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# LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET MEETING 2020

MINEOLA, NEW YORK  
OCTOBER 29, 2020 1:00 PM

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1.

**HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 100- 2020**

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2021 FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021; TO APPROPRIATE REVENUES AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONIES TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION WITHIN THE TOWNS AND CITIES OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR COUNTY; COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION, SAFETY, COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION FUND; COUNTY POLICE HEADQUARTERS FUND; COUNTY POLICE DISTRICT FUND; COUNTY DEBT SERVICE; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT FUND; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY FUND, COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND AND COUNTY TECHNOLOGY FUND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY, THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THE COUNTY LAW, THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW AND CHAPTER 14 OF THE LAWS OF 1995. 241-20(OMB)

2.

**ORDINANCE NO. 100-2020**

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2021 FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021; TO APPROPRIATE REVENUES AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONIES TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION WITHIN THE TOWNS AND CITIES OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR COUNTY; COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION, SAFETY, COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION FUND; COUNTY POLICE HEADQUARTERS FUND; COUNTY POLICE DISTRICT FUND; COUNTY DEBT SERVICE; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT FUND; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY FUND, COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND AND COUNTY TECHNOLOGY FUND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY, THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THE COUNTY LAW, THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW AND CHAPTER 14 OF THE LAWS OF 1995. 241-20(OMB)

3.

**ORDINANCE NO. 101-2020**

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2021 FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, UPON TAXABLE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNS AND CITIES OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR COUNTY; COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION, SAFETY, COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION FUND; COUNTY POLICE HEADQUARTERS FUND; COUNTY POLICE DISTRICT FUND; NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUND; COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND; NASSAU COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT FUND; COUNTY DISPUTED ASSESSMENT FUND; AND FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED 2021 FISCAL YEAR FOR TOWN, TOWN HIGHWAY, TOWN GENERAL FUND, TOWN GENERAL FUND-PART TOWN, TOWN SPECIAL DISTRICT, UNPAID WATER CHARGES IN ARREARS, TOWN SIDEWALK AND CURB ASSESSMENT AND OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES AND ALLOCATING REVENUES FROM CERTAIN SALES TAXES IMPOSED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AND DETERMINING THE EQUALIZATION RATES IN RELATION THERETO AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE CLERK OF THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO EXECUTE SEPARATE TAX WARRANTS ADDRESSED TO THE RECEIVERS OF TAXES OF THE TOWNS AND CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE SEVERAL SUMS MENTIONED THEREIN; PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, THE COUNTY LAW, THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, THE TAX LAW, THE TOWN LAW AND THE EDUCATION LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AND CHAPTER 14 OF THE LAWS OF 1995. 242-20(OMB)

4.

**ORDINANCE NO. 102-2020**

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE FOR THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2021 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND TO APPROPRIATE REVENUES FOR SAID BUDGET PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY; THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, THE COUNTY LAW, THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND CHAPTER 14 OF THE LAWS OF 1995. 244-20(LE)

5.

**RESOLUTION NO. 145-2020**

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-2024, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 310 OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY, AND ALL FINANCIAL POLICIES INCLUDED THEREIN. 243-20(OMB)



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT**

**THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M.**

**IN**

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

**AT WHICH TIME THE LEGISLATURE WILL ADDRESS ITEMS AND  
POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS THERETO ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2021  
NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET AND MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN  
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-2024**

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**DATED: October 22, 2020  
Mineola, NY**

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

## **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 100 -2020**

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2021 FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021; TO APPROPRIATE REVENUES AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEYS TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION WITHIN THE TOWNS AND CITIES OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR COUNTY; COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION, SAFETY, COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION FUND; COUNTY POLICE HEADQUARTERS FUND; COUNTY POLICE DISTRICT FUND; COUNTY DEBT SERVICE; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT FUND; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY FUND, COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND AND COUNTY TECHNOLOGY FUND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY, THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THE COUNTY LAW, THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW AND CHAPTER 14 OF THE LAWS OF 1995.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No\_\_\_\_ -2020 adopted by the Nassau County Legislature on \_\_\_\_, 2020, there have been included in the proceedings of the said Legislature statements of the total assessed valuations of the properties situated in the County, the three towns, two cities, and special districts in the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, heretofore and on the 15th day of September, 2020, the County Executive of Nassau County submitted and filed with the Nassau County Legislature a proposed budget for the County of Nassau for the twelve-month 2021 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021, together with her budget message and recommendations relative to the items set forth in said proposed County Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Legislature, after the filing of said proposed County Budget, gave due notice, pursuant to law, of a public hearing to be held on said proposed County Budget on the \_\_\_\_ day of October 2020; and

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

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

§ 1. The proposed County Budget heretofore submitted and filed by the County Executive with the Nassau County Legislature hereby is approved and adopted by the Nassau County Legislature as the County Budget of the County of Nassau for the 2021 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021, and said County Budget is now on file with the Clerk of this Legislature.

§ 2. In accordance with the 2021 County Budget, the Legislature of Nassau County does hereby appropriate for the conduct of each department, institution, office, agency or district of the County and other governmental requirements of the County Government for the aforementioned 2021 fiscal year, the several amounts specified for expenditures for Personal Services (Salaries, Wages and Fees); Fringe Benefits; Equipment; Materials and Supplies; General Expenses; Contractual Services; Inter-fund Charges; Utility Costs; Interest; Capital Outlays and such other items as specified herein:



GENERAL FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CENTER	Object	2021 PROPOSED
AC - DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATIONS	10	DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	1,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,000
<b>AC - DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATIONS Total</b>			<b>2,000</b>
AN - OFFICE OF ASIAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	351,241
		BB - EQUIPMENT	5,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	32,000
<b>AN - OFFICE OF ASIAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS Total</b>			<b>388,241</b>
AR - ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	4,944,684
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	241,000
<b>AR - ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION Total</b>			<b>5,185,684</b>
AS - ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	12,023,594
		BB - EQUIPMENT	10,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	1,084,500
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	840,000
		OO - OTHER EXPENSES	30,000,000
<b>AS - ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT Total</b>			<b>43,958,094</b>
AT - COUNTY ATTORNEY	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	8,288,045
		BB - EQUIPMENT	16,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	650,473
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	4,881,868
<b>AT - COUNTY ATTORNEY Total</b>			<b>13,836,386</b>
BU - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	5,509,506
		AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	24,666,209
		AC - WORKERS COMPENSATION	8,202,100
		BB - EQUIPMENT	2,500
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	115,991
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,360,479
		GA - LOCAL GOVT ASST PROGRAM	62,468,160
		HD - DEBT SERVICE CHARGEBACKS	213,031,251
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	5,806,343
		HH - INTERFUND CHARGES	22,452,054
		NA - NCIFA EXPENDITURES	2,160,000
		OO - OTHER EXPENSES	62,784,413
	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	(8,397,286)
<b>BU - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET Total</b>			<b>401,161,720</b>
CA - OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,928,033
		BB - EQUIPMENT	4,500
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	28,668
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	50,000
<b>CA - OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS Total</b>			<b>2,011,201</b>
CC - NC SHERIFF/CORRECTIONAL CENTER	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	98,927,349
		AC - WORKERS COMPENSATION	8,080,000
		BB - EQUIPMENT	170,207
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,295,356
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	26,791,859
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	1,553,241
	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	6,689,720
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	31,090
<b>CC - NC SHERIFF/CORRECTIONAL CENTER Total</b>			<b>145,538,822</b>
CE - COUNTY EXECUTIVE	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,613,468
		BB - EQUIPMENT	1,500
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	52,500
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	100,000
<b>CE - COUNTY EXECUTIVE Total</b>			<b>1,767,468</b>
CF - OFFICE OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,485,130
<b>CF - OFFICE OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS Total</b>			<b>1,485,130</b>
CL - COUNTY CLERK	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	6,614,183
		BB - EQUIPMENT	47,500
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	275,986
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	542,005
<b>CL - COUNTY CLERK Total</b>			<b>7,479,674</b>
CO - COUNTY COMPTROLLER	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	7,814,177
		BB - EQUIPMENT	4,500
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	123,620
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	948,000
<b>CO - COUNTY COMPTROLLER Total</b>			<b>8,890,297</b>
CS - CIVIL SERVICE	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	5,144,935
		BB - EQUIPMENT	5,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	278,569
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	20,000
<b>CS - CIVIL SERVICE Total</b>			<b>5,448,504</b>
CT - COURTS	10	AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	832,948
<b>CT - COURTS Total</b>			<b>832,948</b>
CV - OFFICE OF CRIME VICTIMS ADVOCATE	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	365,420
		BB - EQUIPMENT	1,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	20,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	105,000
<b>CV - OFFICE OF CRIME VICTIMS ADVOCATE Total</b>			<b>491,420</b>

GENERAL FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CENTER	Object	2021 PROPOSED
DA - DISTRICT ATTORNEY	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	45,078,345
		BB - EQUIPMENT	100,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	1,390,500
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,006,209
DA - DISTRICT ATTORNEY Total			48,575,054
EL - BOARD OF ELECTIONS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	4,420,293
		BB - EQUIPMENT	23,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	91,320
	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	11,822,509
		BB - EQUIPMENT	43,500
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	2,510,540
	30	DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	470,000
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,591,054
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	553,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	300,000
EL - BOARD OF ELECTIONS Total			21,825,216
EM - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	987,768
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	8,572
EM - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Total			996,340
FB - FRINGE BENEFIT	10	AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	259,052,076
FB - FRINGE BENEFIT Total			259,052,076
HE - HEALTH DEPARTMENT	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,973,106
		BB - EQUIPMENT	14,161
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	79,257
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	3,566,872
	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	7,524,569
		BB - EQUIPMENT	13,500
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	52,136
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	75,072
	30	HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	568,140
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	994,731
		BB - EQUIPMENT	23,936
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	509,187
	40	DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	25,000
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	295,822
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	2,050,340
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	99,940
	51	DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	55,000
		DG - VAR DIRECT EXPENSES	5,000,000
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	942,439
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,553,161
	54	BB - EQUIPMENT	8,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	47,460
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	394,549
		PP - EARLY INTERVENTION/SPECIAL EDUCATION	25,800,000
	54	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	117,550
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,683
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	220,000
		PP - EARLY INTERVENTION/SPECIAL EDUCATION	113,750,000
HE - HEALTH DEPARTMENT Total			167,757,611
HI -HOUSING & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,161,161
		BB - EQUIPMENT	1,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	4,000
		HH - INTERFUND CHARGES	200,000
HI -HOUSING & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS Total			1,366,161
HR - COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	400,360
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,960
HR - COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS Total			404,320
HS - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	5,276,291
		BB - EQUIPMENT	9,161
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	1,196,021
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	28,438,191
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	3,759,852
HS - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES Total			38,679,516
IT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	9,966,471
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	2,986,450
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	19,009,094
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	3,573,300
IT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Total			35,535,315

GENERAL FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CENTER	Object	2021 PROPOSED
LE - COUNTY LEGISLATURE	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	2,551,359
		BB - EQUIPMENT	2,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	9,169
	15	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,440,653
		BB - EQUIPMENT	6,903
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	10,920
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	65,000
	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	894,101
		BB - EQUIPMENT	45,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	1,635,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	740,000
	25	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,011,500
		BB - EQUIPMENT	25,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	60,000
	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	943,065
		BB - EQUIPMENT	2,455
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	10,777
DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		1,888	
LE - COUNTY LEGISLATURE Total			11,454,790
LR - OFFICE OF LABOR RELATIONS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	503,623
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	5,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	250,000
LR - OFFICE OF LABOR RELATIONS Total			758,623
MA - OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	711,778
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	49,569
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	5,000
MA - OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS Total			766,347
ME - MEDICAL EXAMINER	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	9,317,572
		BB - EQUIPMENT	154,594
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	670,392
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	40,068
ME - MEDICAL EXAMINER Total			10,182,626
PA - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	568,382
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,167
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	20,500
PA - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR Total			592,049
PB - PROBATION	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	19,240,775
		BB - EQUIPMENT	35,023
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	314,802
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	940,442
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	472
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	1,569,108
PB - PROBATION Total			22,100,622
PE - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	841,249
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	21,595
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	82,000
PE - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES Total			944,844
PK - PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	18,569,753
		BB - EQUIPMENT	567,300
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	1,519,554
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	7,401,570
PK - PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS Total			28,058,177
PR - SHARED SERVICES	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,184,973
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	15,678
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	147,000
PR - SHARED SERVICES Total			1,347,651

GENERAL FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CENTER	Object	2021 PROPOSED
PW - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	00	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,580,952
		AC - WORKERS COMPENSATION	1,740,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	278,440
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,279,915
		DG - VAR DIRECT EXPENSES	250,000
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	3,025,083
	01	OO - OTHER EXPENSES	14,314,199
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	5,059,357
		BB - EQUIPMENT	33,601
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	70,174
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	126,591,364
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	1,245,000
	02	MM - MASS TRANSPORTATION	46,280,511
		OO - OTHER EXPENSES	75,000
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	11,359,992
		BB - EQUIPMENT	51,420
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	2,528,745
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,371,000
	03	DF - UTILITY COSTS	28,000
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	9,180
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,118,443
		BB - EQUIPMENT	12,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	2,797,500
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	435,200
	06	HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	2,152,836
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	8,597,079
		BB - EQUIPMENT	45,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	2,017,143
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	6,299,398
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	22,647,523
HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES			10,220,846
PW - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Total			279,514,901
RM - RECORDS MANAGEMENT	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	980,293
		BB - EQUIPMENT	114,800
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	106,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	120,010
RM - RECORDS MANAGEMENT Total			1,321,103
SA - OFFICE OF HISPANIC AFFAIRS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	441,121
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	22,305
SA - OFFICE OF HISPANIC AFFAIRS Total			463,426
SS - SOCIAL SERVICES	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	4,969,703
		BB - EQUIPMENT	3,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	266,700
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,529,400
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	20,262,808
	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	19,669,918
		BB - EQUIPMENT	8,720
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	264,600
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	5,478,725
	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	23,222,052
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	190,900
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	119,677
	53	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	20,500,000
	60	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	17,048,889
		WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	7,720,142
	61	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	27,000,000
		WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	12,000,000
	62	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	10,350,000
	63	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	901,111
		TT - PURCHASED SERVICES	1,100
		WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	300,000
		WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	2,250,000
	66	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	3,250,000
	68	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	575,000
	69	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	325,000
		WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	325,000
	70	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	5,125,000
	72	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	300,000
	73	XX - MEDICAID	234,916,221
	75	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	400,000
	76	TT - PURCHASED SERVICES	70,420,698
SS - SOCIAL SERVICES Total			489,694,364

