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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE WILL HOLD COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022 STARTING AT 1:00 PM AND WILL HOLD A FULL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022 STARTING AT 1:00 PM FOR PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT, AND AT 2:00 PM FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR IN THE PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR, THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, 1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MINEOLA, NEW YORK 11501.

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

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

**MICHAEL C. PULITZER**  
**Clerk of the Legislature**

**Dated: JUNE 1, 2022**  
**Mineola, NY**

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# LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

SIXTH MEETING

SIXTH MEETING OF 2022

MINEOLA, NEW YORK

JUNE 27, 2022

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT 1:00PM

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR 2:00PM

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## 1. **HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 34-2022**

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET FOR THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2023, AND TO APPROPRIATE REVENUES AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONIES TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE PURPOSES OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION LAW, THE COUNTY LAW, THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 189-22(NCC)

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 34-2022**

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET FOR THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2023, AND TO APPROPRIATE REVENUES AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONIES TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE PURPOSES OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION LAW, THE COUNTY LAW, THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. 189-22(NCC)

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 96-2022**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A CAPITAL BUDGET EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO §310(D) OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY. 178-22(AT)

4. **ORDINANCE NO. 35-2022**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 126-2020, ADOPTING THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE FOUR- YEAR CAPITAL PLAN TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2021, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 310 OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY. 179-22(PW)

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 36-2022**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO FINANCE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS IDENTIFIED HEREIN WITH THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND AUTHORIZING \$156,949,668.00 OF BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO FINANCE SAID EXPENDITURE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW OF NEW YORK AND THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY. 180-22(PW)

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 37-2022**

AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT TO LONG ISLAND ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVCO, LLC, AS AGENT OF AND ACTING ON BEHALF OF LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY D/B/A LIPA OVER A PORTION OF PARCELS OF COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX SQUARE FEET SITUATED IN BAY PARK, TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, COUNTY OF NASSAU, STATE OF NEW YORK, SAID REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS SECTION 42, BLOCK A, PARTS OF LOTS 50-57, 33, 36 AND 46-49 ON THE LAND AND TAX MAP OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT AND ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO GRANT SUCH EASEMENT. 165-22(PW)

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 38-2022**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CORRECTIONAL CENTER. 158-22(OMB)

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 39-2022**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. 159-22(OMB)

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 40-2022**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. 160-22(OMB)

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 41-2022**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. 162-22(OMB)

11. **ORDINANCE NO. 42-2022**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. 163-22(OMB)

12. **RESOLUTION NO. 97-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED VALETUTTI V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, ET AL, INDEX NO. 603020/2013, PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. 152-22 (AT)

13. **RESOLUTION NO. 98-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED DOVER GOURMET CORPORATION V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, ET AL. INDEX NO. 612941/2019, PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. 176-22(AT)

14. **RESOLUTION NO. 99-2022**

A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, AS TENANT, AND 89<sup>TH</sup> JAMAICA REALTY COMPANY, LLC, AS LANDLORD, OF PROPERTY OWNED BY 89<sup>TH</sup> JAMAICA REALTY COMPANY, LLC LOCATED AT 89<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AND MERRICK BOULEVARD IN JAMAICA, BOROUGH OF QUEENS, CITY OF NEW YORK, STATE OF NEW YORK FOR USE BY THE NASSAU INTER-COUNTY EXPRESS BUS SERVICE (NICE). 185-22(PW)

15. **RESOLUTION NO. 100-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ACTING ON BEHALF OF NEW YORK STATE, AND THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT. 150-22(PD)

16. **RESOLUTION NO. 101-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THE HISPANIC COUNSELING CENTER, INC. 174-22(DA)

17.

**RESOLUTION NO. 102-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS, AND THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF QUEENS, NASSAU AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES, INC. 167-22(PK)

18.

**RESOLUTION NO. 103-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS, AND THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF QUEENS, NASSAU AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES, INC. 168-22(PK)

19.

**RESOLUTION NO. 104-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WITH VARIOUS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS AND NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, WHICH AGREEMENTS ARE FUNDED WITH MONEYS FOR THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY FROM A GRANT BY HEALTH RESEARCH, INC. THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND WHICH MONEYS HAVE BEEN SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED BY THE COUNTY TO FUND GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS AND NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO ESTABLISH COVID-19 SCREENING AND TESTING PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN IN-PERSON LEARNING, AND TO KEEP SCHOOLS OPERATING SAFELY. 177-22(CE)

20.

**RESOLUTION NO. 105-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH NASSAU COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION BOARD (VEEB) THAT IS FUNDED WITH MONEY RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN'S CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AND WHICH HAS BEEN SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND GRANT AGREEMENT WITH VEEB, A QUALIFYING 501(c)(3) NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO MITIGATE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP TO RESPOND TO THE NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. 181-22(CE)

21. **RESOLUTION NO. 106-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS, AND THE AFRICAN ATLANTIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. 182-22(PK)

22. **RESOLUTION NO. 107-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS, AND THE MUSEUMS AT MITCHEL D/B/A CRADLE OF AVIATION MUSEUM. 184-22(PK)

23. **RESOLUTION NO. 108-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS, AND THE ARTISTS IN PARTNERSHIP, INC. 186-22(PK)

24 **RESOLUTION NO. 109-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF GREAT NECK IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL RADAR SPEED SIGNS AND RELATED ITEMS. 171-22(CE)

25. **RESOLUTION NO. 110-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LYNBROOK IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PURCHASE A NEW DUMP TRUCK. 172-22(CE)

26. **RESOLUTION NO. 111-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF HEMPSTEAD IN RELATION TO PROCURING LICENSE PLATE READERS. 183-22(CE)

27. **RESOLUTION NO. 112 -2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. 170-22(CE)

28. **RESOLUTION NO. 113-2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROCURE AND INSTALL A NEW PLAYGROUND AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AT MEMORIAL PARK. 173-22(CE)

29. **RESOLUTION NO. 114 -2022**

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE CARNELL T. FOSKEY TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. 153-22(CE)

30. **RESOLUTION NO. 115-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF VICTOR LAGRECA TO THE NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. 164-22(CE)

31. **RESOLUTION NO. 116-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF RAYMOND PINTO TO THE NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. 169-22(CE)

32. **RESOLUTION NO. 117-2022**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF DENISE GOLD TO THE NASSAU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION. 187-22(CE)

33 **RESOLUTION NO. 118-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NASSAU COUNTY LOCAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND FINANCING CORPORATION. 191-22(LE)

34. **RESOLUTION NO. 119-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GIFT OFFERED BY THE SOUTH HEMPSTEAD FIRE DISTRICT TO THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT. 161-22(PD)

35. **RESOLUTION NO. 120-2022**

A RESOLUTION CEREMONIALLY DESIGNATING A COTTAGE ADJACENT TO BAXTER POND IN BARBARA JOHNSON PARK AND PRESERVE AS “NANCY COMER COTTAGE”. 175-22(LE)

36. **RESOLUTION NO. 121-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE PETTY CASH FUNDS OF THE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND CORRECTIONAL CENTER DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SHERIFF PURSUANT TO THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. 188-22(SH)

37. **RESOLUTION NO. 122-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2022. 156-22 (OMB)

38. **RESOLUTION NO. 123 -2022**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2022. 157-22(OMB)

39. **RESOLUTION NO. 124-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND REQUIRE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET OF THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE FOR THE YEAR 2022. 190-22(LE)

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Nassau County Executive has executed the following personal service contracts, copies of which are on file with the Office of the Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature. These contracts are listed for informational purposes only.**

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Social Services and The Safe Center LI, Inc.  
RE: Domestic Violence Non-Residential. \$731,535.00. ID# CQSS22000002.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and City of Glen Cove.  
RE: Youth Development. \$18,968.00. ID# CQHS22000022.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Big Brothers- Big Sisters of Long Island Inc. RE: Youth Development. \$60,000.00. ID# CQHS22000006.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Family and Children's Association.  
RE: OFA FCA CSE HEAP SAFE. \$264,000.00. ID# CQHS22000028.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and The Long Island Advocacy Center,  
Inc. RE: DEVELOPMENT. \$259,027.00. ID# CQHS22000013.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and City of Glen Cove.  
RE: OF A CITY OF GLEN COVE AGE FRIENDLY. \$105,000.00.  
ID# CLHS21000074.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and North Shore CSD.  
RE: YDA – EDUCATION. \$89,972.00. ID# CQHS21000079.

**THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
**WILL CONVENE THE NEXT**  
**COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON**  
**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022 at 1:00PM**  
**AND**  
**FULL LEGISLATURE MEETING ON**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022 AT 1:00PM**

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 34 -2022

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET FOR NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2023, AND TO APPROPRIATE REVENUES AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONIES TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE PURPOSES OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION LAW, THE COUNTY LAW, THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

WHEREAS, in pursuance of subdivision 5-a of section 6304 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the fiscal year for a community college sponsored by a county is to commence on September 1st and end on August 31st in each year, and

WHEREAS, in pursuance of the requirements of the aforesaid provisions of the Education Law, the County Executive of Nassau County submitted and filed with the Nassau County Legislature a proposed budget of the County of Nassau for Nassau Community College for the fiscal year commencing September 1, 2022 and ending August 31, 2023 together with his budget message and recommendations relative to the items set forth in said proposed County budget for Nassau Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Legislature, after the filing of said proposed County budget for Nassau Community College, gave due notice pursuant to law of a public hearing to be held on said proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, said hearing has been duly held and this Nassau County Legislature has given consideration and due deliberation to each and all of the items which are set forth in said proposed budget of the County of Nassau for Nassau Community College, as well as the recommendations of the County Executive thereon, and to the statements of all persons who were heard at such hearing; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. The proposed budget of the County of Nassau for Nassau Community College heretofore submitted and filed by the County Executive with the Nassau County Legislature be and the same hereby is approved and adopted as the budget of the County of Nassau for Nassau Community College for the fiscal year commencing September 1, 2022 and ending August 31, 2023 in the respective amounts shown opposite the items listed in said budget and as shown under the heading: “2023 Budget” for Nassau Community College for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023 said budget now being on file with the Clerk of the Legislature.

§ 2. The Legislature of Nassau County does hereby appropriate for the requirements of Nassau Community College for the fiscal year commencing September 1, 2022 and ending August 31, 2023 the several amounts specified for expenditures as follows:

Proposed Budget

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPERATIONS

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 183,958,391

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION FOR  
NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE PURPOSES \$ 183,958,391**

§ 3. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the budget of the County of Nassau for Nassau Community College for the fiscal year commencing September 1, 2022 and ending August 31, 2023.

Amount of tax levy (pursuant to annual tax levy ordinance to be approved by the Nassau County Legislature at the time of the adoption of the Nassau County budget for 2022) \$ 52,206,883

**TOTAL REVENUE \$ 183,958,391**

§ 4. There are hereby established regulations relating to the budget of the Community College as follows:

a. The payment of the County's share of the Community College's operating and capital costs as the local sponsor shall be made in conformance with the sponsor's annual budgetary appropriation as contained in this ordinance or as hereafter amended.

b. The payment of all appropriations for the operation, maintenance and capital costs of the Community College shall be made to the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College for expenditure by such Board of Trustees subject to the terms and conditions of such appropriations appearing in this ordinance and to such regulations as may be adopted or hereafter amended by the Nassau County Legislature relating to the custody, deposit, audit and payment of such appropriations as may be deemed necessary to carry out the terms of the budget.

c. The Board of Trustees of the Community College is authorized to elect a treasurer and to establish a bank account or accounts in the name of Nassau Community College depositing therein moneys received or collected by Nassau Community College, including moneys appropriated and paid by the County of Nassau as local sponsor, moneys received from tuition, fees, charges, sales of products and services and from all other sources. The Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College shall authorize the treasurer to pay all proper bills and accounts of Nassau Community College including salaries and wages from funds in the custody of the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College.

d. Nassau Community College is authorized to expend funds consistent with this ordinance pursuant to limited purchase orders, purchase orders, delivery orders, personal service contracts, vendor claim vouchers, revenue refund vouchers, student financial aid refunds and balance sheet vouchers without pre-audit by the Nassau County Comptroller, provided, however, that the Nassau County Comptroller shall retain the right to pre-audit Community College expenditures relative to capital projects.

e. Supplemental appropriations relating to Nassau Community College shall be subject to the approval of the Nassau County Legislature.

f. The County Comptroller shall continue to retain the right to post-audit all operations of Nassau Community College and Nassau Community College's financial records and transactions, including, but not limited to, Nassau Community College's contracts and vendor payments.

g. The capital project plan proposed each year by the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College shall be subject to the approval of the Nassau County Legislature as the local sponsor.

h. The Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College shall direct the Nassau Community College Comptroller to audit accounts maintained at its direction on at least a semi-annual basis and a copy of any report of such accounts of Nassau Community College shall be filed with the Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature and the Nassau County Comptroller within ten days after completion of the report.

i. The Nassau County Legislature reserves the right to amend or rescind any existing regulation pertaining to the budget and to amend or rescind any regulation pertaining to the budget that may hereafter be adopted.

j. The Nassau County Treasurer shall be available to serve as treasurer for Nassau Community College pursuant to the designation of the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College of March 9, 1993.

§ 5. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be incorporated as an addendum to the printed version of the final adopted budget document for Nassau Community College.

§ 6. 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 committee of said Legislature.

§ 7. It is hereby determined pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, its implementing regulations, 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)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R, and, accordingly, is a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required. A record of such determination shall be maintained in a file, readily accessible to the public, at the office of the Clerk of the Legislature.

§ 8. This Ordinance shall take effect on September 1, 2022.



**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 35 – 2022**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 126-2020, ADOPTING THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE FOUR-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN, TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2021, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 310 OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2021, pursuant to Section 310 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, the Nassau County Legislature by Ordinance No. 126-2020 approved and adopted the Capital Budget (the “Capital Budget”) of the County of Nassau for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2021, pursuant to Section 310 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, the Nassau County Legislature by Resolution No. 168-2020 approved and adopted the four-year Capital Plan for the County of Nassau for the fiscal years beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2024 (the “Capital Plan”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 310 of such County Government Law, the County Executive may propose, at any time subsequent to the passage of the ordinance approving the Capital Budget, an ordinance to amend the Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, based upon a review of the Capital Budget priorities by the Nassau County Department of Public Works, proposes that the amounts described herein be authorized in the Capital Budget for certain projects as hereinafter set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget has recommended this amendment to the capital budget with respect to the amendment contained in this ordinance; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. The Capital Budget, as adopted by Ordinance No. 126-2020, is amended to the extent indicated in Appendix A attached hereto and incorporated herein with respect to the projects highlighted in such Appendix and the amounts for such projects listed under the column headings, “Cumulative Budget (Pre 2021 Budget)”, “Expenditures Through 2020”, “Carry Forward”, “2021 County Debt”, “2021 County Self-Funding”, “2021 Non-County”, and “2021 TOTAL”.

Section 2. This ordinance, including Appendix A, 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.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.





**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 36- 2022**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO FINANCE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS IDENTIFIED HEREIN WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU AND AUTHORIZING \$156,949,668.00 OF BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO FINANCE SAID EXPENDITURE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW OF NEW YORK AND THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY.

WHEREAS, this bond ordinance is necessary to authorize bonds for the purpose of funding projects contemplated by capital budgets as provided in Section 310 of the County Government Law of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, all necessary Federal, State, County and local permits, approvals and determinations of environmental impact for the purpose or purposes hereinafter referred to have been obtained or will have been obtained prior to the expenditure of proceeds of obligations to be authorized pursuant to this ordinance; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the total voting strength of the County Legislature of the County of Nassau, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A capital expenditure for financing the cost of various objects or purposes, as described in the preambles hereto and identified under the heading “Project” on Appendix A attached hereto and incorporated herein, in the County of Nassau (hereinafter referred to as the “County”), is hereby authorized upon recommendation of the County Executive, the amount of such capital expenditure to be \$156,949,668.00 which shall be financed with the proceeds from the issuance of \$156,949,668.00 bonds.

Section 2. The County may issue its bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$156,949,668.00 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York (hereinafter referred to as the “LFL”) in order to finance such objects or purposes or classes of objects or purposes (hereinafter referred to as the “Purpose”) described in Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. The County Legislature has determined and hereby states that the estimated aggregate maximum cost of such Purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$156,949,668.00. The plan of financing includes \$156,949,668.00 to be raised by the issuance of bonds authorized by this ordinance, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property of the County to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall be come due and payable.

Section 4. The County Legislature hereby determines that the periods of probable usefulness (each, a “PPU”) of each component Project of the Purpose for which said \$156,949,668.00 bonds authorized pursuant to this ordinance are to be issued, within the limitations of the applicable subdivision of paragraph a. of Section 11.00 of the Law identified under the heading “LFL” on Appendix A attached hereto and incorporated herein, are identified under the heading “PPU” on said Appendix A.

Section 5. Subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance and the LFL, and pursuant to the provisions of the LFL, the powers and duties of the County Legislature relative to authorizing the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said County Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the LFL.

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities, and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other bond issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level

or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the County Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of such County.

