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MINEOLA, NEW YORK  
SPECIAL MEETINGS  
October 31, 2016 1:00 P.M.

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT**

**THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016 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 2017 NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET AND MULTI-YEAR  
FINANCIAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017-2020**

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

**DATED: October 24, 2016**

Mineola, NY

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# LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
ELEVENTH MEETING OF 2016

MINEOLA, NEW YORK  
OCTOBER 31, 2016 1:00 P.M.

THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE IS COMMITTED TO MAKING ITS PUBLIC MEETING ACCESSIBLE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. IF, DUE TO A DISABILITY, YOU NEED AN ACCOMMODATION OR ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC MEETING OR TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN AN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE AT 571-4252, OR THE NASSAU COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED AT 227-7101 OR TDD TELEPHONE NO. 227-8989. AS PER THE NASSAU COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE, THE PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER HAS A MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY OF 251 PEOPLE AND THE OUTER CHAMBER WHICH WILL STREAM THE MEETING LIVE, HAS A MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY OF 72. PASSES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS BEGINNING ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE MEETING TIME.

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1. **HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 177-2016\***

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2017 FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017; 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; COUNTY POLICE DISTRICT; COUNTY DEBT SERVICE; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY FUND; COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND; AND COUNTY NEW YORK STATE PROPERTY TAX REFUND FUND PURPOSES FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED 2017 FISCAL YEAR 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. 388-16(OMB)

**\* WITH POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS THEREIN**

2. **HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2016**

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND THE MISCELLANEOUS LAWS OF NASSAU COUNTY IN REGARDS TO FEES PAYABLE TO COUNTY AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS. 393-16(CE)

3. **HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2016**

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF NASSAU COUNTY IN RELATION TO PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT TAXES. 396-16(CE)

4. **HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2016**

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING TITLE B, ARTICLE 2, OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF NASSAU COUNTY. 397-16(TR)

5. **HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2016**

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE IN RELATION TO PROVIDING GREATER PROTECTION TO NASSAU COUNTY CONSUMERS. 398-16(CE)

6. **VOTE ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2016**

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND THE MISCELLANEOUS LAWS OF NASSAU COUNTY IN REGARDS TO FEES PAYABLE TO COUNTY AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS. 393-16(CE)

7. **VOTE ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2016**

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF NASSAU COUNTY IN RELATION TO PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT TAXES. 396-16(CE)

8. **VOTE ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2016**

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING TITLE B, ARTICLE 2, OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF NASSAU COUNTY. 397-16(TR)

9. **VOTE ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2016**

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE IN RELATION TO PROVIDING GREATER PROTECTION TO NASSAU COUNTY CONSUMERS. 398-16(CE)

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 177-2016**

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2017 FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017; 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; COUNTY POLICE DISTRICT; COUNTY DEBT SERVICE; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY FUND; COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND; AND COUNTY NEW YORK STATE PROPERTY TAX REFUND FUND PURPOSES FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED 2017 FISCAL YEAR 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. 388-16(OMB)

11.

**ORDINANCE NO. 178-2016**

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2017 FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017, 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; COUNTY POLICE DISTRICT; NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE; COUNTY NEW YORK STATE PROPERTY TAX REFUND FUND; COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND; NASSAU COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT; COUNTY DISPUTED ASSESSMENT FUND; AND FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED 2017 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. 389-16(OMB)

12.

**ORDINANCE NO. 179-2016**

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE FOR THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2017 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017 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. 391-16(LE)

13.

**ORDINANCE NO. 180-2016**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY SERVICES FOR VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. 392-16(CE)

14.

**RESOLUTION NO. 179-2016**

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017-2020, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 310 OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY, AND ALL FINANCIAL POLICIES INCLUDED THEREIN. 390-16(OMB)

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 177-2016**

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2017 FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017; 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; COUNTY POLICE DISTRICT; COUNTY DEBT SERVICE; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT; COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY FUND; COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND; AND COUNTY NEW YORK STATE PROPERTY TAX REFUND FUND PURPOSES FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED 2017 FISCAL YEAR 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. -2016 adopted by the Nassau County Legislature on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, 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, villages and special districts in the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, heretofore and on the 15th day of September, 2016, 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 2017 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017, and ending December 31, 2017, together with his 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, 2016; 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:

Section 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 2017 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017, and ending December 31, 2017, and said County Budget is now on file with the Clerk of this Legislature.

§ 2. In accordance with the 2017 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 2017 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	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
AC - DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATIONS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	228,835
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	11,300
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	50,000
<b>AC - DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATIONS Total</b>			<b>290,135</b>
AR - ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	2,390,050
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	35,000
<b>AR - ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMISSION Total</b>			<b>2,425,050</b>
AS - ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	9,668,586
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	313,730
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	424,440
<b>AS - ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT Total</b>			<b>10,406,756</b>
AT - COUNTY ATTORNEY	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	8,379,442
		BB - EQUIPMENT	15,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	626,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	5,350,000
<b>AT - COUNTY ATTORNEY Total</b>			<b>14,370,442</b>
BU - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	4,492,052
		AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	25,321,272
		AC - WORKERS COMPENSATION	8,447,944
		BB - EQUIPMENT	5,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	114,505
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,765,927
		GA - LOCAL GOVT ASST PROGRAM	68,399,582
		HD - DEBT SERVICE CHARGEBACKS	317,202,066
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	3,616,556
		HH - INTERFUND CHARGES	27,484,271
		NA - NCIFA EXPENDITURES	2,000,000
		OO - OTHER EXPENSE	36,237,376
	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	(1,864,504)
<b>BU - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET Total</b>			<b>494,222,047</b>
CA - OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,951,835
		BB - EQUIPMENT	11,590
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	15,344
<b>CA - OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS Total</b>			<b>1,978,769</b>
CC - NC SHERIFF/CORRECTIONAL CENTER	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	108,719,289
		AC - WORKERS COMPENSATION	9,856,359
		BB - EQUIPMENT	33,735
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,281,430
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	17,356,685
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	1,790,912
	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	6,750,267
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	72,000
<b>CC - NC SHERIFF/CORRECTIONAL CENTER Total</b>			<b>147,860,677</b>
CE - COUNTY EXECUTIVE	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	2,009,333
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	80,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	225,000
<b>CE - COUNTY EXECUTIVE Total</b>			<b>2,314,333</b>
CF - OFFICE OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	811,046
	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,541,976
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	1,660,386
<b>CF - OFFICE OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS Total</b>			<b>4,013,408</b>
CL - COUNTY CLERK	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	5,810,211
		BB - EQUIPMENT	50,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	305,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	505,000
<b>CL - COUNTY CLERK Total</b>			<b>6,670,211</b>
CO - COUNTY COMPTROLLER	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	7,463,469
		BB - EQUIPMENT	5,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	127,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	883,000
<b>CO - COUNTY COMPTROLLER Total</b>			<b>8,478,469</b>

GENERAL FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
CS - CIVIL SERVICE	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	5,362,298
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	458,700
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	15,000
<b>CS - CIVIL SERVICE Total</b>			<b>5,835,998</b>
CT - COURTS	10	AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	1,251,891
<b>CT - COURTS Total</b>			<b>1,251,891</b>
DA - DISTRICT ATTORNEY	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	36,636,064
		BB - EQUIPMENT	65,500
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	948,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,306,974
<b>DA - DISTRICT ATTORNEY Total</b>			<b>38,956,538</b>
EL - BOARD OF ELECTIONS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,856,988
		BB - EQUIPMENT	40,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	96,150
	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	10,784,847
		BB - EQUIPMENT	85,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	2,401,885
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	495,000
	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,162,500
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	629,620
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	202,464
<b>EL - BOARD OF ELECTIONS Total</b>			<b>19,754,454</b>
EM - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	797,073
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	5,000
<b>EM - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Total</b>			<b>802,073</b>
FB - FRINGE BENEFIT	10	AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	224,321,460
<b>FB - FRINGE BENEFIT Total</b>			<b>224,321,460</b>
HE - HEALTH DEPARTMENT	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,923,774
		BB - EQUIPMENT	16,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	146,000
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	3,710,932
	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	7,812,250
		BB - EQUIPMENT	15,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	65,300
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	97,000
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	435,213
	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	938,410
		BB - EQUIPMENT	25,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	497,247
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	10,000
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	310,277
	40	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	2,045,433
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	119,750
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	55,000
		DG - VAR DIRECT EXPENSES	5,000,000
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	294,668
	51	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,789,752
		BB - EQUIPMENT	15,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	69,600
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	11,808
		PP - EARLY INTERVENTION/SPECIAL EDUCATION	27,500,000
	54	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	291,061
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	22,100
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	181,330
		PP - EARLY INTERVENTION/SPECIAL EDUCATION	107,500,000
<b>HE - HEALTH DEPARTMENT Total</b>			<b>162,897,905</b>

GENERAL FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
HI - HOUSING & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	839,590
HI - HOUSING & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS Total			839,590
HR - COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	540,233
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	5,450
HR - COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS Total			545,683
HS - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	4,805,162
		BB - EQUIPMENT	19,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	1,025,134
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	26,077,232
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	2,524,951
HS - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES Total			34,451,479
IT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	7,626,153
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	442,200
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	14,415,465
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	4,004,170
IT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Total			26,487,988
LE - COUNTY LEGISLATURE	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	2,011,328
		BB - EQUIPMENT	12,057
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	16,000
	15	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,263,267
		BB - EQUIPMENT	6,903
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	10,920
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	215,000
	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	747,506
		BB - EQUIPMENT	45,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	1,660,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	790,000
	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	923,695
		BB - EQUIPMENT	2,600
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	11,102
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,000
LE - COUNTY LEGISLATURE Total			9,717,378
LR - OFFICE OF LABOR RELATIONS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	347,222
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	4,100
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	400,000
LR - OFFICE OF LABOR RELATIONS Total			751,322
MA - OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	468,258
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	25,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	17,000
MA - OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS Total			510,258
ME - MEDICAL EXAMINER	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	7,734,460
		BB - EQUIPMENT	40,029
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	688,039
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	42,369
ME - MEDICAL EXAMINER Total			8,504,897
PA - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	593,925
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,422
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	7,500
PA - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR Total			604,847
PB - PROBATION	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	17,230,542
		BB - EQUIPMENT	37,250
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	298,050
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	576,840
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	500
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	1,156,445
PB - PROBATION Total			19,299,627
PE - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	823,041
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	11,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	12,000
PE - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES Total			846,041

GENERAL FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
PK - PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,875,580
		BB - EQUIPMENT	9,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	429,625
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	4,091,500
	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	5,297,541
		BB - EQUIPMENT	150,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	926,500
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,200,000
	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	8,817,375
		BB - EQUIPMENT	48,500
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	129,800
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	452,000
	40	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,046,084
		BB - EQUIPMENT	4,500
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	65,875
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	467,131
	61	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	4,710,247
		BB - EQUIPMENT	229,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	548,200
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	558,100
PK - PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS Total			32,056,558
PR - SHARED SERVICES	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	1,142,693
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	20,750
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	10,000
PR - SHARED SERVICES Total			1,173,443
PW - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	00	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,019,462
		AC - WORKERS COMPENSATION	2,483,911
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	641,996
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	726,897
		DG - VAR DIRECT EXPENSES	250,000
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	4,455,230
		OO - OTHER EXPENSE	11,253,441
	01	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	6,192,063
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	35,500
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	129,525,636
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	1,668,900
		MM - MASS TRANSPORTATION	43,699,392
		OO - OTHER EXPENSE	75,000
	02	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	12,457,119
		BB - EQUIPMENT	43,568
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	2,311,200
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,382,100
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	718,065
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	10,193,178
	03	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,302,907
		BB - EQUIPMENT	7,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,964,141
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,201,922
	06	HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	932,177
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	10,252,243
		BB - EQUIPMENT	37,500
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	1,362,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,195,000
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	25,565,092
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	88,883
PW - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Total			280,041,523

GENERAL FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
RM - RECORDS MANAGEMENT	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	972,098
		BB - EQUIPMENT	5,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	160,500
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	125,000
<b>RM - RECORDS MANAGEMENT Total</b>			<b>1,262,598</b>
SA - COORD AGENCY FOR SPANISH AMERICANS	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	271,266
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	3,442
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	12,500
<b>SA - COORD AGENCY FOR SPANISH AMERICANS Total</b>			<b>287,208</b>
SS - SOCIAL SERVICES	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	4,296,051
		BB - EQUIPMENT	9,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	298,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,361,400
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	16,166,384
	20	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	21,207,535
		BB - EQUIPMENT	12,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	300,700
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	6,086,616
	30	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	23,946,053
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	155,109
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	111,700
	53	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	16,000,000
	60	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	21,000,000
		WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	6,500,000
	61	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	33,000,000
		WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	9,000,000
	62	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	10,200,000
	63	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	1,200,000
		TT - PURCHASED SERVICES	1,100
		WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	650,000
	65	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	2,250,000
	66	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	3,000,000
	68	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	575,000
	69	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	600,000
		WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	350,000
	70	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	4,900,000
	72	WW - EMERGENCY VENDOR PAYMENTS	250,000
	73	XX - MEDICAID	241,985,035
	75	SS - RECIPIENT GRANTS	400,000
	76	TT - PURCHASED SERVICES	67,582,071
<b>SS - SOCIAL SERVICES Total</b>			<b>493,393,754</b>
TC - TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	480,543
		BB - EQUIPMENT	4,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	5,000
<b>TC - TAXI &amp; LIMOUSINE COMMISSION Total</b>			<b>489,543</b>
TR - COUNTY TREASURER	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	2,196,192
		BB - EQUIPMENT	2,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	412,128
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	255,500
		OO - OTHER EXPENSE	75,000,000
<b>TR - COUNTY TREASURER Total</b>			<b>77,865,820</b>
TV - TRAFFIC & PARKING VIOLATIONS AGENCY	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	4,089,440
		BB - EQUIPMENT	9,700
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	220,020
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	10,121,201
<b>TV - TRAFFIC &amp; PARKING VIOLATIONS AGENCY Total</b>			<b>14,440,361</b>
VS - VETERANS SERVICES AGENCY	10	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	485,054
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	15,200
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,000
<b>VS - VETERANS SERVICES AGENCY Total</b>			<b>502,254</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>			<b>2,150,922,788</b>

§ 3. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes as set forth in the County budget for the 2017 fiscal year:

GENERAL FUND	
Object	2017 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 10,000,000
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget	\$ 2,051,509,361
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget tax levy	\$ 89,413,427
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,150,922,788</b>

§ 4. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Fire Prevention, Safety, Communication and Education Fund purposes for the 2017 fiscal year:

FIRE COMMISSION FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
FC - FIRE COMMISSION	40 - FRINGE BENEFITS (FCF FUND)	AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	5,864,055
FC - FIRE COMMISSION	10 - FIRE COMMISSION	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	11,421,422
		BB - EQUIPMENT	47,500
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	280,800
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	4,842,808
		HD - DEBT SERVICE CHARGEBACKS	790,765
		HF - INTER DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	2,439,773
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>25,687,123</b>

§ 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 2017 fiscal year:

FIRE COMMISSION FUND	
Object	2017 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ -
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget	\$ 9,485,291
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget tax levy	\$ 16,201,832
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,687,123</b>

§ 6. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Police Headquarters purposes for the 2017 fiscal year:

POLICE HEADQUARTERS FUND			2017 PROPOSED
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	BUDGET
PD - POLICE DEPARTMENT	30 - FRINGE BENEFITS (PDH FUND)		148,871,528
PD - POLICE DEPARTMENT	10 - POLICE HEADQUARTERS		
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	243,074,073
		AC - WORKERS COMPENSATION	5,884,151
		BB - EQUIPMENT	582,000
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	4,028,600
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	11,764,000
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	3,352,000
		HD - DEBT SERVICE CHARGEBACKS	20,449,720
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	23,568,592
Grand Total			461,574,664

§ 7. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Police Headquarters budget for the 2017 fiscal year:

POLICE HEADQUARTERS FUND	
Object	2017 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ -
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget	\$ 137,807,975
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget tax levy	\$ 323,766,689
Total	\$ 461,574,664



§ 8. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Police District purposes for the 2017 fiscal year:

POLICE DISTRICT FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
PD - POLICE DEPARTMENT	20 - FRINGE BENEFITS (PDD FUND)		
		AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	132,253,973
PD - POLICE DEPARTMENT	20 - POLICE DISTRICT		
		AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	250,215,411
		AC - WORKERS COMPENSATION	8,632,821
		BB - EQUIPMENT	304,528
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	5,446,000
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,086,000
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	1,354,564
		HD - DEBT SERVICE CHARGEBACKS	2,240,553
		HF - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CHARGES	20,246,736
Grand Total			421,780,586

§ 9. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Police District budget for the 2017 fiscal year:

POLICE DISTRICT FUND	
Object	2017 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 5,000,000
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget	\$ 29,168,294
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget tax levy	\$ 387,612,292
Total	\$ 421,780,586

§ 10. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the County Debt Service Fund for the 2017 fiscal year:

DEBT SERVICE FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
DS - DEBT SERVICE	10 - DEBT SERVICE		
		FF - INTEREST	120,149,010
		GG - PRINCIPAL	94,230,001
		OO - OTHER EXPENSE	165,676,637
Grand Total			380,055,648

§ 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 2017 fiscal year:

DEBT SERVICE FUND	
Object	2017 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ -
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget	\$ 380,055,648
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget tax levy	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 380,055,648</b>

§ 12. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Sewer and Storm Water Resources District purposes for the 2017 fiscal year:

SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
PW - PUBLIC WORKS	50 - SEWER AND STORM WATER DISTRICT	AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	10,544,507
		AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	9,039,199
		BB - EQUIPMENT	36,761
		DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	122,671
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	64,213,265
		DF - UTILITY COSTS	8,775,000
		FF - INTEREST	5,833,172
		GG - PRINCIPAL	9,529,367
		HH - INTERFD CHGS - INTERFUND CHARGES	32,481,615
		OO - OTHER EXPENSE	538,500
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>141,114,057</b>

§ 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 2017 fiscal year:

SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT	
Object	2017 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 23,240,362
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget	\$ 117,873,695
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget tax levy	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 141,114,057</b>

§ 14. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Sewer and Storm Water Finance Authority Fund purposes for the 2017 fiscal year:

SEWER AND STORM WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
SF - SEWER & STORM WATER FINANCE	10 - SEWER AND STORM WATER FINANCE		
		DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	900,000
		FF - INTEREST	7,202,750
		GG - PRINCIPAL	10,345,000
		LZ - TRANSFER OUT TO SSW DEBT SERVICE	104,431,695
Grand Total			122,879,445

§ 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 2017 fiscal year:

SEWER AND STORM WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY	
Object	2017 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ -
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget	\$ 7,867,738
Zone One - Collection & Disposal	\$ 84,717,087
Zone Two - Disposal Only	\$ 15,359,278
Zone Three - Stormwater	\$ 14,935,342
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget tax levy	\$ 115,011,707
Total	\$ 122,879,445

§ 16. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Environmental Bond Fund purposes for the 2017 fiscal year:

ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
PL - PLANNING	45 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION		
		HH - INTERFD CHGS - INTERFUND CHARGES	9,186,404
Grand Total			9,186,404

§ 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 2017 fiscal year:

ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND	
Object	2017 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 9,186,404
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget	\$ -
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget tax levy	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,186,404</b>

§ 18. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Litigation Fund purposes for the 2017 fiscal year:

LITIGATION FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
BU - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET	60 - LITIGATION FUND	OO - OTHER EXPENSES	37,613,678
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>37,613,678</b>

§ 19. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Litigation Fund budget for the 2017 fiscal year:

LITIGATION FUND	
Object	2017 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 37,613,678
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget	\$ -
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget tax levy	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 37,613,678</b>

§ 20. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County Retirement Contribution Fund purposes for the 2017 fiscal year:

RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION FUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
BU - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET	70 - RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION FUND	AB - FRINGE BENEFITS	8,000,000
Grand Total			8,000,000

§ 21. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County Retirement Contribution Fund budget for the 2017 fiscal year:

RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION FUND	
Object	2017 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 8,000,000
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget	\$ -
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget tax levy	\$ -
Total	\$ 8,000,000

§ 22. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for County New York State Property Tax Refund Fund purposes for the 2017 fiscal year:

NYS PROPERTY TAX REFUND			
DEPARTMENT	CONTROL CENTER	OBJECT	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
BU - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET	80 - NYS PROPERTY TAX REFUND	OO - OTHER EXPENSES	-
Grand Total			-

§ 23. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the County New York State Property Tax Refund Fund budget for the 2017 fiscal year:

NYS PROPERTY TAX REFUND	
Object	2017 Proposed Budget
Use of Fund Balance	\$ -
Estimated revenues other than proceeds of the tax levy for the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget	\$ -
Proceeds of the Proposed Fiscal 2017 Budget tax levy	\$ -
Total	\$ -

§ 24. 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.

§ 25. 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.

§ 26. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

## **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 178-2016**

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH 2017 FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017, 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; COUNTY POLICE DISTRICT; NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE; COUNTY NEW YORK STATE PROPERTY TAX REFUND FUND; COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOND FUND; NASSAU COUNTY SEWER AND STORM WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT; COUNTY DISPUTED ASSESSMENT FUND; AND FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED 2017 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.     -2016, adopted by this Nassau County Legislature on                     , 2016, 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, villages and special districts in the three towns within the County of Nassau for the 2017 fiscal year for County; County Fire Prevention, Safety, Communication and Education Fund; County Police Headquarters; County Police District; Nassau Community College; County New York State Property Tax Refund Fund; County Environmental Bond Fund; Nassau County Sewer and Storm Water Resources District; 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 2017 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, 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 2017 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 the amounts to be raised by the County for the County Disputed Assessment Fund; 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. -2016 for the fiscal year 2017 has been adopted by the Nassau County Legislature for the conduct of the County Government of Nassau County for the 2017 fiscal year, and such Appropriation Ordinance constitutes the Appropriation Ordinance for the 2017 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Laws of 1995, the County is required to adopt a budget for a twelve-month fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2017, and terminating on December 31, 2017, and to levy taxes in accordance with said 2017 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 2017 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the County accordingly is required to adopt an ordinance for the levy of taxes in accordance with Appropriation Ordinance No. -2017; 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:

Section 1. The sum of \$89,413,425 having been determined to be the amount of moneys to be raised and levied for county purposes and governmental requirements during the 2017 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 \$18.882, Class Two \$9.098, Class Three \$13.224, Class Four \$9.862, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, of such properties, and the several amounts to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County is as follows:

<b>GENERAL</b>	
	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$40,762,844
Town of North Hempstead	\$22,045,102
Town of Oyster Bay	\$22,750,307
City of Glen Cove	\$1,803,490
City of Long Beach	<u>\$2,051,682</u>
	\$89,413,425

§ 2. The sum of \$16,201,832, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Fire Prevention, Safety, Communication and Education Fund purposes for the 2017 fiscal year the tax rate such purposes is hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$3.421, Class Two \$1.648, Class Three \$2.396, Class Four \$1.787, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. The amount to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County for such

purposes is as follows:

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$7,386,282
Town of North Hempstead	\$3,994,602
Town of Oyster Bay	\$4,122,386
City of Glen Cove	\$326,795
City of Long Beach	\$371,767
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	\$16,201,832

§ 3. The sum of \$411,863,974 having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Police Headquarters purposes for the 2017 fiscal year the tax rate 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 \$86.977, Class Two \$41.910, Class Three \$60.916, Class Four \$45.425, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. 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:

<b>POLICE HEADQUARTERS</b>	<b>2017 TAX LEVY</b>
Town of Hempstead	187,765,389.00
Town of North Hempstead	101,546,093.00
Town of Oyster Bay	104,794,460.00
City of Glen Cove	8,307,395.00
City of Long Beach	9,450,636.00
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	411,863,973.00

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:

<b>POLICE HEADQUARTERS</b>		
	<b>Final Tax Rate</b>	<b>2017 NET FINAL TAX LEVY</b>
<b>Hempstead</b>		
Class One	71.025	115,710,360
Class Two	25.959	3,610,144
Class Three	44.965	6,477,607
Class Four	29.474	20,416,800
		<u>146,214,911</u>
<b>Oyster Bay</b>		
Class One	71.024	69,069,733
Class Two	25.958	828,069
Class Three	44.963	1,662,472
Class Four	29.473	10,785,462
		<u>82,345,736</u>
<b>No. Hempstead</b>		
Class One	71.026	64,821,431
Class Two	25.960	2,301,562
Class Three	44.966	1,607,438
Class Four	29.475	10,560,733
		<u>79,291,164</u>
<b>Long Beach</b>		
Class One	86.976	6,158,576
Class Two	41.910	2,019,230
Class Three	60.915	347,284
Class Four	45.425	925,543
		<u>9,450,633</u>
<b>Glen Cove</b>		
Class One	71.030	5,163,686
Class Two	25.963	201,965
Class Three	44.969	184,923
Class Four	29.478	913,671
		<u>6,464,245</u>
<b>County Totals</b>		
Class One		260,923,786
Class Two		8,960,970
Class Three		10,279,724
Class Four		43,602,209
		<u>323,766,689</u>

§ 4. The sum of \$387,612,292, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Police District purposes for the 2017 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 \$84.514, Class Two \$62.852, Class Three \$221.153, Class Four \$86.970 on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. The amount to be collected from each of the towns for such purposes is as follows:

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$187,236,002
Town of North Hempstead	\$92,132,392
Town of Oyster Bay	\$108,243,898
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	\$387,612,292

§ 5. The sum of \$50,939,242, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau Community College purposes for its 2017 fiscal year, the tax rate for such purposes is hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$10.757, Class Two \$5.183, Class Three \$7.534, Class Four \$5.619, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. The amount to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County for such purposes is as follows:

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$23,222,780
Town of North Hempstead	\$12,559,198
Town of Oyster Bay	\$12,960,954
City of Glen Cove	\$1,027,457
City of Long Beach	\$1,168,853
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	\$50,939,242

§ 6. The sum of \$0, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for County New York State Property Tax Refund Fund purposes for the 2017 fiscal year, the tax rate for such purposes is hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$0, Class Two \$0, Class Three \$0, Class Four \$0, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. The amount to be collected from each of the towns and cities

within the County for such purposes is as follows:

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$0
Town of North Hempstead	\$0
Town of Oyster Bay	\$0
City of Glen Cove	\$0
City of Long Beach	\$0
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	\$0

§ 7. The sum of \$0, having been appropriated by this Nassau County Legislature for Nassau County Environmental Bond Fund purposes for the 2017 fiscal year, the tax rate for such purposes is hereby finally fixed and determined to be Class One \$0, Class Two \$0, Class Three \$0, Class Four \$0, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. The amount to be collected from each of the towns and cities within the County for such purposes is as follows:

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$0
Town of North Hempstead	\$0
Town of Oyster Bay	\$0
City of Glen Cove	\$0
City of Long Beach	\$0
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	\$0

§ 8. The sum of \$84,717,088 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 2017 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 \$21.400, Class Two \$15.947, Class Three \$164.482, Class Four \$23.393, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2017, through December

31, 2017. The amount to be collected for such purposes is as follows:

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$47,522,501
Town of North Hempstead	\$11,819,155
Town of Oyster Bay	<u>\$25,375,432</u>
	\$84,717,088

§ 9. The sum of \$15,359,277, 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 2017 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 \$26.726, Class Two \$3.500, Class Three \$100.339, Class Four \$21.779, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. The amount to be collected for such purposes is as follows:

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$12,387,184
Town of North Hempstead	\$2,547,016
Town of Oyster Bay	<u>\$425,077</u>
	\$15,359,277

§ 10. The sum of \$14,935,342, 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 2017 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 \$3.154, Class Two \$1.519, Class Three \$2.208, Class Four \$1.648, on each \$100 of assessed valuation for the period January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. The amount to be



collected for such purposes is as follows:

	Final Tax Levy
Town of Hempstead	\$6,808,899
Town of North Hempstead	\$3,682,346
Town of Oyster Bay	\$3,800,141
City of Glen Cove	\$301,249
City of Long Beach	\$342,707
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	\$14,935,342

§ 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 2017 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, the County Disputed Assessment Fund 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 his 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; County Police District; Nassau Community College; County New York State Property Tax Refund Fund;

County Environmental Bond Fund and County Sewer and Storm Water Resources District 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 County Disputed Assessment Fund 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. 179 -2016**

AN ORDINANCE to adopt the budget for the County Legislature for the County of Nassau for the twelve-month 2017 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 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, 2016, 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 2017 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017, together with his 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 2016 as part of the proposed budget for the County of Nassau for the twelve-month 2017 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 is hereby approved and adopted by the County Legislature as its budget for the 2017 fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017, said budget of the County Legislature now being on file with the Clerk of the Legislature.