GENERAL FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CENTER	Object	2021 PROPOSED
TR - COUNTY TREASURER	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	2,173,920
		BB - EQUIPMENT	1,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	325,728
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	498,552
TR - COUNTY TREASURER Total			2,999,200
TV - TRAFFIC & PARKING VIOLATIONS AGENCY	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,704,067
		BB - EQUIPMENT	20,200
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	273,690
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	12,305,000
TV - TRAFFIC & PARKING VIOLATIONS AGENCY Total			16,302,957
VS - VETERANS SERVICES AGENCY	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	592,979
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	13,850
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	45,000
VS - VETERANS SERVICES AGENCY Total			651,829
GRAND TOTAL			2,079,822,707

§ 3. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes as set forth in the County budget for the 2021 fiscal year:

GENERAL FUND	
Object	2021 PROPOSED
Use of Fund Balance	\$ -
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax	\$ 2,037,633,205
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal Year tax levy	\$ 42,189,502
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,079,822,707</b>

§ 4. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Fire Prevention, Safety, Communication and Education Fund purposes for the 2021 fiscal year:

FIRE COMMISSION FUND			
		CONTROL	
DEPARTMENT	CENTER	OBJECT	2021 PROPOSED
FB - FRINGE BENEFIT	40	AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	6,419,389
FC - FIRE COMMISSION	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	11,263,213
		BB - EQUIPMENT	102,107
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	208,800
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	4,887,378
		HD - DEBT SERVICE CHARGEBACKS	781,478
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	3,218,045
TOTAL FIRE COMMISSION FUND			26,880,410

§ 5. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Fire Prevention, Safety, Communication and Education Fund budget for the 2021 fiscal year:

FIRE COMMISSION FUND	
Object	2021 PROPOSED
Use of Fund Balance	\$ -
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax	\$ 7,760,091
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal Year tax levy	\$ 19,120,319
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 26,880,410</b>

§ 6. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Police Headquarters purposes for the 2021 fiscal year:

POLICE HEADQUARTERS FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2021 PROPOSED
FB - FRINGE BENEFIT	30	AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	165,841,028
<b>PD - POLICE DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>			<b>165,841,028</b>
PD - POLICE DEPARTMENT	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	235,398,109
		AC - WORKERS COMPENSATION	4,235,000
		BB - EQUIPMENT	823,874
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,987,154
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	10,921,304
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	2,709,550
		HD - DEBT SERVICE CHARGEBACKS	21,970,496
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	29,140,739
<b>PD - POLICE DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>			<b>309,186,226</b>
<b>TOTAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS FUND</b>			<b>475,027,254</b>

§ 7. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Police Headquarters budget for the 2021 fiscal year:

POLICE HEADQUARTERS FUND	
Object	2021 PROPOSED
Use of Fund Balance	\$ -
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax	\$ 100,370,709
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal Year tax levy	\$ 374,656,545
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 475,027,254</b>

§ 8. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Police District purposes for the 2021 fiscal year:

POLICE DISTRICT FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2021 PROPOSED
FB - FRINGE BENEFIT	20	AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	145,750,544
<b>PD - POLICE DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>			<b>145,750,544</b>
PD - POLICE DEPARTMENT	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	229,657,041
		AC - WORKERS COMPENSATION	8,900,000
		BB - EQUIPMENT	467,851
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,749,177
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	891,000
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	1,453,252
		HD - DEBT SERVICE CHARGEBACKS	929,627
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	22,916,944
<b>PD - POLICE DEPARTMENT TOTAL</b>			<b>268,964,892</b>
<b>TOTAL POLICE DISTRICT FUND</b>			<b>414,715,436</b>

§ 9. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Police District budget for the 2021 fiscal year:

POLICE DISTRICT FUND	
Object	2021 PROPOSED
Use of Fund Balance	\$ -
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax	\$ 25,418,665
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal Year tax levy	\$ 389,296,771
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 414,715,436</b>

§ 10. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the County Debt Service Fund for the 2021 fiscal year:

DEBT SERVICE FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2021 PROPOSED
DS - DEBT SERVICE	10	FF - INTEREST	145,675,618
		GG - PRINCIPAL	129,075,000
		OO - OTHER EXPENSES	14,832,050
<b>DS - DEBT SERVICE TOTAL</b>			<b>289,582,668</b>
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>			<b>289,582,668</b>

§ 11. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Debt Service Fund budget for the 2021 fiscal year:

DEBT SERVICE FUND		
Object		2021 PROPOSED
Use of Fund Balance	\$	-
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax	\$	289,582,668
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal Year tax levy	\$	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>289,582,668</b>

§ 12. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Sewer and Storm Water Resources District purposes for the 2021 fiscal year:

SEWER & STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2021 PROPOSED
PW - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	50	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	9,079,692
		AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	11,659,270
		BB - EQUIPMENT	10,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	1,278,370
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	73,004,033
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	7,695,000
		FF - INTEREST	2,946,825
		GG - PRINCIPAL	10,197,736
		HH - INTERFUND CHARGES	37,774,460
		OO - OTHER EXPENSES	5,358,500
TOTAL SEWER & STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT FUND			159,003,886

§ 13. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Sewer and Storm Water Resources District budget for the 2021 fiscal year:

SEWER & STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT FUND		
Object		2021 PROPOSED
Use of Fund Balance	\$	-
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax	\$	159,003,886
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal Year tax levy	\$	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>159,003,886</b>



§ 14. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Sewer and Storm Water Finance Authority Fund purposes for the 2021 fiscal year:

SEWER & STORM WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL		2021 PROPOSED
	CENTER	OBJECT	
SF - SEWER & STORMWATER FINANCE	10	DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	300,000
		FF - INTEREST	4,986,500
		GG - PRINCIPAL	12,365,000
		LS - TRANS OUT TO SSW	144,795,524
TOTAL SEWER & STORM WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY FUND			162,447,024

§ 15. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Sewer and Storm Water Finance Authority Fund budget for the 2021 fiscal year:

SEWER & STORM WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY FUND	
Object	2021 PROPOSED
Use of Fund Balance	\$ -
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax	\$ 7,887,738
Zone One - Collection & Disposal	\$ 127,945,519
Zone Two - Disposal Only	\$ 17,197,190
Zone Three - Stormwater	\$ 9,416,577
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal Year tax levy	\$ 154,559,286
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 162,447,024</b>

§ 16. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Environmental Bond Fund purposes for the 2021 fiscal year:

ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL		2021 PROPOSED
	CENTER	OBJECT	
PL - PLANNING	45	HH - INTERFUND CHARGES	11,068,142
TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND			11,068,142

§ 17. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Environmental Bond Fund budget for the 2021 fiscal year:

ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND	
Object	2021 PROPOSED
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 50,507
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax	\$ -
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal Year tax levy	\$ 11,017,635
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,068,142</b>

§ 18. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Technology Fund purposes for the 2021 fiscal year:

TECHNOLOGY FUND			
		CONTROL	
DEPARTMENT	CENTER	OBJECT	2021 PROPOSED
IT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	40	DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	83,087
<b>TOTAL TECHNOLOGY FUND</b>			<b>83,087</b>

§ 19. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Technology Fund budget for the 2021 fiscal year:

TECHNOLOGY FUND	
Object	2021 PROPOSED
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 83,087
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax	\$ -
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal Year tax levy	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 83,087</b>

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

§ 21. It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that the adoption of this ordinance is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) and

(27) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

§ 22. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

## **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 101 -2020**

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2021 FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, UPON TAXABLE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNS AND CITIES OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR COUNTY; COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION, SAFETY, COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION FUND; COUNTY POLICE HEADQUARTERS FUND; COUNTY POLICE DISTRICT FUND; NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUND; COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND; NASSAU COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT FUND; COUNTY DISPUTED ASSESSMENT FUND; AND FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED 2021 FISCAL YEAR FOR TOWN, TOWN HIGHWAY, TOWN GENERAL FUND, TOWN GENERAL FUND-PART TOWN, TOWN SPECIAL DISTRICT, UNPAID WATER CHARGES IN ARREARS, TOWN SIDEWALK AND CURB ASSESSMENT AND OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES AND ALLOCATING REVENUES FROM CERTAIN SALES TAXES IMPOSED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AND DETERMINING THE EQUALIZATION RATES IN RELATION THERETO AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE CLERK OF THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO EXECUTE SEPARATE TAX WARRANTS ADDRESSED TO THE RECEIVERS OF TAXES OF THE TOWNS AND CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE SEVERAL SUMS MENTIONED THEREIN; PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, THE COUNTY LAW, THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, THE TAX LAW, THE TOWN LAW AND THE EDUCATION LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AND CHAPTER 14 OF THE LAWS OF 1995

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No.     -2020, adopted by this Nassau County Legislature on                     , 2020, there have been included in the proceedings of the said Legislature, statements of the total assessed valuations of the properties situated in the County, the three towns, two cities, and special districts within the County of Nassau for the 2021 fiscal year for County; County Fire Prevention, Safety, Communication and Education Fund; County Police Headquarters Fund; County Police District Fund; Nassau Community College Fund; County Environmental Bond Fund; Nassau County Sewer and Storm Water Resources District Fund; County Disputed Assessment Fund; Town; Part Town; Town Highway; Town Special District; and other lawful purposes, and the town budgets of the Towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay for the year 2021 including the lists of Special Districts as contained therein and the amounts certified by the Town Board of each of the said towns to be raised and levied for Town General Fund, Town General Fund-Part Town, Town Highway, Town Special District and other lawful purposes, and the amounts of unpaid water charges in arrears in the respective water districts and Town Sidewalk and Curb assessments to be levied against certain

properties in the Towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead, and Oyster Bay will be caused to be printed in the proceedings of the Nassau County Legislature; and

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

WHEREAS, since the County is not in receipt of Town budgets of the Towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay for the year 2021 including the lists of Special Districts as will be contained therein and the amounts certified by the Town Board of each the said Towns to be raised and levied for Town, Town Highway, Town General Fund, Town General Fund-Part Town, Town Special District and other lawful purposes, and the amount of Unpaid Water Charges in Arrears in respective water districts and Town Sidewalk and Curb assessments to be levied against certain properties in the Towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay and, as a result, it is contemplated that this Ordinance will be amended to provide for same at a future date; and

WHEREAS, Appropriation Ordinance No. -2020 for the fiscal year 2021 has been adopted by the Nassau County Legislature for the conduct of the County Government of Nassau County for the 2021 fiscal year, and such Appropriation Ordinance constitutes the Appropriation Ordinance for the 2021 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 302 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, the County is required to adopt a budget for a twelve-month fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2021, and terminating on December 31, 2021, and to levy taxes in accordance with said 2021 fiscal year budget and year, and to cause real property taxes to be assessed, collected and paid in order to fund County governmental operations for said 2021 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the County accordingly is required to adopt an ordinance for the levy of taxes in accordance with Appropriation Ordinance No. -2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 306 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, the County Legislature of the County of Nassau is required to levy County, Town and Special District taxes for the ensuing year and the Legislature is also required to levy the unpaid water charges in arrears which have been filed by the Town Boards of the respective towns; and

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

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

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

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

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

§ 1. The sum of \$42,189,502, having been determined to be the amount of moneys to be raised and levied for county purposes and governmental requirements during the 2021 fiscal year and the said sum having been appropriated for the aforesaid purposes and requirements, as set forth in section 2 of the aforementioned Appropriation Ordinance, the County tax rate on properties situated within the County of Nassau subject to taxation and located within the Towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead, and Oyster Bay, and the Cities of Glen Cove and Long Beach, is hereby determined to be Class One \$22.517, Class Two \$4.050, Class Three \$5.312, Class Four \$4.091, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, of such properties, and the several amounts to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County is as follows:

**GENERAL**

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$19,175,360
Town of North Hempstead	\$10,684,944
Town of Oyster Bay	\$10,530,233
City of Glen Cove	\$840,666
City of Long Beach	\$958,299
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	\$42,189,502

§ 2. The sum of \$19,120,319, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Fire Prevention, Safety, Communication and Education Fund purposes for the 2021 fiscal year the tax rate for such purposes is hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$9.918, Class Two \$1.783, Class Three \$2.339, Class Four \$1.802, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The amount to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County for such purposes are as follows:

**FIRE PREVENTION**

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$8,730,863
Town of North Hempstead	\$4,815,409
Town of Oyster Bay	\$4,767,048
City of Glen Cove	\$370,841
City of Long Beach	\$436,158
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	\$19,120,319

§ 3. The sum of \$461,417,144, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Police Headquarters purposes for the 2021 fiscal year the tax rate for such purposes is, subject to adjustment by virtue of allocations of sales tax revenues, where pertinent as set forth below, hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$238.573, Class Two \$42.907, Class Three \$56.284, Class Four \$43.349, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The amount to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County for such purposes, subject to being reduced by virtue of such sales tax allocations are as follows:

**POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

	Final Tax Levy
Class One	\$359,693,442
Class Two	\$14,564,956
Class Three	\$15,421,207
Class Four	\$71,737,539
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	\$461,417,144

The County of Nassau and the City of Long Beach having each imposed sales and use taxes in certain categories in accordance with Article 29 of the Tax Law of the State of New York, allocations of the net revenues from such taxes in the area outside the City of Long Beach proposed to be received during the year are to be made by the County of Nassau to the towns in the area outside the City of Long Beach in the manner set forth in section 1262 of the said Tax Law and such allocations are hereinafter set forth. For the purpose of arriving at the full valuation of real property in the said area and making such allocations, while not endorsing the use and/or the legality of equalization rates and in fact challenging such rates, this Nassau County Legislature hereby determines, in accordance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (f) of section 1262 of the Tax Law, which section mandates the use of equalization rates as determined by the Nassau County Legislature, that the equalization rates for the towns and cities in said area are as follows:

