of you know me. I'm not here
25 from my organization. I'm here as a ten

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2 year retiree. It seems like really
3 nobody's talking about the retiree aspect
4 of the health insurance change. If you go
5 to NYSHIP and you look at the Empire Plan
6 book that's there, it's 163 pages. The
7 Excelsior Plan is only 80 pages. So right
8 there, that tells you there's a
9 difference in the plans.

10 On the HRA they're implementing,
11 from what I understand, Medicare eligible
12 retirees are not eligible for the HRA. So
13 right now, there will be a difference in
14 the insurance between a retiree and an
15 active person. It's always been the same.

16 Co-pays. I have some prescriptions
17 that I pay for 90 days, \$60. That now
18 goes up to \$100.

19 No more hearing aids. I got hearing
20 aids now because all the fire alarms are
21 used to check the noises. That's not
22 covered anymore. There's some other
23 things that aren't covered anymore. And
24 now you have a lot of retirees who live
25 down in Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas,

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2 because they can't afford to live here.
3 They moved there and they don't even know
4 about the changes. And a lot of these
5 doctors don't know, like people said,
6 they don't know about it.

7 So as a retiree, we have to look to
8 the legislative body to fight for us
9 because the CSEA doesn't fight for the
10 retirees anymore. Like most unions, once
11 you retire, they wash their hands of you
12 and that's it.

13 I'd also like to know we're changing
14 our insurance. The non-union employees,
15 do they stay on the Empire or do they go
16 to the Excelsior now? Used to be one
17 insurance for everybody in the county.
18 And I remember years ago they changed it
19 to another company, BPA, I think it was
20 called. It was a disaster. And they had
21 to bring everybody back under the same
22 NYSHIP umbrella.

23 You guys have to please consider
24 what the plight of the retirees are going
25 to be. Co-pays are going to be higher and

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2 everything if they can't get the HRA to
3 cover some of the difference. Some of
4 these new people in the 80s who retired
5 who have no other means of an income.

6 And that's it. That's all I got to
7 say for it. I just appreciate your time
8 and listening.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Okay.
10 Thank you, Brian.

11 Susan Naftol.

12 MS. NAFTOL: Hello, I'm Susan
13 Naftol. I live in Plainview, New York. I
14 work at the Department of Health.

15 Contract (noun) - A written or
16 spoken agreement, especially one
17 concerning employment, sales or tenancy
18 that is intended to be enforceable by
19 law.

20 When I spoke at the last Legislative
21 session a few weeks ago, I started by
22 stating this definition as I think it's
23 very important and is the crux of my
24 issue with the proposed contract. When I
25 became a CSEA worker hired by Nassau

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2 County back in April 2018, one of the
3 agreements I made with the County was
4 that after ten years I would be fully
5 vested. There was an offer and an
6 acceptance. This verbal contract informed
7 my decision, as it did when I turned down
8 jobs in school district this past April
9 and decided to stay with the County after
10 passing a promotional exam.

11 I had already had five years in and
12 decided the lower salary with the County
13 was balanced by the benefits. Now I'm off
14 the list and my options are zero. As
15 vestment was contractually agreed upon by
16 both the employer and the employee, I
17 believe we should be grandfathered in.
18 Let this new contract affect new hires,
19 not me or us. As is the case with many of
20 us. I'm not 25. I'm 60. For me to reach
21 the 20 year carrot that is being dangled
22 as per the new proposed contract, I would
23 not be able to be fully vested and retire
24 until I'm 75 instead of the 65 as was
25 originally agreed upon. This is

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2 unconscionable. There are others who
3 would have to work into their 80s. How
4 are we supposed to afford secondary
5 insurance when we haven't had to plan on
6 this added expense later in life?

7 I would like this proposed contract
8 to be negated or renegotiated with the
9 stipulation of grandfathering in and
10 applying this other proposition to the
11 new hires who can then decide if this
12 agreement is acceptable to them. Because
13 it's definitely ot acceptable to me or to
14 us.

15 I want to I want to add that I find
16 it objectionable that the gentleman who
17 was here and spoke for the proposed
18 contract that he thought the county
19 workers would expect their benefits after
20 ten years. We only expect it because that
21 was the agreement that we signed on for.

22 I would also like to add that \$210
23 Million is going to be saved under this
24 Excelsior plan and the cost of keeping
25 the few of us vested until ten years is

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2 2.1 million. If you grandfathered us all
3 in, the County would still save over \$200
4 million. So there's should be no reason
5 why this could not be agreed upon.

6 I say throw this contract out. If it
7 can't be amended, send them back to the
8 to the table and renegotiate. We have
9 been done a dirty. And that's not
10 appropriate.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
12 Lilyann Fisherman.

13 MS. FISHERMAN: Good afternoon. I
14 was hired and started with the DOH in
15 August of 2020, during Covid. I accepted
16 the job to come into the office every
17 day, and at that time I thought I was
18 putting my life in jeopardy because I'm
19 at high risk for Covid.

20 At this time, many of my new
21 coworkers were working from home, either
22 part time or full time. My starting
23 salary was a little over \$32,000, and I
24 repeat that a little over \$32,000. Then
25 you ask, why did I accept? It is because

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2 the one thing I needed most was insurance
3 and I was guaranteed I'd be covered for
4 life at retirement after ten years of
5 service. Ten years of service would put
6 me at 66 years old, \$32,000 was promised
7 medical coverage sounded great, so I
8 accepted the position with the proposed
9 contract. I have to work 20 years to be
10 vested in medical, so I'd have to work
11 until I'm 76. Really? Is that fair? I
12 could have easily accepted a position
13 with twice as much pay if I knew that
14 this would happen. This proposed change
15 is good for new young hires and those
16 that have very close to or over 20 years.
17 This benefits those that hired later in
18 life like myself.