Section 2. In accordance with the fiscal year 2017 budget of the County of Nassau, the County Legislature does hereby appropriate for the conduct of the County Legislature for the aforementioned 2017 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 CODE</b>	<b>MAJORITY (15)</b>	<b>MINORITY (10)</b>	<b>CLERK (20)</b>	<b>Office of Budget Review (30)</b>	<b>Total LE Budget</b>
AA - SALARIES, WAGES & FEES	3,263,267	2,011,328	747,506	923,695	6,945,796
BB - EQUIPMENT	6,903	12,057	45,000	2,600	66,560
DD - GENERAL EXPENSES	10,920	16,000	1,660,000	11,102	1,698,022
DE - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	215,000	0	790,000	2,000	1,007,000
	<b>3,496,090</b>	<b>2,039,385</b>	<b>3,242,506</b>	<b>939,397</b>	<b>9,717,378</b>

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BUDGET OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE FOR THE 2013 FISCAL YEAR: \$9,717,378

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 ORDINANCE NO. 180-2016**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY SERVICES  
FOR VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 10(1)(ii)(a)(9-a) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the County of Nassau has the power to adopt and amend legislation relating to the fixing, levy, collection, and administration of charges, rates, and fees;

WHEREAS, the imposition of the amount of the following fees by ordinance is authorized and

WHEREAS, the change in economic realities requires that fees for additional services for various County departments must be changed; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. The following administrative fees heretofore authorized are fixed as follows, for the year, as indicated, and if no year is indicated, for the year 2017 and thereafter:

§ 1. Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums for the following years:

<b>Description</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Alcoholic Beverage Permits-Resident	\$75	\$80	\$85	\$90
Alcoholic Beverage Permits-Non-resident	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Nickerson Beach Daily Resident Per Vehicle	\$12	\$13	\$14	\$15
Nickerson Beach Season Sticker- Per Vehicle – Residents	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Nickerson Beach Season Sticker- per vehicle Non-resident	\$250	\$265	\$280	\$295
Cabana Rentals Lottery Entry Fee	\$30	\$32	\$34	\$36
Cabana Rentals Cabanas	\$3,950	\$4,150	\$4,350	\$4,570

Cabana Rentals Cabinette	\$895	\$940	\$990	\$1,040
Cabana Rentals Cabana Locks	\$6	\$6	\$7	\$7
Battle Row Campground Club Group – Residents (per rig, per site, per night)	\$13	\$14	\$15	\$16
Battle Row Campground Club Non-Residents	\$30	\$32	\$34	\$36
Battle Row Campground Tent Sites – Residential	\$15	\$16	\$17	\$18
Battle Row Campground Tent Sites – Non-Residential	\$33	\$35	\$37	\$39
Battle Row Campground Pad Sites – Residents	\$18	\$19	\$20	\$21
Battle Row Campground Pad Sites – Non-Residents	\$36	\$38	\$41	\$43
Battle Row Campground Pad Sites – (Elec) Residents	\$26	\$27	\$28	\$29
Battle Row Campground Pad Sites – (Elec) Non Residents	\$50	\$53	\$56	\$59
Battle Row Campground Campsite Late Registration Fee	\$26	\$27	\$28	\$29
Battle Row Campground Air Conditioning Fee (per day)	\$4	\$4	\$5	\$5
Battle Row Campground Dumping Fee	\$8	\$8	\$9	\$9
Battle Row Campground Change of Site Fee	\$33	\$35	\$37	\$39
Battle Row Campground Recreational Vehicle Storage Resident – Per Month	\$88	\$92	\$97	\$101

Battle Row Campground Recreational Vehicle Storage Non-Resident – Per Month	\$120	\$126	\$132	\$139
Battle Row Campground Recreational Vehicle Storage Discount	\$55	\$58	\$61	\$64
Nickerson Beach Campground-Summer Season Campsite- Residents	\$29	\$30	\$32	\$34
Nickerson Beach Campground Summer Season Campsite – Non- Resident	\$50	\$53	\$56	\$59
Nickerson Beach Campground Summer Season- Tent Camping – Resident	\$15	\$16	\$17	\$18
Nickerson Beach Campground Campsite Late Registration Fee	\$26	\$27	\$28	\$29
Nickerson Beach Campground Off Season Campsite- Residents	\$26	\$27	\$28	\$29
Nickerson Beach Campground Off Season Campsite- Non- Residents	\$48	\$50	\$53	\$56
Nickerson Beach Campground Off Season Campsite Hard Surface Parking – Resident	\$15	\$16	\$17	\$18
Nickerson Beach Campground Off Season Campsite Hard Surface Parking – Non- Resident	\$30	\$32	\$34	\$36
Nickerson Beach Campground Off Season Campsite Tent Sites –Resident	\$13	\$14	\$15	\$16
Nickerson Beach Campground Off Season Campsite Tent Sites –Non-Resident	\$28	\$29	\$30	\$31
Nickerson Beach Campground Off Season Dumping Fee (per load)	\$7	\$7	\$8	\$8
Nickerson Beach Campground Off Season Change of Site Fee	\$30	\$32	\$34	\$36

Athletic Fields (All fields except Mitchel Complex), Softball Field Use (per hour) Non-lighted field, Adult per hour	\$20	\$21	\$22	\$23
Athletic Fields (All fields except Mitchel Complex), Multi-purpose field and court use, Non-lighted- Resident per hour	\$33	\$35	\$37	\$39
Mitchel Athletic Complex Stadium Football, Lacrosse, Soccer (scholastic groups) per game	\$1,050	\$1,100	\$1,150	\$1,200
Mitchel Athletic Complex Stadium, Field Fees, North Field 6-7 (Non-lighted) per hour	\$30	\$32	\$34	\$36
Ice Hockey Programs Winter Registration Class "A" & "B" Divisions Travel (All-star League) (bantam, midg, etc)	\$1,100	\$1,150	\$1,200	\$1,250
Ice Hockey Programs Winter Registration Class "B" Division In-House (Recreation League)	\$395	\$415	\$435	\$455
Ice Hockey Programs Winter Registration Class "C" Division (Beginner Clinic)	\$265	\$280	\$295	\$310
Ice Skating Rinks Admission Public Sessions Residents-Adult	\$9	\$9	\$10	\$10
Skate Sharpening	\$9	\$9	\$10	\$10
Outdoor Rinks Proprietary	\$395	\$415	\$435	\$455
Outdoor Rinks Non-Profit Organizations	\$295	\$310	\$325	\$340
Leisure Pass (Valid 3 years) Resident	\$30	\$32	\$34	\$36
Marina Docking Entry fee for the lottery (non-refundable, non-pro-rated)	\$30	\$32	\$34	\$36
Marina Launching Ramps Resident Annual Permit – Seasonal	\$70	\$74	\$78	\$82
Marina Launching Ramps Residential Daily Permit	\$25	\$26	\$27	\$28



Miniature Golf- Eisenhower Residents Adults (18 years and older)	\$9	\$9	\$10	\$10
Miniature Golf- Eisenhower Residents Child	\$6	\$6	\$7	\$7
Miniature Golf- Eisenhower Non-Residents guests	\$13	\$14	\$15	\$16
Miniature Golf- Eisenhower Non-Residents Senior, Handicap, Vol. Firefighters	\$6	\$6	\$7	\$7
Miniature Golf- Eisenhower Non-Residents Auxiliary Police and Veterans	\$6	\$6	\$7	\$7
Old Bethpage Village General Admission Adult	\$12	\$13	\$14	\$15
Old Bethpage Village Educational Groups	\$6	\$6	\$7	\$7
Old Bethpage Village Non-Educational Groups- Adult	\$7	\$7	\$8	\$8
Old Bethpage Village Non-Educational Groups- Adult	\$6	\$6	\$7	\$7
Long Island Fair Adult	\$14	\$15	\$16	\$17
Long Island Fair Children 5-12 handicapped	\$8	\$8	\$9	\$9
Long Island Fair Residential Senior Citizen, Volunteer Amb Corps/Firefighter, Auxiliary Police and Veterans	\$8	\$8	\$9	\$9
Room Rental-All Museum Facilities Room I (small) per hour	\$30	\$32	\$34	\$36
Eisenhower Park "A" Areas	\$150	\$160	\$170	\$180
Eisenhower Park "B" Areas	\$190	\$200	\$210	\$220
Eisenhower Park "C" Areas	\$260	\$275	\$290	\$305
Radio Control Flyers non Resident Permits	\$40	\$42	\$44	\$46
Rifle and Pistol Range Resident Clubs	\$30	\$32	\$34	\$36
Rifle and Pistol Range Junior Clubs	\$15	\$16	\$17	\$18
Locker Rentals Classroom Rentals	\$40	\$42	\$44	\$46
Room Charter Per Hour	\$50	\$53	\$56	\$59

Swim Locker Rental Daily	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Swimming Pools-Christopher Morley and Nickerson Beach Daily- Adults- Residents	\$7	\$7	\$8	\$8
Swimming Pools-Christopher Morley and Nickerson Beach Daily- Children- Residents	\$5	\$5	\$6	\$6
Swimming Pools-Christopher Morley and Nickerson Beach Daily-Senior Citizens Handicap, and Volunteer Firefighters	\$5	\$5	\$6	\$6
Swimming Pools-Christopher Morley and Nickerson Beach Daily- Auxiliary Police and Veterans	\$5	\$5	\$6	\$6
Water Theme Parks, Cantiague, N Woodmere and Wantagh Daily-Adults-Residents	\$9	\$9	\$10	\$10
Water Theme Parks, Cantiague, N Woodmere and Wantagh Daily- Senior Citizens, Handicap, Volunteer Firefighter	\$5	\$5	\$6	\$6
Water Theme Parks, Cantiague, N Woodmere and Wantagh Daily-Police Auxiliary and Veterans	\$5	\$5	\$6	\$6
Pool Memberships Family	\$265	\$280	\$295	\$310
Pool Memberships Individual Resident Adult	\$110	\$115	\$120	\$125
Pool Memberships Individual Resident Senior Citizen	\$60	\$63	\$66	\$69
Eisenhower- Aquatics Center Daily Admission- Adult- Resident	\$7	\$7	\$8	\$8
Eisenhower- Aquatics Center Daily Admission- Adult- Non-Resident	\$20	\$21	\$22	\$23
Eisenhower- Aquatics Center Daily Admission- Children- Resident	\$5	\$5	\$6	\$6

Eisenhower- Aquatics Center Daily Admission- Children- Non-Resident	\$5	\$5	\$6	\$6
Eisenhower- Aquatics Center Daily Admission- Senior Citizens, handicap, Volunteer Firefighters, Police Auxiliary, and Veterans	\$4	\$4	\$5	\$5
Charter/Competition/Training- 50 Meter	\$50	\$53	\$56	\$59
Charter/Competition/Training- 25 Meter	\$30	\$32	\$34	\$36
Swimming Lessons (Group) Registration fee	\$8	\$8	\$9	\$9
Swimming Lessons (Group) (Ten Lessons)	\$75	\$80	\$85	\$90
Cantiague Seasonal Pool Permit- Family	\$265	\$280	\$295	\$310
Cantiague Seasonal Pool Permit- Individual	\$110	\$115	\$120	\$125
Cantiague Seasonal Pool Permit- Senior Citizens, Handicap, Volunteer Firefighters	\$60	\$63	\$66	\$69
Cantiague Seasonal Pool Permit- Police Auxiliary and Veterans	\$60	\$63	\$66	\$69
Tennis During Peak Season Day and Evening	\$6	\$6	\$7	\$7
Golf- Eisenhower Park Fees for 18 Holes Weekend and Holidays Blue Course Residents –Weekends	\$42	\$44	\$46	\$48
Golf- Eisenhower Park Fees for 18 Holes Weekend and Holidays Blue Course Non- Residents –Weekends	\$57	\$60	\$63	\$66

Golf- Eisenhower Park Fees for 18 Holes Weekend and Holidays Blue Course Senior Citizens, Handicap, Veterans-Weekends	\$40	\$42	\$44	\$46
Golf- Eisenhower Park Fees for 18 Holes Weekend and Holidays White Course Senior Citizens, Handicap, Veterans-Weekends	\$40	\$42	\$44	\$46
Golf- Eisenhower Park Fees for 18 Holes Weekdays Blue Course Residents –Weekdays	\$37	\$39	\$41	\$43
Golf- Eisenhower Park Fees for 18 Holes Weekdays Blue Course Senior Citizens, Handicap and Veterans – Weekdays	\$20	\$21	\$22	\$23
Golf- Eisenhower Park Fees for 18 Holes Weekdays Red Course Only Senior Citizens, Handicapped, and Veterans	\$26	\$27	\$28	\$29
Golf Eisenhower Park Red Course Only 18 Holes Weekend/Holiday Residents	\$48	\$50	\$52	\$54
Golf Eisenhower Park White and Blue Courses 9 Holes-Weekends Senior Citizens, Handicapped, and Veterans	\$22	\$23	\$24	\$25
Golf Eisenhower Park White and Blue Courses 9 Holes-Weekdays Senior Citizens, Handicapped, and Veterans	\$15	\$16	\$17	\$18
Golf Cantiague, Christopher Morley, North Woodmere Fees for 9 Holes Weekends and Holidays- Residents	\$20	\$21	\$22	\$23
Golf Motor Carts 9 Holes (Bay, Cantiague, Morley, North Woodmere) Residents Weekdays	\$22	\$23	\$24	\$25

Golf Motor Carts 9 Holes (Bay, Cantiague, Morley, North Woodmere) Non- Residents Weekdays	\$26	\$27	\$28	\$29
Golf Motor Carts 9 Holes (Bay, Cantiague, Morley, North Woodmere) Senior Citizens Handicapped and Veterans	\$15	\$16	\$17	\$18
Golf Junior Rate- All courses except Red (18 years and under Monday through Thursday after 1pm-18 holes	\$17	\$18	\$19	\$20
Golf Junior Rate- All courses except Red (18 years and under Monday through Thursday after 1pm-9 holes	\$14	\$15	\$16	\$17
Winter Golf 9 Holes Golf Courses Fees for 9 Holes Weekends and Holidays- Non- Residents	\$30	\$32	\$34	\$36
Golf Carts Caddy Cart Rental- 18 Holes	\$6	\$6	\$7	\$7
Golf Carts Motor Cart Rental 9 Holes Eisenhower- Non Residents	\$28	\$29	\$30	\$31
Golf Carts Motor Cart Rental 9 Holes Eisenhower- Senior Citizens, Handicapped, and Veterans	\$15	\$16	\$17	\$18
Golf Carts Motor Cart Rental 18 Holes Eisenhower- Residents	\$38	\$40	\$42	\$44
Golf Carts Motor Cart Rental 18 Holes Eisenhower-Non- Residents	\$44	\$46	\$48	\$50
Golf Carts Motor Cart Rental 18 Holes Eisenhower-Senior Citizens, Handicapped, and Veterans	\$29	\$30	\$32	\$34
Golf Tournaments (Greens Fees + Cart) per person- Blue Course-Weekday	\$75	\$80	\$85	\$90
Total Heath Membership Non- Resident Child (13-17)	\$425			

§ 2. Office of Consumer Affairs, for the following years:

<b>Description</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Home Improvement Business License	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Home Improvement Business Renewal	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Home Improvement Business License Name Change/Endorsement	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Home Improvement Business License Supplementary License	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Home Improvement Business License Duplicate License	\$50	\$50	\$55	\$60
Locksmith License	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Item Pricing Waiver for Storage under 3,000 sq.ft.	\$500	----	----	----
Item Pricing Waiver for Storage between 3,001 and 10,000 sq.ft.	\$1,000	----	----	----
Item Pricing Waiver for Storage between 10,001 to 30,000 sq.ft.	\$3,000	----	----	----
Item Pricing Waiver for Storage between 30,001 to 90,000 sq.ft.	\$5,000	----	----	----
Item Pricing Waiver for Storage larger than 90,000.	\$15,000	----	----	----
Item Pricing Waiver for Storage under 3,000 sq.ft.	\$250	----	----	----
Item Pricing Waiver for Storage between 3,001 and 10,000 sq.ft. – Reapplication for Waiver	\$500	----	----	----
Item Pricing Waiver for Storage between 10,001 to 30,000 sq.ft. Reapplication for Waiver	\$1,500	----	----	----

Item Pricing Waiver for Storage between 30,001 to 90,000 sq.ft. Reapplication for Waiver	\$2,500	----	----	----
Item Pricing Waiver for Storage larger than 90,000. Reapplication for Waiver	\$7,500	----	----	----
Automated Teller Machine Registration	\$150	\$160	\$170	\$180
Automated Teller Machine Registration Renewal	\$150	\$160	\$170	\$180
Sign Hanger License	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Sign Hanger License Renewal	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Home Services Licenses	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Home Services License Renewal	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Home Services License Name Change/Endorsement	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Home Services License Supplementary License	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Home Services License Duplicate License	\$50	\$50	\$55	\$60
Storage Warehouse Operators License	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Storage Warehouse Operators License Renewal	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Storage Warehouse Operators License Name Change/Endorsement	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Storage Warehouse Operators License Supplementary License	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Second-Hand Precious Metal and Gem Dealers License	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Second-Hand Precious Metal and Gem Dealers License Renewal	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Second-Hand Precious Metal and Gem Dealers License Supplemental License	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Second-Hand Precious Metal and Gem Dealers License Name Change/Endorsement	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Electronic and Home Appliance Service Dealers License	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650

Electronic and Home Appliance Service Dealers License Renewal	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Electronic and Home Appliance Service Dealers License Name Change/Endorsement	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Electronic and Home Appliance Service Dealers License Supplemental License	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Scrap Metal Processors, Vehicle Dismantlers and Junk Dealers License	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Scrap Metal Processors, Vehicle Dismantlers and Junk Dealers License Renewal	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Scrap Metal Processors, Vehicle Dismantlers and Junk Dealers License Name Change/Endorsement	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Dry Cleaners and Laundromats License	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Dry Cleaners and Laundromats License Renewal	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Dry Cleaners and Laundromats License Name Change/Endorsement	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Environmental Hazard Remediation Providers License	\$1000	\$1050	\$1100	\$1150
Environmental Hazard Remediation Provider License Renewal	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Environmental Hazard Remediation Provider License Supplemental License	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Environmental Hazard Remediation Technician License	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Environmental Hazard Remediation Technician License Renewal	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Environmental Hazard Remediation Provider License Name Change/Endorsement	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115



Late Fees for all Renewals	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Tax Grievance Assessment Reduction Licenses	\$1000	\$1000	\$1100	\$1100
Tax Grievance Assessment Reduction Licenses Renewals	\$500	\$500	\$550	\$550
Pet Grooming Business License	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Pet Grooming Business License Renewal	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Pet Groomer Individual License	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Pet Groomer Individual License Renewal	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Pet Grooming Business License Name Change/Endorsement	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Tax Assessment Reduction Services License	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Tax Assessment Reduction Services License Renewal	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Tax Assessment Reduction Services License Name Change/Endorsement	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Health Club Operator License	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Health Club Operator License Renewal	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$650
Health Club Operator License Name Change/Endorsement	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115

§ 3. Police Department, for the following years:

<b>Description</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Search and Copy of Accident Reports	\$10	\$15	\$15	\$25
Certified Copy of accident report (Additional)	\$10	\$15	\$15	\$25
Photograph	\$15	\$15	\$20	\$20
Investigative Reports	\$10	\$15	\$15	\$25
Alarm System Residential Premises Permit- Two Year	\$150	\$150	\$175	\$175
Alarm System Residential Premises Permit- Two Year Renewal	\$150	\$150	\$175	\$175
Alarm System Commercial Premises Permit –Two Year	\$250	\$250	\$275	\$275

Alarm System Commercial Premises Permit –Two Year	\$250	\$250	\$275	\$275
Alarm System Residential Premises Permit fee when revoked	\$150	\$150	\$175	\$175
Alarm System Commercial Premises Permit fee when revoked	\$250	\$250	\$275	\$275
Alert Domain Awareness System Permit (Panic Button) Annual Fee for up to 3 Devices	\$250	\$300	\$300	\$325
Each Additional Alert Domain Awareness System Permit (Panic Button) (Schools and Government are exempt)	\$25	----	----	----
Penalty for violating Section 8-40.2, 8-40.3, 8-40.4 or 8-40.5 of the Administrative Code of Nassau County	Imprisonment for not more than 15 days or \$500, or both.	----	----	----
Any person operating an alarm system without a permit and does not apply for an alarm permit within 30 days of false alarm notification or who is operating alarm with revoked permit shall be subject to a fee.	\$100	----	----	----
Impounds Administrative Cost to be paid to Treasurer	\$125	\$125	\$175	\$175
Impound Towing Charge	\$250	\$250	\$300	\$300
Impound Heavy Duty Tow	\$500	\$500	\$550	\$550
Impound Outdoor Storage at a Police designated facility first ten days	\$25	\$25	\$75	\$75
Impound Outdoor Storage at a Police designated facility additional days	\$35	\$35	\$85	\$85
Impound Indoor Storage at a Police designated facility	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$100
Motor Carrier Safety	\$105			

Public Safety Fee	\$105	\$110	\$110	\$115
Alarm Permit Reactivation Fee	\$100	\$100	\$125	\$125

False Alarm Notification Fees					
# of False Alarms	Category 1: Residential/ Permit Holder	Category 2: Residential/ Non-Permit Holder	Category 3: Commercial/ Permit Holder	Category 4: Commercial/ Non-Permit Holder	Category 5: Alarm Domain Awareness System (no exemptions)
1	Warning	\$250	Warning	\$240	Warning
2	Warning	\$250	Warning	\$300	Warning
3	\$150	\$350	\$250	\$360	\$250
4	\$200	\$350	\$350	\$360	\$250
5	\$250	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$500
6	\$300	\$500	\$500	\$660	\$1000
7	\$375	\$600	\$650	\$720	\$1000
8	\$425	\$750	\$750	\$780	\$1000
9	\$550	\$750	\$750	\$900	\$1000
10	\$750	\$750	\$1000	\$900	\$1000

§4. Traffic and Parking Violations Agency for the following years:

Description	2017	2018	2019	2020
Driver Responsibility Fee	\$45	----	----	----
Boot and Tow	\$175	\$175	\$200	\$200

§ 5. County Treasurer for the following years:

Description	2017	2018	2019	2020
Deed Application per Parcel	\$125	----	----	----
Tax Sale Buyer Assignment (between two lien holders)	\$100	----	----	----
Assignment (From County to Lien Holder)	\$100	----	----	----
Affidavit in Lieu of Lost Certificate	\$50	----	----	----

Tax Lien Sale Registration- In Person Auction per day	\$125			
Tax Lien Sale Registration- Online Auction per day	\$125	\$125	\$175	\$175
Penalty on Tax- Listing Fees	\$180	\$190	\$200	\$210

§ 6. County Clerk

<b>Description</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Recording and Indexing or Satisfaction or cancellation of a lien or statutory notice of a lien or claim on land and the indexing of such satisfaction or cancellation	\$150	----	----	----
Correction of a document to be re-indexed	\$150	----	----	----
Block Fee	\$350	----	----	----

§ 7. Probation Department for the following years:

<b>Description</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Pre-Sentence Investigation	\$450	\$475	\$500	\$525
Enhanced Pre-Sentence Investigation	\$600	\$625	\$650	\$700
DWI Supervision	\$30/mo.	\$30/mo	\$35/mo	\$35/mo
All Supervision (excluding DWI)	\$50/mo	\$50/mo	\$50/mo	\$50/mo
Victim Impact Panel	\$100	\$105	\$110	\$115
Electronic Monitoring	\$3-\$12/day	----	----	----
Drug Testing	\$12.50 per test	----	----	----
Community Service Placement	\$225	\$250	\$250	\$275
Surcharge	5%-10%	----	----	----
Certificate of Relief	\$300	\$325	\$350	\$375

§8. Office of the Medical Examiner for the following years:

<b>Description</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Cremation Clearance Fees	\$80	\$80	\$85	\$85

§ 9. Civil Service Commission

<b>Description</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Police Officer Examination Application Filing Fee	\$150
Deputy Sheriff Examination Application Filing Fee	\$100
Correction Officer Examination Application Filing Fee	\$150
Correction Officer Open Competitive Examination Fee	\$150
Correction Corporal Promotion Examination Fee	\$100
Correction Sergeant Promotion Examination Fee	\$100
Correction Lieutenant Promotion Examination Fee	\$100
Correction Captain Promotion Examination Fee	\$100
Police Sergeant Promotion Examination Fee	\$200
Police Lieutenant Promotion Examination Fee	\$200
Police Captain Promotion Examination Fee	\$200
Probation Officer Trainee Open Competitive Examination Fee	\$50
Probation Officer II Promotion Examination Fee	\$100
Probation Supervisor I Promotion Examination Fee	\$100
Probation Supervisor II Promotion Examination Fee	\$100
All other Civil Service Examinations	\$50
Non-competitive Examination Fee	\$15

§ 10. Department of Public Works.

Transportation Impact Fee schedule

Number of Vehicles generated in the highest two way peak hour		Transportation Impact Fee (per trip)
0	10	\$0.00
11	25	\$20.00
26	99	\$32.00
100	199	\$80.00
200	299	\$96.00
300	399	\$128.00
400	499	\$160.00
500	549	\$228.00
550	599	\$296.00
600	649	\$364.00
650	699	\$432.00
700	749	\$500.00
750	799	\$568.00
800	800	\$640.00

Section 2. Any heretofore enacted ordinance setting a fee contrary to or in conflict with the fees set forth in section 1 of this ordinance is expressly repealed but only insofar as the heretofore enacted ordinance is contrary to or in conflict with this ordinance. If this ordinance does not act as a repealer of any fee contrary to or in conflict with any fee set forth in section 1 of this ordinance, any such fee set forth in section 1 of this ordinance shall be a supplemental fee.

Section 3. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 4. This resolution may be modified to allow for the correction of any mathematical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said resolution without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any Standing Committee of said Legislature if said resolution is passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature,

Section 5. 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, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect January 2, 2017.

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FULL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

NORMA GONSALVES,  
Presiding Officer

1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York

Monday, October 31, 2016  
1:06 P.M.



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2     A P P E A R A N C E S:

3     NORMA GONSALVES, Presiding Officer

4     RICHARD NICOLELLO,  
5         Deputy Presiding Officer6     HOWARD KOPEL,  
7         Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer

8     STEVEN RHOADS

9     DENISE FORD

10    LAURA CURRAN

11    C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III

12    VINCENT MUSCARELLA

13    ELLEN BIRNBAUM (Not Present)

14    LAURA SCHAEFER

15    DONALD MACKENZIE

16    KEVAN ABRAHAMS,  
17         Minority Leader

18    ROSE MARIE WALKER

19    DENNIS DUNNE

20    JAMES KENNEDY

21    DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

22    CARRIE SOLAGES

23    SIELA BYNOE

24    MICHAEL PULITZER,  
25         Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Dennis  
3 Dunne, please lead us in the Pledge of  
4 Allegiance.

5 (Whereupon, the Pledge of  
6 Allegiance was recited.)

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I will ask  
8 the clerk to please call the roll.

9 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you,  
10 Presiding Officer. Deputy Presiding Officer  
11 Richard Nicoletto?

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Alternate Deputy  
14 Presiding Officer Howard Kopel?

15 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

16 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Siela  
17 Bynoe?

18 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
20 Carrie Solages?

21 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

22 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
23 Denise Ford?

24 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

25 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura

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2 Curran?

3 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

4 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator C.

5 William Gaylor III?

6 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Here.

7 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

8 Vincent Muscarella?

9 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

10 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Ellen

11 Birnbaum?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Delia

14 DeRiggi-Whitton?

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

16 Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James

18 Kennedy?

19 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura

21 Schaefer?

22 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

24 Dennis Dunne, Sr.?

25 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

3 Rosemarie Walker?

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

5 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

6 Donald MacKenzie?

7 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.

8 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

9 Steven Rhoads?

10 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

11 CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader

12 Kevan Abrahams?

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

14 CLERK PULITZER: Presiding Officer

15 Norma Gonsalves?

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Present.

17 CLERK PULITZER: We have a

18 quorum, ma'am.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you

20 very much, Mr. Pulitzer.

21 At this point I'm going to open

22 the hearing.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I just

24 wanted to request a moment for Ms. Virginia

25 Leviner. She was the crossing guard in

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2 Hempstead. This is for the terrible  
3 accident that happened in Hempstead.  
4 Obviously our crossing guards are trying to  
5 make sure our children have proper gateways  
6 and pathways to cross the street.

7 I think she gave up the ultimate  
8 sacrifice in giving her own life to make  
9 sure children are protected along these  
10 street ways. So I just wanted to ask for a  
11 moment of silence.

12 (A moment of silence was  
13 observed.)

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're  
16 welcome. At this point in the meeting, I  
17 need a motion to open the hearing on the  
18 first item on the agenda, which is a hearing  
19 on Ordinance Number 177.

20 Motion, please.

21 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

22 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
24 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
25 Schaefer. All those in favor of opening the

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2 hearing signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 Any opposed?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 The hearing is now open and the  
7 vote is unanimous. Before I call on public  
8 comment, and I know there are a number of  
9 people here because I have the slips before  
10 me, it is proper that you will be given the  
11 time to address all of your concerns  
12 pertaining to the budget, regardless of the  
13 30 minute time restriction.

14 In other words, if we go over the  
15 30 minutes, guess what, and you still  
16 haven't been heard and you have a slip in  
17 here, I will be able to call each and every  
18 one of you. I think you like to hear that.

19 Before I go on to public comment,  
20 I need to make a statement. I want you to  
21 listen very carefully.

22 The current budget before the  
23 Legislature with amendments contains funding  
24 from fees of various types.

25 While we in the majority have



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2 offered amendments to eliminate some of the  
3 fees, the largest fee is the public safety  
4 fee.

5 We, in the majority, have been  
6 working tirelessly to find a way to address  
7 this fee as well.

8 Several of my colleagues in the  
9 majority have asked that no action be taken  
10 on any of the proposed fee legislation until  
11 we exhaust every avenue to find other means  
12 to fund the budget.

13 I have said throughout the budget  
14 process that we are doing just that, seeking  
15 alternatives.

16 Once such alternative that's  
17 being investigated is the acceleration of  
18 revenue collections from the Income and  
19 Expense Law that was enacted by the majority  
20 in 2013.

21 Comptroller Maragos had made a  
22 last minute claim that he can find a way to  
23 achieve budgetary balance without any fee  
24 increases.

25 In light of this very recent idea

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2   of the Comptroller the majority will hold  
3   off on approving any fees at this time,  
4   however, we would be remiss if we did not  
5   give the Comptroller the next few days to  
6   fully inform this body of this plan.

7                   We ask the Comptroller to put  
8   forth a detailed plan including an amended  
9   budget ordinance which must include a means  
10   by which each department can eliminate any  
11   proposed increase for 2017 and expenses for  
12   that department along with his proposed 2.5  
13   percent cut from 2016 expense levels.

14                  We remind him that any such plan  
15   must account for contractual labor expenses  
16   along with state mandated health insurance  
17   and pension increases.

18                  While the cuts to the  
19   Comptroller's budgets are to historically  
20   vacant oppositions, other departments do not  
21   have such vacancies.

22                  Therefore, we ask of the  
23   Comptroller to provide details as to any  
24   layoffs that will be required by his plan as  
25   well as cuts to service provided by the

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2 respective departments

3 Since the budget is for 2017, we  
4 have a short time before any fee would need  
5 to be instituted to impact on this budget.

6 While we await the Comptroller's  
7 detailed plan, we in the majority will  
8 continue to take the few remaining days to  
9 work on alternatives to allow us to address  
10 this fee, meaning the Public Safety fee.

11 Today, however, we are required  
12 to adopt a budget for 2017. We will do so  
13 today with the knowledge that the revenue  
14 anticipated from the proposed fees will need  
15 to be addressed in the next several days.  
16 The budget as amended contains revenue that  
17 would be realized by the proposed fees.

18 The budget as amended contains  
19 revenue that would be realized by the  
20 proposed fees.

21 Working tirelessly we will  
22 attempt to work within this budget to  
23 address those fees or their alternatives.

24 My colleagues and I agree that a  
25 balanced budget will be achieved but it is

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2 better to take a little extra time to get it  
3 right.

4 Now, time for public comment.

5 Yes, Minority Leader.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Madam  
7 Presiding Officer, if I'm to understand your  
8 statement correctly, it sounds like that  
9 this Legislature is not going to be  
10 considering today any of the fee increases.  
11 But, if I'm understanding this correctly  
12 from what you're saying, that we are going  
13 to pass a budget that we know has a  
14 shortfall of close to \$77 million if they  
15 are not adopted today.

16 I want to make sure that you are  
17 aware and as we have stated before we are  
18 against all the fees. There is no longer  
19 any ambiguity with that. I just want to  
20 make sure you're aware of the budget Section  
21 304 of the budget which clearly in the  
22 Charter I'm sorry that identifies that the  
23 county's budget has to be balanced as we  
24 take action today.

25 Also, I mean, we respect the

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2 Comptroller's analysis and we respect his  
3 report.

4 However, this Legislature has had  
5 this document for well over 45 days. The  
6 reason, the most important reason that we  
7 have put in place that we pass a budget by  
8 October 30th, which I understand falls on a  
9 weekend, so naturally it falls to today, is  
10 that we wanted to add a level of  
11 transparency and openness to this process,  
12 not Democrats and Republicans, but when this  
13 Charter and this Legislature was created to  
14 ensure that people knew exactly where Nassau  
15 County elected officials stood prior to  
16 Election Day.

17 To me, this just seems like a  
18 play book that we saw a couple years ago  
19 where there was a tax increase proposed by  
20 the County Executive and that tax increase  
21 basically was vetoed by all of us here.  
22 That tax increase was pulled out by all of  
23 us here, and then when the County Executive  
24 vetoed that portion of the budget, we tried  
25 to get the majority to join us in overriding

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2 the veto which was after Election Day, and  
3 there was no help, no assistance.

4 To me, this just seems like we're  
5 trying to push transparency to the wayside.  
6 If we were truly trying to balance the  
7 budget then we should have come up with  
8 solutions to try to do that in the time  
9 frame. However, that was not done.

10 I also know from your playbook  
11 and I can see pretty well that it seems to  
12 me you're going to blame Democrats, had no  
13 solutions, no ideas.

14 However, we have proposed over  
15 close to probably 50 to 75 budget amendments  
16 since we have been in the Legislative  
17 minority and I challenge you to find one  
18 that you joined with us to support. They  
19 all can't be bad but you were not able to  
20 support one of them. So, from that  
21 standpoint, it doesn't seem like you're  
22 looking for a willing partner in this  
23 endeavor to try to balance the budget.