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



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

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**POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

	<b>Final Tax Rate</b>	<b>2021 FINAL TAX LEVY</b>
<b>Hempstead</b>		
Class One	215.070	\$ 144,108,967
Class Two	19.404	\$ 2,863,811
Class Three	32.781	\$ 5,710,780
Class Four	19.846	\$ 15,752,229
		<u>\$ 168,435,787</u>
<b>Oyster Bay</b>		
Class One	215.111	\$ 84,000,495
Class Two	19.445	\$ 670,176
Class Three	32.822	\$ 1,460,788
Class Four	19.888	\$ 8,123,557
		<u>\$ 94,255,016</u>
<b>No. Hempstead</b>		
Class One	215.092	\$ 83,077,964
Class Two	19.426	\$ 1,892,624
Class Three	32.803	\$ 1,433,428
Class Four	19.869	\$ 7,878,590
		<u>\$ 94,282,606</u>
<b>Long Beach</b>		
Class One	238.573	\$ 7,039,400
Class Two	42.906	\$ 2,096,938
Class Three	56.283	\$ 369,170
Class Four	43.349	\$ 1,008,911
		<u>\$ 10,514,419</u>
<b>Glen Cove</b>		
Class One	215.107	\$ 6,195,281
Class Two	19.441	\$ 154,366
Class Three	32.818	\$ 164,781
Class Four	19.883	\$ 654,289
		<u>\$ 7,168,717</u>
<b>County Totals</b>		
Class One		\$ 324,422,107
Class Two		\$ 7,677,915
Class Three		\$ 9,138,947
Class Four		\$ 33,417,576
		<u>\$ 374,656,545</u>

§ 4. The sum of \$389,296,771, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Police District purposes for the 2021 fiscal year, the tax rate on the properties situated in the towns within the County of Nassau and liable therefore is hereby

finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$201.294, Class Two \$57.216, Class Three \$184.126, Class Four \$78.858 on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The amount to be collected from each of the towns for such purposes is as follows:

**POLICE DISTRICT**

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$188,000,826
Town of North Hempstead	\$94,031,052
Town of Oyster Bay	\$107,264,893
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	\$389,296,771

§ 5. The sum of \$52,206,883, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau Community College purposes for its 2021 fiscal year, the tax rate for such purposes is hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$26.993, Class Two \$4.854, Class Three \$6.368, Class Four \$4.904, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The amount to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County for such purposes is as follows:

**NCC**

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$23,851,656
Town of North Hempstead	\$13,139,854
Town of Oyster Bay	\$13,014,345
City of Glen Cove	\$1,009,423
City of Long Beach	\$1,191,605
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	\$52,206,883

§ 6. The sum of \$40,000,000, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Disputed Assessment Fund purposes for the 2021 fiscal year, the tax rates for such purposes are hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$0, Class Two \$0, Class Three \$0, Class Four \$24.171, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The amounts to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County for such purposes are as follows:

**DISPUTED ASSESSMENT FUND**

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$19,184,534
Town of North Hempstead	\$9,584,542
Town of Oyster Bay	\$9,872,999
City of Glen Cove	\$795,368
City of Long Beach	\$562,557
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	\$40,000,000

§ 7. The sum of \$11,017,635, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Environmental Bond Fund purposes for the 2021 fiscal year, the tax rate for such purposes is hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$5.725, Class Two \$1.029, Class Three \$1.350, Class Four \$1.040, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The amount to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County for such purposes is as follows:

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$5,029,513
Town of North Hempstead	\$2,775,692
Town of Oyster Bay	\$2,747,190
City of Glen Cove	\$214,046
City of Long Beach	\$251,194
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	\$11,017,635

§ 8. The sum of \$127,945,519, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Sewer and Storm Water Resources District Sewage Collection and Disposal Zone of Assessment purposes for the 2021 fiscal year, the tax rate on the properties situated within said zone of assessment, and liable therefore, is hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$77.330, Class Two \$21.499, Class Three \$187.113, Class Four \$31.196, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The amount to be collected for such purposes is as follows:

**SSW COLLECTION & DISPOSAL**

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$72,102,126
Town of North Hempstead	\$18,212,960
Town of Oyster Bay	\$37,630,433
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	\$127,945,519

§ 9. The sum of \$17,197,190, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Sewer and Storm Water Resources District Sewage Disposal-Only Zone of Assessment purposes for the 2021 fiscal year, the tax rate on the properties situated within said zone of assessment, and liable therefore, is hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$72.502, Class Two \$3.659, Class Three \$87.563, Class Four \$21.337, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The amount to be collected for such purposes is as follows:

**SSW DISPOSAL ONLY**

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$13,933,499
Town of North Hempstead	\$2,839,119
Town of Oyster Bay	\$424,572
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	\$17,197,190

§ 10. The sum of \$9,416,577, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Sewer and Storm Water Resources District Storm Water Zone of Assessment purposes for the 2021 fiscal year, the tax rate on the properties situated within said zone of assessment, and liable therefore, is hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$5.023, Class Two \$0.903, Class Three \$1.185, Class Four \$0.912, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The amount to be collected for such purposes is as follows:

**SSW STORM WATER**

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$4,280,308
Town of North Hempstead	\$2,384,775
Town of Oyster Bay	\$2,349,773
City of Glen Cove	\$187,539
City of Long Beach	\$214,182
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	\$9,416,577

§ 11. As the Town Boards of the Town of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay have not yet adopted their Town Budgets, this Ordinance will be hereafter amended to fix the tax rates and levy rates for the year 2021 for Town, Town Highway, Town General Fund, Town General Fund-Part Town, Town Special District, Unpaid Water Charges in Arrears, Town Sidewalk and Curb Assessment and other lawful purposes.

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

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

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

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

§ 16. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

## **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 102-2020**

AN ORDINANCE to adopt the budget for the County Legislature for the County of Nassau for the twelve-month 2021 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021 and to appropriate revenues for said budget pursuant to the provisions of the County Government Law of Nassau County; the Nassau County Administrative Code; the Real Property Tax Law, the County Law, the Local Finance Law, the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and Chapter 14 of the Laws of 1995.

WHEREAS, on the fifteenth day of September 2020, the County Executive of Nassau County submitted and filed with the Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature (“County Legislature”) a proposed budget for the County of Nassau for the twelve-month 2021 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, together with her budget message and recommendations relative to the items set forth in said proposed budget; and

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

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

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

Section 1. The proposed budget of the County Legislature, heretofore submitted and filed by the County Executive with the Clerk of the County Legislature on the fifteenth day of September 2020 as part of the proposed budget for the County of Nassau for the twelve-month 2021 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021 is hereby approved and adopted by the County Legislature as its budget for the 2021 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, said budget of the County Legislature now being on file with the Clerk of the Legislature.

Section 2. In accordance with the fiscal year 2021 budget of the County of Nassau, the County Legislature does hereby appropriate for the conduct of the County Legislature for the aforementioned



2021 fiscal year, the several amounts specified for the expenditure as follows: salaries, wages and fees; equipment; general expenses; contractual services and such other items as specified herein:

<b>OBJECT</b>	<b>15 - LEGISLATIVE- MAJORITY</b>	<b>10 - LEGISLATIVE MINORITY</b>	<b>20 - LEGISLATIVE CENTRAL STAFF</b>	<b>25 - INSPECTOR GENERAL</b>	<b>30 - LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REVIEW</b>
AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,440,653	2,551,359	894,101	1,011,500	943,065
BB - EQUIPMENT	6,903	2,000	45,000	25,000	2,455
DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	10,920	9,169	1,635,000	60,000	10,777
DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	65,000	0	740,000	0	1,888
	<b>3,523,476</b>	<b>2,562,528</b>	<b>3,314,101</b>	<b>1,096,500</b>	<b>958,185</b>

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BUDGET OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE FOR THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR: \$11,454,790

Section 3. This ordinance may be modified to allow for the correction of any mathematical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said ordinance without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any standing committee of said Legislature if said ordinance is passed by affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 145 –2020**

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-2024, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 310 OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY, AND ALL FINANCIAL POLICIES INCLUDED THEREIN

WHEREAS, section 310 of the County Government Law of Nassau County requires a Multi-Year Financial plan; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that such Multi-Year Financial Plan for fiscal years 2021-2024 on file with the Clerk of the County Legislature, and all financial policies included therein, is hereby adopted.

MESSAGE AND RECOMMENDATION  
OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 15, 2020

COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
NASSAU COUNTY  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING  
1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE  
MINEOLA, NEW YORK 11501

HONORABLE MEMBERS:

Please be advised that I hereby submit the attached resolution to adopt the Multi-Year Financial Plan for fiscal years 2021-2024, as required by section 310 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, and all financial policies included therein. I recommend adoption of this resolution by the Legislature.

Very truly yours,

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LAURA CURRAN  
County Executive  
Nassau County

# Appendix A

**Table 1: 2021 – 2024 Pre Gap Closing Analysis**

Major Funds					
EXP/REV	Object	2021 Proposed	2022 PLAN	2023 PLAN	2024 PLAN
EXP	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	873,786,930	901,343,733	933,605,203	965,821,449
	AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	602,562,194	623,819,692	657,149,467	692,475,793
	AC - WORKERS COMPENSATION	31,157,100	31,157,100	31,157,100	31,157,100
	BB - EQUIPMENT	3,025,813	3,025,813	3,025,813	3,025,813
	DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	37,193,308	37,193,936	37,183,008	37,147,042
	DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	271,705,168	274,131,056	276,605,456	279,129,336
	DF - UTILITY COSTS	33,210,338	33,332,800	33,486,693	33,813,245
	DG - VAR DIRECT EXPENSES	5,250,000	5,250,000	5,250,000	5,250,000
	FF - INTEREST	145,675,618	149,820,482	150,465,226	163,103,010
	GA - LOCAL GOVT ASST PROGRAM	62,468,160	65,529,068	68,743,022	70,092,882
	GG - PRINCIPAL	129,075,000	147,655,000	150,060,000	166,610,001
	HH - INTERFUND CHARGES	22,652,054	22,401,060	22,101,910	21,936,832
	MM - MASS TRANSPORTATION	46,280,511	47,050,724	47,839,423	48,647,050
	NA - NCIFA EXPENDITURES	2,160,000	2,025,000	2,075,000	2,140,000
	OO - OTHER EXPENSES	122,005,662	220,137,913	199,867,091	181,051,115
	PP - EARLY INTERVENTION/SPECIAL EDUCATION	139,550,000	140,945,500	142,354,955	143,778,505
	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	50,800,000	50,800,000	50,800,000	50,800,000
	TT - PURCHASED SERVICES	70,421,798	71,126,016	71,837,276	72,555,649
	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	57,570,142	58,145,843	58,727,302	59,314,575
	XX - MEDICAID	234,916,221	240,868,290	245,974,430	242,495,541
Total Expenses Excluding Interdepartmental Transfers		2,941,466,017	3,125,759,027	3,188,308,373	3,270,344,938
Interdepartmental Transfers		344,562,458	458,346,496	435,159,933	441,585,769
Total Expenses Including Interdepartmental Transfers		3,286,028,475	3,584,105,522	3,623,468,306	3,711,930,706
REV	BA - INT PENALTY ON TAX	32,669,723	36,912,500	36,912,500	36,912,500
	BC - PERMITS & LICENSES	18,556,082	18,746,082	18,746,082	18,746,082
	BD - FINES & FORFEITS	106,993,634	120,050,165	120,050,165	120,050,165
	BE - INVEST INCOME	3,712,534	4,712,534	5,212,534	5,712,534
	BF - RENTS & RECOVERIES	45,929,357	30,203,503	30,226,399	30,264,040
	BG - REVENUE OFFSET TO EXPENSE	20,692,599	20,694,974	20,690,224	20,693,349
	BH - DEPT REVENUES	215,239,791	238,732,835	245,737,950	251,369,561
	BO - PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	52,405,124	52,713,330	53,014,050	53,230,250
	BQ - CAPITAL RESOURCES FOR DEBT	135,308,568	16,661,013	17,345,890	16,140,512
	BS - OTB PROFITS	5,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000
	BW - INTERFUND REVENUE	74,358,278	81,833,582	86,379,535	91,032,258
	FA - FEDERAL AID - REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES	143,904,244	143,853,617	143,798,517	143,618,123
	SA - STATE AID - REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES	207,687,830	219,030,493	221,414,293	223,835,971
	TA - SALES TAX COUNTYWIDE	933,897,683	981,530,131	1,031,544,202	1,052,550,111
	TB - SALES TAX PART COUNTY	89,982,151	70,782,555	97,085,892	99,027,610
	TL - PROPERTY TAX	825,263,137	825,189,230	827,096,096	826,979,381
	TO - OTB 5% TAX	955,000	1,938,000	1,938,000	1,938,000
	TX - SPECIAL TAXES	28,910,282	29,460,282	29,460,282	29,460,282
REV Total		2,941,466,017	2,913,044,825	3,006,652,610	3,041,560,728
Interdepartmental Transfers		344,562,458	458,346,496	435,159,933	441,585,769
Total Revenues Including Interdepartmental Transfers		3,286,028,475	3,371,391,321	3,441,812,543	3,483,146,497

**Table 2: 2021 – 2024 Gap Closing Plan (Major Fund)**

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 28 – 2020**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION UPON AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS (BAEL20000006).

WHEREAS, the Honorable Laura Curran, County Executive, has submitted to this County Legislature a written recommendation dated October 29, 2020, 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 an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Board of Elections (BAEL20000006), 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 ordinance; 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 ordinance before this Legislature.





**ORDINANCE NO.        102-A –2020**

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 October 26, 2020, 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:

<b><u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u></b> (in dollars)	<b><u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u></b>	<b><u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u></b>			
		<b><u>FUND</u></b>	<b><u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u></b>	<b><u>OBJ. CODE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b> (in dollars)
2,189,098	Center for Tech and Civic Life	GRT	EL	DD	2,189,098

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

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

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

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.



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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO  
PRESIDING OFFICER

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

Thursday, October 29, 2020  
1:35 P.M.