19 Actually, most people only work at a
20 job for seven years, and that's why I
21 started here later in life. I don't think
22 I'd make the 20 years. Who's to say that
23 if, and that's a big if, I do work for 20
24 years, then that the next contract would
25 say 25 years. Is this 20 guaranteed or is

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2 it possible that that could change in
3 2026?

4 I'm upset because I was guaranteed
5 something and it is not happening now. So
6 you lied to me when I was hired? I
7 believe that this 20 year vestige should
8 be for new hires and those that were
9 hired before this contract takes effect
10 should be grandfathered in. Like myself.

11 And another thing in the contract,
12 15 minute time change. Although it
13 doesn't seem important, I have two jobs
14 to make ends meet. That 15 minute makes
15 the difference between I make it to my
16 job on time or not.

17 And my last point is the increase
18 with the health insurance. The co-pays go
19 up and everything like that. And yes,
20 that they say that they pay a difference,
21 whatever the difference will be comparing
22 the two medical plans. Who's to say that
23 all the people in Nassau County will
24 actually take the time to fill out those,
25 the HO (sic) whatever they're saying? So

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2 you're going to be saving money that way,
3 too. Is that taken into account with the
4 savings? I'm not sure. I don't like the
5 contract. Thank you for hearing.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:

7 Vivian Sasson.

8 MS. SASSON: Good afternoon. My
9 name is Vivian Sasson and I work at the
10 Department of Health. I'm here again to
11 speak about the proposed CSEA contract,
12 specifically the vesting period for
13 health benefits. Please understand the
14 importance of this issue to me and many
15 others.

16 When I was hired by the Nassau
17 County Department of Health, it was not a
18 very easy decision for me to make. At
19 the time, I was receiving job offers from
20 much higher salaries. I was advised that
21 I was overqualified for my position here
22 at the DOH, as I hold an MBA in Executive
23 Management. But I still considered the
24 position. The pay was below market, but
25 the benefit of having a ten year vesting

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2 period to be eligible for retiree
3 benefits was truly an attractive and
4 wonderful benefit.

5 Although the compensation for the
6 role was below market based on what was
7 communicated to me about the ten year
8 vesting requirement, to be eligible for
9 retiree benefits made the decision to
10 accept the position very easy.

11 After discussions with my husband
12 and verification numerous times from our
13 Human Resource Department on the whole
14 benefits package, I accepted the
15 position. I felt that this was a good
16 move for me and my family.

17 To my surprise, upon reading it in
18 the proposed contract this summer and
19 with no prior knowledge that this was
20 even on the table, we had the rug pulled
21 out from under us. The benefit I was
22 relying on was now taken away.

23 Under the proposed contract,
24 employees will be required to work a
25 total of 20 years to be eligible for

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2 retiree benefits. Under the proposed
3 contract anyone who is hired within the
4 last 4 to 5 years are disregarded. Based
5 on this proposed contract, I will be 78
6 years old when I can retire. And who
7 knows if it will be altered in 2030.

8 I can't understand why at the table
9 it wasn't raised to either move it up 12
10 or 15 years or to even grandfather us in
11 like so many other contracts have been
12 done.

13 Adding an additional ten years is a
14 lifetime to some of us. I accepted my
15 position and I'm giving my job 150% every
16 single day. Have not called in sick once.
17 I'm living up to my end of the bargain,
18 but the county and the CSEA are not
19 living up to theirs.

20 How could the Union allow so much to
21 be given away? And the gentlemen here
22 said it, that they wanted this, they
23 wanted this, they wanted this. Where was
24 the back and forth? Where was the
25 negotiating? Everything that our union

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2 allowed to be given away affects us, and
3 it has a monetary cost to us.

4 Fifteen minutes extra each day is 39
5 hours. That's five and a half days. Six
6 vacation days over three years is 42
7 hours.

8 Let's talk about the incentive to
9 work here: \$3,000 for full time, \$1,000
10 for part time, \$250 for seasonals.
11 There's some extra money that you could
12 put towards the retirees.

13 I hope that our Legislature doesn't
14 let us down, and I hope you vote to have
15 this renegotiated. I believed I had a
16 union that was working for the better of
17 all, as they say, but instead the Union
18 has failed us.

19 Thank you for your time.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Thank
21 you.

22 Jackie O'Loughlin.

23 MS. O'LOUGHLIN: Hi, my name is
24 Jackie O'Loughlin. I've spoken before. I
25 feel we're kind of getting repetitive, so

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2 I'm going to get into the whole nuts and
3 bolts.

4 I took a job at the Nassau County
5 Department of Health in 2020. I'm a
6 licensed SLP. I have a master's degree as
7 an independent consultant. I had no
8 benefits. My husband was carrying
9 benefits that were costing us a fortune,
10 and every year cost us more and more and
11 we got less and less benefits.

12 I took the job at the Nassau County
13 Department of Health specifically for the
14 benefits. When I started working, my
15 salary was in 2020, \$22,800. That was my
16 starting salary. I was embarrassed to
17 even tell people that that was my
18 starting salary. I had a degree. I went
19 to school and I am working for less than
20 minimum wage.

21 I interviewed and I was told that
22 the benefits were really why most people
23 took the job. And if you think about it,
24 once I started working, the truth is the
25 only people who are taking jobs for this

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2 pay are people who are already
3 established in Nassau County, people who
4 have houses, people who are at the age
5 where they can accept this lower pay
6 because the benefits are what we're here
7 for.