Section 7. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes as the same become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes becoming due and payable in such year.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said County is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with as the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 9. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary in the official newspaper of said County together with a notice of the Clerk of the County Legislature in substantially the form set forth in paragraph a of Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County that each Project identified on Appendix A attached hereto, if any, and incorporated herein as “Type II”, if any, under the heading “SEQRA” is a “Type II Action” within the meaning of Section 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required. A record of each such determination shall be maintained in a file, readily accessible to the public, at the office of the Clerk of the Legislature.

Section 12. This ordinance, including Appendix A, 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 said Legislature.



**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 37- 2022**

**MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT TO LONG ISLAND ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVCO, LLC AS AGENT OF AND ACTING ON BEHALF OF LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY D/B/A LIPA OVER A PORTION OF PARCELS OF COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX SQUARE FEET SITUATED IN BAY PARK, TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, COUNTY OF NASSAU, STATE OF NEW YORK, SAID REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS SECTION 42, BLOCK A, PARTS OF LOTS 50 – 57, 33, 36 AND 46 – 49 ON THE LAND AND TAX MAP OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT AND ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO GRANT SUCH EASEMENT.**

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau did heretofore acquire title to the above-described property (the “Premises”); and

WHEREAS, Long Island Electric Utility Servco, LLC, as agent of and acting on behalf of Long Island Lighting Company d/b/a LIPA (the “Grantee”) desires to construct, operate and maintain two (2) PMH switchgear and related equipment on the Premises to provide for electrical transmission and interconnection facilities to serve the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee has requested that the County grant to the Grantee an easement (the “Easement”) over the Premises to install and maintain such switchgear and related interconnection facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee has executed an easement agreement (the “Easement Agreement”) containing terms and conditions relating to the creation of the Easement; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that a grant of the Easement over the Premises will not pose a hardship to the County’s use of the Premises; and

WHEREAS, the County has no objection to the grant of the Easement over the Premises, subject to the terms and conditions contained in the Easement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, LIPA, as Lead Agency, conducted a coordinated SEQRA review for the overall project which includes this Easement; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency classified the action as Unlisted and issued a Negative Declaration on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 1611 of the Nassau County Charter and acting in an advisory capacity to the Nassau County Legislature, the Nassau County Planning Commission adopted a Resolution on June 24, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein, recommending that the Nassau County Legislature determine that the proposed action be classified as Unlisted pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), and determine that it will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and issue a Negative Declaration.

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

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SECTION 1. That the County Executive be and he is hereby authorized to grant the Easement over the Premises, which Premises is more particularly described as follows:

All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the unincorporated area known as Bay Park, Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, State of New York, known and designated as Section 42, Block A, part of Lots 50 – 57, 33, 36 and 46 - 49 on the Land and Tax Map of the County of Nassau as more fully bounded and described in Schedule A attached hereto,

subject to all of the terms and conditions as outlined in the Easement Agreement

SECTION 2. That the County Executive be and he is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the County of Nassau, the Easement Agreement, subject to all the terms and conditions as contained in said Easement Agreement.

SECTION 3. That the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute any and all ancillary documents necessary to carry out the purposes of the Easement Agreement.

SECTION 4. That it is hereby determined pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that the proposed grant of the Easement over the Premises has been determined to be an Unlisted action and that it will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and that a Negative Declaration is hereby issued.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 38 – 2022**

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

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated May 25, 2022, addressed to the County Legislature, has recommended the appropriation of such funds not otherwise appropriated; and,

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

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

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

<u><b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b></u> (in dollars)	<u><b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b></u>	<u><b>APPROPRIATED TO:</b></u>			
		<u><b>FUND</b></u>	<u><b>DEPT. CODE/Index</b></u>	<u><b>OBJ. CODE</b></u>	<u><b>AMOUNT</b></u> (in dollars)
284,651	Federal Drug Enforcement Agency	GRT	CC	AA	125,082
		GRT	CC	AB	9,569
		GRT	CC	BB	50,000
		GRT	CC	DD	100,000

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

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

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.



**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO.****39 –2022**

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Department of Human Services.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated May 25, 2022, addressed to the County Legislature, has recommended the appropriation of such funds not otherwise appropriated; and,

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

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

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

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<b><u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u></b> (in dollars)	<b><u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u></b>	<b><u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u></b>			
		<b><u>FUND</u></b>	<b><u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u></b>	<b><u>OBJ. CODE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b> (in dollars)
269,932	New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports	GRT	HS	AA	106,103
		GRT	HS	BB	33,500
		GRT	HS	DE	130,329

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<b><u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u></b> (in dollars)	<b><u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u></b>	<b><u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u></b>			
		<b><u>FUND</u></b>	<b><u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u></b>	<b><u>OBJ. CODE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b> (in dollars)
488,395	New York State Office for the Aging	GRT	HS	DE	488,395

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

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

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.



**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 40– 2022**

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Department of Social Services.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated May 25, 2022, addressed to the County Legislature, has recommended the appropriation of such funds not otherwise appropriated; and,

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

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

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

<u><b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b></u> (in dollars)	<u><b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b></u>	<u><b>APPROPRIATED TO:</b></u>			
		<u><b>FUND</b></u>	<u><b>DEPT. CODE/Index</b></u>	<u><b>OBJ. CODE</b></u>	<u><b>AMOUNT</b></u> (in dollars)
65,000	NYS Department of Education	GRT	SS	DE	65,000

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

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

N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this supplemental appropriation ordinance is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.



**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 41 –2022**

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Office of the District Attorney.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated May 25, 2022, addressed to the County Legislature, has recommended the appropriation of such funds not otherwise appropriated; and,

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

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

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

<b><u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u></b> (in dollars)	<b><u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u></b>	<b><u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u></b>			
		<b><u>FUND</u></b>	<b><u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u></b>	<b><u>OBJ. CODE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b> (in dollars)
501,572	NYS Division of Criminal Justice	GRT	DA	AA	380,846
		GRT	DA	AB	120,726

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

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

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.



**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 42 – 2022**

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

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated May 25, 2022, addressed to the County Legislature, has recommended the appropriation of such funds not otherwise appropriated; and,

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

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

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

<b><u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u></b> (in dollars)	<b><u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u></b>	<b><u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u></b>			
		<b><u>FUND</u></b>	<b><u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u></b>	<b><u>OBJ. CODE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b> (in dollars)
541,858	US Department of Transportation	GRT	PD	AA	419,705
		GRT	PD	AB	113,652
		GRT	PD	DD	8,501

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

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

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.



PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 96- 2022

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A CAPITAL BUDGET EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO §310(D) OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 310 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, the County Executive may propose, at any time subsequent to the passage of the ordinance approving the Capital Budget, an ordinance to amend the Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed an amendment to the 2021 Capital Budget for the following projects to be identified as: “Project 50705 – Police Department Ambulance Equipment”; “Project 66309 – Nassau County Parking Field 14 and South Drive”; and “Project 35134 – Hempstead Bay Hassock Restoration”; and

WHEREAS, such amendments to the 2021 Capital Budget would provide for additional programs, projects or activities and, pursuant to Section 310(d) of the County Government Law of Nassau County, may be approved only if the County Legislature, by thirteen affirmative votes, declares a capital budget emergency; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby declares that a Capital Budget Emergency exists within Nassau County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature may now consider and take action on such amendment to the 2021 Capital Budget.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 97 - 2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED *VALETUTTI V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, ET AL.*, INDEX NO. 603020/2013, PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

WHEREAS, Patricia Valetutti as the Administrator of the Estate of Anthony Valetutti (the “Plaintiff”) commenced an action entitled *Valetutti v. County of Nassau, et al.*, Index No. 603020/2013 against the County of Nassau (the “County”) and other defendants, alleging certain violations of rights, and the parties have agreed to settle said action for \$250,000 of which the County will make payment to the Plaintiff in the amount of \$215,000 in full settlement of all possible claims the Plaintiff may have against the County arising from the circumstances upon which the action is based; and

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

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

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay a maximum of \$215,000 as directed by the County Attorney and thereupon delivered to the attorneys for Plaintiff upon receipt of a Settlement Agreement and Limited Release; and be it further

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





**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 98 - 2022**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED *DOVER GOURMET CORPORATION V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, ET AL.*, INDEX NO. 612941/2019, PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

WHEREAS, Dover Gourmet Corporation (the “Plaintiff”) commenced an action entitled *Dover Gourmet Corporation v. County of Nassau, et al.*, Index No. 612941/2019 against the County of Nassau (the “County”) and other defendants, alleging certain violations of rights, and the County asserted certain counterclaims, and the parties have agreed to resolve the litigation without further cost or expense to either party and to provide clarity with respect to Plaintiff’s good standing as a County vendor in full settlement of all possible claims the Plaintiff and County may have against each other arising from the circumstances upon which the action is based; and

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

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be and is hereby authorized and directed to settle the said action as indicated above; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney settle the said action upon receipt of a Settlement Agreement and Limited Release; and be it further

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





PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 99 - 2022

MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, AS TENANT, AND 89<sup>th</sup> JAMAICA REALTY COMPANY, LLC, AS LANDLORD, OF PROPERTY OWNED BY 89<sup>th</sup> JAMAICA REALTY COMPANY, LLC LOCATED AT 89<sup>th</sup> AVENUE AND MERRICK BOULEVARD IN JAMAICA, BOROUGH OF QUEENS, CITY OF NEW YORK, STATE OF NEW YORK FOR USE BY THE NASSAU INTER-COUNTY EXPRESS BUS SERVICE (NICE).