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4     LEGISLATOR RICHARD J. NICOLELLO

5             Presiding Officer

6             9th Legislative District

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8     LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL

9             Deputy Presiding Officer

10            7th Legislative District

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12    LEGISLATOR DENISE FORD

13            Alternate Presiding Officer

14            4th Legislative District

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16    LEGISLATOR KEVAN ABRAHAMS

17            Minority Leader

18            1st Legislative District

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20    LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE

21            2nd Legislative District

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23    LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES

24            3rd Legislative District

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11     LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN

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14     LEGISLATOR STEVEN RHOADS

15             19th Legislative District

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17     MICHAEL PULITZER

18             Clerk of the Legislature

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Let's call  
3 this meeting of the legislature to order and  
4 ask Legislator Tom McKevitt to lead us in the  
5 Pledge of Allegiance.

6 Mike, could you please call the  
7 roll.

8 MR. PULITZER: Thank you. Deputy  
9 Presiding Officer Howard Kopel.

10 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

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

13 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

14 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela  
15 Bynoe.

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

17 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Carrie  
18 Solages.

19 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

20 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Debra  
21 Mule.

22 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

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

25 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.



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2 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Vincent

3 Muscarella.

4 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

5 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Ellen

6 Birnbaum.

7 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

8 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Delia

9 DeRiggi-Whitton.

10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

11 Here.

12 MR. PULITZER: Legislator James

13 Kennedy.

14 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

15 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Thomas

16 McKevitt.

17 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

18 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura

19 Schaefer.

20 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

21 MR. PULITZER: Legislator John

22 Ferretti.

23 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

24 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose

25 Marie Walker.

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2 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

3 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Joshua  
4 Lafazan.

5 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

6 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Steven  
7 Rhoads.

8 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

9 MR. PULITZER: Minority Leader  
10 Kevan Abrahams.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

12 MR. PULITZER: Presiding Officer  
13 Richard Nicolello.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

15 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum,  
16 sir.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank  
18 you. Today we have number of items relating  
19 to Nassau County budget and five-year plan.  
20 Also we are going to have an emergency item at  
21 the end dealing with a grant for the board of  
22 elections.

23 Before we get into the budget  
24 items, I wanted to note for the record and  
25 present to the clerk an opinion we have

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2 received from Dr. Martin Cantor. So I would  
3 like to give that to the clerk. Both parties  
4 here have been provided with it ask that it be  
5 made part of the record.

6 We have five items on the calendar  
7 today excluding the item with respect to the  
8 board of elections. These five items relate  
9 to the proposed Nassau County budget for the  
10 fiscal year 2021. We are going to be jumping  
11 around the numbers because it makes more sense  
12 to do things this way.

13 So the first thing we will do is  
14 have the budget hearing, followed by the  
15 legislative budget, followed by the county  
16 budget, then the tax levy ordinance and  
17 finally the multiyear plan.

18 Calendar number one is a public  
19 hearing on Ordinance 100 of 2020. An  
20 ordinance to adopt a Nassau County budget for  
21 the 12 month 2021 fiscal year beginning  
22 January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021.

23 Motion to open the hearing by  
24 Legislator Ford. Seconded by Legislator  
25 DeRiggi-Whitton. All in favor of opening the

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2 hearing signify by saying aye. Those  
3 opposed?

4 MR. PULITZER: Presiding Officer,  
5 if I may, I did not call Mr. Drucker. My  
6 fault.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: He is here  
8 too. So the hearing is now open.

9 First thing we will do is open it  
10 up to the public. We have one slip that's  
11 from Meta J. Mereday. Good to have you a back  
12 Meta. How are you?

13 MS. MEREDAY: Hanging in there.  
14 Good afternoon. The one slip to represent the  
15 many who are not able to be here for various  
16 reasons including those who have passed on due  
17 to COVID and the mishandling of the pandemic.  
18 I'm here to speak with regard to the residents  
19 of Nassau County. Many of our homeowners who  
20 want to protect their assets who are being  
21 overtaxed and receiving no services.

22 The budget continues to dismiss the  
23 many underserved communities, particularly  
24 communities of color, veterans, our seniors  
25 and even our young people who cannot live here

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2 because of the high cost of taxes and the  
3 disparity in the services.

4 The transport for those without  
5 cars is something again that would require an  
6 emergency grant such as the one that's going  
7 to be probably be passed and is also much  
8 needed for the board of elections.

9 We are not looking forward thinking  
10 but we still have to count on you, our elected  
11 officials, who in many times have not acted as  
12 leaders for those of us who are underserved to  
13 take on a plan that has multiyear impact on  
14 residents who are basically struggling day to  
15 day.

16 We are concerned with regard to  
17 this still invisible, yet to be seen,  
18 disparity study that just on a cursory review  
19 of the 400 pages associated with the budget is  
20 supposed to be in place now. But we wonder  
21 how is that now going to be implemented when  
22 you have various departments, including a  
23 breakup in the diversity agencies, who  
24 represent their own well-intentioned,  
25 distinguished communities, but unfortunately

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2 even when they were collectively under the  
3 Office of Minority Affairs they were  
4 underserved. Now you have broken up. It's  
5 about divide and conquer. Which is  
6 unfortunate because everyone deserves to have  
7 an equal share in the amount of money that  
8 they pay in taxes in Nassau County which is  
9 still estimated to be the second highest taxes  
10 in the country for the lack of resources and  
11 returns that we receive.

12 We have questions, many residents,  
13 with regard to the revenue streams that we  
14 feel is unrealistic in light of the pandemic  
15 and the number of people who are losing their  
16 jobs and losing their homes for people to  
17 assume that they're going to be the ones that  
18 are going to fortify businesses that  
19 unfortunately are operating, at best, at 25  
20 percent.

21 So we have questions and we need  
22 the leadership particularly in these  
23 underserved communities who still lack the  
24 housing problems on affordable housing. We do  
25 not have resources to transportation. Nassau

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2 County as well as the Town of Hempstead has  
3 continued to provide funding to our colleges  
4 and universities. Granted, they have been  
5 lacking as well. But guess what? The parents  
6 who are struggling to keep their kids in the  
7 schools safely on the collegiate level as well  
8 as elementary schools and junior high schools  
9 they need relief for support as well. And who  
10 is speaking for them?

11 Again, our veterans continue to  
12 suffer. I see that you've just pretty much  
13 giving a little bit more to veteran services  
14 and the hardworking representatives at the  
15 veteran agency. But Nassau County has an  
16 extremely large number of veterans, including  
17 widows, who are not getting services and not  
18 getting support from this auspicious body.

19 But we will continue to do what? I  
20 guess now, unfortunately because of the  
21 pandemic, you cannot attend all of the  
22 breakfasts and parades that you usually use as  
23 the celebratory events in support of our  
24 veterans. So right now you have to deal with  
25 the hard realities that our veterans are

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2 suffering. Our seniors are suffering.

3 Granted, you set up supports for  
4 them to get COVID testing in the rain in  
5 Baldwin Park when many of them had to stand  
6 outside to get those tests. But those who  
7 couldn't catch a bus there was bus to take  
8 them to that facility. There was no resources  
9 for those with disabilities. But I'm pretty  
10 sure on the north shore you had everything  
11 that was accessible. So again, there  
12 continues to be a divide in the resources.

13 Now all of a sudden Newsday wants  
14 to highlight the number of divisions that are  
15 in Nassau County that many of us have been up  
16 here expressing for years with no result and  
17 no resolve.

18 We ask, we beg and in some cases we  
19 demand what we are entitled to. Not the  
20 handouts, not just the free masks. We need  
21 the jobs. We need the resources. We need the  
22 contracts. Okay? We don't need as many  
23 workshops to start a minority and women-owned  
24 business. People of color have been  
25 entrepreneurs for decades. We want to get our



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2 return on the investment. Thank you.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other  
4 member of the public would like to make any  
5 comments? Do any legislators want to say  
6 anything at this time or you want to hold your  
7 remarks until we get to the budget and  
8 amendments? Hearing none, we need a motion to  
9 close the hearing. Legislator Drucker moves  
10 to close to the hearing. Legislator Walker  
11 seconds that. All in favor of closing the  
12 hearing signify by saying aye. Those  
13 opposed? The hearing is closed.

14 Jumping into the calendar item  
15 number four, which is ordinance number 102 of  
16 2020, which is an ordinance to adopt the  
17 budget for the county legislature for the  
18 county of Nassau for the 12 month 2021 fiscal  
19 year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending  
20 December 31, 2021 and to appropriate revenues  
21 for said budget.

22 Motion by Deputy Presiding Officer  
23 Kopel. Seconded by Minority Leader Abrahams.  
24 Any debate or discussion on the legislative  
25 budget? Hearing none, I'm going to call for a

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2 vote. Again, this is the legislative budget.

3 All in favor signify by saying aye. All

4 opposed? Carries unanimously.

5 The calendar item number two

6 Ordinance 100 of 2020 is an ordinance to adopt

7 the county budget for the 12 month 2021 fiscal

8 year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending

9 December 31, 2021.

10 Motion to put that before us by

11 Legislator Mule. Seconded by Legislator

12 Lafazan. So the county budget is now before

13 us.

14 I'm going to describe some of the

15 amendments. The amendments that the majority

16 is proposing. Before I do that I will note

17 for the record that Legislator Schaefer has

18 left the room and will not be participating in

19 any debate or discussion with respect to the

20 amendments to the 2021 budget that have been

21 proposed by the majority.

22 Again, I'm going to describe the

23 amendments that we have proposed.

24 Sales taxes. The administration

25 projects that sales taxes in 2021 will be down

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2 20 percent. Even with concerns about possible  
3 resurgence of COVID this projection has no  
4 basis in reality. As of the August sales tax  
5 check Nassau sales tax revenues in 2020 are  
6 down 8.8 percent. This eight-month period  
7 includes a three-month period during which the  
8 shutdown was in place in which there was  
9 minimal economic activity in Nassau.

10 As was pointed out by the OMB  
11 during the height of the pandemic, a major  
12 driver of the decrease in sales taxes was the  
13 fact that gasoline purchases had dropped  
14 substantially. We all saw it. There were no  
15 cars on the road. We all see it now, traffic  
16 is back. Newsday in fact reported it this  
17 week.

18 Shopping in brick and mortar stores  
19 continues to lag. However, internet shopping  
20 is up. As Dr. Marty Cantor indicates, Macy's,  
21 for example, reported a second quarter loss  
22 but also reported more than four million new  
23 online shoppers.

24 Home buying has seen explosive  
25 growth in our county and region and there is

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2 economic activity that ripples from home  
3 purchases, major purchases that go with when  
4 you buy a new home and things that you put  
5 into that home.

6 Moody's projects a positive grows  
7 county product for 2021 of 2.7 percent  
8 growth. This morning it was reported that the  
9 United State's gross domestic product  
10 accelerated at 33.1 percent annual pace in the  
11 third quarter.

12 What about our friends to the east  
13 who are part of this economic region? Well,  
14 Suffolk County is projecting a 7.2 percent  
15 reduction in sales tax for 2021. Our  
16 amendment projects a very conservative 12  
17 percent reduction next year.

18 Again, the administration has  
19 provided no explanation for its projection of  
20 20 percent decrease. We cannot and should not  
21 be bound by an arbitrary projection not  
22 supported by any data. Even if the worst  
23 happens this year and there was a shutdown of  
24 economic activity similar to what happened  
25 last year, this year's experience does not

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2 support a 20 percent reduction.

3 Debt restructuring. The county  
4 proposes to rely on restructuring of NIFA and  
5 county debt by NIFA in the amounts of \$296  
6 million in 2021 and \$163 million in 2022. We  
7 propose that the county restructure its own  
8 debt including \$115 million in the 2021 and  
9 \$117 million in 2022. Over the course of 15  
10 years this saves the county approximately \$237  
11 million.

12 Special reserve fund. Let's talk  
13 about the county's refund liability. County  
14 owes \$587 million in tax refunds to all of the  
15 classes combined. As of 2019 the amount owed  
16 to homeowners was roughly the same as it was  
17 five years ago. It was \$35 million in 2019,  
18 which is about \$4 million less than it was in  
19 2015. As of 2019 the amount owed to business  
20 owners is about 50 million more than it was  
21 five years ago. As of 2019 this county owed  
22 \$275 million in tax refunds to businesses.  
23 The county is making no progress in reducing  
24 the backlog.

25 In 2020 the county paid \$8 million

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2    in tax refunds. That's \$8 million in tax  
3    refunds. Again, on \$275 million in tax  
4    refunds that are owed. Out of operating it  
5    was \$150,000. The bottom line is the county  
6    owes hundreds of millions of dollars for tax  
7    refunds to businesses that are struggling  
8    because of the pandemic.

9                   As Newsday reported, many of these  
10   businesses are having difficulty paying  
11   electric bills, rent. Thousands of workers  
12   have been laid off. Many businesses are now  
13   teetering on the brink of closing for good.  
14   If the county pays these businesses what we  
15   owe them it helps the economy. It may help  
16   some businesses survive. It means jobs. It  
17   is unconscionable that the administration  
18   proposes to do nothing about this backlog  
19   until 2023.

20                  What the county executive's budget  
21   does is gather as much cash as possible while  
22   taking no action on the structural problems  
23   that has plagued the county for years. Once  
24   the county burns through these cash savings  
25   from restructuring we are still going to be

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2 faced with the structural problems, tax refund  
3 liability, backloaded contracts.

4 Our amendments create a special  
5 revenue fund to begin addressing the backlog  
6 now. All tax revenues in excess of the  
7 adopted budget are deposited into the fund for  
8 purpose of paying down the backlog. Again, to  
9 the extent we receive excessive revenue from  
10 sales taxes it goes into this fund which is  
11 used to pay down the backlog to these  
12 residents and businesses.

13 Also, if there is a pandemic relief  
14 package from the federal government any budget  
15 line in the budget that becomes surplus as a  
16 result of receipt of federal aid gets  
17 deposited in the special revenue fund. Again,  
18 this goes to the businesses that are hurting.  
19 This goes to our residents. This is an  
20 innovative proposal to tackle a problem that  
21 has plagued this county for years.

22 Our other amendments include the  
23 following; \$4.5 million for partial  
24 restoration for bus service. \$50,000 for  
25 additional staffing each for the Minority

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2 Affairs and for the Office of Asian-American  
3 Affairs. \$450,000 for a countywide rodent  
4 extermination program. \$100,000 restoration  
5 for the smart sprinkler program. This is a  
6 program whose idea was Legislative Bynoe. But  
7 the reason it's here and the reason it's under  
8 discussion is because Legislator Ford insisted  
9 that that money be restored.