8 So I took the job specifically for
9 the benefits for life. I'm lucky that I
10 am a therapist and I could do therapy on
11 the side to counter act the hit I took to
12 my salary. But I couldn't pass up the
13 lifetime benefits. I took two more tests
14 and I received promotions. And I'm
15 kicking myself because literally five
16 months ago, I was offered jobs in schools
17 for twice the salary that I'm getting.
18 But I said, you know what? It's worth the
19 sacrifice because I need these benefits.
20 It's what I needed at the end.

21 I was so happy to be part of a
22 union. I figured that I finally had a
23 union job and I would have protection and
24 it would protect me from what actually
25 just happened to me. So I'm really not

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2 asking for anything other than what was
3 promised to me when I began my career
4 here in August of 2020. And I know the
5 gentleman said that he doesn't want short
6 term careers. Yes, I was going to give
7 ten years. I wasn't going to walk out the
8 door. After ten years. I had 15, maybe I
9 even had 20 years in me. But I also don't
10 want to work with one foot in the grave
11 either. I just ask that we be given the
12 consideration.

13 Thank you.

14 DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL:

15 Next is Renee Campanile.

16 MS. CAMPANILE: Hi. Thank you for
17 allowing me a moment to tell my story.

18 I was hired by the County in
19 November of 2016 under the old contract,
20 which expired in December of 2017. When
21 the accounting firm that I worked for
22 merged with the big firm in Manhattan, I
23 decided to see what was available on the
24 island, so I took the civil service exam.

25 At my interview, like so many

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2 others, I was disappointed when I was
3 told the salary, but a few things told to
4 me at my interview changed my mind. One
5 was that it would be a service to the
6 residents of Nassau County. The other was
7 that I would be vested in health
8 insurance in ten years.

9 So I took a cut in salary. I brought
10 over 30 years of experience in public
11 accounting and my CPA license over to the
12 County. When the contract expired, for
13 six years, I went to all the union
14 meetings and events that we were invited
15 to and was told that the Union and the
16 County would work together to not take
17 the health insurance away from the
18 retirees.

19 Well, my retirement plans that I've
20 had for the past seven years are now null
21 and void. I will be four months shy of
22 ten years on June 30th, 2026. This means
23 that I would have to work an additional
24 ten years. That would be an additional
25 nine years past my retirement age. I will

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2 not be able to retire at retirement age
3 because my pension, after ten years of
4 service with Nassau County, will not
5 cover the cost of health insurance.

6 I'm asking the County and the Union
7 to please not abandon the employees that
8 counted on being vested in ten years.
9 Please don't shrug us off. All of us that
10 were hired should be grandfathered in
11 with everyone else. It's not just those
12 that were hired prior to June of 2016. It
13 is unfair and cruel that we're not
14 included. I'm hoping that an addendum to
15 the contract could be considered.

16 Thank you.

17 DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL:

18 Anna Maria Redmond.

19 (Whereupon, public questions
20 where the rest of the
21 Legislative Body is.)

22 LEGISLATOR WALKER: They can hear
23 you in the inner office. It's not like
24 they're missing anything and they'll be
25 right back to the table.

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2 MS. REDMOND: Hello. My name is Anna
3 Maria Redmond. I thank you for letting me
4 speak.

5 I'm here to speak about the new
6 local union contract. I would like for
7 you to please disapprove this contract.

8 When I was hired, I was told that I
9 would get the insurance benefit for life
10 after working for ten years. I and many
11 people are affected by this new contract
12 in a negative way. I personally missed
13 the cutoff date for the ten year
14 insurance benefit by four months as well.
15 All we want is to be grandfathered in.

16 I took a \$4,000 cut and pay with the
17 knowledge that I would be getting the
18 insurance benefit after working for ten
19 years to only now have that taken away
20 from me. With this new contract, I would
21 have work, I would have to work until I'm
22 75 years old, assuming that it doesn't
23 change again.

24 Please disapprove this contract
25 unless it can be amended.

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2 Thank you.

3 DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL:

4 Cathleen D'Angelo.

5 MS. D'ANGELO: Good afternoon,
6 everyone. Thank you for allowing me this
7 time to speak.

8 My name is Cathleen D'Angelo. I'm
9 one of the 100 plus members who are
10 affected by our union contract, changing
11 the vesting for medical benefits in
12 retirement from 10 years to 20.

13 I accepted this position with the
14 understanding we were under a contract
15 that your medical in retirement vested at
16 10 years. This affects myself and my
17 family as I will have eight and a half
18 years in on the date that it changes to
19 require 20 years for vesting.

20 I am respectfully requesting
21 consideration for myself and all affected
22 to be grandfathered into the ten year
23 medical vesting. I truly hope you will
24 take consideration and that you will
25 disapprove this contract. I do appreciate

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2 your time.

3 Thank you.

4 DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL:

5 Thomas Bergmann.

6 MR. BERGMAN: Thank you and good
7 afternoon. It's an honor to be able to
8 address you.

9 I am part of the group of the 10 to
10 20, but I'm not here to speak about that.
11 Because I do want to speak about the
12 retirees who I speak to every day as part
13 of the Comptroller's Office.

14 The broader numbers, you may not
15 know this, that \$210 Million is actually
16 a transfer from retirees to my salary. So
17 that \$210 Million is not evenly taken out
18 of all our healthcare. Any retiree who is
19 over 65 and an individual, the County
20 premium goes from about \$460 down to \$72.
21 That means \$390 of healthcare costs per
22 month are being shifted to retirees over
23 25.