24 But I want to make sure we focus  
25 on two things. One of the most important

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2 things is that we are going to pass a budget  
3 or the majority is going to pass a budget  
4 that will be inherently flawed from day one,  
5 which violates from what we can see Section  
6 304 of the Charter.

7 Then, two, the other point is, if  
8 they try to pull the safety public fee or  
9 some other fee that you suddenly folks in  
10 the public do not agree to, they're going to  
11 try to pull that after Election Day. To me,  
12 that's not the openness and transparency  
13 that this place glaringly and greatly needs.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you  
15 very much, Minority Leader, and we will  
16 begin with public comment and the first  
17 person I have is Dina DeGiorgio. That's the  
18 first slip I received.

19 MS. DEGIORGIO: Good afternoon.  
20 Thank you for letting me speak.

21 I'm Councilwoman Dina DeGiorgio.  
22 My district is District 6 in the Town of  
23 North Hempstead and my area covers all of  
24 Port Washington and most of Manhasset.

25 I'm here today to follow-up on a

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2 letter that I sent to each of you on Friday  
3 asking you to reconsider the \$105 public  
4 safety fee which obviously you're doing and  
5 I'm very, very happy to hear that, and I  
6 encourage you to find another solution.

7 The reason I'm here and the  
8 reason why the fee is so significant to me  
9 is that my residents in Manhasset and Port  
10 Washington, even though we are one-sixth of  
11 the Town of North Hempstead, we are issued  
12 and we pay over 40 percent of all of the  
13 traffic parking tickets that are issued by  
14 the town.

15 Right now, if you forget to put a  
16 quarter in the meter, or you disregard some  
17 of the timed parking restrictions that are  
18 around the Port Washington and Manhasset  
19 train stations, you will get a fee of about  
20 \$85 to 105.

21 If you enact the Public Safety  
22 fee, that fee will go up to \$190 to \$225. I  
23 really think the effect of such a ticket fee  
24 will be a deterrent to shopping local and  
25 hurt our local merchants and their employees



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2 in Port Washington and Manhasset.

3 I know you have a difficult job.  
4 I don't envy the position that you're in. I  
5 come here today because my community needs  
6 to -- cannot really deal with paying that  
7 kind of a parking ticket for an expired  
8 meter or timed parking restriction.

9 If you feel, after you have done  
10 all your research, that you cannot come up  
11 with an alternative, I would respectfully  
12 suggest that you exempt expired meters and  
13 timed parking violations from the \$105 fee  
14 so that you carve out an exception for those  
15 offenses. Thank you very much for your  
16 time.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're  
18 welcome. Minority Leader.

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I was going  
20 to respond. I want to make sure you're  
21 clear, Ms. DeGiorgio. A few days ago we  
22 held a press conference, and, to your point  
23 in regard to the \$105 fee, you may or may  
24 not know it is our judgement and estimation  
25 that this fee should not be considered on

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2 any level. We believe that this fee is  
3 illegal.

4 What we are citing is the New  
5 York State Comptroller's report, which my  
6 counsel is providing to you, which indicates  
7 going back to cases as far as at 1992, and I  
8 won't get into the provisions, but obviously  
9 the use of this fee being used to balance  
10 the entire budget clearly indicates that  
11 this fee is illegal. We believe that the  
12 county is vulnerable to future lawsuits.

13 So I know you had mentioned  
14 looking at different ways and maybe not  
15 charging for the fee in different aspects of  
16 parking so on and so forth.

17 We don't believe that any aspect  
18 of it should be enforced because we feel the  
19 county is subject to and vulnerable to  
20 future lawsuits.

21 MS. DEGIORGIO: I'm very well  
22 aware of what you are attempting to do,  
23 Legislator Abrahams. Thank you.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mitch  
25 Schwartz.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We can make  
3 the letter that I referenced as part of the  
4 record, we'll make sure counsel gives it to  
5 you.

6 MR. SCHWARTZ: Hi. My name is  
7 Mitch Schwartz. I'm on the board of the  
8 Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce. We  
9 represent all the Chambers of Commerce in  
10 Nassau County, over 6,000 small businesses.  
11 None of them are happy about this.

12 As you well know, getting people  
13 to shop locally is getting increasingly more  
14 difficult and this will not help. One  
15 person gets a \$205 or \$190 fine, they're  
16 going to be shopping in Amazon who does not  
17 have these fines.

18 The other thing is, this seems to  
19 me to engender a slight conflict of interest  
20 in terms of the police giving tickets that  
21 will fund their operations. There's a  
22 little bit of an incentive there to ticket  
23 more aggressively than might otherwise be.

24 We agree wholeheartedly with  
25 Councilman DeGiorgio that Main Street

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2 parking and parking lots that service small  
3 businesses in Nassau County, if you do need  
4 to have this kind of fee, be exempt. Thank  
5 you.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're  
7 welcome, Mr. Schwartz. I believe it's  
8 Mariann Dalimonte.

9 MS. DALIMONTE: Good afternoon.  
10 I'm Mariann Dalimonte. I'm the executive  
11 director of the Greater Port Washington  
12 Business Improvement District and a resident  
13 in Port Washington New York.

14 I strongly urge you not to adopt  
15 the \$105 surcharge proposed in the 2017  
16 Nassau County budget. On Wednesday, August  
17 31st, County Executive Ed Mangano came to  
18 Port Washington and hosted a press  
19 conference on shopping local at one of our  
20 merchants on Main Street.

21 The County Executive stated,  
22 "that it's very important to support our  
23 hometown businesses all year round. Local  
24 business is the heartbeat of your county."

25 If you impose this surcharge this

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2     will have a negative impact on Port  
3     Washington and all communities in Nassau  
4     County. Local merchants will not be the  
5     heartbeat of our community anymore. When  
6     one customer gets a \$190 meter violation  
7     ticket for shopping in Port Washington, what  
8     do you think is going to happen? They're  
9     going to turn to the internet for all of  
10    their shopping needs. It's going to deter  
11    residents from shopping local.

12                   So I ask you, does Nassau County  
13    want to destroy local downtowns? If you  
14    want to continue to show your support for  
15    local businesses, then I urge you not to  
16    adopt this excessive ticket surcharge.  
17    Thank you.

18                   CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.  
19    Ms. Debra Izzo.

20                   MS. IZZO: Good afternoon guys.  
21    Thank you for letting me speak.

22                   I'm not here though to talk about  
23    a \$105 fee. I would like to say to start, I  
24    believe with Kevan Abrahams that these fees  
25    are an unfair burden on small business.

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2 I disagree with Julie Marchello  
3 of the NCC that this is not a by-product of  
4 residents not shopping local but is a  
5 by-product of poor spending habits and  
6 salary raises.

7 I personally had to reduce my own  
8 salary to offset my expenses. I believe  
9 that the \$600 fee for dog groomers and  
10 fitness coordinators is absurd. For a first  
11 time license, it's crazy.

12 How does this fee ensure that  
13 consumers do not sign contracts with hidden  
14 clauses that may or may not hurt them? It's  
15 up to them to read what they sign.

16 How does this fee make a groomer  
17 follow healthy and safety standards? Guess  
18 what? There are none. So I ask, what would  
19 it really do? Who would enforce these  
20 nonexisting standards?

21 By the way, how much would pay  
22 this physician pay if they're following the  
23 standards that don't exist? Because if  
24 there's a new position to go and find out if  
25 they're following standards, I would like to

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2 apply.

3 I want to ensure you -- if you  
4 want to ensure that we follow standards,  
5 then you need to start at the beginning and  
6 create them, not at the end and charge a  
7 license for a fee to uphold them.

8 In the past, I have spoken with  
9 Ex-Legislator David Dennenberg and  
10 Assemblyman David McDonough about some of  
11 these ideas. The types of kennels that are  
12 allowed to be used and the types of cleaning  
13 products to be used, et cetera.

14 There are more hazards for the  
15 groomers than the animals that we actually  
16 handle.

17 Most groomers are independent  
18 contractors that file for themselves making  
19 each of them their own business. That means  
20 each groomer will be paying \$600.

21 Comparing dog groomers to  
22 cosmetologists is totally incorrect. Do you  
23 know that they pay \$100 approximately for a  
24 four year license in a state-regulated  
25 business with state exams and state classes?

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2 Implementing these license fees  
3 will drive more groomers underground working  
4 out of their homes or out of Nassau  
5 altogether. Any reputable grooming shop now  
6 requires shot records and vet checkups.

7 The business community deals with  
8 higher taxes, higher electric, wonderful  
9 Obama care, higher gas, water and rent and  
10 operating insurance every year, for  
11 mortgages for people do not increase.

12 I have been in business for over  
13 ten years and I have had zero disability and  
14 worker's comp claims. Yet, I have to pay  
15 more each year at a premium rate because we  
16 work with animals.

17 I would like to say, in essence,  
18 I am all for raising some taxes and fees but  
19 going to groomers and fitness is totally  
20 ludicrous.

21 I believe that the news coverage  
22 of the \$105 fee was over the top in  
23 shielding fees that will hurt small  
24 businesses throughout the county.

25 If you want to go through a red



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2 light, you need to pay the price. If you  
3 put someone in danger, you can pay a price.  
4 You're trying to give us a fee for a license  
5 for standards that don't exist.

6 CLERK PULITZER: Ma'am, your  
7 three minutes have expired.

8 MS. IZZO: Can I just make one  
9 closing statement?

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Wrap it  
11 up, Debbie.

12 MS. IZZO: In closing, I would  
13 like to say by implementing these fees you  
14 will be forcing more businesses to either  
15 move to Suffolk County, inside the city  
16 limits, or go underground.

17 Again, I ask, how can a \$600 fee  
18 force us to follow health and safety  
19 regulations when they do not exist? Thank  
20 you.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Anne  
22 Krauss.

23 MS. KRAUSS: Thank you for  
24 letting me speak. I also represent the  
25 groomers. This \$600 fee will cause many,

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2 many groomers to go out of business. We are  
3 partners with veterinarians and with the  
4 consumers. We see things that the consumers  
5 do not see on their dog, health-wise, we  
6 inform them, and they therefore can take  
7 better care of their dogs.

8 I have a fairly large grooming  
9 shop but I know there are many, many small  
10 mom and pop grooming shops who will end up  
11 going out of business.

12 We already pay MPA tax, workman's  
13 comp, disability, sales tax. We don't sell  
14 anything, but we still have to pay a sales  
15 tax on service. We have to pay a huge  
16 amount of employer tax on payroll. All of  
17 these can put the little person out of  
18 business anyway.

19 We struggle because many of our  
20 consumers cannot afford dog grooming. It's  
21 not just fluff and make Fido look cute.  
22 It's health. Because a lot of people are  
23 out of work, they can't afford to bring  
24 their dogs in as often as they used to so we  
25 have what's called stripping. You have to

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2 bring the dog's coat down to the skin.

3 People can't afford it. So they stall and  
4 they stall until they have no choice to come  
5 in.

6 Many of my clients owe me a lot  
7 of money because they can't afford the  
8 grooming. A lot of people are out of work  
9 so I work with them.

10 We also do rescue work. Many,  
11 many rescue groups and shelters. We do free  
12 groomings to try to help animals, dogs get  
13 homes.

14 It is imperative that you  
15 reconsider this fee. This fee is absolutely  
16 absurd. Absurd. It will accomplish  
17 nothing.

18 If you want to get more money, I  
19 know you don't want to raise taxes, but I  
20 guarantee if you raise mortgage taxes or  
21 homeowner's taxes across the board, it will  
22 cost less in the long run than targeting  
23 small businesses that will end up putting  
24 more people out of work and more people  
25 suffering. Thank you.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,  
3 Ms. Krauss.

4 MR. SLATKY: Good afternoon  
5 everyone. My name is Alec Slatky. I'm here  
6 representing Triple A Northeast which serves  
7 a membership of nearly 300,000 Nassau County  
8 residents.

9 I'm pleased to be here today and  
10 certainly gratified to hear that you're  
11 reconsidering the \$105 Public Safety fee. I  
12 think that represents, I hope an  
13 acknowledgment that this is certainly bad  
14 public policy.

15 In the past it's been hard to  
16 stay on message with our opposition because  
17 there's so many reasons why this is ill  
18 conceived policy. You can make a Letterman  
19 top ten list. I want to talk about one or  
20 two that we haven't discussed as much.

21 I think what was discussed about  
22 the legal concerns, I think that's certainly  
23 a concern of ours as well.

24 When you call it a fee, a Public  
25 Safety fee, that's a payment for a special

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2 service. But there's been plenty of court  
3 cases and Comptroller's cases that have held  
4 it doesn't matter what you call it, if it  
5 goes to fund general government services,  
6 which policing certainly is, then it's not a  
7 fee, it's a tax. Or when the County  
8 Attorney said in Newsday that, "Drivers  
9 could avoid the fee completely by the simple  
10 expediency of not breaking law," that  
11 basically tells me this is a fine or a  
12 penalty, and if you violate the Vehicle and  
13 Traffic Law, the State Legislature sets  
14 those penalties and I think with good  
15 reason, we don't want to go back to the days  
16 where every county had a different level of  
17 traffic fines. The more predatory  
18 municipalities could crack down on drivers  
19 who are committing marginal infractions and  
20 raise money for themselves.

21 So I really think if we were to  
22 pass this, it would set a bad precedent and  
23 bring us back to those days, before the  
24 Uniform Vehicle Traffic Code, and every Tom,  
25 Dick and Harry municipality, any little

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2 village in New York can do the same thing.

3 I think that would be bad precedent.

4 Especially with the parking fees

5 as has been mentioned, I think those

6 especially are the egregious ones.

7 I know that the Traffic and

8 Parking Violations Agency may not be part of

9 the judicial system, per se, but I think

10 it's part of the justice system broadly

11 construed.

12 I don't think anyone can sit here

13 and say that charging someone \$220 for being

14 five or six minutes late to a parking meter

15 represents justice. It's not justice. It's

16 outrageous.

17 I'd urge you, and I'm very glad

18 to hear that you are reconsidering the fee

19 and I'd urge you to commit to not bringing

20 it back because it's bad public policy, it's

21 potentially illegal, and I would love to

22 hear a firm commitment that this is not

23 going to be in the budget.

24 So I do appreciate your statement

25 today and I want to thank you all of the

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2 legislators for acknowledging the will of  
3 the voters and their opposition to this fee.  
4 I would like to thank you for having me here  
5 today.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're  
7 welcome, Mr. Slatky. David Lofton.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If I can  
9 respond to Mr. Slatky.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority  
11 Leader.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I wanted to  
13 respond to Mr. Slatky real quick. Obviously  
14 we agree and concur with many of your  
15 points.

16 However, look, I can tell you how  
17 things have been over the last couple of  
18 years. You would -- the public would need  
19 that firm commitment today. The only way  
20 that firm commitment can be exercised is to  
21 call the public safety fee that's currently  
22 on the calendar for today and to simply vote  
23 it down. That will give everyone in this  
24 room the assurance that it will not go  
25 forward.

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2 Instead, I got a feeling that it  
3 won't be called. That it will be postponed  
4 to a November meeting or maybe in December  
5 when the holidays start kicking around. And  
6 it will be voted on in the shadows of the  
7 dark.

8 To me, that is not openness or  
9 good government to try to do it that way.  
10 So I am encouraging, not just you, Mr.  
11 Slatky, but anyone who is here to talk about  
12 the \$105 fee, to encourage the majority, the  
13 Presiding Officer is the only one who has  
14 the authority, to call it today.

15 It sounds like to me there is  
16 some concern from the other side to vote it  
17 down. Join us. We would love to have your  
18 support in voting this down today.

19 MR. SLATKY: I would certainly  
20 appreciate knowing today that the fee is not  
21 going to happen, of course. The sooner we  
22 can get rid of the fee as an idea, the  
23 better.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: David  
25 Lofton.



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2 MR. LOFTON: Good afternoon  
3 again. My name is David Lofton and I'm  
4 representing New York Communities for Change  
5 and also the Tenants Association for  
6 Hempstead.

7 I'm here today because we have a  
8 large concern with our seniors in Hempstead  
9 with no backup generators in some of our  
10 apartment buildings. We have one apartment  
11 in Hempstead, one particular, 1400 Fulton  
12 Avenue that has nothing but seniors there.  
13 And in the apartment when the electric goes  
14 out we don't have any generators.  
15 Therefore, the elevators are not operative  
16 and the people who have wheelchairs and  
17 walkers cannot get in and out of the  
18 building. Some of them have breathing  
19 apparatus where they need to be plugged in.  
20 So they are stuck in that building and I  
21 really feel bad for them. I wish you guys  
22 would really please consider to look at some  
23 kind of way to help these seniors get some  
24 kind of backup generators in that particular  
25 building. I appreciate any help you guys

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2 can do for us.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Mr. Lofton,  
4 have you been to the Village of Hempstead?

5 MR. LOFTON: I went to everybody  
6 in the State of New York and everybody is  
7 pushing us under the rug.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: What was  
9 the response from the village? Obviously  
10 they have the building code. They can do  
11 this if they want.

12 MR. LOFTON: They're telling us  
13 it's not in their hands, come over here. I  
14 have been over here. I've been out on your  
15 front stoop. I had a news team out there.  
16 Everybody is pushing us under the rug.  
17 Meanwhile, our seniors are in there really  
18 suffering.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Listen, I  
20 understand that they may want us to do it  
21 but the village of Hempstead does have the  
22 power to do this if they want. So I think  
23 you should actually speak to the mayor and  
24 speak to the trustees and say go ahead and o  
25 it. They saying, well, Nassau should do it.

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2 Regardless of whether Nassau does it or not,  
3 the village has the power to do it, your  
4 locality, your local government, you should  
5 hold them accountable.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
7 Ford.

8 LEGISLATOR FORD: Hi. I have to  
9 say thank you for coming here and once again  
10 addressing that. As you know, I have been  
11 to a number of the tenant association  
12 meetings, especially during the budget time,  
13 when they are looking for the fee increase,  
14 whether or not they are going to increase  
15 the rent.

16 Please call my office and get in  
17 touch with me. I will help you write a  
18 letter. I didn't realize how bad the  
19 problem was. It has been spoken at various  
20 meetings, not only in the Hempstead but up  
21 in Great Neck and one of the other buildings  
22 up there as well. So whatever I can do, I  
23 would be more than happy to help you because  
24 I have always advocated for the tenants.  
25 Thank you.

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2 MR. LOFTON: Thank you so much.  
3 That made my day.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr.  
5 Lofton, while you're here, the only reason  
6 why the county doesn't get involved is  
7 primarily because we don't have a building  
8 department, but the Town of Hempstead and  
9 the rest of the towns do. So they're the  
10 ones that should be addressing this.

11 But, again, if you need  
12 assistance from any of us to move the dime  
13 then we'll certainly be happy to assist you  
14 in trying to get the town to do what it  
15 should do.

16 Legislator Bynoe.

17 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you,  
18 Presiding Officer. Good afternoon,  
19 Mr. Lofton. I want to address your concerns  
20 as I thought I did initially by meeting with  
21 you, actually it was New York Community for  
22 Change that actually really gave me the idea  
23 to implement or to introduce legislation  
24 that would speak to that very issue that  
25 would require all towns and villages within

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2     the County of Nassau to have a law that  
3     would be enacted that would require building  
4     owners that housed frail and elderly  
5     individuals to have backup generators to  
6     make sure that the elevators operated during  
7     electrical outages.

8                   That law was introduced some time  
9     ago, I wish somebody give me the date when I  
10    introduced that legislation, but it has to  
11    be over at least an eight month period.

12                  So, Legislator Ford has vowed  
13    today to assist you, could assist you very  
14    easily by working with the majority there to  
15    make sure this legislation actually meets  
16    the floor and is vetted and we're able to  
17    actually move forward with approving it.  
18    This legislation has been introduced. It's  
19    there. The remedy is that easy. We just  
20    need to bring it to the floor and it needs  
21    to be voted on.

22                  The reason why the Village of  
23    Hempstead -- it wouldn't just solve the  
24    issue of the Village of Hempstead  
25    implemented this legislation is because this

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2   issue doesn't just exist in the Village of  
3   Hempstead, it exists in Long Beach,  
4   Westbury, New Cassel, straight out to Great  
5   Neck and through out Nassau County. This is  
6   a county-wide issue, not a village of  
7   Hempstead.

8                   When the majority would  
9   acknowledge that and look at the legislation  
10   that was crafted and put on record and filed  
11   with the County Clerk's Office, I think we  
12   would all be a better off county for that.  
13   Thank you.

14                  MR. LOFTON: Thanks again  
15   everyone. I appreciate all your help.

16                  CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Deborah  
17   Lumer.

18                  MS. LUMER: Hi. Thank you for  
19   giving me the opportunity to speak about the  
20   pet grooming license. I have been a dog  
21   groomer for 42 years. I have owned my shop  
22   for 23 years.

23                  I have many clients that are  
24   third generation dogs that I have been  
25   grooming. I feel that this license will put

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2 a lot of small dog grooming shops out of  
3 business and will focus on the large box  
4 stores such as Petco and Pet Smart that  
5 train their groomers for six weeks and then  
6 they put them in the their shops and they  
7 are inexperienced.

8 I get calls at least three times  
9 a week from people that have had their dogs  
10 groomed at these places and they're  
11 unsatisfied.

12 On the other side of the coin,  
13 the expenses that I myself, as a small  
14 business have, I'm legal. I pay my taxes.  
15 I pay my rent. I'm legal. I pay my taxes.  
16 I have rent, I have utilities. I have all  
17 types of insurance costs.

18 For me to have to pay \$600 every  
19 year to have a license to groom when there  
20 are no guidelines to tell me what I'm  
21 supposed to do and how my shop is supposed  
22 to be set up will just cause me to close my  
23 doors and leave Nassau County. I'm a  
24 Suffolk County resident. I do not live in  
25 Nassau County. I travel 40 minutes every

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2 day to come to Nassau County to offer my  
3 services to your residents.

4 I feel being in business for 23  
5 years, my clients are very happy. I love my  
6 clients. I love the dogs that I groom. I  
7 feel that a lot of businesses like mine will  
8 be forced to go out of business and it will  
9 hurt the residents of Nassau County because  
10 they will be forced to go to Pet Smart and  
11 Petco to have their dogs groomed.

12 I don't think it would be a wise  
13 decision on the Board's part and I hope that  
14 it does not get passed.

15 I feel that cosmetologists pay a  
16 fee of \$100 every four years for their  
17 license. Tattoo parlors pay \$50 a year for  
18 their license. \$600 for a dog groomer to  
19 pay every year and it's proposed to go up  
20 over the next few years would just be  
21 outrageous and would be impossible for me to  
22 pay. The groomers that work with me would  
23 not be able to pay it.

24 So I hope that you reconsider and  
25 think about your residents. Okay? Thank



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2 you.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,  
4 Ms. Lumer. Pat Friedman.

5 MS. FRIEDMAN: Good afternoon and  
6 thank you. I'm going to try and read my  
7 notes rather quickly since I'm operating  
8 with one eye so please bear with me because  
9 my final paragraph is the one I really want  
10 you to hear.

11 Madam Chair and members of the  
12 Nassau County Board. Today is a very sad  
13 day for you and for us in Nassau County  
14 requesting an order to pass a law to add an  
15 additional \$105 charge in addition to a red  
16 light camera ticket.

17 The ink is not even dry on the  
18 order of this board to repeal the illegal  
19 school cameras, which this board repealed  
20 and approved unanimously the day of the  
21 hearing a very, very short time ago.

22 Your inability to manage should  
23 be rated a D minus. Never do you propose  
24 necessary cuts when needed to balance your  
25 budget. All you know are plus, never minus,

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2       as we must do to balance our budgets.

3                   The County Executive got a  
4       \$17,000 cost of living increase. As I'm  
5       aware, all county employees received as well  
6       a cost of living increase. I don't think  
7       you want me to ask the people in this room  
8       if any of them got a cost of living increase  
9       at this time.

10                  We in private life never receive  
11       a plus in cost of living. We get a minus.  
12       \$105 increase on already a high cost traffic  
13       ticket is a death without a gun.

14                  After winning my battle with  
15       Mr. Trump, Trump on the Ocean, Jones Beach,  
16       I'm now in a position of seeking President  
17       Trump's help in reorganizing Nassau County.  
18       I'm a driver of over 60 years. I have never  
19       caused an accident.

20                  However, I've had two rear end  
21       accidents as now classified as permanently  
22       and totally disabled.

23                  Driver's common sense is out the  
24       window because of the yellow amber light,  
25       which I brought to this Board's attention

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2 when we first started to fool around with  
3 all of the red light, speed camera lights,  
4 et cetera.

5 These cameras were installed,  
6 which I warned, by Tom Suozzi, and at the  
7 time the light was shortened to three  
8 seconds instead of the approximate six or  
9 seven seconds. A set up. You can't stop in  
10 three seconds. That's why I've had two rear  
11 end accidents.

12 I believe the main road on Nassau  
13 Boulevard was restored after talking to our  
14 County Executive privately, but all the  
15 other roads are still three seconds and  
16 people are getting tickets. They cannot  
17 stop.

18 Again, I call on voters to vote  
19 you out of office, any elected official,  
20 voting today to approve this legislation  
21 starting right now.

22 It is time we show that this  
23 Board is supposed to be representing us. A  
24 vote, vote no against any elected official  
25 who is not representing us.

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2 My final paragraph which I'm now  
3 going to probably put my name down in  
4 history.

5 I hereby publicly inform you, the  
6 Nassau County elected officials, that you  
7 will be held personally responsible for all  
8 accidents, injuries and connected  
9 responsibilities from this moment forward  
10 since you are formally informed the amber  
11 light is deliberately too short, three  
12 seconds, instead of the normal six or seven  
13 seconds duration. It won't take long to  
14 bankrupt Nassau County and we will have to  
15 start over back to the very beginning of  
16 county government. Thank you.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Meta  
18 Mereday.

19 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday,  
20 Baldwin. I'm always encouraged when more  
21 residents come out but unfortunately it  
22 always takes, in this county it either takes  
23 an indictment, an arrest or a tragedy to get  
24 more residents to come out to speak to the  
25 issues that many of you who sit up there

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2 hear from me on at least a biweekly basis.

3 Again, I'm on the record in  
4 opposition to the fee that is also being  
5 opposed by the residents who are here. But  
6 I'm also opposed to all the fees,  
7 particularly those that are imposed upon our  
8 veterans.

9 And, as you all know, my  
10 consistent plea is in regard to the  
11 underserved veterans who live in this county  
12 and if you combine this county with Suffolk  
13 County we have the largest population of  
14 veterans in the state. Those of you are  
15 smiling up there because you heard that  
16 before. It's again for the record and for  
17 the members of the public who took the time,  
18 and probably at a loss, to come out here to  
19 again plead with you about what is happening  
20 to us in this county.

21 Once again, this is a bogus  
22 opportunity to raise more money. You can  
23 call it what you want. Couch it in whatever  
24 form you want, but it is additional tax.

25 To say that you keep our property

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2 taxes flat is also ridiculous because we  
3 also now have to pay for a land bank for the  
4 zombie houses which can very effectively be  
5 rehabbed and we can work with the residents  
6 so they can stay in their homes.

7 So, before I go out of time, why  
8 do we have to wait for a tragedy again or  
9 for an arrest warrant for this county to act  
10 on what the residents are pleading for you  
11 to do? To give our safety.

12 If we cannot support our seniors  
13 with generators, then why are we so quick to  
14 pass laws that now close down more gasoline  
15 stations because they were forced to put in  
16 generators after Sandy? What is that all  
17 about? Do we continue to put profits over  
18 people? I don't understand.

19 Also, why are we not looking at  
20 the fact that these contracts that at least  
21 the minority side has been trying to get  
22 some compliance and get some oversight when  
23 you continue to omit the fact that  
24 veteran-owned businesses are not given the  
25 opportunities and the inclusion that they

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2 need so that they can hire some of our  
3 veteran students that go to our educational  
4 facilities but then can't afford to live  
5 here.

6 Guess what? The oversight that  
7 you currently have is also negligent because  
8 you are not providing the requirements that  
9 are both state and federally supported in  
10 terms of the contracting percentages.  
11 Because the inclusion is not there, the  
12 oversight is not there. We are tired of  
13 being tired.

14 As the previous speaker spoke, we  
15 do have the rights to vote you all out of  
16 office, that, again, if a Newsday scandal  
17 doesn't catch you or the attorney general.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,  
19 Ms. Mereday.

20 MS. MEREDAY: I'm not finished  
21 yet. I don't believe my time is up.

22 When is enough going to be  
23 enough? We are going to either have to work  
24 together or someone is going to have to be  
25 removed.

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2 Somehow, I'm able to still keep  
3 coming here to speak, but the landscape up  
4 there continues to change and it will  
5 continue to change because, again, this is  
6 another budget that needs to be voted down  
7 because it is built on the backs of the  
8 long-suffering taxpayers. And, guess what?  
9 Your numbers don't add up. And when is the  
10 contracting going to be more inclusive of  
11 minority women and veteran businesses?  
12 Because, again, you're breaking state and  
13 federal law and someone is going to have to  
14 pay.

15 So, as my shirt says, and the  
16 color is not just matching because it's  
17 Halloween, it says property of Levenworth, a  
18 gated community. Thank you. Now I'm done.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Diane  
20 Madden.

21 MS. MADDEN: Diane Madden. I'm  
22 here mostly to talk about the \$105 fee. I  
23 don't feel comforted at all whatsoever  
24 because it sounds to me that it's just  
25 getting tabled and that is not the solution.



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2 I think that you owe it to the  
3 community, to the public, the tax paying  
4 public to give us some reason to believe  
5 that you will not be voting on that fee ever  
6 by removing it from the agenda entirely.  
7 Again, I feel no relief.

8 I'm all too familiar with how  
9 government works, particularly corrupt  
10 government. And I'd also -- one question I  
11 do have, this fee that is illegal, how is it  
12 that you can pass a fee in the first place  
13 that's illegal and, yet, if the citizens  
14 break that law in violation of that law, we  
15 have to pay financially? How is that  
16 possible? Can someone please answer me? No  
17 comment?

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority  
19 Leader.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I was  
21 trying to give the majority a chance to  
22 respond. We made our intention that we do  
23 not support the fee. Theirs sounds like  
24 50-50. So I'm not too sure what they plan  
25 to do but I can tell you that we have shared

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2 our opinion in our letter -- which I can  
3 provide to you -- to the County Attorney.

4 From what I can understand, the  
5 County Attorney believes that the fee is not  
6 illegal. So, from his standpoint, I guess  
7 that's why he's given us, not us, but some  
8 of the other folks in the Legislature the  
9 assurance that that will be the case.

10 We truly believe it is and it's  
11 subject to possible litigation. We can't  
12 support it on top of many other reasons.

13 As you well know, the fee  
14 generates probably close to \$64 million. I  
15 think it's been identified by Mr. Naughton  
16 as well as other folks from the  
17 administration that they want to use the fee  
18 to pay for new police personnel, which, from  
19 our estimation, from Mr. Naughton as well,  
20 will be a cost to the county of \$8 million.

21 So, basically we are raising a  
22 fee to generate \$64 million but the reason  
23 we're generating the fee to deal with  
24 terrorism and deal with additional police  
25 officers is only going to cost us \$8

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2 million.

3 The question becomes, where is  
4 the other 56 going? That's why this becomes  
5 illegal because it's going towards balancing  
6 general administration costs because of  
7 mismanagement in this county is why we have  
8 overtime that's exceeding, why we have  
9 contracts that we can't pay for which parts  
10 of my delegation did not support.

11 So I think from that standpoint  
12 is the real crux of the issue. We truly  
13 believe and the public as you did just now  
14 should demand that this item come up for a  
15 vote today.