10 \$345,000 restoration of the  
11 district attorney's technology fund.

12 Elimination of the 3.5 percent tax  
13 increase in the sewer authority and .5 in the  
14 general fund.

15 Lastly, \$168,000 for the Emergency  
16 Ambulance Bureau which adds four positions as  
17 recommended by the Nassau County Ambulance  
18 Committee.

19 So those are our amendments. Any  
20 debate or discussion? Legislator Ferretti.

21 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you  
22 Presiding Officer. Just a quick word on the  
23 amendment for the rat extermination program.  
24 As I'm sure my colleagues on the legislature  
25 would agree, rats are an issue that we are all



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2 facing in Nassau County. I'm sure I'm not the  
3 only one up here on the dais whose office is  
4 inundated with calls from residents who are  
5 experiencing these issues on their own  
6 property. This is a problem that Nassau  
7 County is not without fault.

8 We heard from Commissioner Arnold  
9 there is simply not enough staff at DPW to  
10 properly maintain county sumps. As a result,  
11 sumps are overgrown. We're not manicuring  
12 them routinely. And as we all know, this is a  
13 place where rats generally live. So, you  
14 know, it's not a coincident that the majority  
15 of the calls I receive are from residents who  
16 houses are in close proximity to sumps that  
17 are often not maintained adequately by the  
18 county.

19 As the county is part of the cause  
20 of this issue, I believe we need to take  
21 measures to rectify this issue. Certainly  
22 with the economic crisis we're facing as a  
23 result of the pandemic, residents simply don't  
24 have the extra money to go hire their own  
25 exterminators.

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2 This amendment seeks to restore a  
3 program that previously existed in Nassau  
4 County and was cut under the Suozzi  
5 administration. No Nassau resident should be  
6 afraid to utilize their property. Right now  
7 people are literally terrorized by these  
8 rodents running across their feet as they sit  
9 in their backyard trying to have a family  
10 meal.

11 This amendment is a good start.  
12 Not sitting here saying it's the be all end  
13 all but it's certainly a good start to  
14 tackling this very important quality of life  
15 issue that our residents are facing, and I  
16 would ask my colleagues on the legislature to  
17 support it. Thank you.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
19 Rhoads.

20 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you  
21 Mr. Presiding Officer. I will make comments  
22 with regard to the overall budget when we take  
23 the vote. But with respect to amendments I  
24 want to particularly address the initial  
25 funding for the Office of Minority Affairs.

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2 As the Minority Affairs chair we  
3 have had a series of hearings where we have at  
4 great length gone through the responsibilities  
5 of the Office of Minority Affairs and what  
6 they're charged to do under the charter. It  
7 has been clear to me that that office is  
8 understaffed, overworked and does not have the  
9 personnel that it needs to be able to fulfill  
10 its responsibilities under the charter.

11 And I find it disturbing that the  
12 administration continues to pay lip service to  
13 these issues while taking actions that  
14 compromise that office's ability to function  
15 appropriately.

16 The executive director of the  
17 Office of Minority Affairs was the last out of  
18 every appointment that was made, executive  
19 appointment that was made, by the  
20 administration when it came into office the  
21 executive director of minority affairs was the  
22 last appointment to be made.

23 We can take a look at the budget  
24 for this year, for last year and this year.  
25 The approved budget had ten full-time

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2   personnel and four part-time personnel. So a  
3   total of 14. What's actually on staff is  
4   seven. So the money that we've appropriated  
5   in previous years has not been used by the  
6   administration. It's not the case that there  
7   isn't sufficient funds. It's not the case  
8   that the legislature hasn't provided the  
9   office with the resources that it needs to be  
10   able to meet the needs of an important  
11   constituency in our county and important  
12   contributors to our county.

13                   Instead the executive branch has  
14   not made it a priority. And, in fact, in this  
15   year's budget we actually see a cut in staff.  
16   Our amendments are to restore one of those  
17   individual staff people along with urging the  
18   administration to allow that office to hire,  
19   to allow that office to be able to function.

20                   So, I again urge my colleagues and  
21   particularly my colleagues on the Minority  
22   Affairs Committee who have born witness to the  
23   testimony both from office staff and from  
24   members of our community, our constituents,  
25   who feel that office is not reaching its

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2 potential, to support all of the amendments,  
3 but particularly the amendment with respect to  
4 the Office of Minority Affairs and Office of  
5 Asian-American Affairs to allow us to fulfill  
6 the important missions of those two agencies.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We have  
8 Legislator Ford, then Minority Leader  
9 Abrahams.

10 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you  
11 Presiding Officer. Also in regard to the  
12 amendments, I whole heartily support the  
13 increase of the head count for our medics,  
14 police medics. This is an agency that really  
15 went above and beyond during the pandemic  
16 handling numerous calls. Those that were  
17 sick. Those in great need. They work 24  
18 hours a day seven days a week every single day  
19 of the year.

20 This report, this committee that  
21 was put together, spent a lot of time on  
22 investigating the current system, coming up  
23 with recommendations how to improve the  
24 system. I believe the report really says --  
25 has a lot of great ideas that I look forward

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2 to having this all come to fruition.

3 But I believe that the first step  
4 in advancing the recommendations made by this  
5 report would be to bring -- to definitely  
6 increase the head count of the number of  
7 medics. This is why I will be supporting  
8 these amendments because I think it's one way  
9 of saying to all of the medics that have been  
10 working so hard for all of us that we do  
11 appreciate the work that you do and we're  
12 going to finally give you the relief that you  
13 need. Thank you.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank  
15 you. Minority Leader Abrahams.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you  
17 Presiding Officer.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Kevan,  
19 it's kind of difficult to hear right now. We  
20 can hear you but it's going in and out.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you  
22 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton for doing this. I  
23 don't know what's going on with my internet  
24 connection but I guess with the storm it's  
25 probably creating some problems in terms of

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2 internet connectivity.

3 But first and foremost, I want to  
4 demonstrate my thank you to the county  
5 executive for leading the county through a  
6 very difficult time. And also I want to thank  
7 my colleagues in government, even though we  
8 may have different perspectives in this point  
9 of view, I think we all try to serve the best  
10 interests of each of our residents of Nassau  
11 County.

12 That being said, I can't say more  
13 clearly and more emphatically that the  
14 amendments that are before us are illegal. I  
15 know this because of the case in regards to  
16 Abrahams versus Mangano or Mangano versus  
17 Abrahams. It was demonstrated at that time  
18 that the legislature did not have the  
19 authority to increase revenues.

20 That is why we felt it was prudent  
21 as well as more responsible to try to work out  
22 our amendments or our particular proposals  
23 that we wanted to see the county executive  
24 pursue. We wanted to work them out in a  
25 manner where we were able to actually get them

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2 done.

3 Not having the true wherewithal of  
4 the budget as the county executive sees it and  
5 understanding that this is her budget and the  
6 legislature obviously can make amendments to  
7 change it, we never felt that we had the  
8 authority, which we feel that the majority  
9 does not have the authority, to increase  
10 revenue.

11 That being said, as I said before,  
12 we feel that these amendments are illegal.  
13 And that being said, there are no grounds for  
14 us to move forward with these amendments  
15 unless there's a county attorney opinion that  
16 is to the contrary. Which the county  
17 attorney's opinion clearly states from our  
18 perspective that they are illegal. As well as  
19 our understanding from the previous case of  
20 this happening several years ago.

21 That being said, though the  
22 amendments are well and good and under normal  
23 circumstances they would probably receive  
24 greater consideration, we are going forward  
25 with not supporting the amendments. But at



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2 the same time, as I said before, we reached  
3 out to the county executive because we felt  
4 that some of the ideas that were percolating  
5 were warranted and deserve merit.

6 Obviously we would love to be able  
7 to try do all of them, but during this very  
8 difficult time it was imperative, at least for  
9 us, the smart sprinkler and the police medics  
10 for the ambulance bureau were definitely on  
11 our highest agenda of making sure we go  
12 forward to be able to accomplish those. Those  
13 are things that we all agree on.

14 Our legislators have worked on the  
15 issue with the police medics, which is not  
16 new, for several months, as well as the bus  
17 and the smart sprinkler initiative.

18 So I just want to urge the  
19 legislature to continue, well, not continue  
20 but review the particular matter as it  
21 pertains to Mangano versus Abrahams as well as  
22 the county attorney's opinion which indicates  
23 that the legislature by these amendments by  
24 increasing the projections of sales tax is  
25 pursuing an avenue that is illegal. Thank

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2 you.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you  
4 Kevan. We obviously saw the county attorney's  
5 opinion. Now, county attorney's rendering an  
6 opinion that we cannot change the projection,  
7 county executive's projection, as to sales  
8 taxes. He's determined this based on dicta in  
9 a supreme court level case. Base dicta is  
10 when a court gives an opinion about an issue  
11 that's not before the court. It is absolutely  
12 not binding.

13 He is also relying on a 1936  
14 opinion from the Fourth Department which  
15 covers Western New York. It is also not  
16 binding on courts in where we live, which is  
17 the Second Department. So it's a particularly  
18 weak argument.

19 More importantly, there's a Second  
20 Department case, we live in the Second  
21 Department, by the name of Kessel versus  
22 D'Amato which holds clearly that we do have  
23 the ability to make this change in the  
24 budget. So the county executive, through the  
25 county attorney, has presented us with an

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2 opinion of case law that's nonbinding. They  
3 had ignored a case that is binding here that  
4 says we can do exactly what we are doing.

5 I am reminded of two years ago when  
6 the administration attempted to block  
7 legislative actions based on a technicality.  
8 They brought a lawsuit which they had to  
9 withdraw because they had no merit. Wasting  
10 our time and taxpayers' money. Apparently  
11 they want to go down that road again and it  
12 looks like they're trying to do this a  
13 different way.

14 Again, they are relying on an  
15 opinion based on nonbinding case law that does  
16 not apply to these facts and ignoring binding  
17 case law from the appellate courts in this  
18 department for their opinion. So, there's no  
19 merit to that. It's a pretext to avoid voting  
20 on these. But there is absolutely no merit in  
21 what is being suggested by the county  
22 executive and the county attorney.

23 Anyone else want to comment? I  
24 know Legislator Bynoe had a question and then  
25 we can go to responses.

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2 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I

3 just want to say one thing. We're in a very  
4 difficult time to say the least as we are more  
5 than aware of. I think we have to be as  
6 fiscally conservative as possible. I happened  
7 to watch Mr. Cantor on Channel 12 and I  
8 watched him this morning. He was discussing  
9 how once January comes and people have to pay  
10 their back rent and they may be evicted.  
11 There's so many things. Thirty percent of the  
12 restaurants might not come back. The theater  
13 is also affecting even Nassau County. Our  
14 tourism is down.

15 I don't know, I want to be  
16 optimistic, but I know our own comptroller  
17 mentioned that there could be anywhere from a  
18 17 to 32 percent decrease in sales tax for  
19 2020 and a 33 to 42 percent decrease. So  
20 maybe, I'm hoping his numbers are wrong like  
21 you're saying and I would like to think things  
22 will be get better. We won't have in a second  
23 way even though right now it looks like we're  
24 surrounded by a second wave at least. Or  
25 their first wave our possible second wave.

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2 I just think we have to be  
3 financially smart and conservative and error  
4 on being as careful as possible. I do think  
5 that there are different ways to go forward.  
6 I think we're going to have to do something  
7 with declaring some type of an emergency for  
8 debt refinance.

9 I know next year's a political  
10 year. I get it. I know. I know what we want  
11 to do and what people want to accomplish. But  
12 the pandemic is something that is both -- we  
13 don't have any room for partisanship. We have  
14 to do what's right for our constituents. Many  
15 are suffering, and I think the best way to do  
16 it is to give them a realistic budget so we  
17 don't run into problems where we have a major  
18 deficit. Whether for the debt refinance or  
19 spending money that we just don't -- I  
20 honestly don't think sales tax is going to be  
21 that high. If I did I'd feel better. But  
22 listening to everybody, including Mr. Cantor,  
23 it just doesn't sound like it.

24 So I would rather stay within the  
25 realm of what we can -- even our budget we're

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2 hoping for the best. At least I feel more  
3 comfortable that we can come through with it.

4 As much as I'd like to spend money  
5 in all different areas, I'm also going to be  
6 staying with Laura Curran's budget and we  
7 have, as Kevan said, I just hope everyone  
8 could hear him, we've discussed things with  
9 Laura Curran and she is going to be helping in  
10 different areas including the police medics  
11 and other immediate concerns.

12 So again, as much as I would like  
13 to be as optimistic as you guys are being  
14 we're erroring on the conservative side. I  
15 hope you're right but right now I just don't  
16 feel it.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Before we  
18 move on, when you're referring to us as being  
19 optimistic, what we are projecting is a  
20 negative 12 percent result in 2021. In other  
21 words, we are projecting that the sales taxes  
22 are going to go down 12 percent, which is 3.2  
23 percent more than they've gone down this  
24 year. So, there's nothing optimistic about  
25 what we are projecting. That is as

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2   conservative an estimate as you're going to  
3   get. It's more than four percent over what  
4   Suffolk is projecting. We can discuss this  
5   but there is no -- you can provide us no data,  
6   other than anecdotal statements, no data  
7   whatsoever that would support a 20 percent  
8   decrease. We've asked the administration.  
9   They have produced nothing.

10                   LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:     If  
11   you look at the office of the comptroller's  
12   fact sheet that they gave us when he came to  
13   testify and again, you're being negative but  
14   we're being more negative. Maybe less  
15   negative.

16                   So, they say that the range is  
17   anywhere from 17.7 percent to 32.6 percent  
18   less in 2020. So your less negativity is less  
19   negative by about \$150 million from what I'm  
20   understanding. That's a lot. It's just a  
21   lot.

22                   I think that we hit all the bases  
23   and, you know, it is backed up if you look at  
24   the report. I kind of feel that -- I have a  
25   copy of it if you want it again -- but the

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2 targets and the sources are shown here and I  
3 do think there is a risk.

4 So again, we're a little more  
5 negative than you are and I know you're  
6 negative but I think that the numbers we have  
7 are based on what the comptroller's report  
8 says and there is a lot of data to back it  
9 up. I feel more comfortable promising less  
10 and maybe delivering more if we're wrong.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I mean,  
12 again, I was asking for data. We do have data  
13 that we can discuss. On our side, do we have  
14 any faith whatsoever in this comptroller's  
15 prognostication? No, for obviously reasons.