24 Now, speaking to the Juneteenth and
25 all this contract parity, I have to say,

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2 switching from Empire and Excelsior,
3 which is not in any of the other
4 contracts, seems a little more severe
5 than asking for Juneteenth. So I don't
6 understand how we can make the switch
7 from Empire to Excelsior and not do
8 Juneteenth. On that note.

9 Also, I'm not sure if you're aware
10 of this. New York City tried to move to
11 the Advantage, I guess they lost a couple
12 of weeks ago. This switch to Excelsior
13 for existing retirees may also be
14 overturned. So you may vote for this
15 contract and then get a \$210 Million hit
16 if you lose in the courts switching from
17 Empire to Excelsior. I know the health
18 reimbursement account is there to avoid
19 that problem. But if they're saying
20 they're saving \$210 Million and they're
21 putting 4 to 6 million per year towards
22 the HRA, obviously it's not the
23 equivalent policy.

24 The nuts and bolts. The Excelsior
25 does not include a Part D plan, so we'll

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2 be privatizing Part D for retirees over
3 65. So retirees who are on Empire and
4 have that program with Empire will now
5 have to get that in the private market or
6 pay active employee rates, which are
7 lower than the Medicare Part D plans that
8 are out there that are currently offered.

9 So I urge you to vote against this
10 measure. Obviously, the 100 of us would
11 like it for our own reasons, but I think
12 you are really doing a great disservice
13 to retirees who don't have a vote.

14 And we want to know why the vote was
15 as high as it is. Based on turnout, it's
16 actually only about a 25 to 30% approval
17 because most people did not vote. So I
18 worry about that.

19 We also lost a vacation day to bribe
20 the younger employees who are 20 to 30,
21 who even with the ten year, would not
22 vest until they're 55. They would still
23 have to work to 55 or they would have to
24 pay for their coverage from when they
25 left at 35 to 55, hundreds of thousands

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2 of dollars. So the 10 to 20 year change
3 really only impacts people between 35 and
4 45 years old at hire date because you
5 still have to be 55.

6 So this plan should be dumped
7 because it was rushed. It's going to get
8 sued. And good luck.

9 Thank you.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Susan
11 Chen.

12 MS. CHEN: Good afternoon. My name
13 is Susan Chen. I work for the Nassau
14 County Police Department. I was an
15 industrial engineer with a four year
16 bachelor of science degree.

17 I would like to present a new
18 perspective to the Legislature here. What
19 we do not consider is the people who
20 actually have the ten years by 2026 that
21 would not be able to continue working
22 because they don't know if they can
23 finish out the 20 years. By making them
24 retire at 2026 means that the County will
25 lose valuable resources, brainpower,

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2 people who dedicate their lives to
3 helping others. That's why we took the
4 pay cut.

5 To reiterate what my other fellow
6 workers are saying, the increase of a
7 decade from ten years vested to 20 years
8 is a life changing amount of time for
9 many of us as we plan for retirement. So
10 as a proud public servant, please vote no
11 to this ratification.

12 Thank you for your time and
13 consideration.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: David
15 Gery.

16 MR. GERY: Good afternoon, all.
17 Thank you for this chance to speak.

18 I want to add a little clarity. None
19 of us has any issue with changing the
20 vesting from 10 to 20, but we all have an
21 issue from changing it during the game. A
22 deal is a deal. We came in with this
23 agreement. It was a contract. It was the
24 basis for a lot of the reason that we
25 started working here, that some people's

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2 spouses stopped working in other places
3 because we made the assumption that
4 something that is in writing and is
5 promised would be honored. The concept
6 that we would take an existing agreement
7 and abandon it in progress is
8 unthinkable. If you change the rules
9 before the game starts or after it's
10 done. We all get that. But during?
11 Unthinkable. What kind of a precedent
12 does that set? It is the idea that we
13 have an agreement that we based our life
14 decisions on. We come in and do that and
15 it gets changed in progress.

16 I'm here for five years. I started
17 in 2018. I will now, instead of having to
18 work till 70, have to work till 80. Not
19 viable as it is for so many of the
20 hundreds of us in this position. So there
21 are two impacted groups. There are people
22 like me will no longer be able to work
23 long enough to get lifetime medical. We
24 are losing lifetime medical.

25 The other group that was just

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2 alluded to can get to the ten years, but
3 they're forced to retire in June of 2026.
4 They may have worked for two, three, four
5 or five more years, but not been able to
6 get to the 20 years. That group is losing
7 years of income and getting a lower
8 pension as a result. Both of those are
9 massive negatives. So I'm no lawyer, but
10 I do know an injustice when I see one. If
11 this happened to one person, it would be
12 an injustice. And injustice to one is an
13 injustice to all.

14 Furthermore, all the other pros and
15 cons from this contract, which we know
16 all complex contracts have, are spread
17 uniformly amongst everybody. Us, this
18 group of several hundred are being
19 totally disproportionately punished
20 because we're losing the single biggest
21 benefit that there is. Every other pro
22 and con we could live with. Losing
23 lifetime medical is a massive punishment
24 for us. It's totally unfair to single out
25 a group like this. Throw us under the bus

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2 from a union that's claiming they want to
3 have unity and parity with pay scales and
4 medical insurance, but we get totally
5 abandoned by it. So, yes, you could say
6 the contract is fair, except to those
7 several hundred that it's totally unfair
8 to.