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau has leased certain Premises known as a portion of the Jamaica Bus Terminal consisting of six (6) bus parking bays pursuant to a Lease dated July 1, 2012, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature, as amended by that certain letter agreement dated March, 2017 and by the First Amendment To Lease dated April 1, 2021 (collectively the “Lease”) between the County of Nassau as Tenant (hereafter the “County”), and 89th Jamaica Realty Company, LLC as Landlord, and

WHEREAS, the Lease will expire on March 31, 2022 and the Landlord and the County both desire to amend the Lease to extend the term thereof for a period of eighteen (18) months from April 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Landlord and the County desire to execute the Second Amendment to Lease reflecting the agreed upon terms of the extended term of the Lease;

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

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and he is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the County of Nassau, the Second Amendment to Lease between the County of Nassau, as Tenant, and 89<sup>th</sup> Jamaica Realty Company, LLC, as Landlord, and any ancillary documents and instruments necessary to carry out the purposes of the

Second Amendment to Lease, subject to all the terms and conditions as contained in said Second Amendment to Lease; and it is further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined pursuant to the provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that the proposed Second Amendment to Lease has been determined to be a Type II action that does not have a significant effect on the environment and that no further review is required; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 100 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ACTING ON BEHALF OF NEW YORK STATE, AND THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has provided for the apportionment of Federal-aid funds to New York State (the “State”) for the purpose of carrying out Federal-aid highway projects, a Surface Transportation Program and a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the State Highway Law authorizes the State Commissioner of Transportation to use Federal aid available under the Federal-aid highway acts or to use State Highway Funds; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Transportation (“DOT”) is undertaking construction and maintenance projects that result in increased traffic control and enforcement concerns on various State roadways in the County of Nassau (the “County”); and

WHEREAS, the State desires that its projects in the County be progressed in an orderly and safety conscious fashion that will encompass planning, training, traffic control and the dedicated law enforcement efforts of the County; and

WHEREAS, the State desires the County Police Department to undertake these efforts because of their ability and experience in traffic control and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the DOT, acting on behalf of the State, and the County, acting by and through the County Police Department, now desire to enter into a supplemental agreement to provide the terms, conditions and agreements of the parties with respect to the administration and apportionment of funds for the efforts undertaken by the County pursuant to the supplemental agreement, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the said supplemental agreement with the DOT and to execute additional documentation in furtherance of such supplemental agreement.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 101 – 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THE HISPANIC COUNSELING CENTER, INC.

WHEREAS, the County Department of the District Attorney has received civil forfeiture funds to be utilized pursuant to N.Y. Civil Practice Law, Article 13A, Section 1349; and

WHEREAS, the County Department of the District Attorney is desirous of utilizing a portion of the aforesaid funds to support The Hispanic Counseling Center, Inc. to conduct an educational and counseling program known as the “Batterer’s Intervention Program,” which is designed to change the behavior of perpetrators of domestic violence, increase accountability and protect victims and families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with The Hispanic Counseling Center, Inc.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS, AND THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF QUEENS, NASSAU AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES, INC.

WHEREAS, Nassau County (“County”) has received funding from the State of New York pursuant to State Tax Law section 1202-q, and appropriated said funds to the County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums (“Department”) in accordance with said law in order to support programs and activities relevant to the enhancement of tourism in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that funding shall be awarded to The Agricultural Society of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties, Inc., an existing not-for-profit organization located within the County, for the continuation and enhancement of cultural growth in the County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with The Agricultural Society of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties, Inc.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS, AND THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF QUEENS, NASSAU AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES, INC.

WHEREAS, Nassau County (“County”) has received funding from the State of New York pursuant to State Tax Law section 1202-q, and appropriated said funds to the County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums (“Department”) in accordance with said law in order to support programs and activities relevant to the enhancement of tourism in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that funding shall be awarded to The Agricultural Society of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties, Inc., an existing not-for-profit organization located within the County, for the continuation and enhancement of cultural growth in the County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with The Agricultural Society of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties, Inc.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 104 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WITH VARIOUS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS AND NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, WHICH AGREEMENTS ARE FUNDED WITH MONEYS FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY FROM A GRANT BY HEALTH RESEARCH, INC. THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND WHICH MONEYS HAVE BEEN SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED BY THE COUNTY TO FUND GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS AND NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO ESTABLISH COVID-19 SCREENING AND TESTING PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN IN-PERSON LEARNING, AND TO KEEP SCHOOLS OPERATING SAFELY.

WHEREAS, the County has appropriated \$19,171,026 from a grant program, which is known as the "Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity [ELC] Reopening Schools Program" that is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and received by the County from a grant by Health Research, Inc. through the New York State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the grant authorizes the use of such funds for screening and testing programs to support and maintain in-person learning in public, charter and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to support and maintain in-person learning, and to keep schools operating safely; and

WHEREAS, the County in Ordinance No. 90-2021 supplementally appropriated moneys from the ELC Reopening Schools Program received by the County, among other things, to provide funding for grant agreements with public school districts, charter schools and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to establish COVID-19 screening and testing programs to support and maintain in-person learning, and to keep schools operating safely; and

WHEREAS, the County's Department of Health has identified a non-exhaustive list of public school districts, charter schools and nonpublic elementary and secondary

schools that would be eligible to enter into such grant agreements with the County and which are listed in Appendix A of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County and its residents to promptly enter into and execute grant agreements authorizing moneys for such purposes and other related purposes so that they can be provided as expeditiously as possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into and execute grant agreements with the public school districts, charter schools and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools listed in Appendix A of this Resolution, and any other qualifying public school districts, charter schools and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools in the County, which will be funded exclusively by moneys received by the County under the ELC Schools Reopening Program and to be spent in compliance with such Program, applicable federal contract provisions, and all other applicable federal law and regulation, and which have been supplementally appropriated in Ordinance No. 90-2021 for the County to enter into agreements for purposes specified in that Ordinance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all such grant agreements shall be for enhanced and/or new services, programs or activities that are related to screening and testing programs to support and maintain in-person learning in public, charter and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to support and maintain in-person learning, and to keep schools operating safely, and shall be subject to such payment terms and conditions, including compliance with all applicable reporting, recordkeeping or other requirements set forth for grant agreements processed through the Boost Nassau Portal, and a separate close-out procedure that will include a reconciliation of the grant funds provided under any such grant agreements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such grant agreements shall not affect County funding that may be provided to such public school districts, charter schools and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools under existing funding agreements with these entities, if any; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all such grant agreements shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature so that they may be listed at the end of the legislative calendar, as appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to (i) execute any and all grant agreements and other instruments, agreements, ancillary agreements, funding notices, contracts, amendments, and to take such other action as is necessary to effectuate and carry out the receipt and disbursement of such grant funds in accordance with this Resolution; and (ii) suspend any vendor disclosure requirements as necessary in order to expedite the disbursement of such grant funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., the proposed action under this Resolution has been determined not to have any significant adverse impacts on the environment and no further review is required.



PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 105 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH NASSAU COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION BOARD (VEEB) THAT IS FUNDED WITH MONEY RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN'S CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AND WHICH HAS BEEN SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH VEEB, A QUALIFYING 501(C)(3) NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO MITIGATE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP TO RESPOND TO THE NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, the County has appropriated \$22,450,000 from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund that was established pursuant to Subtitle M of Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the legislation establishing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (the "SLFRF") authorizes counties to use such funds, among other things, "to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to individuals, small businesses and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality"; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Treasury has published a Final Rule providing guidance further detailing the permissible uses of the SLFRF moneys (the "Final Rule"); and

WHEREAS, section 35.6(b) of the Final Rule, which appears in Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations, provides a non-exclusive list of specific permissible uses of

SLFRF funds to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts;  
and

WHEREAS, these enumerated uses include, among other things, assistance to unemployed workers, including job training for individuals who want and are available for work, as set forth in section 35.6(b)(3) of the Final Rule, that responds to the negative economic impacts incurred by those workers during the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, there are not-for-profit organizations and certain other eligible entities that are able to provide such assistance and support for, as well as outreach to, Nassau County's unemployed workers; and

WHEREAS, such organizations are eligible subrecipients of SLFRF funds to provide or to facilitate the provision of such services, programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, the County by Ordinance No. 116-A-2021 supplementally appropriated \$500,000 from the County's SLFRF allocation for the Nassau County Vocational Education and Extension Board (VEEB) to provide funding to assist organizations that provide such training and educational assistance and support for unemployed workers; and

WHEREAS, potential subrecipients of SLFRF funds would be required to administer funding and benefits for eligible uses as described in the Scope of Work in Appendix A of this Resolution;

WHEREAS, the County has identified a non-exhaustive list of such potential subrecipients in Appendix A of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County and its residents to promptly enter into and execute subrecipient agreements authorizing SLFRF moneys for such purposes so that they can be provided SLFRF moneys as expeditiously as possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into and execute a grant agreement on behalf of the County with the Nassau County Vocational Education and Extension Board (VEEB) that is funded with \$500,000 received by the County under the American Rescue Plan's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and which has been supplementally appropriated to fund a grant agreement with VEEB, a qualifying 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, for the purpose of providing funds to mitigate financial hardship to respond to the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into and execute: (i) subrecipient agreements with not-for-profit organizations and certain other eligible entities listed in Appendix A of this Resolution; as well as (ii) subrecipient agreements with other qualifying not-for-profit organizations and entities. All of these subrecipient agreements will be funded exclusively by SLFRF moneys received by the County under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to be spent in compliance with such legislation, the Final Rule, applicable federal contract provisions, and all other applicable federal law and regulation, and which have been supplementally appropriated in Ordinance No. 116-A-2021 for the County to enter into agreements for purposes specified in that Ordinance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all such subrecipient agreements shall be for purposes that are related to responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, shall be in compliance with all applicable payment terms and conditions,

reporting, record keeping or other requirements set forth in such subrecipient agreements, and a separate close-out procedure that will include a reconciliation of the SLFRF moneys provided under any such subrecipient agreements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such subrecipient agreements shall not affect County funding that may be provided to such not-for-profit organizations and other qualifying entities under any existing funding agreements, if any; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all such subrecipient agreements shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature so that they may be listed at the end of the legislative calendar, as appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to (i) execute any and all subrecipient agreements and any other instruments, agreements, ancillary agreements, funding notices, contracts, amendments, and to take such other action as is necessary to effectuate and carry out the receipt and disbursement of such SLFRF moneys in accordance with this Resolution; and (ii) suspend any vendor disclosure requirements as necessary in order to expedite the disbursement of such SLFRF moneys; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., the proposed action under this Resolution has been determined not to have any significant adverse impacts on the environment and no further review is required.



PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 106 – 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS, AND THE AFRICAN ATLANTIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

WHEREAS, Nassau County (“County”) has received funding from the State of New York pursuant to State Tax Law section 1202-q, and appropriated said funds to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums (“Department”) in accordance with said law in order to support programs and activities relevant to the enhancement of cultural in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Department determined that funding shall be awarded to the African Atlantic Genealogical Society, Inc., an existing not-for-profit organization located within the County for the continuation and enhancement of cultural growth in the County; and

WHEREAS, the funding was awarded pursuant to CQPK 2100002, dated June 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to extend the term of the Agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said amended agreement with the African Atlantic Genealogical Society, Inc.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 107 – 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS, AND THE MUSEUMS AT MITCHEL, D/B/A CRADLE OF AVIATION MUSEUM

WHEREAS, Nassau County (“County”) has received funding from the State of New York pursuant to State Tax Law section 1202-q, and appropriated said funds to the County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums (“Department”) in accordance with said law in order to support programs and activities relevant to the enhancement of tourism in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that funding shall be awarded to Museums at Michel, d/b/a Cradle of Aviation Museum, an existing not-for-profit organization located within the County, for the continuation and enhancement of cultural growth in the County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with Museums at Michel, d/b/a Cradle of Aviation Museum.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 108- 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS, AND THE ARTISTS IN PARTNERSHIP, INC.

WHEREAS, Nassau County (“County”) has received funding from the State of New York pursuant to State Tax Law section 1202-q, and appropriated said funds to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums (“Department”) in accordance with said law in order to support programs and activities relevant to the enhancement of cultural in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that funding shall be awarded to the Artists in Partnership, Inc., an existing not-for-profit organization located within the County for the continuation and enhancement of cultural growth in the County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the Artists in Partnership, Inc.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 109 – 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO  
EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF  
GREAT NECK IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL  
RADAR SPEED SIGNS AND RELATED ITEMS

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

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

WHEREAS, the Village is interested in undertaking a project to purchase and install within the Village radar speed signs and related items (the “Project”); and

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

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the Village, in relation to the aforesaid Project; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing

regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County said Project is a "Type II Action" within the meaning of Part 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 110 – 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LYNBROOK IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PURCHASE A NEW DUMP TRUCK

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

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

WHEREAS, the Village is interested in undertaking a project to purchase a new dump truck that will assist the Village Department of Public Works with daily street maintenance and snow plowing (the “Project”); and

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

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the Village, in relation to the aforesaid Project; and be it further

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 111 – 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO  
EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF  
HEMPSTEAD IN RELATION TO PROCURING LICENSE PLATE READERS

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

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

WHEREAS, the Village is interested in undertaking a project in relation to procuring license plate readers to be placed throughout the Village to read license plates as vehicles enter and leave the Village, thereby furthering the cooperation between the Village Police Department and the County Police Department in cross-jurisdictional incidents (the “Project”); and

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

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the Village, in relation to the aforesaid Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, said Project is a "Type II Action" within the meaning of Part 617.5(c)(31) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 112 - 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Office of Community Development is the overall administrative agent for the Federal Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”), HOME Investment Partnership (“HOME”), and the Emergency Shelter Grant (“ESG”), programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”); and

WHEREAS, each year, Nassau County must submit to HUD an annual plan outlining the proposed use of funds received through such programs; and

WHEREAS, this year, Nassau County will submit to HUD its annual plan for the 48<sup>th</sup> Program Year CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding; and

WHEREAS, such application for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds is currently on file with the Clerk of the Legislature of Nassau County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, such application for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds be and is hereby authorized by this Legislature to be filed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute any grant agreements or other documentation in relation to receipt of such grant funds.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 113 – 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROCURE AND INSTALL A NEW PLAYGROUND AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AT MEMORIAL PARK

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

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

WHEREAS, the Village is interested in undertaking a project to procure and install a new playground and related equipment at Memorial Park located in the Village (the “Project”); and

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

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the said agreement with the Village, in relation to the aforesaid Project; and be it further

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 114 -2022**

**A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S  
REAPPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE CARNELL T. FOSKEY TO  
THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Bruce A. Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the reappointment of the Honorable Carnell T. Foskey to the Civil Service Commission for a term ending May 31, 2028, pursuant to sections 203 and 1301 of the Nassau County Charter; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the reappointment of the Honorable Carnell T. Foskey to the Civil Service Commission for a term ending May 31, 2028, be, and the same is hereby confirmed, effective immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this appointment is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment"), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.



A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE’S APPOINTMENT OF VICTOR LAGRECA TO THE NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Victor LaGreca to the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency replacing Christopher Fusco, pursuant to Section 203 of the County Government Law of Nassau County and General Municipal Law Section 922; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment by the County Executive of Victor LaGreca to the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency is hereby confirmed effective immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this appointment is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.



**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO.            116   -2022**

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE’S APPOINTMENT OF RAYMOND PINTO TO THE NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Raymond Pinto to the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency to fill a vacant seat, pursuant to Section 203 of the County Government Law of Nassau County and General Municipal Law Section 922; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment by the County Executive of Raymond Pinto to the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency is hereby confirmed effective immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this appointment is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.