16 Again, the data is this for the  
17 eight months we recorded information.

18 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: If I  
19 might say something.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Hold on a  
21 second Vinnie. For the eight months we have  
22 recorded information, real hard data for 2020,  
23 including three months in which this county  
24 was virtually completely locked down, we have  
25 an 8.8 percent reduction.



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2 When someone says we're going to  
3 have a 30 percent reduction they must believe  
4 that there's going to be a pandemic that will  
5 shut the county down for an entire year with  
6 no economic activity. There is no basis in  
7 reality for those types of projection. We are  
8 projecting a 12 percent decrease next year  
9 which is very conservative and which is more  
10 than what experience shows has already  
11 happened. Legislator Muscarella.

12 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: While I  
13 certainly respect the opinion of the county  
14 attorney and understand the position of the  
15 minority leader, it would seem to me that the  
16 county attorney's opinion is nothing more than  
17 that, just an opinion. It seems to have lack  
18 the citing of the case that we put forth of  
19 Kessel versus D'Amato.

20 There are certainly distinguished  
21 attorneys on the other side of the aisle and I  
22 would reach out to them and just say they have  
23 the ability to take a look at the case that  
24 was cited, to review and see whether in fact  
25 we do have the authority to do what we are

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2 doing today. I would suggest to them that  
3 their legal training would certainly allow  
4 them to come to the understanding and the  
5 belief that the actions that we take here  
6 today are not in fact ultra vires but they are  
7 in fact certainly within our powers to do so  
8 and would urge them with their own  
9 intelligence to take a look at the cases and  
10 make that determination. Thank you.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
12 Bynoe.

13 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you  
14 Presiding Officer. The legalities, the issue  
15 of legality regarding the opinion is I think  
16 something that we could banter back and forth  
17 about. You're stating that you have a recent  
18 opinion in our jurisdiction. I don't have  
19 that but I have the county attorney's decision  
20 and I'm going to settle with that decision.

21 But I think that we are being a bit  
22 optimistic and I think we're not taking into  
23 consideration what effect the balloon payments  
24 will have come December 31, 2020 when folks  
25 that have mortgages, the commercial leases,

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2 the rental payments that have to then be paid  
3 in a balloon fashion. When that issue comes  
4 to bear I believe that sales tax will  
5 definitely be impacted by that.

6 So, unless you have some data that  
7 shows that that was considered I think that  
8 the data would be faulty.

9 To the point of Minority Leader  
10 Kevan Abrahams, I'd like to also thank the  
11 county executive for working with us to make  
12 sure that number one, the oversight for the  
13 smart sprinklers was rectified or will be  
14 rectified in an administrative fashion. That  
15 was brought to her attention when I spoke here  
16 during the consumer affairs hearing that there  
17 was in fact an error. So, there was an  
18 immediate response that it was an error and it  
19 would be rectified and I thank her for  
20 standing publicly yesterday for making that  
21 very clear.

22 She also stated yesterday that the  
23 ambulances, the EMTs, they would get their  
24 just deserves with an additional four hires.  
25 She made a statement on the record, I don't

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2 think it was covered by Newsday or even by  
3 News 12, so I would ask that Katy Horst from  
4 the administration come forward and state on  
5 the record what the county executive agreed  
6 to.

7 MS. HORST: Good afternoon. Katy  
8 Horst from the administration. County  
9 Executive Curran committed to funding four  
10 positions in the Emergency Ambulance Bureau  
11 for next year.

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: In addition to  
13 the five that are already there?

14 MS. HORST: Additional, correct.

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So that would  
16 bring us to a total of nine.

17 MS. HORST: Yes.

18 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Which would  
19 bring us to the total that was included in the  
20 report that was compiled related to the needs  
21 of that department, correct?

22 MS. HORST: I have not seen the  
23 report so I'll trust you. Yes. I believe so.

24 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you  
25 Katy. So I have no further comment other than

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2 to thank Legislator Ford for trying to assist  
3 in making sure that that program was funded.

4 LEGISLATOR FORD: We are in it  
5 together.

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: That's it. I  
7 appreciate it.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
9 Ferretti and Legislator Rhoads.

10 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you  
11 Presiding Officer. Just in response to the  
12 minority's citing of the comptroller's  
13 projection as to sales tax and maybe  
14 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton can confirm this.  
15 I believe you're going off of the  
16 comptroller's midyear report, right?

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: It's  
18 the report that he gave us including a  
19 hypothetical for a second wave is also  
20 included. This was just handed out at the  
21 last when he presented.

22 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Is that off  
23 actual numbers or was it a hypothetical?

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
25 There are actual numbers here. They're saying

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2 the baseline revenues. I have all of that.

3 If you want a copy I can give it to you.

4 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: At this  
5 juncture, I mean we don't need hypotheticals.  
6 We actually have the numbers and we see that  
7 we're negative 8.8 percent. While I  
8 understand the hesitancy from the minority to  
9 agree to the 12 percent, if you think that  
10 that's not conservative enough I'm just  
11 curious as to what your thoughts are on the  
12 Suffolk County projection because you must  
13 think they're spending like drunken sailors.

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: If I  
15 can answer Presiding Officer. I think it's  
16 sort of what Legislator Bynoe just indicated.  
17 We've been keeping afloat partially by  
18 different changes in the law or different  
19 mandates from the state, plus finances that  
20 has come through the CARES Act and other  
21 acts. Those are going to come -- hopefully we  
22 will get some more CARES Act money but we're  
23 going to hit a cliff I'm afraid. I don't want  
24 to be pessimistic but that's what all the  
25 analysts are saying. Cantor said it this

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2 morning. We're going to see it.

3 A good thing is a lot of people are  
4 starting to save too. They don't know what's  
5 going to happen with the holidays savings but  
6 the indications are that people will not be  
7 spending as much.

8 Look, this is projected. 2020,  
9 2021 is projected for sure. It's just a  
10 question of how risky we want to be. I  
11 understand what you're saying with, you know,  
12 we don't have the exact -- there are a lot of  
13 variables. We are in uncharted waters. But  
14 it's all the more reason, in my opinion, to be  
15 as careful as possible.

16 Look, he's our comptroller. We've  
17 had a lot of different comptrollers. He  
18 doesn't work by himself. He has a whole  
19 department as well as he gets input from other  
20 departments. They're claiming anywhere from  
21 17.7 percent to 32.6 percent loss, decrease in  
22 2020 and 33 percent to 45 percent. Now,  
23 again, maybe he's thinking that there might be  
24 a second wave. I don't think we'll have it as  
25 bad as we did last time as Dr. Eisenstein

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2 said. I don't think we'd have a full  
3 shutdown. It's something. It's real. We  
4 deal with it every day and I feel more  
5 comfortable taking a more negative view.

6 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I  
7 understand your point. I would just say I  
8 feel that the projection of 12 percent  
9 decrease is actually quite conservative.

10 If you look at Mr. Cantor's memo  
11 that we circulated earlier, not only does he  
12 support our projection but he also knows that  
13 the New York State comptroller projects a 9.5  
14 percent decrease. So once again that's even  
15 less of a decrease than what we are  
16 projecting.

17 If you look at what Mr. Cantor says  
18 in his memo, if you look at what the New York  
19 State comptroller says, if you look at reality  
20 which is that to date 8.8 percent with the  
21 worst of the pandemic already behind us I  
22 think that if anything our 12 percent  
23 reduction is overly conservative. But I  
24 respect your opinion.

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:



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2 We're not going to know who's right and who's  
3 wrong right now. The bottom line is there's  
4 also a question if you look at our charter  
5 we're really supposed to not be the ones to  
6 determine what we anticipate for revenue. I  
7 really believe that.

8 So, I just had a quick chance to  
9 look at Mr. Cantor's report and I saw that  
10 through September 11, 2020 there was a decline  
11 of 21.8 percent. And now it's coming down to  
12 8.8 percent. But we're going into the flu  
13 season, the winter months. We all know that  
14 there was hopefully a break during the summer  
15 but now that we're coming back to an area  
16 where people are in closer, proximate to each  
17 other and indoors it's a question.

18 Again, we're not going to know  
19 who's right at this point but I trust the way  
20 that they looked at it with the comptroller's  
21 office. As legislators we're not supposed to  
22 be the ones who determine revenue. If you  
23 look at the charter that's not our job. We're  
24 supposed to go by the recommendations of the  
25 various financial offices.

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2 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Legislature  
3 DeRiggi-Whitton, I would respectfully disagree  
4 with your interpretation of the charter. I  
5 would certainly disagree with the opinion of  
6 the county attorney. I think it's absolutely  
7 our role if the sales tax projection is way  
8 out of whack. Which, quite frankly, I think  
9 it is. I think it is our role to bring in  
10 realistic projection into the budget and  
11 that's what we are looking to do. It is  
12 completely legal. And quite frankly, I was  
13 shocked to read the opinion of by county  
14 attorney which after five minutes of legal  
15 research we were able to find an appellate  
16 division case that actually is binding in this  
17 district which completely thwarted that  
18 opinion.

19 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: We  
20 will agree to disagree right now.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
22 Rhoads.

23 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you  
24 Presiding Officer. The great thing about this  
25 is that we don't have to agree to disagree. I

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2 would suggest that perhaps the county attorney  
3 come down here to explain why the case of  
4 Kessel v. D'Amato 72 appellate division second  
5 set of 90 Second Department case from 1979  
6 does not apply here.

7 The cases that are cited or case  
8 that is cited relies upon, by the county  
9 attorney, relies upon the Fourth Department  
10 decision clearly stemming out of the city of  
11 Buffalo. The city of Buffalo's authorizing  
12 charter does not contain the same language  
13 that Section 305 of our charter does.  
14 Specifically the language in the city of  
15 Buffalo's charter does not include the  
16 language inserting any additional item. It  
17 simply talks about increasing items of  
18 appropriation.

19 So based upon that language within  
20 the city of Buffalo's statute, the Fourth  
21 Department made the determination that the  
22 city of Buffalo, the legislature of the city  
23 of Buffalo did not have the power to be able  
24 to change the budget to increase or revisit  
25 any item of revenue coming into the county.

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2 Our charter, Section 305, indicates  
3 that we have the ability to insert any  
4 additional item. And the case Kessel v.  
5 D'Amato, which we've alluded to from the  
6 Second Department which is controlling in our  
7 jurisdiction, in this case the Nassau County  
8 Board of Supervisors, this is from 1979 which  
9 predated the legislature and, as you know, we  
10 sort of stepped into the shoes of the board of  
11 supervisors, amended the proposed county  
12 budget to increase estimates of revenue. The  
13 petitioner, Richard Kessel in this case,  
14 challenged the action on the basis that  
15 amending the budget in such a manner required  
16 a separate hearing.

17 The court, the Second Department,  
18 held that the board of supervisors pursuant to  
19 the plain language of Section 305 of the  
20 charter, the Nassau County charter, was fully  
21 empowered to amend the proposed budget to  
22 increase an estimate of revenue under the  
23 language, insert and additional item without  
24 further public hearings subject to some  
25 conditions which obviously have been met.

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2 The case law is clear. And if the  
3 county attorney's opinion is the reason that  
4 the Minority won't consider the amendments  
5 that are being brought forth, in particular  
6 the change in projection of sales tax revenue,  
7 if that's the reason that the Minority is not  
8 considering that, I would suggest that the  
9 county attorney come down here, having read  
10 Kessel v. D'Amato, because I would suggest  
11 that common sense and the training of any  
12 lawyer would require the county attorney to  
13 change his opinion in light of that  
14 controlling legal authority which is directly  
15 on point in this case.

16 So, I don't have the ability to  
17 invite the county attorney down here and  
18 perhaps the presiding officer will, but I  
19 would love to see if the county attorney  
20 sticks by his opinion in light of this case,  
21 especially since it's directly relevant to  
22 what we are discussing today.

23 Neither the state comptroller,  
24 Suffolk County or any of our neighboring  
25 jurisdictions are projecting a 20 percent

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2 decrease in sales tax revenue. We've made the  
3 case clearly that common sense simply dictates  
4 that with us having dealt with an 8.8 percent  
5 decrease in sales tax revenue in 2020 at the  
6 height of the pandemic there is no  
7 justification to project a decrease in revenue  
8 of 20.5 percent. It simply doesn't make  
9 sense. It's simply not an accurate reflection  
10 of reality.

11 In fact, our neighbors, we are  
12 lumped in with Suffolk County as a region as  
13 you well know. That's because in Suffolk  
14 County they're dealing with similar numbers of  
15 COVID, they have a similar population, the  
16 effects upon their economy have been virtually  
17 the same as the effects on our economy. Yet,  
18 County Executive Bellone in his 2021 budget  
19 projects a decrease in sales tax revenue of  
20 only 7.2 percent. So, in effect, if County  
21 Executive Bellone is listening, in effect,  
22 what our county executive is suggesting and  
23 what the Minority is apparently suggesting in  
24 going with a 20.5 number is that County  
25 Executive Bellone is reckless and

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2 irresponsible in his projections of revenue.

3 What we're asking our Minority  
4 colleagues to do and asking the county  
5 executive to do is to accept the 12 percent  
6 number which is vastly more conservative than  
7 Suffolk County's numbers but will reflect what  
8 we believe the reality is going to be.

9 As Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton had  
10 mentioned, our budget is about choices and our  
11 budget is about doing the right thing by the  
12 taxpayers of Nassau County. And doing the  
13 right thing by the taxpayers of Nassau County  
14 is not well served by having inaccurate  
15 estimates of revenue for the benefit of  
16 padding next year's budget in an election.

17 So, the bottom line is we want to  
18 be as accurate as possible. We want to have  
19 realistic estimates and we don't want to have  
20 to rely upon borrowing to be able to fund  
21 county expenses. And the reality is -- go  
22 ahead presiding officer.

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I wanted  
24 to tell Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton that there  
25 are two other legislators who want to go. So

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2 you can speak after that.

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: If I  
4 could be real quick.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: He hasn't  
6 called you by name so basically I'd like these  
7 other people who are waiting patiently.