9 That's the main point that I have to
10 say. Plus, the contract was rushed in the
11 peak of vacation season in late August.
12 And a lot of people didn't get a chance
13 to vote.

14 Thank you for hearing us.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: All
16 right.

17 So we have Item 14, Resolution
18 number 179. Any other debate of
19 discussion before we vote on this?

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If I may,
21 Presiding Officer. I'm going to speak
22 from a perspective that I think Presiding
23 Officer, maybe you share with me
24 Legislator Ford and Legislator Schaefer,
25 because we're going to be exiting at the

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2 end of the year.

3 It's my understanding that the \$210
4 million in savings from the Excelsior to
5 Empire savings would start to generate
6 that savings over the life of the
7 agreement, but it would start next year
8 because that's when the change would
9 happen. I truly believe that if the
10 County is successful in achieving any of
11 those savings, it shouldn't be something
12 that needs to be negotiated. I talked a
13 little bit earlier about doing the right
14 thing and if the County is able to save a
15 nickel that projects higher than the \$210
16 Million that they're talking about as
17 savings, they should take care of you,
18 each and every one of you. I don't see a
19 reason why they shouldn't. And I think
20 from that standpoint, that's why I'm
21 encouraging my colleagues, all my
22 colleagues, Democrats and Republicans
23 alike, that will be here, that you ensure
24 that that happens.

25 I know it's tough to plan and I know

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2 it's tough to project. And not knowing
3 what's going to happen by 2026 in a way
4 is it's a good thing and a bad thing.
5 It's a good thing because you have time
6 to try to figure out what you want to do.
7 But it's a bad thing because you know
8 what's coming. But what I'm trying to say
9 is that if we know that the healthcare
10 savings is going to start to generate
11 next year, and if that projected savings
12 appears to be higher than what the County
13 had budgeted, we could do the right thing
14 in 2024 and make sure that every single
15 person that's in this catchment area of
16 not achieving the ten years is able to be
17 protected.

18 I think we all agree on this dais
19 that we should do that. And I'm going to
20 encourage -- this is not a political
21 statement, you know what I mean? I'm
22 going to encourage my Republican
23 colleagues and my Democratic ones that
24 are going to be here after the four of us
25 leave to do the right thing to make sure

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2 that you are made whole.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:

4 Legislator Ford.

5 LEGISLATOR FORD: I, too, and I
6 concur with Legislator Abrahams. I think
7 that this is something that -- we hear
8 you. We hear what you're saying. And I
9 understand the challenges that are going
10 to be faced by you considering that you
11 started at such low salaries coming here
12 to work for the County and where you
13 thought after ten years you would be able
14 to get lifetime benefits and the feeling
15 that you feel betrayed. And I think that
16 that is something, and I do urge those
17 legislators that are staying here join
18 forces together and work with the
19 administration and try to come up with a
20 way that you can find it so that before
21 2026 takes effect, at least give these
22 employees the opportunity to be
23 grandfathered in.

24 When you look at it, we're talking
25 about \$2 million over the course of a

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2 contract. And if you think 13 years
3 divided into 2 million, it really just
4 comes down to pennies. And considering
5 that you have to be 55 in order to retire
6 with the lifetime benefits, there are a
7 lot of you that will be working for 20
8 years regardless if you get benefits
9 after ten years, so you wouldn't be part
10 of that 2 million. So that cost can even
11 come down.

12 And I'm hoping that I know that when
13 we spoke with Andy, who was so kind to
14 explain everything and answer all our
15 questions, that there can be some time
16 and room for possible negotiations. And
17 and I do agree, because when you think
18 about can it be I think one of the
19 presenters did say, what happens if we
20 make it to 20 and all of a sudden you
21 find out there's been a change and that's
22 going to be 25 years. So what do you have
23 to work here till you're 100 in order to
24 get lifetime benefits? I do think that
25 this is something that can be negotiated,

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2 and I think it's something that I urge
3 you, all of you. And while we're still
4 here, we still have 100 days. Let's try
5 to see if that we can also prevail upon.
6 And we're lucky because we do have our
7 benefits when we retire. So it's like
8 something that I think that we need to
9 make sure that we all start paying
10 attention to this and try to see if we
11 can find a way, a solution, for all of
12 you. And I thank you for your service and
13 taking such low salaries.

14 God bless you.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:

16 Legislator Deriggi-Whitton.

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: As a
18 legislator who hopefully will still be
19 here in January, Andy, if there's a way
20 that we could get a list of the exact
21 number. We've been hearing a number of
22 100, but like we said, we have to take
23 off those that are intending to work
24 longer. So if we could get a real number
25 and find out what that is. It might be

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2 closer to 50 people, whatever it is. If
3 you could help us with that, Andy, I
4 would appreciate your help with that. If
5 you could just help us compile a list of
6 those that are in this situation, out of
7 the 100, the ones that want to continue
8 to work, God bless, that's great. But the
9 ones that are hoping to retire before 20
10 years, we need that list. We need the
11 real number.

12 MR. PERSICH: We will compile a list
13 and send it to OLBR and he will
14 disseminate it down. How's that?

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Okay.
16 And I will tell you, I do know that the
17 Union really worked hard in many, many
18 ways to to reach an agreement that they
19 felt was fair and that they felt would
20 also attract people. And they're smart
21 people. And I think that hearing this
22 today, they're going to also -- I've
23 actually off the record, I've heard that
24 they're not against the idea. It's just
25 that they don't have the money to make up

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2 the difference. But as Legislator Ford
3 and Legislator Abrahams, who is a good,
4 good man, said, if we can find the
5 savings, which probably will not add up
6 to be that much and it wouldn't affect
7 the Union, I don't believe the union
8 would have any issue at all with us
9 coming to an agreement with this. We're
10 Nassau County. We do care about people
11 and we want that conveyed. And we do
12 thank you for the hours you put in,
13 especially during Covid. And we want to
14 see better than this.