**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO.**

**117– 2022**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE’S APPOINTMENT OF  
DENISE GOLD TO THE NASSAU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Denise Gold to replace Marty Glennon on the Nassau County Planning Commission, pursuant to Sections 203 and 1601 of the Nassau County Charter, for a three-year term; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment by the County Executive of Denise Gold to serve on the Nassau County Planning Commission for a term expiring three years from the date of adoption of this resolution is hereby confirmed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this appointment is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(20) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 118-2022

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
NASSAU COUNTY LOCAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND FINANCING  
CORPORATION

WHEREAS, Resolution 255-2010 created the Nassau County Local Economic Assistance and Financing Corporation (the “Corporation”) pursuant to section 1411 of the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 255-2010, the Corporation shall have no fewer than three (3) Directors nor more than seven (7) Directors appointed by this Legislature, which Directors may, but shall not be required to be, appointed from among the members of the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency, who shall serve at the pleasure of this Legislature and shall serve without compensation; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby appointed as members of the Corporation’s Board of Directors, to serve until their successors are appointed and have been qualified:

William H. Rockensies shall replace Anthony Simon

Reginald A. Spinello shall replace Lewis M. Warren

Victor Lagreca shall replace Christopher Fusco

Raymond Pinto

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO.**

**119– 2022**

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GIFT OFFERED BY THE SOUTH HEMPSTEAD FIRE DISTRICT TO THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the South Hempstead Fire District has presented to the Nassau County Police Department a gift in the form of a surplus 2013 Ford Expedition with an estimated value of \$9,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the ambulances will be repurposed by the Nassau County Police Department for use by the Nassau County Police Department Auxiliary Unit 138; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Police Department deems the acceptance of such a gift to be in the best interest of the County of Nassau; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the said gift is gratefully accepted and the County Executive is hereby authorized to direct the Nassau County Police Department to accept the donation and to use the donation in furtherance of the Department's mission.



PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 120-2022

A RESOLUTION CEREMONIALLY DESIGNATING A COTTAGE ADJACENT TO BAXTER POND IN BARBARA JOHNSON PARK AND PRESERVE AS “NANCY COMER COTTAGE”

WHEREAS, Nancy, is a long time Port Washington resident, and spends much of her time looking after and enjoying Baxter’s Pond and the surrounding preserve in the Barbara Johnson Park and Preserve; and

WHEREAS, Nancy established and served as the president of the Baxter Pond Foundation for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Nancy maintained the beauty of the pond and the preserve, ripping up ragweed infestations, designing beautiful gardens, and mending the preserve’s infrastructure, including the cottage on the grounds; and

WHEREAS, Nancy’s passion, volunteerism, and grit benefited the residents in the community, who now wish to honor her for service; and

HEREAS, this Legislature deems it a fitting tribute, to ceremonially designate the unnamed cottage adjacent to Baxter’s Pond in Barbara Johnson Park and Preserve as “Nancy Comer Cottage”; and

WHEREAS, said designation is hereby declared a public purpose; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the unnamed cottage in Barbara Johnson Park and Preserve, adjacent to Baxter’s Pond, shall hereafter be ceremonially designated as “Nancy Comer Cottage”

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 121 - 2022**

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE PETTY CASH FUNDS OF THE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND CORRECTIONAL CENTER DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SHERIFF PURSUANT TO THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 1-4.2 and 20-2.0 of the Nassau County Administrative Code, the Legislature may authorize the County Treasurer to furnish the Department of Sheriff with a petty cash fund in such amount as it may specify by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Sheriff has, at present, petty cash funds authorized for the Enforcement Division and Correctional Center Division, which previously have been increased by Resolution No. 219-1986 and Resolution No. 49-1990 to the current amounts of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and six thousand dollars (\$6,000), respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Sheriff advises that increases of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the Enforcement Division and three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the Correctional Center Division, for total petty cash funds of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the Enforcement Division and nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) for the Correctional Center Division, respectively, are necessary to ensure the effective operation of the Department; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to increase the petty cash fund of the Enforcement Division of the Department of Sheriff to three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and increase the petty cash fund for the Correctional Center Division of the Department of Sheriff to nine thousand dollars (\$9,000).

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 122 – 2022**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS  
HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2022

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated May 18, 2022 addressed to the County Legislature, has advised that a transfer of appropriations heretofore made has been requested in order to provide funds to meet certain expenditures authorized within the budget for the year 2022; and

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

WHEREAS, the said transfer is known as BTCW22000021 as follows:

BOARD TRANSFER NO. BTCW22000021

	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b><u>FROM</u></b>	DA-GRT-3ZX9-FED (X9) - DE548	District Attorney – Grant Fund – Contractual Services	\$ 12,383.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 12,383.00</b>
<b><u>TO</u></b>	DA-GRT-3ZX9-FED (X9) – AA97Z	District Attorney – Grant Fund – Salary, Wages & Fees	\$ 9,403.00
	DA-GRT-3ZX9-FED (X9) – AB10F	District Attorney – Grant Funds – Fringe Benefits	\$ 2,980.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 12,383.00</b>

and;

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

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature does hereby authorize the said transfers of appropriations heretofore made within the budget for the year 2022, as hereinabove set forth; and  
be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution may be modified to allow for the correction of any

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

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



**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 123– 2022**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS  
HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2022**

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated May 18, 2022 addressed to the County Legislature, has advised that a transfer of appropriations heretofore made has been requested in order to provide funds to meet certain expenditures authorized within the budget for the year 2022; and

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

WHEREAS, the said transfer is known as BTCW22000020 as follows:

BOARD TRANSFER NO. BTCW22000020

	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b><u>FROM</u></b>	HS-GRT-CA20 (20) – DE548	Department of Human Services – Grant Fund – Contractual Expenses	\$ 45,123.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 45,123.00</b>
<b><u>TO</u></b>	HS-GRT-CA20 (20) – DD497	Department of Human Services – Grant Fund – General Expenses	\$ 45,123.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 45,123.00</b>

and;

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

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature does hereby authorize the said transfers of appropriations heretofore made within the budget for the year 2022, as hereinabove set forth; and  
be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution may be modified to allow for the correction of any

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

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



PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 124-2022

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND REQUIRE THE TRANSFER OF  
APPROPRIATIONS MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET OF THE NASSAU COUNTY  
LEGISLATURE FOR THE YEAR 2022

WHEREAS, by this Resolution, the Nassau County Legislature shall initiate and approve a transfer of appropriations within the budget of the Nassau County Legislature for the year 2022; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature does hereby authorize and require the following transfers of appropriations made within the budget of the Nassau County Legislature for the year 2022:

	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b><u>FROM</u></b>	LEGEN1500 AA98Z	Appropriated Salaries	\$400,000.00
	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>		\$400,000.00
<b><u>TO</u></b>	LEGEN2000 DD497	Appropriated General Expenses	\$400,000.00
	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>		\$400,000.00

; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County that this budget transfer is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617(c)(20) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is a class of actions which does not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO  
PRESIDING OFFICER

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

Monday, June 27, 2022  
1:13 P.M.

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2     A P P E A R A N C E S:

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4     LEGISLATOR RICHARD J. NICOLELLO

5             Presiding Officer

6             9th Legislative District

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8     LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL

9             Deputy Presiding Officer

10            7th Legislative District

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12    LEGISLATOR DENISE FORD

13            Alternate Presiding Officer

14            4th Legislative District

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16    LEGISLATOR KEVAN ABRAHAMS

17            Minority Leader

18            1st Legislative District

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20    LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE

21            2nd Legislative District

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23    LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES

24            3rd Legislative District

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3     LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE

4             5th Legislative District

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6     LEGISLATOR C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III

7             6th Legislative District

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9     LEGISLATOR JOHN GIUFFRE

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12     LEGISLATOR MAZI MELESA PILIP

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15     LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

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18     LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY

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21     LEGISLATOR THOMAS MCKEVITT

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24     LEGISLATOR LAURA SCHAEFER

25            14th Legislative District

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3     LEGISLATOR JOHN FERRETTI, JR.

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6     LEGISLATOR ANDREW DRUCKER

7             16th Legislative District

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9     LEGISLATOR ROSE WALKER

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12     LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN

13            18th Legislative District

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15     LEGISLATOR STEVEN RHOADS

16            19th Legislative District

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18     MICHAEL PULITZER

19            Clerk of the Legislature

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm going  
3 to call this meeting of the Nassau County  
4 Legislature to order and ask Legislator Bill  
5 Gaylor to lead us in the Pledge of  
6 Allegiance. Thank you Bill.

7 Mike could you call the role  
8 please?

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

12 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

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

15 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

16 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela  
17 Bynoe.

18 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

19 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Carrie  
20 Solages.

21 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

22 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Debra  
23 Mule.

24 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

25 MR. PULITZER: Legislator C.

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2 William Gaylor III.

3 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

4 MR. PULITZER: Legislator John  
5 Giuffre.

6 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

7 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Mazi  
8 Pilip.

9 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

10 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Delia  
11 DeRiggi-Whitton.

12 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
13 Here.

14 MR. PULITZER: Legislator James  
15 Kennedy.

16 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

17 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Thomas  
18 McKevitt.

19 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

20 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura  
21 Schaefer.

22 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

23 MR. PULITZER: Legislator John  
24 Ferretti.

25 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

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2 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold  
3 Drucker.

4 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

5 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose  
6 Marie Walker.

7 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

8 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Joshua  
9 Lafazan.

10 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

11 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Steven  
12 Rhoads. He is present. Thank you.