16 MS. MADDEN: I would like that  
17 answer. I'm not getting that answer.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Good luck  
19 trying to get that answer. But I will tell  
20 you that without that today -- and  
21 Ms. Mereday comes to all of our meetings,  
22 without that today you will see a meeting  
23 that comes up November 21st or sometime in  
24 December where you will have maybe a reduced  
25 fee, maybe \$55, \$75 dollars of \$90, but

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2     something that will go in its place that  
3     will reduce maybe the fee and it will be  
4     done in the dead of winter when nobody is  
5     looking and we're hoping -- but it will done  
6     in the dead of winter when nobody is looking  
7     and they hope nobody remembers.

8                   To me that evades the very  
9     principle of why you ask for a budget to be  
10    passed on October 30th prior to any November  
11    election. That's the reason you do it. You  
12    pass what you believe is the best document  
13    you can pass. This is not that. We are  
14    holding out hope. I have great respect for  
15    the Comptroller but we are holding out hope  
16    that the Comptroller will have the solutions  
17    to be able to balance the budget and then  
18    have agreement between the fourth floor, the  
19    County Executive, and down here.

20                  To me, that's not what we are  
21    charged with doing.

22                  MS. MADDEN: I agree and I can  
23    only tell you that the public is awake and  
24    they can hold these meetings at 1:00 a.m.  
25    But we know what this board is capable of.

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2 I have seen it myself.

3 I was listening to some of these  
4 groomers. I have no idea although I would  
5 like the answer on how you once again chose  
6 the animals as the most vulnerable.

7 Enough damage was done by this  
8 board, the majority, through their Pet  
9 Dealer Law, which, by the way, Suffolk  
10 County has started with not only a better  
11 law to stop the abuse of puppy mills but  
12 recently amended their law weeks ago.

13 This board is an embarrassment.  
14 It is an obstruction. Again, I don't feel  
15 any better nor will the public that you put  
16 off this \$105 fee, and I think it would be  
17 an abomination if you do by the end of this  
18 day pass a fee that hurts animals again.

19 Stop hurting the most vulnerable  
20 of this society.

21 CLERK PULITZER: Your three  
22 minutes have expired.

23 MS. MADDEN: Those are the people  
24 in our society that you should be  
25 considering the most.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.  
3 Comptroller Maragos, he was the last speaker  
4 for today, however, I see that people have  
5 put in slips.

6 But, Mr. Maragos, you are free to  
7 come up and discuss, as I stated my  
8 statement, the plan that you may have in  
9 order to help us resolve the problems in our  
10 county. Go ahead, Mr. Maragos.

11 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Thank you.  
12 First of all, I never thought that the  
13 Comptroller's mission was to resolve the  
14 problems and propose policy but I will give  
15 you some suggestions.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Well, you  
17 said you had a plan.

18 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: I will give  
19 you suggestions today. The Comptroller's  
20 Office has reviewed the technical and  
21 legislative budget amendments that were sent  
22 to us last Wednesday to the proposed 2017  
23 budget.

24 Of the total \$25 million in  
25 expense reductions, we project that

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2       approximately six point million, \$64  
3       million, are addressed due to the  
4       underestimates in salaries and police  
5       termination pay.

6                   The analysis assumes all new  
7       fees, fee increases and all technical  
8       amendments less the \$6.8 million were to be  
9       enacted.

10                  The resulting proposed 2017  
11       budget would still ends with an 85 million  
12       deficit on a GAAP basis and a NIFA  
13       presentation deficit of \$145.6 million  
14       primarily due to the continued risks of  
15       approximately 81 million.

16                  Therefore, the NIFA mandate of 60  
17       million deficit would not be met but fall  
18       short by \$85 million even with all fees  
19       enacted.

20                  Additionally, the budget is  
21       asking our residents to pay much more in new  
22       fees and increases in fees in order to raise  
23       new revenues when it appears that only a  
24       small effort has been made to reduce  
25       expenses.

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2 The revised 2017 proposed budget  
3 now increases spending by 2.3 percent and  
4 payroll by 3.9 percent higher than the  
5 current inflation rate.

6 What is especially inappropriate  
7 is that many departments have been given  
8 large budget increases which appear  
9 unjustified and run contrary to industry  
10 trends.

11 For example, information  
12 technology budget has increased nearly by 20  
13 percent. Civil service has increased by  
14 over 16 percent. Office of Consumer Affairs  
15 has increased over 12 percent. District  
16 Attorney's Office has increased by nearly  
17 eight percent. And I can go on and on.

18 Also, as far as some examples of  
19 departmental salary increases in total,  
20 shared services budgeting, salary budget  
21 increase up nearly 30 percent. Civil  
22 service salary budget up over 18 percent.  
23 Office of Constituent Affairs salary budget  
24 up over 15 percent. Office of Consumer  
25 Affairs up over 11 percent. I can go on and



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2 on and these figures are in the letter that  
3 I sent you last Friday.

4 The proposed 2017 county budget  
5 needs to better align priorities and should  
6 challenge every department to economize  
7 before asking our residents to pay more.

8 All departments and elected  
9 officers should be tasked to reduce their  
10 budgets without reducing programs and  
11 services.

12 In a letter I sent to the County  
13 Executive, the Presiding Officer and  
14 Minority Leader on Friday, I advised that  
15 the Legislature and the administration that  
16 if the 2017 budget is cut by 3.8 percent or  
17 about \$82.6 million, it would avoid the need  
18 to raise fees. This can be achieved by  
19 ordering all county departments, agencies  
20 and elected offices to revert to their 2016  
21 adopted budgets and further cut them by  
22 about 2.5 percent. Just 2.5 percent.

23 Alternatively, a five percent  
24 reduction from the 2016 adopted budget would  
25 negate the need to raise or impose the

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2       proposed fees plus meet the NIFA mandate of  
3       less than \$60 million deficit.

4                   I encourage the legislature to  
5       further modify the proposed budget in order  
6       to protect the residents, to meet the NIFA  
7       mandate, and to put the county on stronger  
8       financial footings. I'm happy to take any  
9       questions you may have.

10                  CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Deputy  
11       Presiding Officer Richard Nicoletto.

12                  LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: My first  
13       question is, we had a budget presentation  
14       over a month ago, and these proposals that  
15       you were making were absent at the time. If  
16       you are making these proposals and you're  
17       suggesting that we can make these cuts and  
18       you're doing it on the eve of us adopting a  
19       budget. Why did it take you a month and a  
20       half to come up with that proposal?

21                  COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: We have  
22       been making recommendations continuously and  
23       I can give you a list of recommendations  
24       that we have been making through the audits  
25       and private conversations and opportunities

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2 to reduce costs. Obviously those have not  
3 been heeded or taken.

4 I can give you many examples.  
5 I'm happy to do that, just again, you know  
6 the uncollected traffic violations fees,  
7 \$120 million. No effort in the budget to  
8 collect those.

9 ERP system that has been pursued  
10 and is costing \$4 million annually. We've  
11 been recommending that that be terminated.  
12 It's already cost the county \$37 million.  
13 It's going nowhere. It's not going to be  
14 implemented. And, furthermore, even if it  
15 is implemented, that technology is currently  
16 obsolete. And I can go on and on.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Okay.  
18 Here's the thing. You just diverted the  
19 question.

20 You referred to your audits and  
21 had proposals in the past, but you are  
22 coming to us today with a very specific  
23 proposal saying that you can make these cuts  
24 across the board in the county and save X  
25 amount of millions of dollars.

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2 Why did it take you a month and a  
3 half, or until the eve of we're adopting a  
4 budget for you to do that?

5 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: I haven't.  
6 I said I've been doing it all along, and  
7 you're right, I didn't want to say that, but  
8 it's really not my job to make those policy  
9 decisions. It's the policy of the --

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You don't  
11 make the decisions but you do make these  
12 proposals and it took you a month and a half  
13 to make these proposals. Look at it from  
14 our point of view. It took you a month and  
15 a half to tell us.

16 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Hold on.  
17 Not at all. As you are very well aware,  
18 there is a process that is going on in terms  
19 of technical amendments and technical  
20 adjustments by both the Legislature and the  
21 County Executive.

22 Nobody has reached out to the  
23 Comptroller's Office during that period for  
24 any suggestions or recommendations.

25 At the end, only last Friday, the

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2   County Comptroller's Office received the  
3   proposed amendments and technical  
4   adjustments by the Legislature and the  
5   County Executive that we've had an  
6   opportunity to opine on.

7                   LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:   That is  
8   also a diversion.   You sat there.

9                   COMPTROLLER MARAGOS:   I did not  
10   sit there.

11                  LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:   You sat  
12   there and brought a proposal to us, analyzed  
13   our budget.   You could have made those  
14   suggestions and told us a month and a half  
15   ago, or month ago, more accurately, that you  
16   can save by cutting across the board 2.5  
17   percent because, look, the position we are  
18   in is this:

19                  The administration is telling us  
20   something completely different.   They are  
21   saying that this budget over the course of  
22   the years has been cut to the bone and that  
23   the number of employees is down to record  
24   levels.

25                  If we are going to make any cuts,

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2 in fact, we are going to be making layoffs.  
3 And that leads me to my next question.  
4 You're telling us, well, you can cut 2.5  
5 percent and save all this money. Your  
6 proposals, if we implement them, is it going  
7 to result in layoffs?

8 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Absolutely  
9 not. How can you justify a 20 percent  
10 increase in salaries or budget increases in  
11 the various departments that I gave you a  
12 list of? Isn't that much higher than any  
13 contractual payroll or salary obligation  
14 that the county has? We listed those. It  
15 is. You just can't justify them.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You're  
17 telling us that in those areas that you  
18 talked about, if we reduce that back down to  
19 zero, we'd save how many millions?

20 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: There are  
21 many areas. I will be happy to send you a  
22 list. All these happened in the various  
23 audits that we've been issuing.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We  
25 appreciate that. Believe me, we would love

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2 to have the list so we can analyze that.  
3 But when I looked at your numbers, it wasn't  
4 just, we're going to save a lot of money  
5 here, here, and here, it was across the  
6 board 2.5 percent cut in every department.

7 So let me focus on social  
8 services for a second. Have you looked at  
9 social services?

10 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Social  
11 services has been cut, not in mine, in the  
12 budget.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: But in  
14 your proposal, has a 2.5 percent decrease?

15 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Has been  
16 cut.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Have you  
18 looked at the police department and can you  
19 tell us where in the police department can  
20 we make these cuts?

21 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: In  
22 overtime, in better coordination with the  
23 District Attorney's Office, on officers that  
24 have to go and testify. Most of the them  
25 most of the time are not called to testify.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We agree  
3 that we would like to see a reduction in  
4 overtime. But if we cut the police  
5 department 2.5 percent, we're not going to  
6 be hire the officers, there's going to be  
7 less officers, more overtime.

8 So you're suggestion to us is, we  
9 can make all these cuts across the board,  
10 \$80 million worth in the county, and not a  
11 single person in Nassau County is going to  
12 lose their job?

13 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: It's  
14 possible, yes.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I would  
16 love to see that. If we could do that it  
17 would be a home run. I would appreciate if  
18 you give us that information to show us how  
19 it can be done because the administration  
20 has told us the exact opposite.

21 The administration has said, if  
22 you are going to make these cuts, you are  
23 going to be making cuts to people who are  
24 providing social services, making cuts to  
25 youth board, making cuts to the police



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2 department, you are going to be reducing  
3 public safety and increasing overtime.

4 We have them on the one side  
5 saying all this. We have you on the other  
6 side saying, no, it's easy -- let me finish.  
7 No, no. Wait. I know the budget is  
8 supposed to be adopted in three days, but  
9 all you have to do is cut 2.5 percent. All  
10 your problems go away, no fee, no increases.  
11 If you can do that, show us. That's all we  
12 ask. Show us in detail.

13 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Let me  
14 answer that. Has anybody here worked in  
15 private industry?

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Yes. We  
17 all -- most of us.

18 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: In managing  
19 larger --

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Most of us  
21 worked in private industry.

22 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: You know,  
23 I've heard every commissioner come up to you  
24 and justify why they need more and more  
25 money, even higher than the mandated

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2 contractual salary increases, okay?

3 The attitude of management should  
4 be, if you cannot save 2.5, a simple 2.5  
5 percent or do better, we should get somebody  
6 else that can do better.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: That's a  
8 fair point, Comptroller Maragos. We agree  
9 that management should do that.

10 The administration's response is  
11 that over the last seven years we've cut  
12 employment, et cetera down to the lowest  
13 level, reduce expenses, et cetera.

14 We have them over there saying  
15 this. You saying there's a magic pill out  
16 there, just make this cut and it all goes  
17 away. But please give us the details. We  
18 want that magic pill. Believe me.

19 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: I'm happy  
20 to give you those suggestions that I have  
21 been giving you all along. I will start  
22 with the top one. Collect \$120 million of  
23 uncollected fines.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You are  
25 diverting again. You gave us a very

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2   specific letter Friday saying you can  
3   achieve \$80 million in savings if you made  
4   these cuts. That's what we want the details  
5   on.

6                   COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Right. But  
7   please recognize, some of those -- I'm happy  
8   to do that and I will give you those. But  
9   please recognize that it's not only cuts.  
10   It's also reorganization of the departments.  
11   Maybe consolidations. Consolidation of  
12   departments. Those would have to be policy  
13   decisions that the County Executive and the  
14   Legislature would have to make. It's not a  
15   simple process.

16                  LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Again, I  
17   understand that. I agree, it's not a simple  
18   process. But then again we are in the same  
19   position as us having to adopt the budget.  
20   The administration will tell you, we  
21   consolidated departments. You're saying you  
22   can consolidate more departments. So we  
23   need the details. That's all I'm asking  
24   for. So, if you have the details,  
25   Comptroller --

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2 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: I think  
3 that given the situation where we are as a  
4 county --

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I have a  
6 very key question. We've spoken a number of  
7 times during the course of the year. I have  
8 not never heard of these so-called  
9 amendments.

10 But I'm going to ask you, how  
11 does your plan address the contractual labor  
12 expenses and the state mandated health  
13 increases and pension increases? How does  
14 your plan take that into account?

15 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Well, if  
16 you estimate those, there would be an  
17 increase in salary of about four to five  
18 percent, maximum five percent depending on  
19 the department. As I enumerated, many of  
20 the departments have gotten salary increases  
21 of close to 20 percent. A big difference  
22 between a five percent contractually  
23 mandated versus 20 percent that is being  
24 given to many departments. There is a  
25 disconnect there. Somebody's pencil is not

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2 sharp enough.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
4 Rhoads be recognized.

5 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: But the  
6 difficulty that we're having, Comptroller  
7 Maragos, is that you're coming to us  
8 suggesting that if we eliminate all of the  
9 increases, 2017 over 2016, and then cut the  
10 2016 levels by 2.5 percent, you achieve a  
11 balanced budget without the need for any fee  
12 increases, without the need for any tax  
13 increases of which none are proposed.

14 The problem is, we have  
15 contractual costs, by your estimate, of four  
16 to five percent that we also have to account  
17 for.

18 Plus, we only control between  
19 state mandates, police and other contractual  
20 obligations, we only control about 30  
21 percent of the budget from which we can make  
22 cuts.

23 Also, out of that 30 percent that  
24 we can make cuts, over the years, we have  
25 made \$330 million in cuts to that section of

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2 the budget.

3 What we are looking for is  
4 specifically how are we going to be able to  
5 address, how are we going to be able to across  
6 the board cut 2.5 percent from every county  
7 department, taking into account the fact  
8 that we have mandated contractual increases  
9 in expenses of four to five percent which  
10 you have estimated? How is that possible?

11 We would love to be able not to  
12 have to increase any fees. That would be  
13 fantastic. But the reality is, that it  
14 looks as though we have to do something  
15 because, at least, according to what the  
16 administration is telling us, the part of  
17 the budget that we control has been cut to  
18 the bone. That's why we are looking for the  
19 specifics.

20 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Just  
21 consider what you're saying, that it's  
22 inappropriate, the individual commissioners  
23 cannot be tasked, challenged, to shave 2.5  
24 percent from their budget, 2.5 percent. We  
25 are not talking about ten percent, 20

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2 percent.

3 We're talking about 2.5 percent  
4 of their budgets that they cannot be tasked  
5 to find efficiencies, to making improvements  
6 to their operations and save 2.5 percent?

7 But we readily jumping to raising  
8 fees in order to give them higher budgets,  
9 in order not to challenge them. As a  
10 manager, as a big corporate -- I find that  
11 unacceptable. I hope you do too and we put  
12 the onus on the commissioners to find 2.5  
13 percent in savings so that you do not have  
14 to raise those fees.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going  
16 to ask Legislator Curran to ask a question.

17 Then I'm going to call up Roseann  
18 D'Alleva to address some of the concerns or  
19 the issues that the comptroller has raised.  
20 Legislator Curran.

21 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Thank you.  
22 So, I'm looking at the handout and I'm  
23 seeing that you're starting, the 2.5 percent  
24 reduction in each department is starting  
25 with the 2016 numbers, and that's before all

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2     the contractual, legally mandated increases  
3     clock in right on New Year's.

4                   Don't you think it might have  
5     made more sense to start with the two  
6     percent with the 2017 numbers with all the  
7     mandated increases over which the county has  
8     no control?

9                   COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: No. I  
10    would still urge you to go back to 2016 as  
11    the base year, almost a zero based  
12    budgeting, which is the reference that --  
13    that's what they lived by, and ask them to  
14    do a little better. I think that's more  
15    appropriate and logical.

16                  LEGISLATOR CURRAN: I see what  
17    you're saying. I actually disagree. I  
18    think it would be more logical to start with  
19    the mandated increase over which we have no  
20    control and then start the paring down. We  
21    can't control that.

22                  COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Look, each  
23    commissioner has an obligation to operate  
24    their department as efficiently as possible.  
25    Some expenditures go up as you've indicated,



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2 some of the mandated costs. There's also  
3 ongoing opportunities that they have to  
4 explore and take advantage of.

5 So you start with the base year,  
6 what they lived with and what they managed  
7 and then you ask them to do a little better.  
8 Considering some of the expense items that  
9 you've mentioned, the contractual items.  
10 But they also have an obligation to find  
11 opportunities, and there's always  
12 opportunities available to do better.

13 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: I would agree  
14 with you that there are always opportunities  
15 to do better. But I think your logic is  
16 good, but for this one fundamental flaw.

17 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: I don't  
18 think it's a flaw. Is it easier to ask our  
19 residents to pay more in fees, to pay \$88  
20 million in new fees, triple them, those  
21 fees, than to ask our commissioners to do a  
22 little better? Less than five percent.

23 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Yes. I'm not  
24 arguing with that aspect.

25 The other thing, I'm looking at

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2 this now, I'm seeing that every department  
3 you're suggesting to cut by 2.5 percent.  
4 But I'm thinking that might be a little  
5 clumsy in that there are some departments  
6 such as Consumer Affairs or Taxi and  
7 Limousine Commission which generate revenue.  
8 If we cut them back, they may be hampered in  
9 their ability to generate revenue.

10 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: I don't  
11 think so.

12 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: I'm thinking  
13 one example that comes to mind is that we  
14 recently, in the past year or so, separated  
15 the Taxi and Limousine Commission out of  
16 Consumer Affairs, staffed it properly and  
17 now it is bringing in more money than we  
18 expected it to. That's an example of how  
19 proper staffing can actually generate more  
20 revenue.

21 But, say, Constituent Affairs,  
22 Civil Services, those kind of departments  
23 can generate more cuts. Maybe even more  
24 than 2.5 percent. So instead of an across  
25 the board 2.5, maybe look individually at

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2 each department to assess, can they generate  
3 revenue, or is it just a waste of money and  
4 calibrate it in that way.

5 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: That's a  
6 case that each commissioner will have to  
7 make. But the point here is they need to be  
8 held accountable both on the revenue side  
9 and on the expense side.

10 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: I agree with  
11 you. I think accountability is what  
12 everyone is thirsting for right now. I  
13 agree with you 100 percent. But I think  
14 there may be subtle things we can look at.

15 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: You're  
16 basically saying let's be more flexible,  
17 let's have loopholes in the budget to allow  
18 the commissioners to deviate from their  
19 objectives.

20 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: That's not  
21 what I'm saying at all.

22 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: When you  
23 sign up to a budget, you sign up to a  
24 revenue projection and expenditures that you  
25 need to meet those objectives. I think our

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2 commissioners should be challenged and held  
3 accountable both at the same time.

4 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: On that we  
5 agree. Thank you.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Roseann  
7 D'Alleva, please.

8 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Can I make,  
9 since the ball has been, to some extent, one  
10 final statement. That I believe that the  
11 effort should not be solely the Comptroller  
12 to come up with recommended budget savings.

13 I would recommend that we put a  
14 task force together consisting of County  
15 Executive, the Legislature, majority and  
16 minority, with the Comptroller's Office to  
17 brainstorm in the next 30 days and find the  
18 savings that we need in order to avoid fee  
19 increases and to meet the NIFA mandate.  
20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going  
22 to ask again because it really boggles my  
23 mind. There were cuts to the Comptroller's  
24 budget to historically vacant positions.  
25 Other departments do not have such

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2 vacancies.

3 My concern is, if you want to  
4 follow with your plan, that plan may include  
5 layoffs and you're going to tell me that's  
6 not true.

7 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: I'm telling  
8 you that won't need to happen and probably  
9 won't help happen.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: If they  
11 don't have vacant positions in their  
12 budgets, as the Comptroller's budget did,  
13 and it was cut, then how do they cut their  
14 budget without layoffs? That's my concern.

15 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: I have  
16 about 15 items I jotted down from the past  
17 audit.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Jot it  
19 down and get it to us as fast as you can.

20 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: I would  
21 like to suggest and please take into  
22 consideration a task force so we can jointly  
23 come up with those savings.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you  
25 very much. The obligation is yours,

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2 Mr. Comptroller. Roseann.

3 MS. D'ALLEVA: Roseann D'Alleva,  
4 and I just want to thank the Comptroller  
5 Maragos and I hope he does come up with a  
6 plan and I'm really interested to hear it.

7 The budget process starts in May.  
8 We work diligently. As Legislator Curran  
9 exactly pointed out, every single employee  
10 in this county has grown. What does that  
11 mean, that means that our CSEA members  
12 actually by contract step every single year.  
13 That step cost the county on average \$2,800.  
14 That is before any COLA increases.

15 Now we want to talk PD. The PD  
16 unions as well have their steps and their  
17 COLAs. It's nice to say that the new class  
18 will cost us only \$8 million but in reality  
19 that's not what happens. There's transition  
20 in the department.

21 As many people as we employ in  
22 terms of new police staff, we have to  
23 promote for the people that leave. So what  
24 does that mean? That's an average \$30,000  
25 increase for every promotion in the police

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2 department.

3 These are the things that we  
4 consider. These are the things that weren't  
5 considered, that the Comptroller just spoke  
6 to.

7 So I take my job extremely  
8 seriously and that is what we consider when  
9 we put together a budget. The 2017 budget  
10 did increase. It increased including all  
11 the technical adjustments by \$66 million.  
12 Most of that was due to the steps in the  
13 COLAs of \$30 million.

14 26 million of it was fringe  
15 benefits and worker's comp. These are the  
16 costs that rise that we have no control  
17 over. The debt service also increased  
18 especially when we are borrowing for tax  
19 certs and infrastructure.

20 Any questions you may have I will  
21 be glad to answer.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
23 Rhoads.

24 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Just so I'm  
25 correct in my understanding then, what you

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2 are saying basically is that in order for us  
3 to provide the same exact services that we  
4 provided in 2016 to the residents of Nassau  
5 County in 2017, it's going to cost us an  
6 additional \$67 million?

7 MS. D'ALLEVA: \$67 million. And  
8 let's just take an example. A two and a  
9 half percent cut in the Department of Social  
10 Services, that's 11.9 million. What does  
11 that mean? What are you going to cut? Are  
12 you going to cut Child Protective Services?  
13 What are you going to cut? Medicare?  
14 Indigent care? What are you cutting? A two  
15 and a half percent cut in health?

16 Okay. That's \$4 million. What  
17 are we cutting in the Health Department?  
18 The Health Department's budget is \$160  
19 million. 135 of that, guess what? That's  
20 Early Intervention. What are we are  
21 discussing here? That's preschool and early  
22 intervention, \$135 million. What are we  
23 cutting \$4 million in the Health Department?  
24 Tell me.

25 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Norma?



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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
3 MacKenzie.

4 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Roseann,  
5 then, maybe you could address the concept  
6 because many of us on this side of the  
7 aisle, the first words out of our mouths  
8 when we saw the budget was to look for cuts.

9 So maybe you can address the idea  
10 that a two and a half percent cut can be  
11 made and not result in layoffs. Because we  
12 were given information to the effect that to  
13 reach that level of cuts in departments  
14 reaches personnel because the budgets of  
15 these departments don't have much more  
16 latitude above salary to make those type  
17 cuts which, one, results in layoffs.

18 Two, results in arbitration.

19 And three, may not be successful.

20 So if you could please elaborate  
21 on that concept of an across the board cut,  
22 because it's much more difficult in practice  
23 and a lot easier to just say here when you  
24 have a crowd clapping for you.

25 So, can you please elaborate on

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2 that a little.

3 MS. D'ALLEVA: So an across the  
4 board cut, basically, is a very limited view  
5 from a very large perspective. It truly is.  
6 We have to -- currently on payroll we have  
7 about 7,450 employees. So we are assuming  
8 that we are going to hire 230 more in the  
9 police department basically between new  
10 police officers and also CSEA members in  
11 order to help certain areas of the police  
12 department in terms of communication and  
13 public safety.

14 So that right there now puts you  
15 over the 7,625 people that we have funded in  
16 this budget.

17 What do I consider? That means  
18 right now, technically, my head count is  
19 actually not totally funded. I'm already  
20 making assumptions of \$4 million of people  
21 leaving off payroll. Those are my  
22 assumptions.

23 So, yes, a two and a half percent  
24 cut directly goes to layoffs. There is no  
25 way that you can produce a budget with a two

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2 and a half percent cut that does not include  
3 layoffs. There is absolutely no way because  
4 this budget already includes an attrition  
5 factor.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority  
7 Leader.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I have a  
9 question but it's not related to the two and  
10 a half percent. It's more related -- I  
11 don't know if we are going to talk about  
12 this, I don't know if Mr. Naughton is here.

13 MS. D'ALLEVA: No. Eric is not  
14 here today.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So I will  
16 ask it to you, Ms. D'Alleva.

17 The question stems from, if I  
18 understand this correctly, the public safety  
19 fee the administration has deemed it is  
20 going to be earmarked for the police  
21 headquarters fund. Am I understanding that  
22 correctly?

23 MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: In revenue.  
25 However, the other funds, such as the Police

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2     District Fund, is that fund balanced going  
3     into 2017, or should this Legislature body  
4     anticipate some board transfer like we  
5     normally see at fiscal year end?

6                   MS. D'ALLEVA: We are required by  
7     budgetary constraints by Charter that every  
8     single fund must balance, so the PD district  
9     fund did balance, yes.

10                  LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So I guess  
11     the question is for fiscal year 2017, is  
12     there a projected deficit in the Police  
13     District Fund?

14                  MS. D'ALLEVA: No, there is no  
15     projected deficit currently.

16                  LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So that  
17     fund doesn't need any --

18                  MS. D'ALLEVA: There are risks in  
19     that fund, Legislator Abrahams, as both the  
20     Comptroller and the Legislative Budget  
21     Review said that overtime is a risk factor.  
22     So there are potential risks in both PDH and  
23     PDD.

24                  LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So is the  
25     administration concerned that they are

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2 raising a fee that is designated for the  
3 police headquarters fund which basically  
4 whether you live in a police district, let's  
5 explain for the public, if you live a  
6 village, you live in, whether it be Great  
7 Neck or Lynbrook, Freeport or Hempstead, you  
8 have your own police.

9 The Police District Fund, if I  
10 understand it correctly, funds all the other  
11 areas like Merrick and Bellmore that do not  
12 have incorporated villages.

13 So, is there a concern by the  
14 administration that you are going to be  
15 raising a fee that anyone who runs a red  
16 light or has a parking infraction pays, but  
17 the money is not filtering down to those  
18 respective districts where certain people  
19 live? What is the benefit?

20 MS. D'ALLEVA: I'm not going to  
21 speak to legality. I think you're trying to  
22 get to legality issues.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: There's a  
24 lot of legality. That's only one point.

25 MS. D'ALLEVA: I wouldn't be able

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2   to speak to that. But I can tell you that  
3   police headquarters obviously performs  
4   functions for every single district  
5   including private police forces. So our  
6   police headquarters does facilitate and  
7   perform services for every resident in  
8   Nassau County.

9                   LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Roseann,  
10   the issue is not the police headquarters  
11   fund.

12                  MS. D'ALLEVA: I thought you just  
13   said that.

14                  LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You are  
15   missing my point. The point is the Police  
16   District Fund. We do agree there is a  
17   difference.

18                  So, from that standpoint, if  
19   you're saying that there are risks that are  
20   tied to overtime and other costs associated  
21   with the Police District Fund --

22                  MS. D'ALLEVA: As well as the  
23   headquarters.

24                  LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: As well as  
25   the headquarters fund, and there is a

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2 transfer, an infusion of \$64 million that's  
3 going to come from this public safety fee.  
4 If there is an infusion of that money that  
5 goes to the headquarters fund, in essence,  
6 whether the money was going to the general  
7 fund or it was going to the police  
8 headquarters fund, at the end of the day, if  
9 it gets shifted, if revenue gets shifted  
10 from one of those funds that everybody pays  
11 into and everybody sees the benefit, I think  
12 we all agree that not all Nassau County  
13 residents get the benefit of the Police  
14 District Fund. Are we in agreement on that  
15 at least? Police District Fund.

16 MS. D'ALLEVA: The Police  
17 District Fund is pertaining to certain  
18 districts within the county that have it.

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But it's  
20 just the six precincts. It wouldn't be a  
21 Hempstead or Lynbrook or a Glen Cove or Long  
22 Beach or Port Washington or any of those  
23 areas.

24 MS. D'ALLEVA: And that fund is  
25 balanced.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: The Police  
3 District Fund is balanced?

4 MS. D'ALLEVA: Of course it is.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But you  
6 identified that there are inherent risks.

7 MS. D'ALLEVA: Well, as  
8 identified by OLBR and the Comptroller's  
9 Office, and I'm willing to manage those  
10 risks.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm glad to  
12 hear that. What I'm driving at is, when  
13 fiscal year 2017 occurs, we shouldn't see a  
14 board transfer that will come before this  
15 body transferring money from the Police  
16 Headquarters Fund to the Police District  
17 Fund; am I correct in that assumption?

18 MS. D'ALLEVA: You're saying  
19 we're going to see a board transfer?

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No, no, Ms.  
21 D'Alleva. Let me try speaking slower.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: It's  
23 D'Alleva, not Devella.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm sure  
25 she can correct me. Let's just be clear



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2 again.

3 When fiscal year 2017 comes next  
4 year, not this year, you said there are  
5 inherent risks that the Comptroller has  
6 identified. I'm sure Legislative Budget  
7 Review has identified.

8 MS. D'ALLEVA: Every single item  
9 in the budget.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If I may  
11 finish.

12 When fiscal year 2017 occurs,  
13 this legislative body, which we approve  
14 board transfers, fund transfers between  
15 different funds all the time, you're saying,  
16 if I gather your testimony correctly, we  
17 will not see a board transfer shifting money  
18 from the Police Headquarters Fund to the  
19 Police District Fund?

20 MS. D'ALLEVA: You're asking me?

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes. I'm  
22 asking, will we see that board transfer?

23 MS. D'ALLEVA: Well, I don't have  
24 a crystal ball. So if you do, please give  
25 it to me because I would love that.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But,  
3 Roseann, you're missing the point.