15 We can't guarantee anything at this
16 moment. But I can tell you as as a
17 promise to our other Legislators, I truly
18 believe many of us will be on this and it
19 will not stop today.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Okay.

21 MR. PERSICH: Thank you.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Thank
23 you, Andy.

24 Anyone else? Legislator Drucker.

25 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I just want to

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2 echo some of the comments made too.

3 Unfortunately, this Body very, very
4 often has to make decisions that are
5 either yes or no when it comes to very,
6 very important things that affect
7 people's lives here in the County, and
8 all of you are a testament to the
9 personal effect this contract has on you.
10 So, you know, it's always a difficult
11 decision for us, but we also have to
12 think as fiduciaries, as representatives
13 of our constituents, we have to think of
14 the overall larger picture. But that does
15 not diminish from your personal stories
16 and the impact it has on us. And I will
17 tell you that, yes, the Union, and I know
18 some of them and we all know some of them
19 and how hard they work for their
20 membership, but they also gave us reason
21 for hope and optimism that even after
22 this contract, if it's going to be
23 approved, that there is going to be hope
24 for further negotiation, further
25 discussion, further improvements that

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2 will positively affect you going down the
3 road. That is my hope and I think it's
4 shared by every single person on this
5 dais. And I will tell you that as one of
6 the legislators that hope to continue
7 working on behalf of the residents of
8 Nassau County in my district, that I will
9 continue to hold the Administration
10 accountable and follow through, as we
11 talked about, on whether or not the cost
12 savings down the road is enough to offset
13 this very, very nominal differential over
14 the next 13 years in order to grandfather
15 you in.

16 Your comments have been heard. We
17 will take them into account, but we also
18 have to -- unfortunately, it's a yay or
19 nay and we have to think of the overall
20 larger picture. So I just wanted to thank
21 you all for taking the time to be here
22 and tell us your stories.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: All
24 right.

25 Thank you, Legislator Drucker.

I will now call for a vote on this
item.

All in favor, signify by saying,
"Aye".

(Whereupon, all member of
the Full Legislature respond in
favor with, "Aye".)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Those
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
Carries unanimously.

Thank you all for coming out today.

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2 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Item
3 one is a hearing on a proposed local law.
4 It's a Local Law amending Title 24 of the
5 Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County in
6 relation to extending the Hotel/Motel
7 Motel Occupancy tax.

8 Motion to open a hearing by
9 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
10 Drucker. All in favor of opening the
11 hearing signify by saying, "Aye".

12 All in favor, signify by saying,
13 "Aye".

14 (Whereupon, all member of
15 the Full Legislature respond in
16 favor with, "Aye".)

17 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Those
18 opposed?

19 (Whereupon, no verbal
20 response.)

21 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
22 Hearing is open.

23 Do we have someone from the
24 administration to speak on the
25 Hotel/Motel Tax?

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2 MR. PERSICH: Good afternoon, Andy
3 Persich, Office of Management & Budget.
4 This is just a extension of the
5 Hotel/Motel Tax is a procedural thing
6 that we do as a result of the state
7 legislation being enforced. So we have to
8 extend it in the County Charter.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: All
10 right. Any questions for Andy?

11 (Whereupon, no verbal
12 response.)

13 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: I need
14 a motion to close the hearing.

15 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

16 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: So
17 moved by Legislator Ford, seconded by
18 Legislative Walker.

19 All in favor of closing the hearing,
20 signify by saying, "Aye".

21 (Whereupon, all member of
22 the Full Legislature respond in
23 favor with, "Aye".)

24 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Those
25 opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
Hearing is closed.

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2 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Item
3 3, same Local Law. Need a motion to move
4 this.

5 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: By
7 Legislator Ford, second by Legislator
8 Walker.

9 Any debate or discussion?

10 LEGISLATOR FORD: Good afternoon. On
11 this, have we seen an increase in the
12 amount of taxes we've received for hotel
13 and motel occupancy?

14 MR. PERSICH: We are seeing an
15 uptick. I think it's a result of a couple
16 of different things. One is probably some
17 of the enhanced programs we're doing. And
18 the other thing, too, is, is I think the
19 restoration from the Covid hangover,
20 we're starting to see hotel occupancy
21 increase as a result of that.

22 MR. PERSICH: Maybe more and more
23 people have weddings and stuff.

24 MR. PERSICH: Well, we're becoming a
25 destination point too. I think people are

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2 not going as far. So I think they're
3 coming to Long Island. So we're starting
4 to see an uptick in tourism. That's one
5 of the indicators of what's happening.

6 Again, it's the Covid overhang is
7 starting to get back to normalcy. And I
8 think you're starting to see the hotel
9 and the occupancy starting to increase
10 again.

11 LEGISLATOR FORD: And do we oversee
12 hotels to make sure that they are,
13 because I know that they charge like when
14 you go to a hotel, whatever it is, like
15 \$3 a person or something like that. Do we
16 audit to make sure that we're collecting
17 from all the hotels and that they are
18 giving that fee?

19 MR. PERSICH: I would imagine. The
20 Administration doesn't have the ability
21 to audit it, probably be in the
22 Comptroller's Office to see that. But I
23 think, yes, there's a process in place
24 that has to be. On the room charges,
25 you'll see that there are certain things.