13 Minority Leader Kevan Abrahams.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

15 MR. PULITZER: Presiding Officer  
16 Richard Nicolello.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

18 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum  
19 sir.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank  
21 you. We have, as we always start our  
22 meetings, we have our top cops presentation  
23 today as well as a couple of points of  
24 personal privilege. After that there will be  
25 a public comment period. And anyone who

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2 wishes to speak on any item they can do so  
3 during that period but we ask that you fill  
4 out a slip, which you can get from the clerk's  
5 table here and then we'll put you on the list  
6 to speak during the public comment portion and  
7 following that will be the business portion of  
8 the meeting.

9 To start things off we would like  
10 to recognize our top cops and first off is the  
11 Nassau County PBA. I'm not sure who's  
12 presenting. If Tom Shevlin's here? No.  
13 Kevin Mullin will be here, the first vice  
14 president of the PBA.

15 MR. MULLIN: Good afternoon  
16 everyone. President Shevlin apologizes he  
17 couldn't make it today. It's my privilege and  
18 honor to present the top cops and also the  
19 medics today for the month of May 2022.

20 On May 6, 2022 at approximately  
21 6:30 p.m. Fifth Precinct officers were  
22 dispatched to a call in Franklin Square for a  
23 male not breathing at a local restaurant.  
24 Police officer Milone was first on scene and  
25 observed the aided being placed on the ground

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2 by a few members of the Franklin Square Fire  
3 Department. He did not have a pulse and he  
4 was not breathing. CPR was activated by the  
5 fire department and officers Milone and Polzer  
6 attached his AED. After shock they got a  
7 pulse back.

8 Police medics Murphy and Katz  
9 arrived on scene and attached their monitor to  
10 the patient. The patient had shallow  
11 breathing and an irregular rhythm. After a  
12 second shock the patient had a stronger pulse  
13 and better breathing. The patient was placed  
14 in a police ambulance and was administered  
15 medicines through an IO which is an  
16 intraosseous infusion. That is when the  
17 police medic drills into the shinbone in order  
18 to get medicine into the body quicker. The  
19 officers then transported him to Winthrop  
20 Hospital for further treatment.

21 The patient, who is here today and  
22 his name is John Ballestria and his wife  
23 Barbara, spent almost two weeks in the  
24 hospital. He is expected to make a full  
25 recovery. He had a pacemaker defibrillator

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2 implanted.

3 If it was not for the quick  
4 response of these officers, their training and  
5 being calm under pressure in this situation it  
6 could have been a very different outcome.

7 Nassau County PBA is proud to  
8 announce police officers Sal Milone, Robert  
9 Polzer, police medics Ryan Murphy and Jason  
10 Katz as the top legislative cops for June  
11 2022.

12 By the way, John is a retired New  
13 York City police officer.

14 MR. BALLESTRIA: Good afternoon.  
15 Thank you for having me. I would not be here  
16 if it were not for the efforts of the  
17 gentlemen behind me and a nurse that could not  
18 be here. She's from New Jersey and as soon as  
19 I collapsed she immediately started CPR. Her  
20 name was Angelica DeFlipper. By the grace of  
21 God I'm here and the gentlemen behind me,  
22 police officers, all the EMTs, Dr. Fein from  
23 Winthrop Hospital and all the doctors and  
24 nurses that's the only reason I'm still  
25 standing here today and thank you and God

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2 bless them. Thank you very much.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any of the  
4 medics or officers want to say anything?

5 MR. MULLIN: No thank you.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
7 Giuffre would you like to say a few things?

8 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: You  
9 gentlemen are in the 8th Legislative District  
10 which I represent. You saved the life of one  
11 of our community members and a retired police  
12 officer. I just want to recognize you and  
13 thank you for what you've done. I've known  
14 officer Milone since he was a little boy  
15 because he grew up around the corner from my  
16 house. It's nice to see that you grew into a  
17 fine young man. And I knew your dad, God rest  
18 his soul. He was wonderful.

19 But for all of you, you are in the  
20 best traditions of Nassau County's finest. So  
21 we thank you for your quick response for  
22 applying your training and for saving a life.  
23 Thank you. God bless you.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you  
25 Legislator Giuffre. In a few moments we'll

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2 have you come up and we'd like to take a  
3 photograph with you. In the mean time we will  
4 have the detectives as well.

5 For the presentation with respect  
6 to the detectives I would ask Jeff Gross, the  
7 president of the Detectives Association, Inc.

8 MR. GROSS: I'm a little taller  
9 than Kevin. Sorry Kevin.

10 I just want to thank the Presiding  
11 Officer, Rich Nicolello, Minority Leader Kevan  
12 Abrahams and the full legislative body for  
13 taking the time out to honor 8th Squad  
14 detectives Jonathan Delmore, Steven Lerner,  
15 Anthony Montesano and Michael Neglia.

16 This is a case that is kind of old  
17 fashion police work. It's the tenacity in  
18 this that we really honor.

19 On February 16th, a 52 year old  
20 woman in Levittown was robbed in her driveway  
21 at gunpoint. They had nothing to go on other  
22 than the description from the victim. It  
23 ended up developing probable cause to make  
24 this the arrest but it took three weeks to do  
25 it. And what they did was, they were able to

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2 recover the purse that was stolen and the cell  
3 phone. They canvassed the area where those  
4 items were recovered. One was in Queens and  
5 the other was in Nassau County. They were  
6 able to get videotapes of those places and use  
7 that to help their investigation.

8 This woman who was robbed worked at  
9 a used car dealer shop and she had \$40,000 in  
10 cash in her purse and they were able to  
11 investigate that and determine only a few  
12 people had known about that.

13 They watched the videotape from the  
14 car dealership and they were able to see a car  
15 that drove by and then they recognized the  
16 same car where the other items were  
17 recovered. They noticed a particular sticker  
18 on the car. Through 20 or more different  
19 video canvasses in areas they were able to  
20 develop a plate but the plate ended up coming  
21 back stolen. Through more police work and  
22 tenacity they were able to get a description  
23 of the vehicle. They notified NCIS on the  
24 license plate. The vehicle was wanted armed  
25 and dangerous, suspects possible and they put

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2 the description of the vehicle in there and  
3 they asked if anybody had seen that car to  
4 notify them. They put it out on a license  
5 plate reader. The car ended up coming up in  
6 Hempstead. They went to the area.

7 Nassau County police stopped the  
8 vehicle. The guy came out shooting. A gun  
9 battle ensued. Luckily nobody was hurt or  
10 injured. The suspect was arrested. They  
11 closed out other multiple cases of shootings  
12 and robberies with the suspect. And Nassau  
13 County is a safer place for them because of  
14 the work that these gentlemen did.

15 I know I'm just summing it up, but  
16 if you think about it, for three weeks they're  
17 working on this case while working on other  
18 cases that are coming in every day. It's  
19 basically a triage situation. The four of  
20 them worked on this when they had the time  
21 which was a lot of time and often times on  
22 their own times. Ran in to do a photo array  
23 to show the victim to make the identification.

24 And so my congratulations to these  
25 gentlemen for doing what I consider above and

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2 beyond. It was old fashion police work with  
3 technology and these guys worked above and  
4 beyond on county time and their own time to  
5 get a dangerous person off the street and I  
6 want to congratulate them for that.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any of  
8 detectives want to say a few words?

9 MR. GROSS: Thank you.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you  
11 legislator Ferretti.

12 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you  
13 Presiding Officer. Detectives, you know, I  
14 think any time you hear of a heinous crime  
15 committed like this in one of your individual  
16 districts you take particular notice. For  
17 this one it was actually even -- I took even  
18 more notice because it actually happened about  
19 25 feet away from my front door. That's where  
20 this crime happened.

21 So I was on the phone with  
22 Commissioner Ryder the night of and what  
23 really strikes me about all the work that all  
24 of you put into solving this crime was the  
25 video that you were able to look at and

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2 somehow figure out that this was the car that  
3 was used for this crime. Because one of the  
4 videos you saw was actually the Ring video  
5 from my sister's house right next door. I'm a  
6 car guy and I could not figure out what type  
7 of car that was.

8 It's really incredible and it's a  
9 testament to not just your work but our entire  
10 police department that we have the resources  
11 in place and this technology that has assisted  
12 you in solving this crime.

13 And the work you did was  
14 incredible. I want to thank you from the  
15 bottom of my heart, from our community's heart  
16 for what you do because as we can see from  
17 what happened with the PBA members, the police  
18 officers who stopped the car this was a very  
19 dangerous man who was willing to shoot people  
20 if he got caught. Who knows what other  
21 heinous crimes he would have committed had you  
22 not put in the time and effort that you did to  
23 solve this crime? Thank you all very much and  
24 God bless you.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Come on up

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2 for a presentation.