4 MS. D'ALLEVA: I'm not missing  
5 the point.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You are  
7 because you don't want to answer the  
8 question. The question is very simple.

9 MS. D'ALLEVA: I don't  
10 anticipate. If everything goes according to  
11 plan, there wouldn't be --

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It's not  
13 anticipate. It's illegal. Do you realize  
14 that people in the Police District Fund, and  
15 people in the Police Headquarters Fund, if  
16 you live in the District Fund and live in an  
17 incorporated village, police district goes  
18 towards patrol.

19 MS. D'ALLEVA: Historically,  
20 Legislator Abrahams, we haven't shifted or  
21 supplementally appropriated money from the  
22 Headquarters Fund to the District Fund.

23 If anything, the District Fund  
24 would use its District Fund balance if at  
25 any point in time there was --

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So this  
3 Legislative body has not transferred money  
4 between the headquarters or the general fund  
5 to the District Fund since you have been in  
6 this position?

7 MS. D'ALLEVA: There have been  
8 transfers in terms of overtime, shortfalls  
9 possibly.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That's the  
11 point that I'm making.

12 MS. D'ALLEVA: I don't recall at  
13 this time. I could go back in the past, but  
14 that's not anticipated for this year, and  
15 this year's overtime --

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It's never  
17 anticipated.

18 MS. D'ALLEVA: But let's discuss  
19 this year. In 2016, we proposed a budget  
20 and we adopted a budget of \$57 million for  
21 an overtime budget. Well, guess what? It's  
22 coming in 70, my last projection is \$69  
23 million. That was not anticipated for me.  
24 Right?

25 But we're managing with the

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2 department, with the police department to  
3 manage within both funds, the Headquarters  
4 Fund and the District Fund. We have been  
5 meeting with them for the last six months to  
6 manage to that budget without transferring.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That's the  
8 point. For fiscal year 2016 you haven't  
9 made the transfer yet, but in the past you  
10 have made the transfer plenty of times. So,  
11 from our standpoint we anticipate seeing a  
12 transfer.

13 But, again, I come back to the  
14 point, maybe you can't answer and I respect  
15 that, maybe Gerry needs to answer it. At  
16 the end of the day, the \$105 public safety  
17 fee is being infused into the Police  
18 Headquarters Fund. It's not going to the  
19 District Fund, not going to the General  
20 Fund. It's going all towards the  
21 Headquarters Fund. I get the reason why the  
22 administration believes it's sound and needs  
23 to do that. However, I disagree.

24 That said, I truly believe anyone  
25 who has a parking or traffic infraction in

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2    this county, whether you live in Glen Cove  
3    or Merrick, doesn't make a difference,  
4    whether you have an infraction, you are  
5    paying into the general fund and then, if it  
6    gets shifted to the District Fund, you see  
7    no benefit of that in your respective  
8    incorporated village. That is very clear to  
9    me today.

10                   That being said, it sounds like  
11   also, I don't have anything else, Roseann, I  
12   don't know if anybody else does, but I do  
13   have the question to the majority.

14                   It sounds like to me you're not  
15   really in support of exploring the  
16   Comptroller's idea. It sounded like you  
17   were giving him more of a hard time. I'm  
18   not his defender.

19                   I will say this. If you don't  
20   like his ideas and you started out the  
21   hearing by saying you wanted to wait to hear  
22   his ideas before you make a decision on the  
23   public safety fee, it doesn't sound like you  
24   like his ideas. So we should take action on  
25   the public safety fee now and vote against

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2 it now.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're  
4 making an assumption.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No, making  
6 it very clear.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No, it was  
8 not.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Between  
10 Legislator Nicoletto, Legislator Rhoads, you  
11 made it very clear that you do not support  
12 his ideas.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No, no,  
14 no, no.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Why else  
16 would you not support us today in voting --

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: As I said  
18 in my opening statement, I said --

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That was  
20 your opening statement, yes, that was your  
21 opening statement. But the tune changed  
22 when you started grilling the Comptroller.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I said  
24 produce the amendments as soon as possible.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It was

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2 said, the two and a half percent, won't that  
3 lead to layoffs, the two and a half percent,  
4 it can't be -- you make all these arguments  
5 to shoot it down, but now --

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Hold on.

7 Hold on.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Let me say  
9 something.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No more  
11 questions. You got your chance to join us  
12 and vote down the public safety fee. You're  
13 just stalling until after the election.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We have a  
15 response.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You're just  
17 stalling.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Stop  
19 yelling.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm not  
21 yelling. I'm talking.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: All right.  
23 You're not yelling. You weren't listening.  
24 Yelling and interrupting.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I think

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2 they heard me, that's why they were  
3 clapping.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: That means  
5 you got a weak position if you don't want to  
6 hear the other side.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Your  
8 position is weak.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Keep  
10 interrupting.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Don't  
12 interrupt.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The point  
14 of our comments is that we were told one  
15 thing by the administration as to why we  
16 can't make these cuts.

17 He's suggesting that we can. The  
18 point of our comments was, please give us,  
19 tell us, give us a road map as to how we can  
20 do this without layoffs -- which will  
21 require arbitration -- without losing  
22 positions that generate revenue, without  
23 losing positions in areas like Child  
24 Protective Services, without losing  
25 positions in the police department that lead



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2 to overtime? It wasn't we're giving you a  
3 hard time. It was, all right, you have an  
4 idea, but please give us the details.

5 We can't just say in a vacuum,  
6 okay, let's do what told the Comptroller  
7 wants to do when we've been told the exact  
8 opposite by the administration. We just  
9 need to see the details whether it's  
10 legitimate or quite frankly it's a political  
11 statement. Just the details.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I will say  
13 this. The Comptroller knows full well that  
14 if he had amendments he should produce them  
15 and produce them in writing.

16 He went down each department and  
17 said he could do 2.5 percent cuts. Show us.  
18 While we did say that we have time to review  
19 alternatives, show us the alternatives.  
20 That's why you're here.

21 Roseann, I have to say this,  
22 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton, I had five more  
23 slips. I need to go back to the public.  
24 One question.

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can

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2 I just ask Roseann one clarification while  
3 she's there?

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: One  
5 question.

6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
7 Roseann, is it typical to depend on an  
8 increase in fees for operational costs?

9 MS. D'ALLEVA: So, what happens  
10 is, and we start the budget process again in  
11 May. All the departments, we basically give  
12 them what the accounting is for each  
13 individual that is employed for the county.

14 We tell them what their costs are  
15 going to be in 2017. Then they give us a  
16 budget. We go through those line items one  
17 by one and towards the end of the process we  
18 come down to what the county is going to  
19 need to fund.

20 So, what does that mean? What is  
21 the revenue requirement needed to fund the  
22 policy behind the administration? That's  
23 when certain decisions are made and  
24 discussed and talked about.

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just

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2 to answer that question, is it typical  
3 practice or legal actually to have revenue  
4 that is dependent upon a fee be used for our  
5 operational budget?

6 MS. D'ALLEVA: What is typical  
7 and what is ordered by County Charter is  
8 that we have to produce a balanced budget.  
9 So, in order to produce a balanced budget,  
10 that means my revenues have to match my  
11 expenses.

12 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: One  
13 last time. Is it typical and legal -- I can  
14 ask Gerry if you feel more comfortable.

15 MS. D'ALLEVA: No. I am  
16 comfortable. I answered your question.

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: No,  
18 no, you didn't.

19 MS. D'ALLEVA: I did. I answered  
20 your question. There's many avenues to  
21 take. You could do fees. You can do fines.  
22 You could do permits, department revenues,  
23 you could do taxes.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: But  
25 is it good practice and is it legal to

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2 depend on fees such as what might be passed  
3 with this ticket fee to basically to budget  
4 our operational? Salaries and operational  
5 and all that, can that --

6 MS. D'ALLEVA: That has to be  
7 funded by something.

8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
9 Right. And fees, is that good practice?

10 MS. D'ALLEVA: No. I'm asking  
11 you. What should we fund it with.

12 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I'm  
13 asking you because this is what's proposed.

14 MS. D'ALLEVA: And I'm answering  
15 you.

16 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: And  
17 you're saying you're comfortable and you  
18 think it's good practice and legal to have  
19 fees --

20 MS. D'ALLEVA: It's absolutely  
21 legal to raise fees, fines, permits and  
22 taxes. Absolutely legal. Those are my  
23 revenues.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: To  
25 budget for salary?

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2 MS. D'ALLEVA: Right. I can't  
3 dictate what state and federal government  
4 reimbursement is going to be.

5 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: The  
6 one point I'm trying to say is for salaries.  
7 Is it legal and good practice to budget fees  
8 for salaries and operational?

9 MS. D'ALLEVA: I don't budget  
10 fees for salaries.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: What  
12 happened to the one question?

13 MS. D'ALLEVA: I don't budget  
14 fees for salaries.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
16 Well, that's sort of what this is. With the  
17 whole police district, that's what this  
18 could go for. The fees could go for salary  
19 technically.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going  
21 to go with those who put in a slip, and I  
22 can tell you we can go on, when we bring up  
23 the county budget, which is Item 10, there  
24 may be one or two that just came in who will  
25 have an opportunity to speak.

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2 In the meantime I have Ms. Regis  
3 Thompson-Laurence, are you here? I don't  
4 want you to wait any longer.

5 MS. THOMPSON-LAURENCE: Good  
6 afternoon. When I do come to these  
7 hearings, I'm always shocked and amazed  
8 about the human feelings of what happens  
9 here.

10 I don't think that sometimes  
11 everyone is on the same page. So my thought  
12 today is to tell you how I feel as a senior  
13 citizen.

14 My name is Regis  
15 Thompson-Laurence. I live in the Village of  
16 Hempstead and there are many red light  
17 cameras all over the Village of Hempstead.  
18 I think to penalize our community and other  
19 communities that may be like us to raise the  
20 taxes on parking, I think is a flagrant  
21 disregard for all the people that live  
22 there.

23 I'm a senior citizen. I'm an  
24 African American with Indian heritage. I'm  
25 also talking to people of colors, the

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2 Latinos in our community. What's going on  
3 with all the taxes that are being taxed on  
4 the people who have a very limited budget?  
5 They are on fixed incomes. I just don't  
6 think that everyone is on the same page.

7 If you are on the North Shore,  
8 you have different viewpoints of what the  
9 South Shore is like.

10 I just would like for you to  
11 think about what you're doing today and  
12 really look at it from a person who's on a  
13 limited income, not those who are making  
14 \$450,000 to do nothing.

15 That's all I have to say. That's  
16 my concern, and I just would like to know  
17 how you all feel about that.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you  
19 very much. Malik Abid.

20 MR. ABID: Madam Presiding  
21 Officer, ladies and gentlemen. I just want  
22 to ask a quick question from all of you.  
23 Have you ever missed a meal? Do you know  
24 what is the pain of hunger? If you don't  
25 know, please try to connect with your voters

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2 because right here in our own backyard in  
3 Nassau County, which is paying one of the  
4 highest taxes in the nation, there are  
5 people who have to make a choice between  
6 bringing the food on the table and paying  
7 their taxes. Now you want to add this tax  
8 on top of what we are paying already.

9 I'm a resident of Valley Stream.  
10 We were just hit by 12 percent increase  
11 recently without even consulting us, without  
12 giving us notices of. There are people I  
13 have seen in my own community in Valley  
14 Stream who don't even have money to pay for  
15 their taxes and they are still looking for  
16 food to eat.

17 We are talking about the  
18 Department of Social Services and  
19 nutritional budget. I know people who have  
20 never seen one single penny to cover up  
21 their food expenses. Now you want to add  
22 this fee to the existing miseries. I just  
23 want to give you one single message, Ladies  
24 and Gentlemen, this is our hard earned  
25 money. Stop stealing our money anymore.



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2 Please stop stealing it.

3 I deal with the seniors day in  
4 and day out. My friend here, let me tell  
5 you. I have seen people sleeping hungry in  
6 the night and I feel so sorry for them and  
7 feel so sorry for my own community. Thank  
8 you very much, Ladies and Gentlemen.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Bert  
10 Hirsch, and then we will move on to the rest  
11 of the calendar.

12 MR. HIRSCH: My name is Bert  
13 Hirsch. I live in Great Neck. If you're  
14 serious, I said I was going to address the  
15 TPVA fee, but something else came up here  
16 first, if you're serious about engaging the  
17 Comptroller, he made a proposal at the very  
18 end of his presentation about establishing a  
19 task force that would include the  
20 Legislature and his office and the County  
21 Executive's Office to examine what can be  
22 done over the next 30 days to find other  
23 ways to generate the cost savings. If  
24 you're serious about engaging him I think  
25 you should take that up.

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2 Instead, what I have heard  
3 repeatedly is that you heard the opposite of  
4 his presentation from the county executive's  
5 office. Where is the examination of that?

6 You're digging into the  
7 Comptroller and all of his proposals but  
8 have you dug into the County Executive's  
9 presentation, or are you just accepting it  
10 at face value because the County Executive  
11 says. That's what I heard repeatedly, the  
12 County Executive says. Where is the  
13 examination of that?

14 As far as the -- I'm also  
15 gratified frankly that there is some honesty  
16 here today about this \$105 fee having  
17 nothing whatever to do with Public Safety.  
18 That's just nonsense for the public  
19 consumption outside of this room. But in  
20 this room we've heard that it's purely for  
21 the purpose of generating revenue in order  
22 to fix a budgetary shortfall that might  
23 otherwise occur.

24 I can tell you as a lawyer,  
25 because I am one, that the TPVA, if you add

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2 the fee, should be renamed the Taxpayer  
3 Penury and Victimization Agency which it  
4 already is.

5 I'm not going to repeat what so  
6 many other people have said, including  
7 Triple A, and people in this room, as to the  
8 reasons why this fee is such a terrible  
9 idea.

10 I'm going to address something  
11 else that a lawyer can address. The total  
12 kangaroo court that the TPVA is a complete  
13 and total sham. It's a make-believe court.  
14 There is not a shred of due process in that  
15 that court. It's an absolute cash register  
16 and that's all that it is. Ca-ching,  
17 ca-ching for the county.

18 CLERK PULITZER: Your three  
19 minutes have expired.

20 MR. HIRSCH: That's what it is  
21 right now. That's what it's always been.  
22 That's all it is. It needs to be  
23 investigated and reformed dramatically.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you  
25 very much for opportunity. John Budnick.

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2 Then I have Mr. Brummel I believe.

3 MR. BUDNICK: Madam Chairman,  
4 Honorable Members of the County Legislature.  
5 I'm just handing up to you a copy -- a  
6 number of copies of a New York Vehicle and  
7 Traffic Law Section 1810. I believe at the  
8 very least you need an opinion from counsel  
9 with regards to this and the proposed  
10 surcharge. Thank you.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Submit it  
12 to the ladies here in front. Thank you very  
13 much and we will put it as part of the  
14 record. Mr. Brummel.

15 MR. BRUMMEL: I'm Richard  
16 Brummel. You've heard me before. I've  
17 spoken to you about the environment. My  
18 speeches have fallen on deaf ears. The  
19 consequences have been dire.

20 I'm here to talk to you just  
21 quickly today. You're nice people, all nice  
22 people, but I think this Legislature, you're  
23 in way over your heads. You're not doing  
24 the job that needs to be done for the people  
25 of Nassau County.

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2 The county is in receivership.  
3 These are the type of circumstances where  
4 NIFA should come in and take over and change  
5 the budget, change the contract, et cetera.  
6 This is just a travesty.

7 You need outside consultants from  
8 major CPA firms and figure out what's going  
9 on in Nassau County. People who live here  
10 know that this county is just a mess. It's  
11 a disaster. You call the county. See them  
12 working on the streets. The police driving  
13 by. And you come to the leg, and you know  
14 this county is not working.

15 You compare what you do and the  
16 kind of quality of thinking and quality of  
17 analysis and quality of dialogue compared  
18 here to New York City, which is right across  
19 the line here. Same people. Same  
20 environment. Same state. It's like apples  
21 and oranges. It's night and day.

22 This county is not doing the job  
23 of an intelligent enlightened government.  
24 Things like Mangano and Venditto don't  
25 happen in a vacuum. They are symptomatic of

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2 a system that's broken. It's been broken  
3 for many years.

4 I would go back to someone like  
5 Nickerson and see, how did the county  
6 function under Nickerson and what has  
7 happened since then.

8 We have a major crisis in  
9 transportation in this county. Instead of  
10 fixing transportation, thinking of having a  
11 vision, a vision of light rail, a bus system  
12 that's really effective. Some kind of  
13 inter-linkages between the Long Island Rail  
14 Road, getting the cars off the street,  
15 instead of fixing transportation, you try to  
16 milk transportation for money instead of  
17 helping the people and making it more  
18 effective, you take the disfunction and suck  
19 money out of it. You exploit the  
20 disfunction of a system that's under your  
21 responsibility.

22 I absolutely agree, we need to  
23 have a lot more tickets issued in Nassau  
24 County. Our roads are out of control. Our  
25 police are doing an extremely poor job in

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2     protecting the citizens. We have people  
3     getting killed every day. I pick up dead  
4     animals on the streets. Roslyn Road, which  
5     you guys have dealt with, the speed limit  
6     where there's flashing signs at 30 miles an  
7     hour, I travel that road every day, even  
8     today, 50 miles an hour. You have signs  
9     that tell people how fast they're going, 40,  
10    50. There's a tremendous amount of  
11    enforcement.

12                   If you actually had the police  
13    doing their job issuing tickets, you would  
14    have that revenue.

15                   I will tell you something else, a  
16    little dirty secret, where I live in East  
17    Hills, every month they count the revenue  
18    from the Nassau County Police Department  
19    coming into the village coffers. \$40,000 a  
20    month, \$20,000 a month. That's money that's  
21    supposed to be going to Nassau County but in  
22    order to keep the villages quiet --

23                   CLERK PULITZER: Your three  
24    minutes have expired.

25                   MR. BRUMMEL: -- you are paying

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2 them off with ticket revenues from  
3 thoroughfares going through the villages.

4 I would urge you to punt. You're  
5 not going to solve these problems with  
6 dialogue here. You need to invoke some  
7 higher powers and the higher powers need to  
8 invoke themselves and fix this county so we  
9 wouldn't have these embarrassments like  
10 Mangano Venditto and everything else that's  
11 going on that we know hasn't yet been  
12 revealed and indicted.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,  
14 Mr. Brummel. I have one more slip and then  
15 we're going to move on. Richard Schurin.

16 MR. SCHURIN: I didn't come here  
17 intending to speak but I feel compelled to  
18 say something. I'm just a resident. I got  
19 to tell you that the state of this county is  
20 really bad. People have had it.

21 The truth is, you need to lay off  
22 people. You can't continue to raise fees  
23 which are really taxes and you need to lay  
24 off people. It has to be done and it needs  
25 to be done quickly.



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2 As this gentleman just spoke, who  
3 seemed very very intelligent, smart to me,  
4 you need to think more broadly instead of  
5 fighting with each other and nitpicking back  
6 and forth. You need to have a plan for this  
7 county. You need to think forwardly. And  
8 you need to restructure the county and, yes,  
9 lay off people.

10 There's a lot of ways. We all  
11 know, places like the Board of Elections are  
12 populated with nothing but patronage hires,  
13 et cetera, and there are a lot of places  
14 where you can find money to save.

15 You need to do it, and if you  
16 don't think you can do it because of the  
17 politics, you have NIFA that can bail you  
18 out, or you can go and get somebody else to  
19 do it, but it needs to be done because the  
20 people have had it. Thank you.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: There  
22 being no other comments from the public, I'm  
23 going to take a motion to close the hearing.  
24 We all vote. It's not that -- voted to open  
25 it, I couldn't have public comment unless I

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2 did.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Madam  
4 Presiding Officer, are you calling the  
5 hearing -- the other hearing for today?

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We're  
7 talking about budget today, the county  
8 budget, the tax levy ordinance and the  
9 multi-year plan.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm talking  
11 about the other hearings for the local laws.  
12 Some of our questions are tied to those  
13 hearings for the local laws.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No, we are  
15 not calling them.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I believe  
17 some of our members have questions in  
18 regards to some of those revenues that are  
19 in the budget document. We can start with  
20 Legislator Bynoe.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Go ahead,  
22 Legislator Bynoe.

23 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Somebody from  
24 OMB here?

25 MS. D'ALLEVA: Roseann D'Alleva.

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2 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I have a  
3 question regarding specifically Item 393-16,  
4 the local law regarding the fees.

5 MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes, I will try to  
6 answer your question.

7 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Can someone  
8 explain to me the intent of that law?

9 MS. D'ALLEVA: 393, I think you  
10 want to handle that. Gerry Podlesak from  
11 the County Attorney's Office.

12 MR. PODLESAK: What is your  
13 question, please?

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I would like  
15 to know the intent of that particular local  
16 law.

17 MR. PODLESAK: The intent of the  
18 local law was to remove the fee amendments  
19 from the administrative code and from  
20 miscellaneous code and put them into one  
21 separate ordinance.

22 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Can you  
23 explain to me the financial impact of that  
24 law?

25 MR. PODLESAK: It should have no

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2 impact in and of itself.

3 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I actually  
4 requested to look at this or have our  
5 attorneys look at this closely and, it's my  
6 understanding that if the fee is not adopted  
7 that -- I'm sorry, if the actual ordinance  
8 is not adopted it automatically defaults to  
9 this local law and it would actually  
10 escalate the fees in most cases in 100  
11 percent of the actual fee in the ordinance.

12 So I believe that takes place if  
13 there is no action by this body by January  
14 2017. So if you could expound a little bit  
15 on that.

16 MR. PODLESIAK: I don't know what  
17 to say on the subject. It's something of a  
18 poison pill.

19 If the fees get stripped out of  
20 the administrative code and they're not  
21 otherwise adopted in the ordinance, then  
22 there will be no fees for those items except  
23 for the fact that they were included in  
24 these additional sections and they were made  
25 to be increases in order to encourage the

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2 passage of both documents.

3 There is no other legal way to  
4 tie them together so that they could be  
5 passed together at the same time.

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So there was a  
7 requirement to then, in the local law, as  
8 opposed to the ordinance to raise some of  
9 the fees from 600 to \$1,200?

10 MR. PODLESACK: That only will  
11 happen if the ordinance is passed.

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: But if we  
13 needed to have this local law to protect the  
14 fees from the administrative process as you  
15 explained, why couldn't we have just gone  
16 from 600 to 600? Why did we need to go from  
17 600 to 1200? Why did we need to do that in  
18 certain cases?

19 MR. PODLESACK: It is the subject  
20 of a poison pill. It's designed to make  
21 sure that the two items pass together.

22 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: It's actually  
23 designed to keep the gun at our head to make  
24 sure that we actually move forward with the  
25 ordinance?

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2 MR. PODLESAK: That's not the way  
3 that I would put it. We fully expect both  
4 the ordinance and local law to pass.

5 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: That's not how  
6 you would put it, but that's the way I'm  
7 actually digesting it.

8 What you're telling me is you put  
9 an ordinance in place, and if we don't pass  
10 the ordinance but didn't read through this  
11 item well enough, we would have possibly  
12 enacted a local law that would have then  
13 doubled the fees?

14 MR. PODLESAK: The intent was  
15 that both items would be passed together.  
16 There is no intent to hold the gun to  
17 anybody's head.

18 If you feel that way I apologize.  
19 The idea was to make sure the two items  
20 would run together in tandem.

21 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I appreciate  
22 your apology but I would say on behalf of  
23 this caucus that that is distasteful,  
24 distasteful for you to have created this  
25 local law in that manner that if we didn't

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2 enact an ordinance would have doubled the  
3 fees.

4 I think it's in bad taste. I  
5 think it's really, honestly, dishonest and  
6 further, to me, almost an act of extortion.  
7 It's not good government.

8 MR. PODLESACK: Not at all. It's  
9 totally transparent.

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: It's not good  
11 government, I'm sorry. It's just not.

12 MR. PODLESACK: Totally  
13 transparent and there for you to see. It  
14 did not require a close reading of the local  
15 law. It was there solely for the purpose to  
16 make sure that that would not be a situation  
17 where the fees were eliminated and no fees  
18 were enacted.

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So you thought  
20 this body in some way would eliminate fees  
21 in some way altogether in so much so that  
22 you needed to create a law that would put  
23 the gun to our head to require that we  
24 approve some fees?

25 MR. PODLESACK: I'm not putting

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2 the gun to anybody's head. I'm just making  
3 sure that there would not be the temptation  
4 to eliminate fees.

5 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: You wanted to  
6 make sure there was no temptation to  
7 eliminate fees. That's in bad taste.

8 Presiding Officer, I would ask  
9 that you look at this law closely. It's in  
10 bad taste that it even made the agenda.

11 This is in bad taste that was  
12 even created and, to me, it's a worse  
13 situation that we would even put it on an  
14 agenda.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
16 Norma, can I ask a follow up question?

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
18 Bynoe, are you finished?

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Go through all  
20 my questions?

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes. This  
22 way we can go to Legislator Deriggi-Whitton.

23 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So, the next  
24 question I have is regarding the tax  
25 assessment reduction services.



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2 So I looked at that too because  
3 that was also amended in the last minute.

4 So I asked that we would look at  
5 that amendment as opposed to what was  
6 initially presented to this body.

7 So in questioning that, I found  
8 out that we actually, to me, stripped out  
9 parts of the law that would actually protect  
10 the residents. So it seemed a little water  
11 down in the second presentation to us.

12 The amended law would no longer  
13 require that the commissioner has a list of  
14 businesses providing services. It also  
15 would not require that the tax assessment  
16 service the business owners provide legal  
17 documentation regarding the corporate  
18 existence, the names and IDs of the  
19 principals.

20 It also wouldn't require that the  
21 license applicant or principals to provide  
22 any documentation to disclose that they have  
23 not been convicted of a crime relative to  
24 municipal ordinance within the last ten  
25 years.

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2 In addition, the law also removed  
3 the requirement that the principals not have  
4 any judgments, liens, tax or warrants  
5 against them for child support orders.

6 I have to tell you that all of  
7 the things that were stripped out of the tax  
8 assessment law was included in the pets, it  
9 was included in the health club.

10 I'm just wondering why we felt  
11 the need to strip that out of these entities  
12 that are lobbying on behalf of our residents  
13 for tax abatement? Why would we water down  
14 the law?

15 MR. PODLESAK: I wouldn't say it  
16 was watered down. There is still protection  
17 for consumers. There's a requirement that  
18 when any contract that's issued by one of  
19 these firms must include language that says  
20 that any address complaint can be addressed  
21 to Consumer Affairs Office. It also imposes  
22 penalties for certain acts like price  
23 gouging and what have you.

24 The reason why this licensing  
25 provision was removed was that it was felt

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2     that the logistics of putting together  
3     regulations in order to bring it to  
4     fulfillment was not something that can be  
5     done immediately and would take time.

6                   So that decision was not made to  
7     impose the licensing and just to rely on the  
8     ability to impose fines and otherwise  
9     control the businesses.

10                  LEGISLATOR BYNOE:    So because we  
11     felt we couldn't have the requirements in  
12     place or the proper process in place for  
13     those requirements to be adhered to to tie  
14     together with the license to receive the  
15     money, we decided to strip the requirements  
16     out.

17                  Why couldn't we then require that  
18     the licensing not take place for six months  
19     or give them the license and have it revoked  
20     if they did not submit the supplemental  
21     information within three to six months?

22                  I think that allowing for a  
23     license to be provided to these entities the  
24     ones that we know, we know for a fact that  
25     we're having a problem with those types of

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2       businesses, as opposed to not having any  
3       complaints on the side of pet owners or to  
4       the extent to which we're now requiring them  
5       to have a license, I'm at a loss as to why  
6       we would strip this out of that particular  
7       license but include it in the others.

8                   I don't know that having a  
9       criminal background to the degree of not  
10      paying child support is as important in tax  
11      assessment as opposed to someone who is  
12      caring for a pet. I just don't understand  
13      that. I think that that's faulty thinking  
14      as well.

15                  I think that we need to go back  
16      and look at what was initially presented to  
17      this body and, in terms of a license --  
18      because this is one area that I do believe  
19      we most certainly should have a license. I  
20      believe that we should most certainly should  
21      have a license, we should have all these  
22      things in place to protect consumers because  
23      we know that this industry in itself has  
24      been dealing in bad faith with our  
25      residents. So I think the administration

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2 needs to look at this.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
4 DeRiggi-Whitton.

5 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Going  
6 back to 393 -- and I concur with Legislator  
7 Bynoe. Do I understand correctly that you  
8 had to put fees in to preserve the spot for  
9 fees in the budget? Is that basically what  
10 you said?

11 MR. PODLESACK: Not exactly, no.  
12 What I said was, it was included in order  
13 that if the fees are removed, that the fees  
14 would be -- the ordinance assessing the fees  
15 and fixing the fees would come into play.  
16 It's a two step process.

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Why  
18 didn't we leave the fees at the rate that  
19 they are today? Why have such an increase?

20 MR. PODLESACK: The decision was  
21 made that it would be more effective as a  
22 poison pill in order to include the double  
23 fees.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: That  
25 really bothers me also. Just to piggyback

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2 on what Legislator Bynoe said, why not at  
3 least just leave them as they were, to  
4 double them in this legislation. This is  
5 the whole trust issue that we are having  
6 with the government.

7 You can't just come in and -- if  
8 you want to say I want to keep them, we need  
9 them, fine, but to come in and say we need  
10 them but we're going to double them, and in  
11 this one piece of legislation, is really  
12 amazing.

13 I just have one other with  
14 question. We are giving out licenses to  
15 such things as groomers as Legislator Bynoe  
16 just mentioned, all these other licenses  
17 that might be more important in the sense,  
18 but when someone is licensed by Nassau  
19 County, I think it's the assumption that we  
20 hold them to some criteria or some standard  
21 as the pet groomers were saying.

22 There are no rules or regulations  
23 that they have to abide by yet we are giving  
24 them a license. I almost think we are  
25 misleading the public by giving them a

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2 license without any kind of criteria as to  
3 anything is handled.

4 All we're doing is giving a  
5 license to take the fee. Do you see any  
6 legal ramification as far as the county  
7 being held responsible for the fact that now  
8 we are going to be licensing this dog  
9 groomer?

10 MR. PODLESAK: No, I don't see  
11 any legal ramification.

12 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So  
13 this license comes with no absolute  
14 guarantee or anything else, it's just a fee?

15 MR. PODLESAK: I wouldn't say  
16 that, no.

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So  
18 what is the point of this license if there  
19 is absolutely no criteria?

20 MR. PODLESAK: It is a form of  
21 regulation that was deemed to be necessary.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: And  
23 the criteria is for Nassau County to say you  
24 are now a licensed dog groomer?

25 MR. PODLESAK: It does provide

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2 for regulations.

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I  
4 don't know, from what I'm hearing, and from  
5 what I've seen, we really don't have any  
6 straightforward rules and regulations for  
7 which they have to abide by, yet we are  
8 giving them a license.

9 I just think that for us to give  
10 a license it has to be clear as to what is  
11 expected and what rules are mandated.  
12 Otherwise it's just charging for nothing.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going  
14 to ask, I know it may be out of line, but,  
15 Mr. Podlesak, you say, would there be  
16 restrictions or guidelines for these  
17 grooming parlors?

18 MR. PODLESAK: The local law does  
19 provide for regulations to be issued by the  
20 Office of Consumer Affairs.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're  
22 telling me that there are guidelines and  
23 regulations that are --

24 MR. PODLESAK: I'm not telling  
25 you that there are. I'm telling you that



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2 there is a provision for it and everything  
3 is a work in progress.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: In other  
5 words, the Office of Consumer Affairs will  
6 be the ones to monitor that?