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2 In most states, it's a common thing is
3 what it is. Having done travel softball
4 with my daughter, I can tell you I've
5 paid occupancy taxes for years.

6 LEGISLATOR FORD: You could have
7 sent her to college for four years for
8 all those charges, right?

9 MR. PERSICH: So, you know.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: All
11 right. Thank you.

12 Any other legislators?

13 (Whereupon, no verbal
14 response.)

15 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Thank
16 you, Andy.

17 MR. PERSICH: Thank you.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: All in
19 favor, signify by saying, "Aye".

20 (Whereupon, all member of
21 the Full Legislature respond in
22 favor with, "Aye".)

23 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Those
24 opposed?

25 (Whereupon, no verbal

response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:

Carries unanimously.

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2 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Back
3 to Item 2, which is a hearing on a
4 proposed local law.

5 It's a Local Law to Amend Local Law
6 Number 18 in 1984, as last amended by
7 Local Law 8 of 2020 and as incorporated
8 in Chapter IV of Title 9 of the
9 Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County in
10 Relation to Imposing Additional Rates of
11 Sales and Compensating Use Tax.

12 We a motion to establish the
13 emergency. Legislator Schaefer makes that
14 motion, seconded by Legislator DeRiggi-
15 Whitton. I'm sorry that's to open the
16 hearing. All in favor, signify by saying,
17 "Aye".

18 (Whereupon, all member of
19 the Full Legislature respond in
20 favor with, "Aye".)

21 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Those
22 opposed?

23 (Whereupon, no verbal
24 response.)

25 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: The

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2 hearing is open. Andy.

3 MR. PERSICH: Item 259 is the
4 extension of the sales tax that currently
5 in place as a result of the state
6 legislation. It's through to 2025. It's a
7 procedural thing that we have to do every
8 couple of years as a result of that.
9 It's a large component of this county's
10 revenue and we need to keep it in place.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Anyone
12 have any questions for Andy?

13 (Whereupon, no verbal
14 response.)

15 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
16 Hearing none. Motion to close the hearing
17 by Legislator Ford, seconded by Minority
18 Leader Abrahams.

19 All in favor of closing the hearing,
20 signify by saying, "Aye".

21 (Whereupon, all member of
22 the Full Legislature respond in
23 favor with, "Aye".)

24 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Those
25 opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: The
hearing is closed.

Now we need a vote on this local law
that I just called.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Thank
you. Legislator Walker moves it.
Seconded by Legislator Schaefer.

Any debate a discussion?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
Hearing none.

All in favor, signify by saying,
"Aye".

(Whereupon, all member of
the Full Legislature respond in
favor with, "Aye".)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Those
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:

Carries unanimously.

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2 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Item
3 21, a Resolution Authorizing the County
4 Executive to Execute an Inter Municipal
5 Agreement With the Incorporated Village
6 of East Williston in Relation to
7 Purchasing and Procuring Multiple Fire
8 Hose System and Related Items.

9 I'll make the motion, seconded by
10 Minority Leader Abrahams.

11 The Item is before us.

12 We need to make an amendment in the
13 nature of the substitution to add a
14 Deputy County Attorney's signature to the
15 Resolution so it is properly approved as
16 to form.

17 Moved by Deputy Presiding Officer
18 Kopel, seconded by Legislator Solages.

19 All in favor of the amendment,
20 signify by saying, "Aye".

21 (Whereupon, all member of
22 the Full Legislature respond in
23 favor with, "Aye".)

24 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Those
25 opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
Carries unanimously.

Now the Item is amended. We need to
vote on the amended item.

All in favor, signify by saying,
"Aye".

(Whereupon, all member of
the Full Legislature respond in
favor with, "Aye".)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Those
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
Carries unanimously.

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2 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: We
3 have one item on the Regular Calendar
4 which we're going to go back to later on
5 after the Rules Committee. But in the
6 meantime, we have an Emergency Calendar
7 which includes a number of items. These
8 are emergency items.

9 We need a motion to establish an
10 emergency as to Clerk Items 286; 287;
11 288; 289; 290; 291. And that's it with
12 respect to the items.

13 Moved by Deputy Presiding Officer
14 Kopel, second by Minority Leader
15 Abrahams.

16 This is to establish an emergency on
17 these items.

18 We need a speaker on the emergency
19 or just on the substance of it.

20 All in favor of establishing the
21 emergency, signify by saying, "Aye".

22 (Whereupon, all member of
23 the Full Legislature respond in
24 favor with, "Aye".)

25 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (Whereupon, no verbal
4 response.)

5 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
6 Emergency is established.

7 Now, I have to call these items:
8 Item 286; 287; 288; 289; 290; 291.

9 Before we do that, it's unanimous
10 consent to waive the reading of these
11 items.

12 (Whereupon, all member of
13 the Full Legislature respond in
14 favor with, "Aye".)

15 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: All
16 right. So a motion by Legislator
17 Schaefer, seconded by Legislator Ford to
18 put these items before us and now that
19 before us, do we have a speaker on the
20 school tax items?

21 MS. SPARA: Good afternoon.
22 Michele Spara, Deputy Assessor.

23 The items before you all have to do
24 with the school tax warrants. The school
25 tax warrants this year come to

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2 approximately \$4.9 billion. That is
3 approximately an increase of 1.7% over
4 last year.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Okay.
6 Could you speak to why this is always
7 late each year? I think we know the
8 reason, but if you could reiterate.

9 MS. SPARA: Nassau County has three
10 school districts that are split with
11 Suffolk County. Suffolk County assesses
12 by towns. They are all on a different
13 schedule. We just received the last
14 information on Thursday night.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Okay.
16 It happens every year for you.