8 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: The reality  
9 is the county executive has presented us a  
10 budget that borrows more than we need at rates  
11 that are substantially higher than we need to  
12 pay. So the question becomes why? We have an  
13 additional \$285 million in debt that the  
14 county is incurring that the county does not  
15 have to incur. And because we have an  
16 election to go through NIFA as opposed to  
17 financing the money on our own, through the  
18 county's own auspices, we are actually paying  
19 a higher rate in order to be able to do that  
20 when you factor in the cost of NIFA.

21 As it stands right now, NIFA is set  
22 to sunset in 2025 and this 15 year borrowing  
23 of \$285 more than we need to borrow is  
24 actually going to have NIFA be around until at  
25 least 2035. So it's adding another ten years



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2 to that factor.

3 If you take a look at the cost of  
4 NIFA restructuring versus the cost of county  
5 restructuring, by going with our plan and  
6 doing this through the county and borrowing  
7 less we are actually saving taxpayers almost  
8 \$240 million over the course of the next 15  
9 years.

10 If we're talking about having a  
11 budget that is in the best interest of our  
12 constituents, the best interest of our  
13 constituents is having less debt, less  
14 expense, putting 237, almost \$238 million into  
15 the pockets of the county taxpayers as opposed  
16 to paying it in debt service and expenses for  
17 NIFA.

18 Let's say NIFA what NIFA is. NIFA  
19 is supposed to be the fiscal watchdog. But  
20 how careful the watchdog is in guarding our  
21 finances seems to be based upon the party  
22 affiliation of the county executive that  
23 happens to be in power.

24 This borrowing and this budget does  
25 nothing to protect county taxpayers. What it

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2 does is protect jobs at NIFA. It protects and  
3 it pads the budget so that the numbers next  
4 year will look better. And in the process  
5 it's saddling taxpayers with almost \$240  
6 million of additional debt and additional  
7 expense that it does not have to incur.

8 The adjustments in sales tax  
9 revenue we have spoken about already. But the  
10 12 percent figure certainly is realistic and  
11 is more reflective of reality. But equally  
12 important to that is something that the  
13 presiding officer mentioned in creating a  
14 special revenue fund. Nassau County owes I  
15 believe it's almost \$580 million to residents  
16 and to commercial property owners and to  
17 utilities in Nassau County. That's over half  
18 a billion dollars that we're paying nine  
19 percent interest on. Not we. The taxpayers  
20 of Nassau County are paying interest on. That  
21 really is their own money. There's been  
22 nothing laid out in this budget that even  
23 approaches a plan as to how we're going to put  
24 that money back into the pockets of our  
25 taxpayers.

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2 The bottom line is, we are dealing  
3 with a pandemic. But instead of using the  
4 pandemic as an excuse we should be using the  
5 pandemic as an opportunity for us to take  
6 steps towards putting money back into their  
7 pockets to help stimulate our local economy.  
8 And the creation of the special revenue fund  
9 does exactly that.

10 If the projected sales tax revenue  
11 comes in greater than we've expected put that  
12 into the special fund. If we actually receive  
13 additional -- well, there are limits on what  
14 we can spend on CARES Act, but if we receive  
15 additional federal assistance, put that into  
16 the special revenue fund and at least create a  
17 path to be able to put some of the money back  
18 into the taxpayers' pockets so that they can  
19 use to support their own businesses, they can  
20 use it to support their own households and  
21 they can use it to support our local economy  
22 which will help us survive whatever may come.  
23 I think it's a smart plan that is truly what  
24 serves our taxpayers well.

25 The other thing I think that -- and

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2 this is some of what I was going to mention on  
3 the actual budget vote, what we presented and  
4 while the administration has apparently agreed  
5 to some of the changes and I already spoke  
6 about the Office of Minority Affairs,  
7 Legislator Ford has already spoken about the  
8 importance of having additional personnel in  
9 our ambulance bureau. Legislator Ferretti has  
10 already spoken about the county's really  
11 obligation that it's been negligent on in  
12 addressing the rodent problem we have in some  
13 areas of the county.

14 We passed a budget or will pass  
15 today a budget with our amendments that is in  
16 balance. So when the county executive vetoes  
17 that budget, which she has promised to do,  
18 there's being to be a problem. There's going  
19 to be a \$285 million hole that as soon as that  
20 veto is signed that's going to be blown in  
21 this budget. That \$285 million hole that's  
22 blown the budget there's only a handful of  
23 ways to fill it. Either you're going to have  
24 to increase taxes by roughly ten percent to  
25 make up the hole. You're going to have to

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2 engage in half a billion dollars of borrowing  
3 to plug that hole. Or you're going to have  
4 rely upon massive cuts.

5 So while it's easy to say you're  
6 going to veto something and it's easy for  
7 colleagues on the other side to say that they  
8 think they're going to back up the county  
9 executive on that veto, there are consequences  
10 to that decision. Consequences that the  
11 county executive is going to have to face and  
12 consequences that this legislature is going to  
13 have to face.

14 When we're passing a balanced  
15 budget that is responsible, that addresses the  
16 needs of taxpayers now, I would think long and  
17 hard before we disturb that in favor of a  
18 budget that actually borrows more than we have  
19 to and causes taxpayers to pay in the long  
20 term and the short term more than they need.  
21 Thank you Mr. Presiding Officer.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We have  
23 several legislators that we will go in this  
24 order. Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel,  
25 Legislator Ford, Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton

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2 and Minority Leader Abrahams.

3 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Thank you  
4 Presiding Officer. I'm not going to go over  
5 ground that's already been covered on both  
6 sides. In other words, the reasonableness of  
7 the projection of 12 percent versus 20 percent  
8 versus what the actual experience has been. I  
9 think everybody's beaten that one to death.

10 Nor do I think it's going to be  
11 productive for me to talk about the merits of  
12 the legal opinion on either side. We here are  
13 not going to figure that one out. We're not  
14 going to make any decisions on that. That  
15 will have to be worked out one way or another  
16 by other people.

17 What I would to simply do is  
18 perhaps advance a few observations. The first  
19 one is that if this legislature cannot go  
20 ahead and render its opinion as to the  
21 validity of the budget and the projections  
22 upon which it's based what are we doing here  
23 all together? We have no role. At that point  
24 we're simply cut off from the entire process.  
25 We have no reason to be sitting here now.

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2 We're just a debating society if that's the  
3 case.

4 The second thing that I would like  
5 to point out is that, just as a matter of  
6 fact, the economy is doing well. The reason I  
7 mention that is we had a report just this  
8 morning I think that we advanced a 33 percent  
9 rate on an annual basis in the third quarter.  
10 I don't think that there is a reason for  
11 pessimism. And the reason I mention that is  
12 that borrowing a large amount now through NIFA  
13 might be irresponsible if we don't need it.  
14 We can always borrow more in 2021 should it  
15 prove to be necessary. Should we borrow too  
16 little now we can always borrow more later  
17 instead of taking this giant slug of money now  
18 that we may not need.

19 I think we can all agree that we  
20 might not need it. We all hope that we might  
21 not need it. The federal reserve has promised  
22 rates at rock bottom for an extended period.  
23 Certainly through 2021 and we should know  
24 what's going on by then.

25 So I think, as I said, borrowing

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2 that much now would be irresponsible on  
3 several grounds. First of all, we're going to  
4 be paying interest on funds that we may not  
5 need.

6 Second of all, what we've been  
7 doing as proposed by the county executive's  
8 budget is we would be potentially extending  
9 the life of NIFA for a long time. I would  
10 remind everyone that we here were elected to  
11 run the county with the county executive.  
12 NIFA was not. That's kind of abdicating a  
13 large part of our job. We would like to, I  
14 think all of us probably should like to get  
15 rid of NIFA just at the earliest possible  
16 date. This would be going along with the  
17 proposal by the county executive would run  
18 counter to that desire and that imperative  
19 which as I said I think we all agree.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
21 Ford.

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you very  
23 much. I just want to clarify I guess the  
24 comment that Legislature DeRiggi-Whitton she  
25 referenced Dr. Cantor in his opinion on the



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2 sales tax revenue. She just gave a little  
3 blip and I just want to make sure that his  
4 full opinion of this will be read into the  
5 record.

6 He indicated because she had  
7 indicated that he said that we would have a  
8 shortfall of 21.8 percent and left it at  
9 that. But in the sentence it says the Nassau  
10 County Office of Legislative Budget Review in  
11 its review of the fiscal year 2021 budget  
12 quantified the financial damaged from the  
13 COVID-19 reporting that the average sales tax  
14 remitted to Nassau County during the pandemic  
15 through September 11, 2020 declined by 21.8  
16 percent.

17 However, as the economy opened up  
18 and people and businesses went back to work,  
19 sales tax revenues have increased. As of the  
20 October 9, 2020 sales tax check covering sales  
21 tax revenues between June 1, 2020 to August  
22 31, 2020 year to date sales tax revenues,  
23 inclusive of the sales tax collected during  
24 the pandemic, improved to being down by 8.8  
25 percent year to date. Improving sales tax

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2 revenues is a trend that can continue as Long  
3 Islanders shop online, a growing component of  
4 retail industry sales.

5 Dr. Cantor further says, With sales  
6 taxes increasing and with expectations for  
7 gradual growth, a 2021 Nassau County sales tax  
8 base that is budgeted at 12 percent less than  
9 the 2020 budget as projected by OLBR, combined  
10 with a projected 1.5 percent growth rate for  
11 fiscal year 2021 as proposed by the Nassau  
12 County Office of Management and Budget is  
13 reasonable.

14 Just to let you know that I think I  
15 agree with my friends here on the Majority  
16 side that I think that we are being  
17 conservative with our projected sales tax  
18 decline by 12 percent during 2021. I think  
19 when he wrote these decisions he didn't do it  
20 in a bubble. I know that we referenced his  
21 comments today in regard to the end of this  
22 year in regard to like people whose mortgage  
23 payments may be coming due, rents and whatever  
24 I think that this was based as he looked at  
25 all of the economics that were occurring here

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2 in the county and elsewhere.

3 And I just want to say too that I  
4 know we have concerns and I do, I like to try  
5 to remain conservative in our spending and I  
6 agree with Legislator Kopel that we shouldn't  
7 be borrowing if we don't have to. Anybody who  
8 runs a household knows that when you have to  
9 like really trim you really should take a look  
10 at what you are really bringing in as debt and  
11 what you're going to have to pay back in the  
12 future.

13 When we also look at the home sales  
14 that have been occurring in Nassau and Suffolk  
15 County we have seen an unprecedented growth in  
16 the number of house sales. The actual cost of  
17 the houses, the sales prices of the houses  
18 that are being sold, we have a lot more people  
19 moving into this county from New York City and  
20 I also believe that they will increase our  
21 sales tax base because they're going to have  
22 to buy furniture, do a lot of renovations.

23 We've also seen Long Island  
24 Railroad has indicated that ridership is down  
25 dramatically, and I think that is attributed

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2 to the fact that so many more people are  
3 staying at home. They're working from their  
4 homes. I think that that also could be a  
5 contributor to sales tax revenue. If you're  
6 working from home you're buying your lunch at  
7 your local deli. You're going to your own  
8 local supermarket. You're spending your money  
9 here within your hometowns in Nassau County  
10 rather than spending it in Manhattan, Queens,  
11 Brooklyn where ever else you may be working  
12 because you're not going there to work.

13 I think that our amendments in the  
14 budget that we are proposing, the amendments  
15 that we are proposing, does fulfill a  
16 conservative estimate and nothing rather  
17 optimistic at all but just something that's  
18 very realistic. Thank you.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
20 DeRiggi-Whitton and then Minority Leader  
21 Abrahams and that's the end.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: And  
23 Arnie.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: And then  
25 Legislator Drucker.

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2 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

3 Again, I think I'm getting the feeling that we  
4 all want to do the right thing and that's a  
5 nice feeling. For the first time I'm actually  
6 really hoping that you guys are right with  
7 these numbers. I just don't feel as  
8 optimistic. But I hope you're right.

9 From what I understand with NIFA,  
10 we're not borrowing we're refinancing  
11 basically, which we already have that debt.  
12 But by refinancing, if we use the NIFA loan we  
13 would get lower interest rates but NIFA would  
14 not stay over longer necessarily as an  
15 oversight committee. It's not connected to  
16 this refinancing them be staying on.

17 Right now yes, they're an oversight  
18 board. I get that. I know we want to be on  
19 our own. I have mixed feelings. Sometimes I  
20 think it's good to have other eyes look at  
21 it. But it shouldn't interfere with them  
22 being complete hopefully in 2025. The  
23 refinance does not demand that they come in as  
24 an oversite board. Just make sure about  
25 that. If you guys want to research that that

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2 would be fine.

3 The other thing that Legislator  
4 Bynoe and I both wanted to mention we have  
5 reached out to both the Minority Affairs  
6 Office as well as the Asian-American Affairs.  
7 They actually said it on the record at the  
8 last meeting that they have enough right now  
9 to do what they have to do. They're  
10 operating -- of course everyone would love  
11 more money. I'm not here to say that they  
12 wouldn't take more money and they deserve more  
13 money but they're saying that they have  
14 enough.

15 What is the best way to go about  
16 this? I personally think as just somebody who  
17 does their own budget, we're better off  
18 listening to the financial experts and using  
19 the county experts who have done this for  
20 years somewhere around their number. And if  
21 we're wrong and the number is coming down and  
22 there's no second wave and this whole thing of  
23 January 1st isn't a major impact that will be  
24 wonderful and we can go ahead and adjust our  
25 spending at that point.

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2 The last point, I personally am  
3 more weighing my decision on that of the  
4 financial people that I trust. More so than  
5 even the question as to whether or not we have  
6 the ability to determine what sales tax will  
7 be as a legislator.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Minority  
9 Leader Abrahams.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you  
11 Presiding Officer. Just to get to respond to  
12 two things that came up as it pertains to the  
13 legal case and then I would ask that we call  
14 for a vote and move on if we can.

15 Just two things. One, as it  
16 pertains to the Mangano versus Abrahams, all  
17 the merits that have been described and  
18 mentioned before today were the same things  
19 that were brought up during that case. And it  
20 was our legal impression and understanding  
21 that we did not have the legal authority to  
22 raise revenue as pertains to the county  
23 budget. But I will leave that as it may.  
24 Strong minds may disagree.