7 MR. PODLESAK: That's correct.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I think  
9 it's important that we see evidence of the  
10 fact that the Office of Consumer Affairs is  
11 going to provide the guidelines and the  
12 regulations that these grooming parlors must  
13 follow; am I correct to say that?

14 MR. PODLESAK: Yes, you are.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: All right.  
16 That's what I want to hear. I'm going to  
17 move on.

18 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Just one more  
19 point.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Just one  
21 more.

22 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: It's to your  
23 point, Presiding Officer.

24 Section 2133.2, Section 2(b) says  
25 that documentation demonstrating that the

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2 registrant has either received training in  
3 the field of pet grooming for at least 150  
4 hours, either as an apprentice or from a  
5 school or institution.

6 It says if training was received  
7 from a school or institution, that copies of  
8 such certificates, permits, diplomas,  
9 license or similar documentation must be  
10 included.

11 It seems as though if there was  
12 an apprenticeship, that there is no real  
13 significant documentation that's required,  
14 and it's not actually detailed if it needs  
15 to be -- if the person who provided the  
16 apprenticeship even has to provide their  
17 license or provide any records that details  
18 when the apprentice program took place, how  
19 they qualify for the 150 hours. It seems a  
20 little loose to me.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:

22 Mr. Podlesak, I think it's important that we  
23 follow-up on this concern because I'm  
24 thinking -- I don't know whether or not this  
25 is something that we can do, but, for

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2 example, hair salons, beauty salons, they  
3 need to display a certificate that they have  
4 gotten a license or whatever.

5 Is this something that the Office  
6 of Consumer Affairs would be doing? I  
7 really would like to see a little bit more.

8 You can understand there are  
9 questions on a number of these items and  
10 that's why we did not call them today.  
11 We're not just arbitrarily dismissing them.

12 Even the administration has asked  
13 that we go back and have an opportunity to  
14 review some of these.

15 But I really would like to know  
16 what role the Office of Consumer Affairs has  
17 in this. Okay?

18 MR. PODLESACK: Yes, ma'am.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.  
20 Motion to close the hearing.

21 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
24 Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator  
25 Ford. All those in favor of closing the

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2 hearing signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 Any opposed?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 The hearing is now closed.

7 I just would like to move on.

8 There's four items that we're going to be  
9 calling today and we are going to begin  
10 calling the first item.

11 Item 12, Ordinance 179, the  
12 legislative budget, and, Mr. Pulitzer,  
13 please read Item 12, Ordinance 179

14 MR. PULITZER: Thank you. An  
15 ordinance to adopt the budget for the County  
16 Legislature for the County of Nassau for the  
17 12 month 2017 fiscal year beginning January  
18 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017, and to  
19 appropriate revenues for said budget  
20 pursuant to the provisions of the County  
21 Government Law of Nassau County, the Nassau  
22 County Administrative Code, the Real  
23 Property Tax Law, the County Law, the Local  
24 Finance Law, the General Municipal Law of  
25 the State of New York and Chapter 14 of the

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2 laws of 1995.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Motion,  
4 please.

5 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
8 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator  
9 Nicolello. Any comments from the  
10 legislators? Legislator Curran.

11 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: I have a  
12 question for OMB, the legislative budget.

13 I'm wondering if anyone looked at  
14 the potential financial impact -- and this  
15 is a very global question, on the county  
16 economy with the budget? Including loss of  
17 sales tax, possible unemployment,  
18 foreclosures, that sort of thing. If there  
19 has been any kind of assessment as to the  
20 global impact that this budget will have on  
21 the county.

22 MS. D'ALLEVA: The global impact  
23 of the budget as it relates to the fees? Or  
24 the global impact -- when we put together --  
25 maybe I should answer the question this way.

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2 When we put together the budget,  
3 we looked at a lot of economic indicators to  
4 determine what we should include for a sales  
5 tax growth. Therefore we were trying to be  
6 very conservative in terms of how we think  
7 the economy is going to go within the  
8 county, and how that would perpetuate sales  
9 tax because sales tax is one of our  
10 predominant revenue sources. So the answer  
11 to that question is yes.

12 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: In terms of  
13 the fees, has that been looked at as well in  
14 terms of how that would affect the economy  
15 of the county potentially turning shoppers  
16 away from small businesses like we heard  
17 about earlier, businesses not being able to  
18 hire as many people, possibly closing down  
19 and losing sales tax.

20 MS. D'ALLEVA: What we did  
21 include is a decrease in the -- like  
22 altering driver behavior. So that we did  
23 impose, so we basically felt that in terms  
24 of infractions, our infractions, paid  
25 infractions would decrease by about 14

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2 percent.

3 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Just to  
4 follow-up on the -- I know this was in the  
5 previous thing, but to follow up on the tax  
6 assessment, I see that the -- how can I  
7 articulate this? I see that -- let me get  
8 my thoughts together and I will ask you in a  
9 little bit.

10 MS. D'ALLEVA: By the way,  
11 Legislator Curran, you are 100 percent.  
12 There are revenue producers in this county  
13 and, if we do cut one or two heads or  
14 whatever head count in terms of employees  
15 that produce revenue, it does have a  
16 concomitant effect.

17 Just for Consumer Affairs,  
18 basically they earn three times their  
19 revenue that they cost us.

20 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Thank you for  
21 that. While you were speaking, I remember  
22 what I wanted to ask you.

23 For the TARS, the tax assessment  
24 matter, this law provides that the  
25 assessment roll is the intellectual property

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2 of the county. How is that different from  
3 any other information that the county has or  
4 collects?

5 MR. PODLESACK: It always comes  
6 down to FOIL. When a request is made for  
7 documentation from the county, it is  
8 normally the case where the asker is asked  
9 if they are going to be using it for  
10 commercial purposes.

11 If they are using it for  
12 commercial purposes, it is not subject to  
13 FOIL. If they're using it for primarily  
14 personal services, it is subject to FOIL.

15 In this case, the rolls are  
16 uniformly requested by the tax cert industry  
17 and the tax cert bar has paying for it now  
18 for a number of years without any kind of  
19 actual law requiring it. This changes it.

20 It formalizes it and it makes  
21 certain that the tax cert industry is  
22 actually paying for something that they are  
23 intending to use to make money.

24 It previously had been somewhere  
25 around \$5,000. This is essentially doubling



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2 it.

3 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: So it  
4 basically comes down to whether it's  
5 FOILable or not?

6 MR. PODLESACK: Correct. It's  
7 FOILable if you just want to look at it and  
8 it doesn't change the fact that it will be  
9 published and any taxpayer can come in and  
10 look at the roll. It's just that the  
11 businesses who are making money off of it  
12 shall be paid for.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now, going  
14 back to Item 12, which is Ordinance 179,  
15 which is the legislative budget. It was  
16 read into the record and it was moved by  
17 Legislator Walker and seconded by Legislator  
18 Nicolello. I don't know, Legislator Curran,  
19 were your questions geared towards the  
20 legislative budget?

21 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: No. That was  
22 my mistake. And I didn't get a chance to  
23 ask it before so I thought I would slip it  
24 in now.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That's

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2 okay. No problem. There being no other  
3 comments regarding the legislative budget,  
4 all those in favor signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed? It's Item 179.

7 That's it. You don't have a salary now. No  
8 expenses. No raise. No nothing.

9 You want to go back? Ordinance  
10 179, stay focused, Item 12. All those in  
11 favor of Item 12, Ordinance 179 which is the  
12 legislative budget say aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 Any opposed?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 The legislative budget passes  
17 unanimously, not the county budget.

18 We're going to the next item  
19 which is the county budget which is  
20 Ordinance 177, pay attention, Item 10.  
21 Would you read it? It's Item 10.

22 Again, it's Item 10, Ordinance  
23 177. It's an ordinance to adopt the Nassau  
24 County budget for the 12 month 2017 fiscal  
25 year beginning January 1st, 2017 and ending

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2 December 31st, 2017.

3 Motion, please.

4 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by

7 Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator

8 MacKenzie. Any questions or comments

9 regarding this?

10 Now I need to enter into the  
11 record that the Legislature has proposed  
12 several amendments.

13 Most of the amendments are  
14 proposed by the administration and are known  
15 as technical amendments to correct minor  
16 errors in what was originally proposed.

17 In addition to the technical  
18 amendments of the administration, the  
19 majority delegation is proposing additional  
20 amendments.

21 The first one is eliminate the  
22 fee increase proposed on the per block fee  
23 for recording real estate documents;  
24 eliminate Board of Elections municipal  
25 reimbursement fees; eliminate alarm fee

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2 increases; eliminate cremation clearance fee  
3 in Medical Examiner's Office; reduce debt  
4 service budget; reduce expenses to match  
5 expected needs in the Social Services budget  
6 and reduce salary line by elimination of the  
7 vacant positions.

8 Motion, please.

9 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
12 Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator  
13 Dunne. All those in favor of the several  
14 amendments that were proposed and read into  
15 the record signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Any opposed? These are the  
18 amendments to eliminate certain fee  
19 increases. All those in favor signify by  
20 saying aye.

21 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I'm sorry,  
22 Presiding Officer, I have a question on the  
23 amendment.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You may go  
25 ahead.

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2 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I'm sorry. I  
3 would like some clarity on the social  
4 services reduction.

5 MS. D'ALLEVA: Approximately \$6.6  
6 million was reduced in appropriation for  
7 social service programs.

8 We basically feel that we've had  
9 some communication from New York State in  
10 terms of Medicaid and where we know the  
11 weekly local share of payments would be.

12 Right now I think they are  
13 proposing that it's going to stay stable, at  
14 the 2016 rate, we had anticipated in the  
15 proposed budget a higher amount.

16 So we now have, because of that  
17 August communication, actually it was a  
18 little later in September -- because of that  
19 communication in September, we were able to  
20 lower the appropriation level.

21 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Is this also a  
22 reduction based on the fact that we believe  
23 that there was going to be less services  
24 utilized under one program which was the  
25 TANF I believe and the SNAP and there was an

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2 increase in childcare and will we experience  
3 any shortfalls?

4 MS. D'ALLEVA: As far as  
5 childcare, no, we fully funded daycare  
6 anticipated at the higher levels.

7 The one portion of the decrease  
8 is strictly for Medicaid and that's what I  
9 was talking about in terms of the local  
10 weekly share payment.

11 Another anticipation is a lower  
12 appropriation for indigent care. Currently  
13 we've experienced the last four quarters  
14 lower payments for indigent care, therefore  
15 we're just now carrying that forward to 2017  
16 and that's based on experience, case loads  
17 for safety net are also trending lower. So  
18 we're bringing that down to the lower level  
19 in 2017.

20 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So there is no  
21 anticipation that we will turn anyone away  
22 from any services at Social Services based  
23 on this reduction in the budget?

24 MS. D'ALLEVA: No.

25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
3 Curran.

4 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Regarding the  
5 amendment for the Taxi and Limousine, I see  
6 that previously the County Attorney was  
7 going to find out about new fees, about .7  
8 million in fees for the TLC and I see that's  
9 gone now. Does that relate to Uber?

10 MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes.

11 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: And did the  
12 County Attorney look at it and come up with  
13 a decision about that?

14 MS. D'ALLEVA: No. It's  
15 currently still under review and performing  
16 further analysis on it. Gerry can speak to  
17 it, perhaps, but we didn't feel comfortable  
18 in including the fee because we didn't know  
19 at this point in time, there is still a lot  
20 of outstanding issues with licensing Uber.

21 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: It would be  
22 great to get some clarity because I know  
23 Legislator Solages, among others, has  
24 brought this up as a possible revenue source  
25 and I would love if the County Attorney can

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2 speak to us about this some time soon what  
3 his findings are if we can use this as a  
4 revenue source.

5 MS. D'ALLEVA: I agree. I pay  
6 enough Uber bills through my kids, believe  
7 me.

8 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Thank you.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority  
10 Leader.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you,  
12 Madam Presiding Officer. I don't have a  
13 question for Roseann.

14 My concern is that we are glad  
15 that the majority has proposed the reduction  
16 in elimination of many fee increases. Many  
17 we support. All of them we support. We're  
18 glad to see it.

19 We are again, now we are going to  
20 take the budget vote, we are going to  
21 request that there be an amendment to remove  
22 the \$105 fee to give the public and the  
23 folks that are here the assurance that this  
24 fee will not be in the budget and not come  
25 up in the shadows of the dark at some later



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2 date in November.

3 So, we kindly ask that this fee  
4 be removed and voted on today. Because it  
5 sounds like to me we can get unanimous  
6 support being that we've seen many of the  
7 fees be shot down just now.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: As you  
9 heard at the beginning of the hearing, that  
10 we are working for alternatives to the  
11 public safety fee.

12 Until we find those alternatives  
13 we're not going to include them in the  
14 elimination. I think we should do our due  
15 diligence and find a way to eliminate the  
16 public safety fee with coming up with  
17 alternatives.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So  
19 basically there's no guarantee that your  
20 side will vote against the public safety fee  
21 when it comes up, that's what it sounds like  
22 today?

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That's an  
24 incorrect assumption.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No, no. I

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2 said there is no guarantee that you will  
3 vote against the public safety fee when it  
4 comes up, that's true? There is a  
5 possibility that you may vote for the public  
6 safety fee.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That's an  
8 assumption.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Our side I  
10 can tell you folks we are guaranteed. That  
11 also said, we are not -- we are passing a  
12 budget according to Section 304 of the  
13 Charter that basically indicates that we  
14 need to pass a balanced budget. We are  
15 not doing that today so we are violating  
16 again, which seems to be the common theme  
17 here, we are violating our Charter.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And we  
19 will do that before the end of the year,  
20 provide a balanced budget.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But the  
22 budget is required to be passed today.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes. But  
24 that's okay but we still have the  
25 opportunity -- there is still revenues that

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2 we need to look into.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It's okay  
4 folks, you are in good hands.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you  
6 very much. Going back to the amendments  
7 that were put on the record.

8 All those in favor of the budget  
9 amendments signify by saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 Any opposed? It's on the  
12 amendments, the elimination of fees. I will  
13 do it again if you need to know but I don't  
14 think so. Four fees that we are eliminating  
15 and also making some reductions to the  
16 budget.

17 All those in favor of the  
18 proposed budget amendments signify by saying  
19 aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Any opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Fine. So the amendments pass  
24 unanimously.

25 Now, let's go to Item 10 which is

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2 Ordinance 177 as amended. As amended all  
3 right. All those in favor of the Ordinance  
4 177, which is the county budget as amended,  
5 signify by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 Any opposed?

8 (Nay.)

9 We have 11 to 6. It's 11 to 6.  
10 And we didn't get up and walk out. Birnbaum  
11 not here. We have five on the minority side  
12 here. I got the count right, 11 to 6. The  
13 budget passes 11 to 6.

14 Let me remind everyone. It is a  
15 work in progress and we intend to continue  
16 to find alternatives, especially to those of  
17 you who came here today regarding the public  
18 safety fee.

19 Now, let's move on. We have  
20 Calendar Number 11, Ordinance 178, I  
21 believe.

22 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Madam  
23 Presiding Officer.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Hold on.  
25 I know you have a statement, Legislator

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2 Solages.

3 We are now on 11, which is, I  
4 think I said it was the tax levy ordinance,  
5 and it's Ordinance 178.

6 I need a motion, please, to put  
7 it on the floor.

8 Motion, please.

9 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
12 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
13 Nicolello. It is now on the floor. I  
14 believe that Legislator Solages would like  
15 to read a statement into the record. I know  
16 he gave it to me.

17 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Yes. Thank  
18 you very much. Good afternoon to everyone.

19 As you may know, the Valley  
20 Stream community was hit with a very  
21 unreasonable tax whereby the IDA, Industrial  
22 Development Agency of the Town of Hempstead,  
23 approved a tax break for Green Acres Mall  
24 run by Macerich Corporation.

25 As you may have seen on the news,

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2 this has caused a lot of anger amongst the  
3 residents in Valley Stream. I understand  
4 that Legislator Gaylor represents also  
5 Valley Stream. I provided a copy of my  
6 statement to all of my colleagues here today  
7 before this statement.

8 The statement reads in part that  
9 the tax rates in this item are based in part  
10 on the aggregate assessed value of the  
11 taxable property on the tax roll.

12 So this item is directly affected  
13 by the decisions to grant tax exemptions  
14 such as the highly questionable decision by  
15 the Town of Hempstead IDA to grant an  
16 exemption to the Green Acres Mall property.

17 I believe the tax rates in this  
18 item are tainted by that decision and that  
19 this body should refuse to vote on this item  
20 until a further inquiry can be made by a new  
21 town board IDA into the property of the  
22 Green Acres PILOT agreement. Whether the  
23 exemption was legal under the IDA law and  
24 whether the PILOT was properly calculated.

25 Based on information and belief

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2 Fred Parol, the executive director of the  
3 IDA, had a conversation with the assessor,  
4 the county assessor, Mr. Davis, in which he  
5 stated I incorrectly calculated the tax. I  
6 forgot to add the school and general tax  
7 alone.

8 We all have seen many PILOTS, but  
9 this PILOT in particular has had such a  
10 devastating affect on the Valley Stream  
11 community that it begs the question, what  
12 happened there?

13 Obviously the supervisor of the  
14 Town of Hempstead Mr. Santito has made a  
15 statement saying that at the next town board  
16 meeting he plans to fire them. He would not  
17 have fired them if they did everything  
18 correctly.

19 In addition, I would like to  
20 please note that on September 26th, this  
21 body voted whether to approve the assessed  
22 value for all property in this county.

23 I abstained from that vote  
24 despite some individuals are saying that I  
25 voted for that. I abstained from that vote.

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2 Therefore, this vote that I will  
3 cast today -- I respectfully ask that this  
4 body not call this item for those reasons I  
5 mentioned.

6 If the exemption is granted then  
7 the tax rate is incorrect here. I ask to  
8 move to table this item.

9 I have reached out to my, again,  
10 my colleague in Valley Stream, Mr. Gaylor,  
11 and I implore Mr. Becker, his predecessor,  
12 who cares greatly for Valley Stream to  
13 please encourage this body to not call this  
14 vote.

15 Again, I apologize for my  
16 abrasive nature at time before with some of  
17 my colleagues here on certain issues. But  
18 I'm asking you respectfully. I fear that at  
19 a future date, because this body is going to  
20 miss the opportunity to undo something  
21 that's very wrong, we will have this room  
22 packed with Valley Stream residents who are  
23 very upset.

24 MacKenzie, again, I apologize,  
25 but I'm asking you respectfully, but I have



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2 to do this. Mr. Kopel, please, please, I  
3 just want to finish because this is very  
4 important to me. I personally will have to  
5 pay over \$1,500 extra.

6 So, again, I ask you please  
7 respectfully to not call the vote and I  
8 thank you Madam Presiding Officer for this  
9 opportunity to speak.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Hold on.  
11 I'm going have to do -- hold on the motion  
12 to table because Legislator Gaylor has a  
13 statement to make because I think he was at  
14 a meeting with you today.

15 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Thank you,  
16 Madam Presiding Officer. This impact, as  
17 Legislator Solages says, affects the Valley  
18 Stream community but that's kind of  
19 incorrect. It affects larger than the  
20 Valley Stream community. As the school  
21 districts that are affected spill over into  
22 Lynbrook, Malverne, North Valley Stream,  
23 South Franklin Square. So it's a larger  
24 issue.

25 So I share the concerns that

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2 Legislator Solages has. I'm tempered though  
3 by the fact that if this piece of  
4 legislation doesn't vote today and pass, the  
5 effect that it may have on the other school  
6 districts.

7 So I guess the question I have  
8 for whomever is here that may be able to  
9 answer it, if this were to pass today, can I  
10 come back and have it amended as it relates  
11 to the school districts in Valley Stream  
12 that spill over into the rest of my  
13 district?

14 But, can we come back and amend  
15 it to have a carve out for them or claw back  
16 provision?

17 MS. D'ALLEVA: Well, the tax  
18 levies get actually repassed in December, at  
19 the end of December, and that is due because  
20 the towns haven't passed their budgets.

21 So once the towns pass their  
22 budgets, then we actually recalculate  
23 everything. As long as we know what their  
24 revenue requirement is, then we have to fold  
25 that into the ordinance. So this tax levy

1                   Full Legislature/10-31-16  
2   ordinance comes before you again in  
3   December.

4                   CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Which  
5   means it can be amended?

6                   MR. PODLESACK:   Yes, it can be  
7   amended.

8                   LEGISLATOR GAYLOR:   Okay.   Just  
9   so I'm clear, should the town IDA, existing  
10   board or new board once there is an  
11   appointment of a new board, assuming there  
12   is, or a court of law would determine that  
13   the PILOT program for Green Acres didn't  
14   afford the residents due process or for  
15   whatever reason and they invalidate it, I  
16   can come back with an amendment to this tax  
17   roll to get the money back?

18                   MS. D'ALLEVA:   What happens is it  
19   changes the rates, right?   So if the  
20   assessed value goes up the rates go down.  
21   So, therefore, our revenue requirement is  
22   fulfilled and the town's revenue requirement  
23   is fulfilled.   So that's what happens.

24                   LEGISLATOR GAYLOR:   But I'm  
25   specifically asking, can we carve out

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2 something that would adjust the rate for the  
3 school districts that are affected here or  
4 is this a county wide rate?

5 MS. D'ALLEVA: These are county  
6 wide -- assessed values are redone -- I  
7 mean, the assessed value is redone for the  
8 county rate in December again.

9 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Right, but,  
10 again, I just want to know specifically, can  
11 it be amended just for those three or four  
12 school districts that are affected by the  
13 Green Acres PILOT program?

14 MS. D'ALLEVA: No.

15 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: That's the  
16 question I'm trying to ask.

17 MS. D'ALLEVA: No. The rates are  
18 redone globally when it comes to the end of  
19 the year in December.

20 MR. PODLESACK: Just to clarify,  
21 legislator. It's not a question of a carve  
22 out. It would be for the entire county and  
23 any school district that has been affected,  
24 the villages and the Town of Hempstead.  
25 Everybody would be affected by the change

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2 you're talking about so there would be no  
3 need for a carve out as you put it.  
4 Everybody would be affected.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
6 MacKenzie.

7 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Sorry. I  
8 get ahead of myself sometimes. So just to  
9 clarify, if we vote on this today, and  
10 between now and December, when it comes back  
11 again, the PILOT agreement is invalidated  
12 and an adjustment is made to the rolls to  
13 take that into consideration, that vote in  
14 December would take into consideration the  
15 changes made by the invalidation of the  
16 PILOT program?

17 MS. D'ALLEVA: So, let me. I  
18 don't really actually know about this PILOT  
19 agreement. Let me specify that.

20 The question is, is this PILOT  
21 agreement, this impacts both county and town  
22 revenue and school?

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And  
24 special districts, Roseann.

25 MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes, it's yes, and

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2   special districts. So the assessed values  
3   are set and if the PILOT was given the  
4   assessed value it was diminished at that  
5   time. So the rates would have to be  
6   adjusted.

7                   I don't know if the assessment  
8   department can increase the assessed values  
9   that are currently on the roll. I'm not 100  
10   percent sure about that.

11                  LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Obviously we  
12   don't know too much about this. I'm asking  
13   respectfully that we table this, Mr.  
14   Muscarella, please.

15                  In addition, can we please have  
16   Mr. Jim Davis please come here. Because the  
17   executive director of the IDA mentioned to  
18   Mr. Davis that he messed up his calculation.  
19   Why should we justify the tax rolls if we  
20   know they're incorrect?

21                  CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Listen,  
22   you made a motion to table. I need a  
23   second.

24                  LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm proud  
25   to second but I just have some questions,

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2 but they're not Roseann and not for counsel.  
3 They would be for Mr. Davis and they're  
4 regarding the DAF charge, and if I can just  
5 get my questions on the record, so that the  
6 next time they're here.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Sure. Go  
8 ahead.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Like I said  
10 before, they're related to the DAF charge.  
11 It appears that the DAF charge was not  
12 included in the Fall 2016 school tax bills;  
13 is that correct, is my understanding  
14 correct? I don't know if you can answer  
15 this Roseann, but I was really going to  
16 point them to Mr. Davis, but he's not here  
17 today.

18 MS. D'ALLEVA: The DAF charge is  
19 on the bill but the DAF charge will be on  
20 the January general wide county bill.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So that  
22 answers my next question. The next question  
23 that I have is, has anyone assessed the DAF  
24 charge impact and the revenue that the  
25 schools will receive in any way?

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2 MS. D'ALLEVA: No.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No one has  
4 done that. Is that planned to be done?

5 MS. D'ALLEVA: The DAF charge  
6 will not interfere with what the revenue  
7 requirement for the school districts is.

8 They have given us their revenue  
9 requirement and it's already calculated.

10 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: But it  
11 does affect the rates?

12 MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes, it does  
13 affect the rates.

14 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: When  
15 you're talking about the income that they  
16 make, the income stays the same?

17 MS. D'ALLEVA: Right.

18 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: But if  
19 the assessed value of the property of the  
20 Green Acres property then goes up, then the  
21 tax rates go down for the school district,  
22 the tax rates go down for the town, and the  
23 tax rates go down for the county.

24 MS. D'ALLEVA: That's right.

25 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: The



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2     county would be a very small portion that  
3     the would go down, but it affects everyone.  
4     The school district rates would affect those  
5     within the school district. So they would  
6     go down a greater percentage because the  
7     school monies is only accumulated from the  
8     school district itself.

9                   LEGISLATOR SOLAGES:   Mr.  
10    Muscarella, you have been a lawyer longer  
11    than I, so what does that mean?

12                  LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA:   That  
13    basically means that we are going to come  
14    back here, and if it changes we have a  
15    second opportunity to change the assessed  
16    values and that will affect the school  
17    district rates greatly, which would then  
18    change the school taxes for residential  
19    properties substantially.

20                  CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   We have a  
21    simple question here.   Legislator Nicoletto.

22                  LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:   I don't  
23    know if you can answer this, what is the  
24    affect if we don't pass this?   What happens  
25    if we don't pass the tax levy?

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2 MS. D'ALLEVA: You don't have a  
3 balanced budget. The tax levy basically is  
4 the main -- it's 27 percent of the revenue  
5 that is associated --

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: It has to  
7 be passed today?

8 MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes.

9 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I'm trying  
10 to work with you. Says who?

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I wish the  
12 woman back there stops shouting out please.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Where does  
14 that come from, Roseann?

15 MS. D'ALLEVA: I believe it's a  
16 Charter requirement.

17 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: A Charter  
18 requirement that we pass a balanced budget.  
19 We said here today we're not going to do  
20 that anyway.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Hold on.  
22 Today's vote is not the end of this item,  
23 correct?

24 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Then, let's  
25 table it.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Are we  
3 coming back again?

4 MS. D'ALLEVA: Well, are coming  
5 back again for the tax levies in December  
6 once we get the town requirements for their  
7 levies, but the assessed value is final.  
8 The roll is final. The tax bills for the  
9 schools have already gone out for the first  
10 half.

11 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Once the  
12 town figure out the situation, we have to  
13 amend this item anyway, so what's the rush?  
14 Let's just wait and table this.

15 MS. D'ALLEVA: The levy  
16 requirement for the county has to pass  
17 today. It's required by Charter. In terms  
18 of the assessed value for the roll, the roll  
19 is final already.

20 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: The roll is  
21 incorrect. Please bring the assessor here.  
22 The roll is incorrect.

23 MS. D'ALLEVA: They would have  
24 to -- who? It's presumed correct. They  
25 would have to basically contest the rolls.

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2 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Presumptions  
3 are assumptions.

4 MS. D'ALLEVA: But then they  
5 would be in a tax refund status.

6 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: With all due  
7 respect, I don't know if your responses are  
8 certain, and I just want to err on the side  
9 of caution and I want to ask that this item  
10 is respectfully tabled.

11 MR. BECKER: Legislator Solages,  
12 I'm very familiar with this and it's  
13 impacting us everywhere and I agree with you  
14 100 percent.

15 Madam Chair, I'm sorry, at  
16 present from what I read and understand,  
17 Legislator Solages, currently the assessed  
18 and the PILOTS have all been set and agreed  
19 to as I understand -- and let me finish, I'm  
20 fully on board with you on this, it's  
21 devastating. And as I said, those Lynbrook  
22 residents are dramatically impacted by this,  
23 as my colleague, Legislator Gaylor has  
24 suggested, and widespread and a real  
25 problem.

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2 The only thing is, at the present  
3 time we have to hope that the PILOT is put  
4 aside and that has to come to some agreement  
5 by an IDA or a new IDA. That's really in  
6 doubt at this particular point, and once  
7 again, I don't see how -- maybe there is  
8 something -- let's say for example the PILOT  
9 reevaluated, and the assessed valuation goes  
10 back up for Green Acres, at that particular  
11 point I'm wondering if you can have a tax  
12 certiorari case against the county  
13 unfortunately.

14 Right now it's in place unless  
15 somehow the current Chairman Fred Parola can  
16 get the Green Acres to go back on the PILOT.  
17 That's only an if right now.

18 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I do not  
19 want to entertain any questions as to  
20 whether or not we have jurisdiction upon the  
21 IDA. Obviously we do not. I am only  
22 focusing on our jurisdiction and our powers.  
23 Right now as a body we have the power to  
24 approve or disapprove this tax roll and I'm  
25 asking my colleagues to please not approve

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2 this tax roll.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I need a  
4 second to the motion to table.

5 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: I second the  
6 motion, Madam Presiding Officer.

7 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.  
8 Bipartisan.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: There's no  
10 discussion on a motion to table. You all  
11 know that. So now all those in favor of  
12 tabling item I believe 11, signify by saying  
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Any opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 I'm sorry.

18 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: A motion to  
19 reconsider respectfully. Mr. Dunne, I ask  
20 you respectfully do not vote on this item.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I know how  
22 near and dear this is to you.

23 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Presiding  
24 Officer, I will smile at you every day,  
25 please.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You have  
3 to continue smiling. Now the motion to  
4 table failed. Now we are going to move on  
5 to the item.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Can I say  
7 one thing? Respectfully, Frannie, you are  
8 doing a great job since you're doing this  
9 and we appreciate all your service, but this  
10 room should be filled with people from the  
11 administration. That's not a reflection on  
12 you, but it's our budget. The assessor  
13 should be available.

14 Again, Fran, don't take this  
15 personally because I think you've done an  
16 outstanding job. So don't take it  
17 personally.

18 MR. BECKER: I understand  
19 completely.

20 MS. D'ALLEVA: The assessed  
21 values are set. The tax bills for the  
22 schools have gone out. The assessed value  
23 can't be changed.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going  
25 to move on.

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2 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: I already paid  
3 my school tax.

4 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: The assessed  
5 value is incorrect. Mr. Davis knew that.  
6 We should just ask him to come here.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Let's go.  
8 The motion to table has failed.

9 MS. D'ALLEVA: We can't change  
10 the assessed value. The roll is final.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Roseann,  
12 Item 11, the tax levy item, there is an  
13 amendment in the nature of a substitution.  
14 That is the fact that we have passed  
15 amendments to the budget and I believe that  
16 they need to be incorporated into this item.  
17 A motion for an amendment in the nature of a  
18 substitution.

19 MR. BECKER: Madam Chair, can I  
20 clarify one thing?

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No.

22 MR. BECKER: This is important  
23 though.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: If it was  
25 important it would have been five minutes



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2 ago. What took you so long?

3 MR. BECKER: This is important.

4 I just want to say to you, you can delay the  
5 vote. It's a Charter requirement to have  
6 the vote, but it's without penalty. Just  
7 thought I would let you know, that's all.  
8 There is no penalty I think that's important  
9 to know.

10 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you,  
11 Mr. Becker. Valley Stream is very proud of  
12 you. Thank you very much.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I am going  
14 to take five minutes to recess. We are  
15 still in discussion on the item.

16 (Whereupon, the Full Legislative  
17 Committee recessed at 4:03 p.m. and  
18 reconvened at 4:44 p.m.)