17 MS. SPARA: Every year.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Any
19 questions for Michele?

20 Legislator Mule.

21 LEGISLATOR MULE: Hi.

22 First question, is there an acting
23 assessor?

24 MS. SPARA: Not at the moment.

25 LEGISLATOR MULE: Okay. So who will

1
2 be certifying these?

3 MS. SPARA: Currently, we have a
4 team that is running the day to day
5 operations of the Department, but I will
6 ultimately be signing them.

7 LEGISLATOR MULE: Okay. Is that a
8 legal thing to do since we don't have an
9 Acting Assessor?

10 MS. SPARA: The administration has
11 appointed me as Chief Deputy Assessor, so
12 I believe it's within that purview.

13 MS. ESTES: That's correct.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Could
15 you just put your name on the record,
16 please?

17 MS. ESTES: Hi. Karen Estes, Counsel
18 for Property Assessor.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Okay,
20 so that was just you that said, "That's
21 correct", right?

22 MS. ESTES: That's right.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Okay.

24 LEGISLATOR MULE: Okay. I would like
25 to request that there be a review of the

1
2 County Law to make sure that that is
3 something that we can do legally, with
4 the County Attorney.

5 Also, do we have any idea when an
6 Acting Assessor will be coming to to the
7 Legislature?

8 MS. SPARA: I do not. That is not
9 part of the items that are before us.

10 LEGISLATOR MULE: Of course. Okay.
11 Thank you.

12 MS. SPARA: You're welcome.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
14 Legislator Solages.

15 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Just a follow
16 up on the question by Legislator Mule.

17 Do you have any guidance, any legal
18 authority that shows that you have the
19 actual authority to serve in that
20 capacity?

21 MS. SPARA: I am not the County
22 Attorney, but I'm sure that we can
23 certainly report back to the County
24 Attorney looking for an opinion.

25 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Again, just to

1
2 clarify, you do not have any legal
3 guidance or clear legal explanation that
4 confirms that you have the authority to
5 certify these?

6 MS. SPARA: Again, I'm not an
7 attorney, so that wouldn't be appropriate
8 for me to speak on that.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: I
10 thought the counsel answered this.

11 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I didn't get an
12 answer.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Yes,
14 she did. I think.

15 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Are there
16 similar jurisdictions that were in the
17 same predicament where they did not have
18 an actual assessor to certify these
19 records?

20 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: I
21 think before you did that, I just want to
22 make clear on the record that the
23 original question was whether Michele
24 would have the authority to to certify.

25 MS. SPARA: That is correct.

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2 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: And
3 your answer was, yes?

4 MS. ESTES: Yes.

5 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Based on what
6 exactly? What law?

7 MS. ESTES: Based on what law?

8 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Yes.

9 MS. ESTES: Well, we had the same
10 situation last year when Matt Cronin was
11 the Acting Assessor and these were
12 certified as well.

13 Right now, I know that they have
14 been interviewing --

15 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: But he was the
16 Acting Assessor. We do not have an Acting
17 Assessor now.

18 MS. ESTES: Chief deputy.

19 MS. SPARA: Matt Cronin was the
20 Acting Assessor. After six months, he was
21 no longer the Acting Assessor. He was the
22 Chief Deputy Assessor. He is no longer
23 here. I am currently acting as the Chief
24 Deputy Assessor. Same situation it was
25 last year.

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LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Were there any other jurisdictions or any counties in New York State that had a very similar situation? I mean, I just want to make sure that we have authority.

MS. SPARA: I do not know the answer to that.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Okay. So can we have an official explanation in writing from the County Attorney's Office?

MS. SPARA: We can get that for you.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.

MR. LEIMONE: It's Chris Leimone. We'll consult with the County Attorney's Office and get back to you.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Okay. Any other questions?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Thank you, Michele. Appreciate it.

MS. SPARA: You're welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: All

right.

Any debate and discussion among the
legislators on these items?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
Hearing none. All in favor, signify by
saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all member of
the Full Legislature respond in
favor with, "Aye".)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Those
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: They
carry unanimously.

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3 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: What
4 we're doing now is we're going to go
5 recess. The Full Legislature and call the
6 Rules Committee for this one item which
7 we'll consider and which will require an
8 executive session. Then we'll come out.
9 If the Rules Committee approves it, it'll
10 go before the Full Legislature.

11 (Whereupon, recess 4:25 p.m. - 4:38
12 p.m.)

13 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: We are
14 back into the Full Legislature as this
15 has to be approved today.

16 Same item, Item 27, Resolution 192,
17 a Resolution authorizing the County
18 Attorney to compromise and settle the
19 claims of plaintiff as set forth in the
20 global settlement of PCO cases Chodkowski
21 versus Nassau.

22 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Moved
24 by Legislator Walker, seconded by
25 Legislator Pilip.

Any debate or discussion?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: All in
favor, signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all member of
the Full Legislature respond in
favor with, "Aye".)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Those
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO:
Carries unanimously.

And then last motion to adjourn.

LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Moved
by Legislator Ford, seconded by
Legislator Walker.

All in favor of adjourning.

(Whereupon, all member of
the Full Legislature respond in
favor with, "Aye".)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: Those
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER NICOLELLO: We are
adjourned.

(Whereupon, Full Legislature is
adjourned, 4:40 p.m.)

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: SS.:

County of Nassau)

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public
for and within the State of New York, do
hereby certify:

That the above is a correct
transcription of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
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Karen Lorenzo

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