25 Second, as it pertains to the

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2 Kessel versus D'Amato case, it was our  
3 understanding that that case was really  
4 strictly tied to whether or not the board of  
5 supervisors had to call a hearing in order to  
6 be able to raise revenue. It really wasn't  
7 tied to the actual increasing of revenue. And  
8 from our understanding that's what the case  
9 was about, whether or not they had to hold a  
10 public hearing to be able to increase the  
11 estimate on revenue.

12 I just want to make sure we're  
13 going forward with all the information that is  
14 clear so that we do not think that we are  
15 under any other misunderstanding.

16 That being said, as I said before I  
17 started out, I would think that we should just  
18 call the vote. Us going back on forth on  
19 legal opinions I'm sure you have your  
20 attorneys. We have ours. Our's have advised  
21 us that this particular matter as well as the  
22 county attorney's opinion is proceeding in an  
23 illegal matter. You can choose to accept that  
24 or not accept it. But at this point it sounds  
25 like you're not going to accept it. So let's



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2 just move on. We are ready to call the vote.  
3 We debated this a lot. We're going to debate  
4 it and continue it going into next year.  
5 COVID is not going anywhere from that  
6 standpoint. So let's just move on.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Just one  
8 brief point in that Kessel versus D'Amato  
9 case, yes, the question of a hearing was an  
10 issue. But the holding was that you needed to  
11 have a hearing or whether or not you needed to  
12 have a hearing before the legislative body  
13 raised revenue. Then it presupposes that you  
14 have the ability to raise revenue. Otherwise  
15 there's no case. There's no question whether  
16 you have hearing or not.

17 But again, if whether or not you  
18 need to have a hearing is an issue as to  
19 whether you can raise revenue then you have to  
20 have the ability to raise revenue. Therefore,  
21 the case clearly stands on all fours on what  
22 we're doing today. Legislator Drucker.

23 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you  
24 very much Presiding Officer. Like the  
25 Minority Leader said, there's no point in

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2 going back and forth on this. I think one  
3 thing that we've learned from this hearing  
4 that both sides can agree upon is that we are  
5 both basing our conclusions on projections and  
6 projections can be skewed in either way.

7 One thing that we can all agree  
8 upon I think with regard to COVID is that it's  
9 unpredictable. That's one lesson we have seen  
10 since the outset. It is unpredictable. I  
11 think what is rather telling and important to  
12 note quite recently in Legislator Kopel's  
13 district the Village of Lawrence has shut down  
14 again. They shutdown. That's what I read. I  
15 had heard they shut down their businesses;  
16 isn't that correct Legislator Kopel?

17 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Actually that  
18 was about a couple of weeks ago, and I think  
19 the county executive has just I think  
20 yesterday or the day before declared that  
21 there's been remarkable I think was the word  
22 she used progress over there and things are  
23 looking up.

24 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: My point  
25 is --

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2 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: And that is,  
3 by the way, and what you've done now is you've  
4 tried to make a generalization in a place that  
5 is by far has been the worst in the county.

6 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: My point is  
7 that the COVID-19 is unpredictable. There's  
8 no one that can say as a matter of fact or  
9 certainty through science or otherwise that  
10 the surges that we're seeing and the infection  
11 rate all over could not possibly result in a  
12 major spike necessitating the shutdown of  
13 businesses again. God forbid that happens.  
14 None of us want to see that but it could. And  
15 if that happens then all of these projections  
16 about sales tax revenue go out the window.

17 So I think it is a rather slippery  
18 slope, dangerous to project sales tax revenue  
19 above and beyond what is considered a  
20 conservative approach which is what the county  
21 executive has taken.

22 I think that is the prudent course  
23 of action that we are doing and what we are  
24 pursuing here. And that has to be very much  
25 on everyone's mind. We don't want to be able

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2 to have to be in a situation next spring or  
3 whatever because of a possible shutdown where  
4 now we have this huge deficit and now we have  
5 to make drastic emergency cuts and perhaps  
6 even layoffs. Nobody wants to see that. So  
7 why not take a conservative approach now and  
8 go forward in that respect? That's the  
9 prudent course of action. Thank you very  
10 much.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: All  
12 right. We've had all the debate and  
13 discussion we need at this point. In terms of  
14 the amendments we need a motion and second.  
15 Moved by Legislator Gaylor. Seconded by  
16 Legislator Rhoads. Any debate or discussion  
17 as to the amendments? Mr. Pulitzer please  
18 call the roll.

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

22 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Yes.

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

25 LEGISLATOR FORD: Yes.

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2 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela

3 Bynoe.

4 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: No.

5 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Carrie

6 Solages.

7 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: No.

8 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Debra

9 Mule.

10 LEGISLATOR MULE: No.

11 MR. PULITZER: Legislator C.

12 William Gaylor III.

13 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Yes.

14 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Vincent

15 Muscarella.

16 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Yes.

17 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Ellen

18 Birnbaum.

19 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: No.

20 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Delia

21 DeRiggi-Whitton.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: No.

23 MR. PULITZER: Legislator James

24 Kennedy.

25 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Yes.

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2 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Thomas  
3 McKevitt.

4 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Yes.

5 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura  
6 Schaefer.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: She's  
8 recused herself.

9 MR. PULITZER: Legislator John  
10 Ferretti.

11 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Yes.

12 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold  
13 Drucker.

14 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: No.

15 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose  
16 Marie Walker.

17 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Yes.

18 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Joshua  
19 Lafazan.

20 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: No.

21 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Steven  
22 Rhoads.

23 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I reached the  
24 same conclusions as Dr. Cantor, the director  
25 of the Long Island Center for Socio-Economic

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2 Policy, who says that in my opinion, after  
3 reviewing the Declaration of Need Ordinance  
4 pursuant to the Nassau County Interim Finance  
5 Authority Act the filed ordinances to adopt  
6 the 2021 Nassau County Budget and fixing the  
7 2021 tax rates and levying taxes; and  
8 documents provided by the Nassau County  
9 Legislature Office of Budget Review, Nassau  
10 County's financial advisor PFM Financial  
11 Advisors L.L.C. and the Nassau Interim Finance  
12 Authority; the adjustments of the legislative  
13 majority delegation for the 2021 Nassau County  
14 budget ordinance saves Nassau County taxpayers  
15 millions of dollars in debt service payment  
16 and NIFA costs, changes the structure of how  
17 certiorari payments and judgements are paid  
18 and begins the ending of NIFA's involvement in  
19 Nassau County finances.

20 I vote in favor of the amendments.

21 MR. PULITZER: Minority Leader  
22 Kevan Abrahams.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No.

24 MR. PULITZER: Presiding Officer  
25 Richard Nicolello.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Yes.

3 MR. PULITZER: I believe we have  
4 a vote of ten to eight yes versus nos; is that  
5 correct?

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: That's  
7 correct. So the budget amendments pass. We  
8 move on to -- now that the budget has been  
9 amended we have to vote on the budget itself  
10 as amended. So, I don't believe we need a  
11 separate roll call for that. All those in  
12 favor of the budget as amended signify by  
13 saying aye. Based on what I heard we have ten  
14 votes in the affirmative. All those opposed  
15 to the budget as amended signify by saying  
16 nay. So the amended budget passes by a vote  
17 of ten to eight.

18 Please invite Legislator Schaefer  
19 back into the room.

20 Calendar number three is Ordinance  
21 101 of 2020 is an ordinance fixing the tax  
22 rates and levying taxes for the 12 month 2021  
23 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and  
24 ending December 31, 2021. Need a motion and  
25 second. That would be Legislator McKevitt



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2 moves that item. Legislator Walker seconds  
3 it.

4 So the item is before us. Any  
5 debate or discussion on the ordinance fixing  
6 tax rates? We have to amend it. We're going  
7 to make a motion to amend the ordinance I  
8 guess in compliance with the amendments that  
9 were recently passed, just passed by the  
10 Majority. So Legislator Gaylor makes a motion  
11 to amend the ordinance. Seconded by  
12 Legislator McKevitt. Any debate or discussion  
13 on the amendments to the ordinance? Again,  
14 this is not the ordinance itself. We are  
15 voting on the amendments.

16 Hearing none, all in favor of the  
17 amendments signify by saying aye. Those  
18 opposed? The amendments pass. So now you  
19 have the amended ordinance fixing tax rates  
20 and levying taxes. That item is before us.  
21 The amended ordinance is before us. Let's  
22 vote on that. All in favor signify by saying  
23 aye. Those opposed? That ordinance as  
24 amended also passes by a vote of ten to  
25 eight. That was 11 to eight.

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2 Last item is calendar number five  
3 Resolution 145 of 2020. It's a resolution to  
4 adopt the multiyear financial plan for fiscal  
5 year 2021 to 2024.

6 Need a motion on the five-year  
7 plan. Moved by Legislator Drucker. Seconded  
8 by Legislator Kennedy. Any debate or  
9 discussion on the five-year plan? Hearing  
10 none, all in favor of the five year plan  
11 signify by saying aye. That passes  
12 unanimously.

13 Now I need a motion to adjourn.  
14 Not yet. We're not going to adjourn yet. We  
15 have one emergency item. I will call the  
16 emergency. 332 of 2020 is the clerk item.  
17 It's an ordinance supplemental to the annual  
18 appropriation ordinance in connection with the  
19 board of elections.

20 Need a motion to establish the  
21 emergency. Moved by Legislator McKeivitt.  
22 Seconded by Legislator Drucker. In terms of  
23 establishing the emergency all those in favor  
24 signify by saying aye. Those opposed? The  
25 emergency is established. And actually we

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2 will call the item as well at this point.

3 332 of 2020 an ordinance  
4 supplemental to annual appropriation ordinance  
5 in connection with the board of elections.

6 Moved by Ellen Birnbaum. Seconded  
7 by Legislator Muscarella. So the item is now  
8 before us.

9 MR. PERSICH: Good afternoon  
10 legislators. This item is approximately \$2.2  
11 million received from Center Tech and Civic  
12 Life. It's to offset some of the growing  
13 election costs that are as a result of this  
14 year's election and the money will be received  
15 within two days from the passage of this.  
16 They can spend it rather quickly. In light of  
17 a lot of expenses being incurred over there  
18 currently this will help us immensely.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any  
20 discussion, debate or discussion? Any public  
21 comments?

22 MS. MEREDAY: Meta Mereday,  
23 Baldwin resident. I agree that in light of  
24 the developments and the increased outreach  
25 efforts much needed for this upcoming election

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2 I would be in support of this emergency. I'm  
3 just hoping that there is going to be an audit  
4 process and review of how exactly these funds  
5 are going to be spent. When again, we have  
6 communities that have been impacted and they  
7 continue to not receive the resources and  
8 support as well as the people power to insure  
9 that this election process is going to be held  
10 with all of the standards and protocols that  
11 it deserves.

12 Also just wanted to address the  
13 fact that we can create these emergencies and  
14 find money for these types of endeavors but we  
15 continue to once again in the passage of this  
16 budget and the revenues that still seem to  
17 escape many of the taxpayers and residents who  
18 are fighting on a day-to-day basis where these  
19 funds are going to come from. I'm just  
20 concerned about where we are getting these  
21 funds from. If it's going to be removed from  
22 vital services for the limited vital services  
23 that the underserved communities are  
24 receiving.

25 It makes it more conscious of the

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2 fact that we are looking for our elected  
3 officials to represent our interests and  
4 unfortunately that does not seem to be the  
5 case.

6 So, it is hopeful for those of us  
7 who are not able to be here because they're  
8 either working two or three jobs or just  
9 trying to find another job or they're trying  
10 to provide caregiving services for their loved  
11 ones or they're trying to find transportation  
12 because of budget cuts or reassignment of  
13 funds in other areas. Or they're also just  
14 trying to survive in general with regard to  
15 this pandemic that we are making sure that the  
16 election and all representatives involved with  
17 the process make it as safe and accessible for  
18 all involved. Particularly those with  
19 disabilities because, again, we are all aware  
20 of the long lines that the news is featuring  
21 on a regular basis.

22 But it just seems that the  
23 communities of color continue to be  
24 underserved in the resources and accessibility  
25 to polling and to elections and this is

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2 definitely a disservice to all of them in  
3 these communities where many of our seniors,  
4 many of our underserved veterans do exist and  
5 they're not being heard. Again, their voices  
6 are not being heard in this county and that to  
7 me in this era, in this time period that we  
8 are living in, continues to be a challenge and  
9 it's something that I am hoping that we don't  
10 have to continue to do one and dones with  
11 these elections that you all can work  
12 together, become more bipartisan and address  
13 the fact that too many of us are dying  
14 unnecessarily, too many of us are becoming  
15 unemployed, too many of us are fighting  
16 foreclosures and we continue to hear the same  
17 things going back and forth in this local  
18 body.

19 We need to come together and the  
20 fact that we cannot bring these things to a  
21 positive and proactive resolution is very,  
22 very disconcerting for those of us that  
23 continue to work out here on these front lines  
24 as best that we can in this economy with very  
25 few resources. Many of us don't have the

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2 political connections to get the jobs and to  
3 get all of the amenities that many of these  
4 grants and emergency resources can  
5 supplement.

6 So, I'm just hoping that you are  
7 hearing the voices of your constituents  
8 because many of you are not responding to the  
9 many calls that you claim in your testimonies  
10 that you are receiving. I for one can attest  
11 to that. So, if you're talking about all  
12 these people who are reaching out to you I  
13 think you might want to respond to them to  
14 actually hear what they are saying and  
15 understand that they are suffering and that  
16 they need to be addressed.

17 Because if we're all in this  
18 together then we all need to roll up our  
19 sleeves, dig a little deeper, suffer maybe a  
20 little more so that everybody, all ships can  
21 possibly rise.

22 So again, I am in support of this  
23 amendment but I'm concerned because of the  
24 number of potentially politically connected  
25 individuals with the board of elections how

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2 they are benefiting while other departments  
3 and agencies that also could use emergencies,  
4 as I said, like transportation and our veteran  
5 supports and our emergency preparedness  
6 continue to be without. Thank you.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank  
8 you. Call for a vote. All in favor signify  
9 by saying aye? Those opposed? That passes.

10 Now we need a motion to adjourn.  
11 Legislator Bynoe moves to adjourn. Second by  
12 Legislator Rhoads. All in favor of adjourning  
13 signify by saying aye. Those opposed? We are  
14 now adjourned.

15 (Legislature adjourned at 3:11  
16 p.m.)

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