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Listen, we  
20 are still in discussion on the item, and I  
21 know, by the way, the item was amended due  
22 to the amendments that we passed.

23 I asked for a motion to amend the  
24 item in the nature of a substitution. I  
25 don't know if we did have it. I have no

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2 idea. I don't know if we did.

3 I'm asking now for an amendment  
4 in the nature of a substitution that would  
5 include all the amendments that we offered  
6 today.

7 Motion, please.

8 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
11 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
12 Kennedy. A motion has been made to offer an  
13 amendment in the nature of a substitution  
14 and it was moved by Legislator Dunne,  
15 seconded by Legislator Kennedy.

16 All those in favor of the  
17 amendment in the nature of a substitution  
18 signify by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 All those opposed?

21 (Nay.)

22 Four nos and ten ayes.

23 By the way, do I have ten votes  
24 here? A no for you. We have some questions  
25 that we're asking. The amendment in the

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2 nature of a substitution passes 11 to 4.

3 Now, we have some questions that  
4 we need to ask. I believe Legislator  
5 Muscarella is going to ask the first one and  
6 I'm going to ask the second one.

7 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: You have  
8 heard the concerns of Legislator Solages and  
9 Legislator Gaylor with respect to an IDA  
10 grant with respect to the Green Acres  
11 Shopping Center which provided a PILOT or  
12 exemption to Green Acres Shopping Center.

13 On this item, what affect does  
14 this item have on the exemption? Or what  
15 affect would the exemption have on our  
16 passing this item with respect to school tax  
17 bills which are out?

18 MR. PODLESACK: There would be no  
19 effect. The bills are as you said out. The  
20 levies have been set. Everything has gone  
21 out so there would be no effect.

22 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: If in  
23 fact the IDA or the town sues the IDA and  
24 the IDA rescinds the exemption, and some  
25 time in the future those properties are

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2     found to be incorrectly assessed, how would  
3     there be any remedy to the taxpayers of the  
4     county and, more specifically, within the  
5     school district if it turns out the ID was  
6     wrong?

7                   MR. PODLESAK:   Well, if it is  
8     deemed to be invalid, the property would go  
9     back onto the tax roll, and the tax payers  
10    would be seeing relief the following year  
11    when the property is ultimately restored to  
12    the roll again.

13                  But that would also include  
14    amounts for 2017.   So in 2018 there would be  
15    relief but it would also include amounts for  
16    2017.

17                  LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA:   Am I  
18    correct to state that it wouldn't be in the  
19    nature of a tax certiorari.   It wouldn't be  
20    a restoration in the nature of the county  
21    paying back all of the incorrectly paid  
22    monies?

23                  Let me say it this way:   The  
24    school district will get their full amount  
25    regardless of who it's from.   The town gets

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2 their full amount, the county gets the full  
3 amount.

4 If it turns out that the  
5 proportions were incorrect in the future, am  
6 I right to say that in the future tax bills,  
7 the residents would see a relief for the  
8 credit that they overpaid and Green Acres  
9 Shopping Mall would pay an additional amount  
10 for the monies that they didn't pay but  
11 should have paid?

12 MR. PODLESACK: They would be part  
13 of the tax base again at that point. There  
14 would be relief through the mechanism of  
15 omitted property and there would be benefits  
16 for the taxpayers in 2018, for 2017 and  
17 2018.

18 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So if we  
19 pass this today or we don't pass this today,  
20 it has no effect basically on the school tax  
21 bill that's been paid by the residents of  
22 the Valley Stream school districts?

23 MR. PODLESACK: That's correct.

24 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Okay. I  
25 don't have any other questions right now.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I have two  
3 or three more questions, Legislator Solages.

4 What is the effect of not passing  
5 this levy today?

6 MR. PODLESACK: It doesn't have  
7 any effect on the schools. As it's already  
8 been mentioned, the bills and warrants have  
9 already gone out.

10 But there is a Charter  
11 requirement that requires the budget and the  
12 tax levy to be passed by the 30th of  
13 October. Today being the day after Sunday.

14 It does need to be passed today.  
15 If it's not, then we would not have a tax  
16 levy for 2017 and we would find ourselves in  
17 an exigency situation where the levy would  
18 be -- effectively the levy for 2016 would be  
19 reissued.

20 However, that is something that  
21 can be corrected going forward.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Can it be  
23 delayed at this point?

24 MR. PODLESACK: No. It should not  
25 be delayed. The law requires it.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I want to  
3 make you happy. Legislator Solages.

4 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you  
5 very much, Presiding Officer, and thank you  
6 to Legislator Muscarella for those  
7 questions.

8 So by passing this in essence  
9 today, residents of Malverne, Oceanside,  
10 Valley Stream, Franklin Square, for 2017 and  
11 2018, would have to pay anywhere between  
12 750, 1,000 or \$1,500 extra; is that correct?

13 MR. PODLESACK: It has absolutely  
14 no effect on any of the school taxes at this  
15 point. As far as 2018 is concerned, that's  
16 just speculation at this point. We don't  
17 know how anything is going to be playing  
18 out.

19 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: So even if  
20 we have assessor here, and he confirmed the  
21 statements that I made before in which we  
22 know of an error, an error by which possibly  
23 the supervisor of the Town of Hempstead is  
24 choosing to eliminate that board, if there  
25 is an error, in essence, today, we are

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2 pretty much justifying that error or voting  
3 for this even knowing there is an error?

4 MR. PODLESAK: I wouldn't say  
5 we're justifying it, it's more of a  
6 situation where it's separate and apart from  
7 what is going on in the school districts.

8 As much as we would like to help  
9 the taxpayers in the school districts  
10 affected, no vote today by this Legislature  
11 will have any effect.

12 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: But, again,  
13 the intent of this motion is not, again,  
14 based on the intended effect. The effect of  
15 this is more so to make sure we are voting  
16 on true and accurate information. I'm  
17 hearing different advice here, different  
18 statements being made here. I have no way  
19 of knowing if these tax rolls are correct.

20 So, again, I was and so was  
21 Legislator Gaylor, we were at many meetings  
22 before and even members of the IDA showed  
23 expressions on their face or said statements  
24 that indicated they didn't really know how  
25 this deal got done.



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2 A major national corporation in  
3 essence getting a tax grievance, \$2 million  
4 off of the value of their property.

5 What the town IDA in essence did  
6 here was they provided a tax grievance to  
7 the mall.

8 Again, I truly believe and that's  
9 why I abstained from the vote on September  
10 26th, I truly believe that, again, the  
11 assessed values that we're looking at on the  
12 tax roll are not correct.

13 If we had diligent investigators,  
14 we should not vote for this. I respect and  
15 appreciate the time and consideration the  
16 majority gave upon this issue, it shows that  
17 you are taking it seriously.

18 Now I know why Legislator Ford  
19 stood against that IDA development in Long  
20 Beach, and going forward I'm cautioning all  
21 IDA programs even further. I know I'm  
22 putting myself on the spot by saying that.

23 But, again, this IDA program was  
24 incorrectly done which is why the supervisor  
25 of the Town of Hempstead has taken necessary

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2       steps, not all the necessary steps, and, in  
3       essence by us, passing this tax roll, and us  
4       saying there is no issue with this mall  
5       being classified as a home. Have you seen  
6       how big that mall is? It's on the tax roll  
7       at the same level as a home.

8                   By voting, my colleagues in  
9       government, please, by voting for this,  
10      you're saying that you see nothing wrong  
11      with that. I see everything wrong with  
12      that.

13                  So, I encourage you, I implore  
14      you respectfully to please do the right  
15      thing. It's never too late to do the right  
16      thing. I don't care that the tax bills have  
17      been printed. So what. We'll spend more  
18      money on paper. We do that all the time  
19      here. So what. It is never too late to do  
20      the right thing. Please.

21                  All I'm asking is that we err on  
22      the side of caution. The assessor of this  
23      county, Mr. Davis, maybe because he's not  
24      elected, he doesn't feel the need to show  
25      up, but, please, we are begging for the

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2 assessor here to ask him a question.

3 If I ask him that question and he  
4 gives me a fair answer, then I will go along  
5 with voting for this. But I cannot vote for  
6 this knowing that there are significant and  
7 material issues of fact within this PILOT  
8 program. Thank you.

9 I move to table the amended item  
10 until we get a written County Attorney  
11 opinion. I need a written opinion.

12 As fellow attorneys, please, I  
13 know you can understand and appreciate that.  
14 A written opinion. I hear you say one  
15 thing, say another thing, I see you get in a  
16 fight with Fran Becker. I don't know what's  
17 going on here.

18 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: I'm going to  
19 second that motion.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We already  
21 voted to table. There is a motion to table  
22 the item as amended. I have to use that  
23 term because we didn't use it before. All  
24 those in favor of tabling the ordinance as  
25 amended please signify by saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 Any opposed?

4 (Nay.)

5 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Can we have  
6 a roll call vote?

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You want a  
8 roll call. Go right ahead.

9 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Because I  
10 want the residents of Malverne, Lynbrook,  
11 Oceanside, Valley Stream, and Franklin  
12 Square to know who voted against doing the  
13 right thing. Roll call vote please.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Presiding  
15 officer said okay. Goes through the chair.

16 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: We're going  
17 to pack this room, the same way I did with  
18 the casino. We're going to pack this room.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: He asked  
20 for a roll call on the tabling of this item  
21 which failed. Let's go.

22 CLERK PULITZER: Deputy Presiding  
23 Officer Richard Nicoletto?

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: No.

25 CLERK PULITZER: Alternate Deputy

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2 Presiding Officer Howard Kopel?  
3 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: His  
4 district. He's not here.  
5 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Siela  
6 Bynoe?  
7 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Yes.  
8 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
9 Carrie Solages?  
10 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Yes.  
11 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
12 Denise Ford?  
13 LEGISLATOR FORD: No.  
14 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura  
15 Curran?  
16 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Yes.  
17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator C.  
18 William Gaylor III?  
19 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Yes.  
20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
21 Vincent Muscarella?  
22 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: No.  
23 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Ellen  
24 Birnbaum?  
25 (No verbal response.)

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Delia  
3 DeRiggi-Whitton?  
4 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Yes.  
5 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James  
6 Kennedy?  
7 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: No.  
8 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura  
9 Schaefer?  
10 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: No.  
11 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
12 Dennis Dunne, Sr.?  
13 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: No.  
14 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
15 Rosemarie Walker?  
16 LEGISLATOR WALKER: No.  
17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
18 Donald MacKenzie?  
19 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: No.  
20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
21 Steven Rhoads?  
22 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: No.  
23 CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader  
24 Kevan Abrahams? Absent.  
25 (No verbal response.)

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Presiding Officer  
3 Norma Gonsalves?

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No.

5 CLERK PULITZER: We have a  
6 motion.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: The motion  
8 to table has been defeated by ten to five.

9 Now for the item as amended which  
10 is Item 11, the tax levy ordinance,  
11 Ordinance 178.

12 All those in favor of the item as  
13 amended signify by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Any opposed?

16 (Nay.)

17 The item passes --

18 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Presiding  
19 Officer, I understand that this will not be  
20 formally on the record if you don't do a  
21 final roll call vote of the vote.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: It's on  
23 the record.

24 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Can we do a  
25 roll call vote?

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: If it  
3 makes you happy.

4 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Yes, please,  
5 thank you.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:  
7 Mr. Pulitzer, he could do his job.

8 CLERK PULITZER: Deputy Presiding  
9 Officer Richard Nicolello?

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Yes.

11 CLERK PULITZER: Mr. Kopel is  
12 absent.

13 (No verbal response.)

14 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Siela  
15 Bynoe?

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: No.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
18 Carrie Solages?

19 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: No.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
21 Denise Ford?

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: Yes.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura  
24 Curran?

25 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: No.



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2 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator C.  
3 William Gaylor III?  
4 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: No.  
5 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
6 Vincent Muscarella?  
7 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Yes.  
8 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Ellen  
9 Birnbaum is absent.  
10 (No verbal response.)  
11 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Delia  
12 DeRiggi-Whitton?  
13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: No.  
14 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James  
15 Kennedy?  
16 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Yes.  
17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura  
18 Schaefer?  
19 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Yes.  
20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
21 Dennis Dunne, Sr.?  
22 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Yes.  
23 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
24 Rosemarie Walker?  
25 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Yes.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

3 Donald MacKenzie?

4 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Yes.

5 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

6 Steven Rhoads?

7 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Yes.

8 CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader

9 Kevan Abrahams? Absent.

10 (No verbal response.)

11 CLERK PULITZER: Presiding Officer

12 Norma Gonsalves?

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes. The  
14 item passes I believe ten to five.

15 We have one more item which is  
16 Item 14, Resolution 179, which is to adopt  
17 the multiyear financial plan for fiscal  
18 years 2017 to 2020 which as required by  
19 Section 310 of the County Government Law of  
20 Nassau County and all financial policies  
21 included therein.

22 Motion, please.

23 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

24 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by

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2 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
3 Walker. Any questions or comments regarding  
4 this resolution?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Guess what? I'm going to ask for  
7 a motion to amend in the nature of a  
8 substitution for clerk item and to include  
9 an Appendix A to modify the multiyear plan  
10 for fiscal years 2017 to 2020.

11 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
14 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
15 Schaefer. All those in favor of the  
16 amendment in the nature of a substitution  
17 signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 Any opposed?

20 (Nay.)

21 We have 11 to 4. Hold on. The  
22 Resolution 179 as amended passes 10 to 5.

23 Now we have to vote on the  
24 amendment, the item as amended. All those  
25 in favor of Resolution 179 as amended

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2 signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 Any opposed?

5 (Nay.)

6 Again, it's 10 to 5. The  
7 amendment in the nature of a substitution  
8 passed 10 to 5. The resolution as amended  
9 also passes 10 to 5.

10 Anyone who is interested and  
11 concerned, put it this way, I'm going to  
12 recess this meeting. This meeting is now  
13 recessed and we will move forward.

14 (Whereupon, the Full Legislative  
15 Committee recessed at 5:07 p.m.)

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FULL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
(Reconvened from 10-31-16)

NORMA GONSALVES,  
Presiding Officer

1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York

Monday, November 21, 2016  
4:06 P.M.

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2     A P P E A R A N C E S:

3     NORMA GONSALVES, Presiding Officer

4     RICHARD NICOLELLO,  
5         Deputy Presiding Officer6     HOWARD KOPEL,  
7         Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer

8     STEVEN RHOADS

9     DENISE FORD

10    LAURA CURRAN

11    C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III

12    VINCENT MUSCARELLA

13    ELLEN BIRNBAUM

14    LAURA SCHAEFER

15    DONALD MACKENZIE

16    KEVAN ABRAHAMS,  
17         Minority Leader

18    ROSE MARIE WALKER

19    DENNIS DUNNE

20    ARNOLD DRUCKER

21    JAMES KENNEDY

22    DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

23    CARRIE SOLAGES

24    SIELA BYNOE

25    MICHAEL PULITZER,  
      Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We are  
3 reconvening the October 31st, 2016  
4 Legislative meeting.

5 The first item is Item 2, Clerk  
6 Item 393-16, a hearing on proposed local law  
7 to amend the Nassau County Administrative  
8 Code, the miscellaneous laws of Nassau  
9 County in regards to fees payable to the  
10 county agencies and department.

11 Motion to open the hearing.

12 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
15 Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator  
16 Nicolello. All those in favor of opening  
17 the hearing, signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 Any opposed?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 The hearing is now open. Who do  
22 we have to speak on this item?

23 These are across the board fees.

24 MR. PODLESACK: Gerald Podlesak,  
25 Deputy County Attorney. The local law

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2       removes the fee amounts from the various  
3       parts of the Administrative Code and the  
4       miscellaneous law and invests the  
5       Legislature with the authority to set the  
6       fees by ordinance.

7                   CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Legislator  
8       Nicolello.

9                   LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:   Why are we  
10      doing this again?

11                  MR. PODLESACK:   It will make it  
12      simpler in the future to amend if they have  
13      to be amended, rather than actually going  
14      through the rigamarole of changing the  
15      Administrative Code and having to republish  
16      it showing a different fee.   So it's an  
17      administrative convenience.

18                  LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:   Still has  
19      to be action by the Legislature?

20                  MR. PODLESACK:   Absolutely.   There  
21      are in fact certain fees where the  
22      Legislature has delegated authority to set  
23      the fees, but that is not contained within  
24      this legislation.

25                  LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:   Thank you.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
3 Ford.

4 LEGISLATOR FORD: In this  
5 legislation, this local law, we're just  
6 changing the way that we would raise the  
7 fees, but we're not raising any fees or  
8 putting any amounts in with this law; is  
9 that correct?

10 MR. PODLESAK: That's correct.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other  
12 comments or questions from the legislators?

13 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Presiding  
14 Officer, I have a question.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
16 Solages.

17 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you so  
18 much, Presiding Officer. I'm just confused.  
19 I have a procedural question.

20 Is this as of today's date or are  
21 we continuing the previous meeting?

22 MR. PODLESAK: That's for them to  
23 tell you.

24 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: This would  
25 be the continuation of the October 31st

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2   meeting?

3                   CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Yes.

4                   LEGISLATOR SOLAGES:   For all  
5   intents and purposes, if we are looking at  
6   this in the future, it seems as if, from the  
7   record, this was done before the recent  
8   election?

9                   CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Yes, if  
10   you want to look at it that way, yes.

11                  LEGISLATOR SOLAGES:   But, in  
12   reality, it wasn't before the election, it  
13   was really after the election.   Thank you.

14                  CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Any other  
15   comments or questions from the legislators?

16                               (No verbal response.)

17                               Is there any public comment?

18                               (No verbal response.)

19                  CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Legislator  
20   Solages, just to clarify the effective date  
21   for this legislation is January 2nd, 2017.  
22   Even though we are doing it today, and it  
23   really is a reconvening of October 31st, so  
24   we are moving that way.

25                  LEGISLATOR SOLAGES:   Thank you.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other  
3 comments or questions?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 Is there any public comment?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 There being none, all those in  
8 favor of closing the hearing on Item 2,  
9 Clerk Item 393 signify by saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 Any opposed?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 The hearing is closed.

14 Clerk Item 396, a hearing on  
15 proposed local law to amend the  
16 Administrative Code of Nassau County to  
17 penalties on delinquent taxes.

18 Motion to open the hearing.

19 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
22 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator  
23 MacKenzie. All those in favor of opening  
24 the hearing, signify by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 Any opposed?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 The hearing is now open.

5 Talk to us.

6 MR. PODLESAK: Gerald Podlesak  
7 again. This legislation simply raises the  
8 amount of the delinquency fee from five  
9 percent to six percent.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Not on  
11 school taxes?

12 MR. PODLESAK: This is on taxes  
13 that have been returned to the county after  
14 they have been through the receiver of taxes  
15 that had been returned as delinquent.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any  
17 questions regarding this item?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 Is there any public comment?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 There being none, all those in  
22 favor of closing the hearing signify by  
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Any opposed?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 The closing is now closed.

4 Moving on to number four, Clerk  
5 Item 397-16, a hearing on proposed local  
6 law, amending title B, Article 2 of Chapter  
7 5 of the Administrative Code of Nassau  
8 County.

9 Motion to open the hearing.

10 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
13 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator  
14 Schaefer. All those in favor of opening the  
15 hearing signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Any opposed?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 Who's talking on this one? This  
20 is in regard to the tax liens. I believe  
21 this is the one that can be sold online; am  
22 I correct? Are we ready?

23 MR. PODLESACK: This is the tax  
24 lien modernization legislation. This would  
25 make it simpler to sell tax liens by

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2       allowing it to be sold online.

3           CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Any  
4       questions of Mr. Podlesak?

5           (No verbal response.)

6           Is there any public comment?

7           (No verbal response.)

8           There being none, all those in  
9       favor of closing the hearing signify by  
10      saying aye.

11          (Aye.)

12          Any opposed?

13          (No verbal response.)

14          The hearing is now closed.

15          Let's go on to the next item.

16       It's Item 5, Clerk Item 398, a hearing on  
17       proposed local law to amend the Nassau  
18       County Administrative Code in relation to  
19       providing greater protection to Nassau  
20       County consumers.

21               Motion to open the hearing,  
22       please.

23           LEGISLATOR WALKER:   So moved.

24           LEGISLATOR KOPEL:   Second.

25           CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Moved by



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2       Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator  
3       Kopel. All those in favor of opening the  
4       hearing signify by saying aye.

5                       (Aye.)

6                       Any opposed?

7                       (No verbal response.)

8                       The hearing is now open. I guess  
9       you're going to talk on this one.

10                      MR. PODLESACK: I guess I am.  
11       This local law addresses three areas, tax  
12       certiorari representatives, pet groomers,  
13       and the health clubs.

14                      CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any  
15       questions of Mr. Podlesack? Legislator  
16       Bynoe.

17                      LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Good evening.

18                      MR. PODLESACK: Good evening.

19                      LEGISLATOR BYNOE: When you were  
20       last here before this body regarding this  
21       particular item, I addressed concerns that I  
22       had for the tax assessment reduction  
23       services. And that some of the initial  
24       components of that ordinance were stripped  
25       out and the ordinance was then amended and

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2 reintroduced.

3                   It took out what I would consider  
4 to be the protections. We call this for  
5 greater protection of Nassau County  
6 consumers, but, yet, one of the industries  
7 to which we all have gotten complaints from  
8 our constituents regarding maybe abuses in  
9 that particular industry, I find it  
10 deplorable that we would be pulling out  
11 elements of this ordinance that would  
12 actually protect them.

13                   Number one. We pulled out the  
14 requirement to maintain a list of businesses  
15 that would be free to the public and  
16 maintained by the Consumer Affairs  
17 department.

18                   In addition, the tax assessment  
19 reduction service business owners would not  
20 be required to provide any legal  
21 documentation regarding the corporate  
22 existence and the names and identities of  
23 the principals of those entities and  
24 legitimize them.

25                   In addition to that, the licensed

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2       applicant would not have any requirement to  
3       disclose whether or not they've been  
4       convicted of any crimes within the last ten  
5       years.

6           In addition to that, they would  
7       not have to reveal whether they had any tax  
8       liens or judgments or warrants, unpaid child  
9       support and things of that nature.

10           This is a financial service that  
11       they are providing, and if they are in fact  
12       delinquent or not in good faith providing  
13       financial services to their children and the  
14       like or have liens and judgments, I think  
15       that that in fact creates an opportunity for  
16       one to become tempted to draw outside the  
17       lines.

18           I think it's really a disservice  
19       to the consumers of Nassau County to have  
20       stripped this out of the bill.

21           I made that clear when you were  
22       here the last time and you reasoned that it  
23       was pulled out because of logistics. I, at  
24       that time, gave you a couple of suggestions  
25       as to how I thought we could remedy your

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2       issues of logistics. I don't see any  
3       efforts were made to do that.

4           And this comes before us again a  
5       very watered down bill. I've sent a letter  
6       to every member of this body requesting that  
7       we not support this one in its current form.  
8       I have not heard that there was any  
9       amendments, any modifications, or that this  
10      item was in fact under review.

11           I would like to offer on to the  
12      record the letter that was sent to this body  
13      and I also would like to suggest that we  
14      table this item because, again, it's another  
15      bill similar to the water bill that we just  
16      voted on earlier, that fails to really get  
17      to the intent of the services or of the  
18      bill.

19           I think that it falls short and,  
20      I thought the water bill fell short, in this  
21      particular bill, it doesn't even fall short.  
22      It's intended not to provide a service.

23           And I'm not sure why we would  
24      have had it in there, and then pull it out.  
25      It leads me to kind of think that something

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2       else is going on here.

3                   But, at the end of the day, the  
4       consumers should not be the ones to pay for  
5       that. I would actually like to call for a  
6       motion to table the item.

7                   LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Second.

8                   CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
9       Bynoe, it's a hearing. Sorry.

10                  LEGISLATOR BYNOE: When we get to  
11       the item, sorry.

12                  CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
13       Bynoe, did you get anything from anybody?

14                  LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I did not. I  
15       was just told that maybe what we should do  
16       is recess the hearing and have an  
17       opportunity to have this hearing reopened  
18       when there has been some considerations to  
19       this particular element and component of the  
20       bill.

21                  LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Motion to  
22       recess the hearing.

23                  LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Second.

24                  CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: There  
25       isn't a motion. I'm sorry. I think this

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2     item has to come up as a separate item and  
3     at that particular time that's probably the  
4     time when you would be able to table it.  
5     But, as far as this is concerned, I think we  
6     have to move on with the hearing.

7           LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Presiding  
8     Officer, wouldn't we want to recess the  
9     hearing just for the fact that we would want  
10    to have an opportunity when amended for this  
11    whole body to have the opportunity to ask  
12    the questions and vet the bill again?

13          CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: If we move  
14    forward on this, it doesn't preclude the  
15    fact that we can not address some of the  
16    issues that you have brought up and make  
17    sure that they are addressed. I know you're  
18    not satisfied with that answer.

19          LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I'm not. How  
20    can we even consider a bill that doesn't  
21    require an entity that provides financial  
22    services to our residents to require that  
23    they legitimize their business, that  
24    requires that they disclose whether there is  
25    any convictions, but we would require that

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2   of a pet groomer? I'm a pet owner and I  
3   want to make sure my pet is safe too, so I'm  
4   not saying that a criminal record for a pet  
5   groomer may not be of consideration.

6           I would say that somebody who is  
7   dealing with my property, the single most  
8   important and highest revenue resource that  
9   I have, would be legitimate, would not be --  
10   have any felonies, and it would be on a list  
11   that the Consumer Affairs Department could  
12   provide to me that I have some comfort level  
13   to know.

14           That's something that we should  
15   all want to know. I don't see why this  
16   would be lost on the majority at all. I'm  
17   really confused with that.

18           CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:  
19   Mr. Podlesak, can you respond to Legislator  
20   Bynoe's concerns?

21           MR. PODLESAK: The answer I gave  
22   at the committee meetings remains the same.  
23   The thinking is that we should go forward at  
24   this point, regulations would be something  
25   that can be accomplished in the future.

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2 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: But why?

3 Explain why, please. Because it was in the  
4 bill initially and then they amended the  
5 item and submitted it without those  
6 protections. So please explain to me why we  
7 did that.

8 MR. PODLESACK: It was a judgement  
9 call that this was something that should be  
10 accomplished at this point, rather than to  
11 pull the entire legislation that at this  
12 point having this greater amount of consumer  
13 protection was better than not having this  
14 greater amount of consumer protection.

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: It wasn't  
16 beneficial to have that level?

17 MR. PODLESACK: It was not thought  
18 that it would be possible to implement it,  
19 no.

20 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: It wouldn't be  
21 possible to --

22 MR. PODLESACK: Implement the  
23 entire original language of the legislation.

24 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: This is really  
25 perplexing to me. Why do we think we could



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2       achieve it for pet groomers and the like,  
3       but we don't think we can achieve that for  
4       tax assessment entities.

5                   So one of the suggestions that I  
6       had given you was to then, if you didn't  
7       think you could achieve it in its first two  
8       months of life, then we could maybe say  
9       within six months or in four months they had  
10      to provide that information or their license  
11      would be revoked.

12                  Why can't we even, in some way,  
13      in a broader sense, figure out a way how to  
14      get this done? I think stripping the  
15      protections out and talking about some time  
16      in the future adding them back in is really  
17      just not something that is even feasible or  
18      that would even occur. I'm really at a loss  
19      as to why we don't think we could even  
20      achieve even that.

21                  MR. PODLESAK: The thinking was  
22      is that the industry is involving the pet  
23      groomers and health clubs were simpler  
24      industries in order to regulate.

25                  It was thought that the tax

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2       certiorari representatives were a more  
3       difficult industry.

4                   And, believe me, legislator,  
5       there is nothing in the future that prevents  
6       the amount of protections to be increased.

7                   LEGISLATOR BYNOE:   So what  
8       compounds my issue with this, as I make my  
9       way through the county, and I visit  
10      different departments and meet with  
11      different department heads, I went out to  
12      Consumer Affairs some time ago.

13                  I asked her pointedly, what are  
14      the complaints?   What are the number one  
15      type of complaints that your office is  
16      fielding?   One of them was the tax  
17      assessment industry.

18                  So I'm really confused.   Since  
19      that was one of the number one issues.   I  
20      didn't hear her say pet groomers.   I didn't  
21      hear her say health clubs.   I heard her say  
22      tax assessment entities.

23                  So why we would be here at this  
24      point stripping out something that even the  
25      Consumer Affairs department has actually

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2       identified as being one of the number one  
3       issues, it's not the right thing. This is  
4       not right for our constituents. It's wrong.  
5       It's wrong.

6           I really am imploring that this  
7       body consider tabling this item and not  
8       moving it forward.

9           I think it's an injustice to our  
10      residents and I think far too long they have  
11      been preyed on by these particular  
12      individuals in this industry. It's time for  
13      us to take a stand against it.

14           CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Before I  
15      call on Minority Leader --

16           LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Just one other  
17      question. So we know that the pet groomers  
18      came here and they were opposed to the  
19      ordinance. I don't remember whether there  
20      were any health clubs that were here, but I  
21      know I didn't hear from anyone, I don't  
22      believe I did, from the tax assessment  
23      industry.

24           Were you contacted from them?  
25      Was there a contact made by the tax

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2 assessment entities or industry directly to  
3 administration?

4 MR. PODLESACK: I have no idea. I  
5 had no contact with them.

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: That's  
7 interesting. The one entity -- we didn't  
8 hear any objections for the one that's  
9 getting the waiver. There's something wrong  
10 with this.

11 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I have a  
12 question.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Go ahead.  
14 Legislator Drucker, you get to get your name  
15 on the record.

16 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Sir, I have  
17 a question on access to the tax roll.

18 MR. PODLESACK: Yes, sir.

19 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: As a lawyer,  
20 I'm more interested in this, what section of  
21 the FOIL statute allows the county to  
22 condition access to copies of public records  
23 upon the execution of an affidavit?

24 MR. PODLESACK: The thinking on  
25 that is that it cannot be used for

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2 commercial purposes and that the county is  
3 entitled to have proof that it is not being  
4 used for commercial properties.

5 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I understand  
6 the intent but where is the authority?

7 MR. PODLESAK: In FOIL?

8 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Yes.

9 MR. PODLESAK: We don't need it  
10 in FOIL. We have it in the local law.

11 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: The state  
12 statue will prevail?

13 MR. PODLESAK: The state would  
14 not be in conflict.

15 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: By requiring  
16 something additional that the state law does  
17 not require?

18 MR. PODLESAK: That's right. It  
19 would not be in conflict.

20 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Has the  
21 county sought and received an opinion from  
22 the committee on open government stating  
23 that the proposed condition is legal under  
24 FOIL?

25 MR. PODLESAK: We saw no need to

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2       do so.

3                   LEGISLATOR DRUCKER:    Thank you.

4                   CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Legislator  
5       Nicolello.

6                   LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:   Legislator  
7       Bynoe has some very good points.   The  
8       administration I don't think has adequately  
9       explained to this point why they took this  
10      material out.

11                  However I believe that it's  
12      included to allow this to go forward, for  
13      myself, to myself to allow this to go  
14      forward.

15                  However, we, as a Legislature,  
16      can amend this in the very near future to  
17      put those items back in.

18                  I think I would be inclined to  
19      vote for something like that in the very  
20      near future unless the administration can  
21      tell us why we can't do that.

22                  Again, my position is to go  
23      forward today, but in the next couple of  
24      months, next several months, if there is no  
25      further action on the part of the

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2       administration, we'll take the initiative to  
3       put those items forward and then the  
4       administration will have to tell us why we  
5       can't do that.

6                   CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Legislator  
7       Bynoe.

8                   LEGISLATOR BYNOE:   Is the  
9       majority committing to placing that type of  
10      ordinance into existence by creating a bill?

11                   CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   I don't  
12      think we have a problem with it, Legislator  
13      Bynoe.   It could be done before the end of  
14      the year because we have a month to do it.  
15      Is there any objection to putting in those  
16      clauses that were there and are not there  
17      now?   I don't see any objection from the  
18      majority, Legislator Bynoe.

19                   So we will just move it forward  
20      and then have to amend it, in December some  
21      time hopefully.   As fast as we can do it we  
22      will do it.

23                   If they don't come forward, guess  
24      what, then we will have to take action  
25      ourselves.   Okay?

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2                   You made good points, Legislator  
3   Bynoe, and we're not going to ignore it. I  
4   just don't understand why it was removed.

5                   Hopefully they can rectify it and  
6   put them back and, if not, guess what -- if  
7   they have a legitimate reason, and I think  
8   Mr. Podlesak was trying to say that  
9   sometimes it's not that easy to get some of  
10   this information legitimately, if I'm not  
11   mistaken, but if it raises concern on our  
12   behalf, then we need to act. So don't worry  
13   about it.

14                  Now, who else? Anybody else over  
15   here? Minority Leader Kevan Abrahams.

16                  LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you.  
17   I don't have a question for Gerry, but being  
18   that we are discussing fees, I did want to  
19   bring up the Comptroller. He's here, and I  
20   wanted to ask his opinion.

21                  Obviously there were some  
22   comments about his response to the  
23   Legislature in regards to some of the ideas  
24   he proposed around the budget process. I'm  
25   curious to know what his thoughts are being



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2       that this is an item that is tied into  
3       increases.

4                       So, through the chair, I would  
5       like to bring up the Comptroller.  
6       Comptroller Maragos.

7                       CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Yes, he  
8       may come up.   How's that?   Be ready.

9                       COMPTROLLER MARAGOS:   Thank you.  
10      Good afternoon.   Let me say that first I  
11      hold this body, the Legislature, with the  
12      highest respect and esteem.

13                      So when I earlier heard that the  
14      comptroller's office and myself personally  
15      failed to respond to the Legislature on  
16      their inquiries with regard to ideas,  
17      suggestions, for detailed plans for  
18      balancing the budget, and the Comptroller's  
19      Office did not respond, I believe the word  
20      that was used nada, was heard back I have to  
21      come over and clear the record because there  
22      was various communications, multiple  
23      communications, both by letter and e-mails,  
24      responding to the inquiries of this body.

25                      Actually, the last e-mail was

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2       sent by myself to various individuals in the  
3       Legislature, and that was the last  
4       correspondence. And, actually, it was the  
5       Comptroller's Office that did not hear back  
6       from the various individuals that the last  
7       email and letter was addressed to.

8           The bottom line, I believe and  
9       the Comptroller's Office believes that the  
10      best, simplest, and most clear and  
11      definitive way to balance the budget is to  
12      first look inward and challenge every  
13      department to reduce expenses by 2.5  
14      percent. Rather than look outward towards  
15      our residents and put the burden on them to  
16      provide more revenue through fines and  
17      administrative fees to balance this budget.

18           That continues to be our  
19      recommendation. I'm happy to take any  
20      further questions with regard to it.

21           I strongly urge you, it would be  
22      a lot simpler, much more effective, and  
23      there's nothing more clear and detailed than  
24      asking every commissioner to reduce their  
25      budgets by 2.5 percent. Thank you.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
3 Solages.

4 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Presiding  
5 Officer?

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
7 Solages.

8 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I'm confused.  
9 Based on what the Comptroller is saying, he  
10 provided a detailed explanation of a plan to  
11 save money thereby avoiding the worst with  
12 NIFA.

13 But, from what I recall before,  
14 said by the majority and by yours truly, the  
15 Presiding Officer, there was not a detailed  
16 explanation.

17 If the Comptroller went through  
18 the great pain of providing a detailed  
19 explanation, I just think that we should go  
20 into the merits rather than it having serve  
21 as a reason to delay over the election and  
22 having a different set of plans. Was there  
23 a detailed explanation or not?

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator  
25 Nicolello and then Legislator Rhoads and

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2       then me.

3                   LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:   The answer  
4       is, I think he just gave his detailed  
5       explanation.   That's it.   That 2.5 percent  
6       number he came up with.

7                   There's been no evaluation, it  
8       doesn't require layoffs, can we do layoffs,  
9       what's the cost of termination.   No  
10      evaluation of are we cutting out positions  
11      that are federally funded.   No evaluations  
12      of, are we cutting out positions that  
13      collect revenue for the county.

14                  So it was just simply, what he  
15      said now, cut 2.5 percent, which, in my  
16      opinion, purely a political position.   It's  
17      a nice one to take because it's a popular  
18      one.   But we have to do details and some of  
19      us have been here for a while and have gone  
20      through issues, days in which we did make  
21      cuts and all those are issues that come up.  
22      It's not an easy answer.   It's complicated,  
23      people are involved.

24                  CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Legislator  
25      Rhoads.

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2                   LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I mean, the  
3   real issue, Comptroller Maragos, is what  
4   Deputy Presiding Officer Nicolello stated,  
5   it seems to be rather overly simplistic to  
6   simply say that we can impose an across the  
7   board two half percent cut, especially since  
8   within the budget we're actually talking  
9   about increases in mandated costs, how are  
10   we going to address that?

11                   So the issue becomes, when you  
12   take pension and benefit costs, for example,  
13   which were anticipated to go up by nine  
14   percent year over year, if you are doing a  
15   two and a half percent cut within those  
16   areas, you're not talking about a two and a  
17   half percent cut, because we still have to  
18   makeup the nine percent that pension and  
19   benefit costs increase.

20                   We have to make up the increase  
21   that we have in terms of contract raises  
22   that are due to our employees as a result of  
23   collective bargaining agreements.

24                   So in some departments, two and a  
25   half percent isn't two and a half percent.

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2       It wouldn't make up the difference between  
3       that -- your two and a half percent may wind  
4       up having to be six, seven, eight percent.

5           I guess what we asked for,  
6       because the plan that you offered today is  
7       the same plan that was offered at the time  
8       of our budget vote on October 31st.

9           We had asked for some specific  
10       detail as to how you would accomplish that  
11       number and how you would address the many  
12       concerns that Deputy Presiding Officer  
13       Nicolello just raised. We didn't receive  
14       any response to that.

15           So, in the absence of that, what  
16       choice do we have but to go forward with our  
17       own plan?

18           COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Can we at  
19       least agree that the number 2.5 percent is  
20       clear, precise, and detailed? Even the  
21       number is not precise, 2.5 is not precise?  
22       Is the number precise, detailed and clear?  
23       I would like to think it is.

24           LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Well, tell  
25       us, how did you arrive at that number of

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2 2.5?

3 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Is the  
4 number 2.5 --

5 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: I'll make  
6 one up, I'll say 5. How about that? Can we  
7 do 5, can we do 10?

8 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: No, no.

9 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Can you  
10 give us any reasoning behind the number 2.5  
11 other than pulling it out of the sky?

12 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Can we  
13 agree that the number, 2.5, is precise,  
14 clear and detailed?

15 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: No. It's  
16 completely abstract. Without any analysis,  
17 it means nothing.

18 Can you address the concerns of  
19 Deputy Majority Leader Nicoletto, have you  
20 performed any of those analyses to actual  
21 departments, actual numbers, actual people  
22 that might get laid off, actual areas to cut  
23 other than to just come up here with a made  
24 up number of 2.5?

25 COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: I'm happy

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2       to move on to address that if we can all  
3       agree, and if we don't agree, I'll move on.  
4       But I believe 2.5 percent is very precise  
5       and very clear and very detailed.

6                   Now we can talk about how we can  
7       achieve it. Would you like to have some  
8       ideas?

9                   LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: That was  
10      the whole idea behind last time was for you  
11      to give us the ideas. That was the whole  
12      reason you did that, right? You said you  
13      were going to have specifics.

14                  The last time we were here we did  
15      the same thing. We said, pie in the sky,  
16      2.5, 3, whatever number you want to make.

17                  COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: It's not  
18      pie in the sky.

19                  LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Well, give  
20      us specifics then. That's what we're asking  
21      for.

22                  COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: The first  
23      principal of management, sir, is  
24      accountability, okay? Each commissioner  
25      should be able to manage their departments



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2       within certain expectations. You're not  
3       going to be take the place of the sheriff.  
4       You're not going to take the place of the IT  
5       commissioner. But the principle of  
6       management is to challenge them, to  
7       introduce efficiencies in their operations,  
8       year over year. Not for you to give them a  
9       free pass. Come to you and say, we need  
10      more and more and more money and your answer  
11      is to simply go back to the taxpayers and  
12      say give me more, give me more, give me  
13      more. That is non management. That's why  
14      we have the situation that we have.

15                   I suggested, furthermore, which  
16      was completely overlooked that we appoint a  
17      task force. In 30 days to get the  
18      commissioners so we can wrestle and find the  
19      efficiencies and challenge them and nobody  
20      took us up on it.

21                   From a management perspective,  
22      it's management 101. Challenge your  
23      commissioners to introduce efficiencies, and  
24      if they can't do it, get other people who  
25      will do it. Rather than for you to be

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2   sitting up there and defending the  
3   inefficiencies and their waste that we have  
4   in government.

5                   LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: I would  
6   take offense actually to your saying that I  
7   am defending inefficiency.

8                   What we are asking for is the  
9   same thing that we asked for last time, for  
10   you to give us specifics as to expenditures  
11   you can cut. I will give you the  
12   opportunity. Pick a department that you  
13   have analyzed.

14                   COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: I will give  
15   you an example. We're doing an analysis on  
16   overtime now. You realize that some police  
17   officers earning overtime up to \$175,000,  
18   much more than their base salary? And you  
19   have, not one, but many of those? Who's  
20   holding those officers accountable? Who is  
21   hold Armor in providing health services  
22   accountable, for the quality of services  
23   that they provide? And the lack of  
24   penalties in the invoices that they do not  
25   include and subtract from the monthly

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2       payments?

3                   LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:    With  
4       respect to the overtime issue, you  
5       understand we have collective bargaining  
6       agreements, right, that those collective  
7       bargaining agreements have certain  
8       requirements and, as much as the police  
9       department and the county would like to  
10      bring overtime down, to take certain  
11      actions, you understand that we would not be  
12      able to do that by law.   It's easy to say  
13      let's --

14                  COMPTROLLER MARAGOS:   But it's  
15      fine to look at it from a 50,000 foot level.  
16      But let me give you another statistic to put  
17      into perspective.   The average overtime of  
18      individual officers is about \$25,000.  
19      \$25,000.

20                  So you have about 50 officers  
21      that are earning more than their base pay.  
22      What are those practices?   Maybe those  
23      practices should be looked at, and see if we  
24      can do better.

25                  LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:   That's a

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2       good point. You have been the Comptroller  
3       for seven years, and the overtime has been a  
4       tremendous expense. It's been a tremendous  
5       expense in this budget. What have you  
6       advised the administration as to how to  
7       bring the overtime down? How are they going  
8       to get around the union rules?

9           COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Every year  
10       we have been advising them to bring it down.  
11       Two years ago --

12           LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Give us  
13       specifics.

14           COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Two years  
15       ago we issued our report on police  
16       management weaknesses and what could be done  
17       to better improve management and overtime  
18       and to bring it down. As well as 11 other  
19       very specific recommendations in that report  
20       that was simply filed away.

21           That is the responsibility of the  
22       Legislature and the County Executive to  
23       hopefully read a lot of those audits that we  
24       all spend a lot of time, effort and money to  
25       benefit the taxpayers, but it seems to go to

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2       waste. The reports are simply filed and not  
3       even read.

4           LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I don't  
5       think that report was simply filed. I think  
6       there was very comprehensive responses to  
7       why you were being completely unrealistic  
8       and not understanding of what the procedures  
9       were.

10           Let's take Social Services. Have  
11       you analyzed the Social Services Department  
12       and show us where, as a good manager, we can  
13       cut 2.5 percent without taking away things  
14       like child protective services?

15           COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: Well,  
16       they've already been cut by one percent, as  
17       opposed to other departments that have  
18       budget increases of four to 20 percent. How  
19       is that justifiable compared to some of the  
20       other mandated costs --

21           LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Where else  
22       are you going to cut in Social Services? I  
23       mean, you have a number, 2.5 percent.

24           COMPTROLLER MARAGOS: I'm sure if  
25       we sit down with the commissioner, I'm sure

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2       we can easily find another one percent cut.

3                   LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:   Easily  
4       find a one percent cut?

5                   COMPTROLLER MARAGOS:   Absolutely.  
6       I'm confident that I can.   I've done it in  
7       large organizations.   I would hope and I  
8       would recommend that this Legislature acting  
9       as the board of directors to be more  
10      challenging as they are of me, and that's  
11      fine, I accept that, of the commissioners  
12      and the administrations to find efficiencies  
13      and cost savings and ways that we all see in  
14      government.   I'm sure we are not operating  
15      100 percent efficiently.   I don't think  
16      anybody believes that here.

17                  CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Okay.  
18      Thank you very much.   Let's move on.

19                  Legislator Bynoe, were you  
20      satisfied with the response regarding this  
21      tax assessment reduction of services, and  
22      that we would come back and make sure the  
23      concerns that you had addressed will be  
24      incorporated as well, were you satisfied?

25                  LEGISLATOR BYNOE:   Yes.

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2                   CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And there  
3 was a commitment on the part of the  
4 legislators, all right? Okay. We listen  
5 when we have to listen. I'm glad we do.

6                   Any other comments regarding the  
7 hearing on the proposed local law Clerk Item  
8 398?

9                   (No verbal response.)

10                  Is there any public comment?

11                  (No verbal response.)

12                  There being none, a motion to  
13 close the hearing.

14                  LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

15                  LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

16                  CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
17 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator  
18 Schaefer. All those in favor of closing the  
19 hearing signify by saying aye.

20                  (Aye.)

21                  Any opposed?

22                  (No verbal response.)

23                  The hearing is now closed.

24                  Moving on to Item 6, it's in the  
25 nature of a substitution. Item 6, a local

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2   law to amend the Nassau County  
3   Administrative Code and the miscellaneous  
4   laws in Nassau County in regards to fees  
5   payable to county agencies and departments.

6           Motion, please.

7           LEGISLATOR DUNNE:   So moved.

8           LEGISLATOR FORD:   Second.

9           CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Moved by  
10   Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
11   Ford.

12           I believe there is an amendment  
13   being offered in the nature of a  
14   substitution and the amendment was filed  
15   November 14, 2016 at 5:45 P.M. and it  
16   excludes parking tickets from the public  
17   safety fee.

18           In other words, non moving  
19   violations are excluded from the public  
20   safety fee.

21           Motion, please.

22           LEGISLATOR DUNNE:   So moved.

23           LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE:   Second.

24           CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Moved by  
25   Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator



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2       MacKenzie. All those in favor of the  
3       amendment in the nature of a substitution  
4       which excludes the parking fee from the  
5       public safety from the non moving  
6       violations, signify by saying aye.

7                   (Aye.)

8                   Any opposed?

9                   (Nay.)

10                  So we 7 nays and 12 ayes. So the  
11       amendment in the nature of a substitution  
12       passes.

13                  Now, the item as amended, which  
14       is Item 6, a proposed local law which was  
15       just amended in the nature of a  
16       substitution, or Clerk Item 393, all those  
17       in favor of the law as amended, signify by  
18       saying aye.

19                  (Aye.)

20                  Any opposed?

21                  (Nay.)

22                  We have 12 to 7. So the item  
23       passes 12 to 7.

24                  Moving on to the next item which  
25       is Item 7, Clerk Item 396, and the item is

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2       also going to require an amendment in the  
3       nature of a substitution.

4           But the item itself is a local  
5       law to amend the Administrative Code of  
6       Nassau County in relation to penalties on  
7       delinquent taxes.

8           Motion, please.

9           LEGISLATOR WALKER:   So moved.

10          LEGISLATOR FORD:    Second.

11          CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Moved by  
12       Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator  
13       Ford.   Now there is an amendment in the  
14       nature of a substitution and that amendment  
15       is as reads:   This amendment adds an  
16       effective date and a SEQRA determination and  
17       the effective date.

18          Motion to accept the amendment in  
19       the nature of a substitution.

20          Motion, please.

21          LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:   So moved.

22          LEGISLATOR DUNNE:    Second.

23          CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES:   Moved by  
24       Legislator Nicolello, seconded by Legislator  
25       Dunne.   All those in favor of the amendment

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2       in the nature of a substitution signify by  
3       saying aye.

4                   (Aye.)

5                   Any opposed?

6                   (Nay.)

7                   The amendment in the nature of a  
8       substitution passes 12 to 7.

9                   Now for the item as amended.

10       It's Item 7, I believe, a local law to amend  
11       the Administrative Code of Nassau County in  
12       relation to penalties on delinquent taxes.  
13       All those in favor of the local law as  
14       amended, signify by saying aye.

15                   (Aye.)

16                   Any opposed?

17                   (Nay.)

18                   The item passes 12 to 7.

19                   Moving along. The next item is  
20       Item 8, Clerk Item 397, a proposed local  
21       law, I believe it's Number 8, a local law  
22       amending Title B, Article 2 of Chapter 5 of  
23       the Administrative Code of Nassau County.

24                   I need a motion.

25                   LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So moved.

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2 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
4 Legislator Nicoletto, seconded by Legislator  
5 Kopel. Any questions or comments regarding  
6 the local law?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Is there any public comment?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 There being none, all those in  
11 favor of Item 8 signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 Any opposed?

14 (Nay.)

15 The item passes 12 to 7.

16 The next item is Item 9, Local  
17 Law 398, which is a law to amend the Nassau  
18 County Administrative Code in relation to  
19 providing greater protections to Nassau  
20 County consumers.

21 Motion, please.

22 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
25 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator

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2       Schaefer. We also have offering an  
3       amendment in the nature of a substitution  
4       which is, there are several corrections in  
5       Section 1, 3 and 4 of the local law designed  
6       to clarify and to make more uniform with  
7       existing parts of the Administrative Code.

8           Motion for the amendment in the  
9       nature of a substitution, please.

10           LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

11           LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

12           CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
13       Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator  
14       Kennedy. All those in favor of the  
15       amendment in the nature of a substitution  
16       signify by saying aye.

17           (Aye.)

18           Any opposed?

19           (Nay.)

20           The amendment in the nature of a  
21       substitution passes 12 to 7.

22           Now for the item as amended, all  
23       those in favor of Item Number 9 signify by  
24       saying aye.

25           (Aye.)

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2 Any opposed?

3 (Nay.)

4 The item passes 12 to 7.

5 The last item is Item 13,  
6 Ordinance 180, an ordinance establishing a  
7 fee schedule for county services for various  
8 county departments.

9 Motion, please.

10 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
13 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator  
14 MacKenzie. Any comments or questions  
15 regarding Ordinance 180 or Item 13?

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If I may,  
17 Madam Presiding Officer, I want to read a  
18 statement into the record.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority  
20 Leader Kevan Abrahams.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you.  
22 First, I would like to incorporate some of  
23 the debate or discussion from the hearing  
24 incorporated into the legislative meeting as  
25 well, but I just want to make sure that it's

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2       clear, we heard from the taxpayers of this  
3       county.

4           My members as well as the  
5       Legislative Democratic Minority, and we  
6       continue to be against these taxes and fees  
7       that are driving families out of Nassau.  
8       For all these fees they are truly unfair and  
9       burdensome taxes.

10           What's even more clear, it's  
11       being called a so-called public safety fee  
12       which, in reality, is nothing but an illegal  
13       motorist tax as it's been documented by  
14       Triple A as well as our counsel as per the  
15       Comptroller D'Napoli's report.

16           The majority keeps saying to us  
17       they are coming to us for solutions. But  
18       the reality is, we've been filing for  
19       solutions for the last three years and not  
20       even had the decency of a hearing to vent  
21       them.

22           We came up with the idea of an  
23       Independent Inspector General, one, as per  
24       Madeline Singas, the DA of the county,  
25       identifies would root out waste fraud and

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2    abuse in this county. Would root out  
3    contracts that are costing this county  
4    dearly.

5                   However, forgetting about the  
6    fact that this item hasn't even been called,  
7    this item hasn't even had a hearing to vent  
8    it.

9                   The county is being run by a  
10   co-con-secrecy and, unfortunately, what  
11   would add light to that process is an  
12   Independent Inspector General.

13                   Unfortunately, this  
14   administration, and with my colleagues to  
15   the right, continue to resist this  
16   transparency and reform in light of the  
17   fiscal problems that we currently have in  
18   this county.

19                   At this time our caucus again  
20   will reject the \$55 fee, even though it's a  
21   reduction and it's half the cost. It's not  
22   half as bad because you're reducing the cost  
23   by half. It's still bad. It's bad for  
24   Nassau County taxpayers, bad for the  
25   motorists, and it's bad for the county to be



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2       budgeted in this fiscal manner. Thank you.

3           CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now, the  
4       item, Item 13, also has an amendment in the  
5       nature of a substitution. I believe there  
6       was a motion. I need to get the amendment  
7       in the nature of a substitution.

8           LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

9           LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

10          CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I believe  
11       Dennis Dunne made the motion and seconded by  
12       MacKenzie, I believe.

13          Now there is an amendment in the  
14       nature of a substitution which does just  
15       that, it reduces the public safety fee from  
16       105 to 55.

17          I need a vote on the amendment  
18       and then you can speak.

19          A motion on the amendment in the  
20       nature of a substitution which reduces the  
21       public safety fee from 105 to 55. It's been  
22       moved. All those in favor of the amendment  
23       in the nature of a substitution signify by  
24       saying aye.

25                   (Aye.)

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2 Any opposed?

3 (Nay.)

4 The amendment in the nature of a  
5 substitution passes 11 to 8. Now,  
6 Legislator Rhoads.

7 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you,  
8 Madam Presiding Officer.

9 Just as a brief, I guess,  
10 response to the Minority Leader's comment.

11 There is no question that Nassau  
12 County faces some significant budget  
13 challenges. There is also no question that  
14 we need the active help and participation of  
15 all 19 legislators in order for us to meet  
16 those challenges.

17 I know that there has been a push  
18 for an Independent Inspector General.  
19 These, actually, calls for reform are  
20 certainly not something that is new to  
21 Nassau County.

22 In 2006, Citizen Action New York  
23 reported that then County Executive Tom  
24 Suozzi handed out over \$100 million in  
25 contracts to companies that contribution

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2       nearly \$200,000 to his campaign in just his  
3       first term.

4           That 77 percent of no bid  
5       contracts he awarded were finalized within  
6       90 days of the company's contribution to his  
7       campaign.

8           It was separately reported in the  
9       New York Times that in 2003 alone, that \$177  
10      million in tax breaks and incentives were  
11      given to six companies that had made over  
12      \$67,000 in donations to Democrats including  
13      the County Executive.

14          At that time it was also reported  
15      that lawyers and consultants hired by a  
16      county agency through no-bid contracts had  
17      contributed another \$85,000 to Democratic  
18      campaigns.

19          In fact, under County Executive  
20      Suozzi, the County Legislature wasn't even  
21      notified, much less consulted when the  
22      administration entered into contracts for  
23      less than \$25,000.

24          A Republican legislature at that  
25      time that in the minority, many of which are

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2       still here, called for reform, but those  
3       calls fell on deaf ears.

4           While we recognize the issues  
5       that are going on with the county system  
6       today, the calls for reform here have not  
7       fallen on deaf ears. In fact, we have  
8       passed a comprehensive series of reforms  
9       which have included new disclosure  
10      requirements for lobbyists, for vendors, and  
11      for consultants.

12           We have required detailed  
13      business histories for those seeking to do  
14      business with Nassau County. We passed new  
15      disclosure requirements for political  
16      contributions by individuals and  
17      corporations seeking to do business with the  
18      county accompanied by affidavits attesting  
19      that no contributions were made with the  
20      expectation of a governmental benefit.

21           We have dropped the threshold for  
22      review of contracts by the Legislature's  
23      Rules Committee from \$25,000 down to \$1,000.

24           We've hired a director of  
25      procurement compliance to ensure that the

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2       processes are being followed with respect to  
3       each of the more than 4,000 contracts that  
4       Nassau County enters into every single year.

5           Additionally, we have  
6       strengthened the position of Commissioner of  
7       Investigations which will have a staff and  
8       subpoena power to conduct investigations  
9       into any contract, governmental official,  
10      individual or vendor doing business with  
11      Nassau County, and to refer any potential  
12      violation of law to the Nassau County  
13      District Attorney's Office for potential  
14      prosecution.

15           With these reforms, oversight and  
16      participation in the county's contract and  
17      procurement process is not just limited to  
18      the Legislature.

19           The process now includes the  
20      department initiating the contract, it  
21      includes the Office of Management and  
22      Budget, it includes the County Attorney,  
23      County Comptroller, the Legislature, the  
24      Director of Procurement Compliance, the  
25      Commissioner of Investigations, and,

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2           potentially, the District Attorney if it's  
3           found that any wrongdoing has been  
4           accomplished.

5                     In addition, prior to the  
6           execution of any contract, it must be  
7           reviewed and approved by the County  
8           Executive and the Nassau Interim Finance  
9           Authority.

10                    Further the notion that we need  
11           to have someone appointed for a period of  
12           time is what makes them independent. In my  
13           opinion, is a fallacy.

14                    What makes them independent is  
15           that each of us, as elected officials, doing  
16           the job that we were asked to do, doing the  
17           job that we were hired to do, in making sure  
18           that we put everyone to their proof, to use  
19           a legal term.

20                    The suggestion that we can simply  
21           balance the budget by eliminating waste,  
22           fraud and abuse, is something that looks  
23           good on the back of a campaign postcard, but  
24           it's something in practice is much more  
25           difficult.

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2                   In the meantime, in this budget  
3 process, we need to find actual solutions,  
4 actual revenue, actual cuts that are going  
5 to past muster not only with the electorate,  
6 but are going to pass NIFA muster as well.

7                   I think we have taken a serious  
8 obligation to do that, I think that many of  
9 the votes that we've taken today are the  
10 direct result of that, and if there are any  
11 suggestions from the minority, specific  
12 suggestions, that we have with respect to  
13 how we can address the budget, I know that I  
14 for one, and I don't want to speak for my  
15 caucus, but I'm sure that many agree, I  
16 would love to hear them. If there are any  
17 specifics, please let us know, because we're  
18 all ears.

19                   CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Go ahead,  
20 Minority Leader, we have Rules Committee.

21                   LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes, yes, I  
22 understand. I'm part of that Rules  
23 Committee.

24                   A couple of different things,  
25 Legislator Rhoads, that you pointed out that

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2 I wanted to identify.

3 I'm glad that you identified some  
4 of the things that occurred under the  
5 previous administration as well.

6 We have never made this about  
7 Republican or Democrat. You never heard  
8 that come out of my mouth in regards to  
9 Republicans versus Democrats and what  
10 Gulotta did versus what Suozzi did versus  
11 what Mangano has done.

12 However, of all the things that  
13 you pointed out, of all the things that you  
14 have identified as areas of concern to make  
15 this process more open, more transparent,  
16 not one of them would have prevented AbTech  
17 from happening again.

18 Also, in my recollection, which  
19 is short, because I've only been here for  
20 the last 14 years, I don't remember in the  
21 history of this county, a County Executive  
22 ever being indicted.

23 Now, granted the County Executive  
24 deserves his day in court. He is innocent  
25 until proven guilty. I think everyone



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2       believes in that mantra. That is the staple  
3       of our judicial system in this country.

4                   That being said, to me it is  
5       unbelievable that this Legislature will  
6       continue with the process that doesn't have  
7       any independence, no review, no oversight  
8       other than this legislative body asking  
9       people at that podium, which, granted, at  
10      times, we get misinformation, lies, facts  
11      that get skewed, and we continue to go in.  
12      We don't have the ability to swear in  
13      people, or maybe the Presiding Officer  
14      does, but we do not.

15                  To me, to go and engage in this  
16      process in a Rules Committee contract  
17      process and not have any ability to properly  
18      vet things but continue to vote for  
19      contracts, to me is reckless and  
20      irresponsible.

21                  This body needs an Independent  
22      Inspector General, someone to review the  
23      procurement process thoroughly.

24                  You talked about the appointments  
25      of the procurement director as well as the

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2       Commissioner of Investigations. Those are  
3       all well and good, but those positions are  
4       not staffed to the proper -- I wouldn't even  
5       considering accepting those positions such  
6       as Mrs. Donna Myrill, in the place of an  
7       Independent Inspector General, but her  
8       office is not even staffed adequately to be  
9       able to do the rooting out of corruption in  
10      this county.

11                   You take a look at some of the  
12      other offices throughout this region, what's  
13      going on in New York City. The fact that  
14      she has a couple of other people that are  
15      with her is absurd. It's almost like she's  
16      being set up for failure.

17                   So, to me, the bottom line is  
18      that she needs a contract to remain  
19      independent, not for this body, for the  
20      public. So that the public believes that  
21      she's independent.

22                   Think about it. There is an  
23      Inspector General that is hired under a  
24      County Executive who has been arrested and  
25      indicted. Do you really believe that the

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2       public believes that that person is going to  
3       be independent of rooting out corruption in  
4       that administration? That's the bottom  
5       line.

6           Even though nothing has come  
7       forward, the Deputy County Executive is  
8       currently under investigation as well.

9           Guys, this could be a Republican,  
10       Democrat, Tom Suozzi verse -- it doesn't  
11       matter. To me, in this day and age, we  
12       should be doing all we need to do to make  
13       sure this process is transparent and open.  
14       Right now it is not.

15           You cannot sell me on the fact  
16       that we approving contracts which you have  
17       no idea this there were bid rigging, or  
18       contract steering in those processes. You  
19       cannot convince this legislative body of  
20       that.

21           To me, not having an Independent  
22       Inspector General, you continue to  
23       perpetuate a systemic problem in this county  
24       of not having independence and transparency.

25           And, not for nothing, as I'm

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2       reminded by Legislator Birnbaum, over 3,000  
3       people signed a petition asking for this to  
4       be place on the ballot, not to say  
5       Republicans or Democrats are right, let the  
6       people decide if an Independent Inspector  
7       General was warranted, and we couldn't even  
8       bring this legislative item for that  
9       consideration.

10           LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Out of all  
11       the waste, fraud and abuse that you see  
12       around you, has your office ever once made a  
13       referral to the District Attorney?

14           CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I don't  
15       want to even go there. I really don't want  
16       to.

17           LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We have  
18       forwarded things to the District Attorney in  
19       many a cases, under District Attorney Rice,  
20       as well as District Attorney Singas.

21           One of them I can gladly bring up  
22       was the situation with Commissioner Dale.  
23       But I refer to counsel, I'm sure we can  
24       bring up more.

25           CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No.

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2       Let's move on. We have Item 13 as amended.

3       All those in favor of Item 13, which is

4       ordinance 180, signify by saying aye.

5                   (Aye.)

6                   Any opposed?

7                   (Nay.)

8                   The item passes 11 to 8.

9                   Guess what, that's the last item  
10       and we can now officially adjourn this  
11       meeting. Motion, please.

12                   LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So moved.

13                   LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

14                   CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by  
15       Legislator Nicolello, seconded by Legislator  
16       Kopel. All those in favor of adjourning  
17       this meeting signify by saying aye.

18                   (Aye.)

19                   Any opposed?

20                   (No verbal response.)

21                   The meeting is now adjourned.

22       And we have one more task today and that's  
23       the Rules Committee.

24                   (Whereupon, the Rules Committee  
25       adjourned at 5:46 p.m.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and  
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THAT I attended at the time and place  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set  
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FRANK GRAY