3 We are kind of regretfully going to  
4 be losing one of our leaders at the end of  
5 this coming month and that would be our  
6 commissioner of health, Dr. Larry Eisenstein.  
7 Come on up Dr. Eisenstein.

8 Dr. Eisenstein has been the  
9 county's health commissioner since 2011.  
10 Under his leadership the department received  
11 public health accreditation in 2017. In 2018  
12 the county health department was the local  
13 health department of the year as identified by  
14 the National Association of County and City  
15 Health Officials. We have received 22 model  
16 promising innovative practice awards. And in  
17 2020 Nassau County Health Department was  
18 ranked first in New York State in both major  
19 categories by the University of Wisconsin  
20 health rankings.

21 Dr. Eisenstein was our health  
22 leader during the most extreme circumstances,  
23 the most difficult times, the biggest health  
24 emergency this county has probably ever seen.  
25 His outstanding leadership during the pandemic

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2 certainly was felt by all of us and by our  
3 residents as well. He was a leader on the  
4 team that responded to the pandemic, a liaison  
5 with all of the public health systems. Under  
6 his leadership and guidance we set up some of  
7 the first testing sites. Ran it the most  
8 efficient, effective way as possible in this  
9 entire state.

10 Under his leadership our county  
11 health department, our county created some of  
12 the first vaccine sites and has continued to  
13 do those throughout when the boosters came out  
14 and, again, did it some of the most effective  
15 efficient ways in the state of New York.

16 He assisted constituents in need  
17 any time we called upon him.

18 Personally, for us, for the 19 of  
19 us, during the height of the pandemic when all  
20 of us were starved for information we had  
21 weekly briefings which were given to us by  
22 Dr. Eisenstein. He gave us the information  
23 that we needed at this most severe, severe  
24 public health crisis in a calm, reasoned way.  
25 He enabled us to understand what the

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2 statistics and what the trends made. He gave  
3 us a realistic outlook. He provided firm  
4 leadership that avoided the extremes of the  
5 issue and some of the hysteria that was going  
6 on.

7 All of us used that information to  
8 communicate to our residents. Thousands upon  
9 thousands upon thousands of our residents were  
10 receiving this information indirectly from  
11 you, Dr. Eisenstein. Again, your leadership  
12 during the course of this pandemic has been  
13 extraordinary. All of us are grateful. All  
14 our residents who are aware are grateful.  
15 Certainly for me and I think for all of us  
16 it's been honor and privilege to serve with  
17 you. We thank you for all your service to the  
18 county.

19 DR. EISENSTEIN: Thank you.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Before you  
21 go, Legislator Walker, Legislator Ford and  
22 anyone else who wants to join in.

23 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you  
24 Presiding Officer. I've had the pleasure of  
25 serving as the health chair committee the

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2 entire time that Dr. Eisenstein has been here  
3 and as long as I have been on the  
4 legislature. I can honestly say no matter  
5 what I reached out for, no matter what  
6 question I had, no matter how many times I  
7 might have bothered him, and especially as  
8 presiding officer said, during those COVID  
9 times when residents would call or a school  
10 district would call and have a question and  
11 could reach out, even if he couldn't get back  
12 to us immediately he would always get back to  
13 us.

14 I cannot thank you for all that you  
15 have done for us in this entire time you have  
16 been here 12 plus years and wish you the very,  
17 very best in your new position.

18 And aside from that, on a personal  
19 note, for being such a dear friend and our  
20 friendship has grown over these 12 and a half  
21 years and I can tell you that I will miss your  
22 expert knowledge here but I will especially  
23 miss a friend I had here over these years.  
24 God bless you and our friendship will  
25 continue.

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2 DR. EISENSTEIN: Thank you.

3 LEGISLATOR FORD: You are going  
4 to be missed Dr. Eisenstein. I remember you  
5 like whatever emergencies or disasters  
6 impacted our county you were always there at  
7 the ready to be able to guide us through it.  
8 I know most recently of course through this  
9 pandemic. But I'll never forget that like  
10 rainy sort of day that we got together I guess  
11 it was the day after Sandy hit the south shore  
12 and especially the City of Long Beach and we  
13 were there, you were there to take a look at  
14 the situation. You visited the communities to  
15 see how impacted they were. The water  
16 levels. What kind of damage has been done.  
17 What possible health problems we were going to  
18 face. The fact that our sewage treatment  
19 plants weren't working. Water wasn't  
20 drinkable at that point.

21 So, and I'll never forget too -- on  
22 behalf of the many residents that lived at the  
23 Hina Komanoff Center I credit you with making  
24 sure that they got to a safe designation  
25 before that storm hit.

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2 And, you know, a lot of times  
3 everybody likes to be polite and like not step  
4 on anybody's toes but sometimes you got to be  
5 that person that. This is not common  
6 knowledge, I hope I'm not embarrassing you,  
7 but Dr. Eisenstein, we had somebody who was  
8 running a facility and they wanted to wait  
9 until the last possible minute to evacuate our  
10 seniors. Dr. Eisenstein was telling me that  
11 when he first had coordinated to get all those  
12 ambulances to go down on a Sunday to remove  
13 the patients and they were turned away and he  
14 wanted to throw his hands up and say it's not  
15 my problem. But he just thought of those  
16 people down in Louisiana that were left behind  
17 and felt that he needed to, even if he was  
18 going to make enemies, he'd rather do it with  
19 a clean conscious.

20 So he made a call to our state  
21 Department of Health chair Dr. Shari I believe  
22 it was, who then had agencies go down on that  
23 Monday morning right before the storm hit. We  
24 were able to take those people out of the  
25 nursing home and bring them to places to so

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2 that they remained safe. And of course the  
3 nursing home as well as the hospital did go  
4 under water because it's right on the bay.

5 So, you showed great initiative and  
6 I also think great courage because sometimes  
7 you don't know how people are going to react  
8 when you do push. I always thank you for  
9 being that person.

10 Because regardless of what issue I  
11 spoke with you about, whether or not we had  
12 our problems with our water, parents felt that  
13 their children were being -- it was tainted  
14 water affecting their health, you personally  
15 went down and met with the families, spoke  
16 with them. You made them feel comfortable.  
17 You gave them assurances. No matter what hit  
18 Long Beach you were always there. Whatever  
19 hit the county. I have to say you really are  
20 a great leader and with all the awards that  
21 you have received on the national level I just  
22 think you're a phenomenal individual and I  
23 wish you luck in where ever you go. But I  
24 want to tell you you're breaking my heart.

25 DR. EISENSTEIN: I'm not going

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2 far.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
4 Ferretti and then Legislator Rhoads.

5 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Dr.  
6 Eisenstein, not to belabor the point but the  
7 job that you and your entire team did during  
8 the COVID pandemic was really second to none.  
9 I can't thank you enough for all that. But I  
10 don't think -- obviously we all know the job  
11 you did which was tops I would think in the  
12 country during COVID, but you've done so many  
13 other great things as your time as  
14 commissioner. Whether it be spending your  
15 Fourth of July talking to me about mice in a  
16 movie theater. Which, by the way, Monday is  
17 the Fourth of July.

18 But even as recently as the  
19 Legionnaire outbreak that happened in my  
20 district, me and Steve Rhoads' district, just  
21 a few months ago, I mean, coming off of or at  
22 least towards the tail end of the pandemic  
23 another outbreak and you handled it so  
24 efficiently and professionally and gave our  
25 residents that you had everything under

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2 control and you did. I'll be pretty short but  
3 just thank you for everything. Good luck in  
4 the future. God bless you.

5 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Larry, the  
6 work that you've done is simply incredible.  
7 You always hear the phrase that sometimes the  
8 man finds the moment, sometimes the moment  
9 finds the man. When the man happens to step  
10 up in occasion after occasion I don't know how  
11 to adequately describe that. You are and were  
12 an exceptional health commissioner, an  
13 exceptional person. I want to thank you for  
14 your consistency, for your leadership.  
15 Whether it was Legionnaires or whether it was  
16 COVID you were the person that when we were  
17 getting hysteria from everywhere else,  
18 everywhere you turned, every time you turned  
19 on the news, every time you listened to what  
20 was coming out of the federal government, the  
21 conflicting information that was coming out of  
22 the state government, as an infectious disease  
23 specialist yourself you were the perfect  
24 person to have in the moment where Nassau  
25 County residents needed you most.

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2 And as Denise said, it breaks my  
3 heart that we're not going to have you as that  
4 resource. But something tells me when I need  
5 to pick up the phone to call for advice on  
6 what to say on the next Coronavirus update,  
7 hopefully there are no more of those ever,  
8 when we have an issue going on with whether  
9 it's safe for schools to meet or the youth  
10 ministry program that I run, safe for us to  
11 conduct an activity you were always there for  
12 us. Always there with accurate, reasoned,  
13 rational information. And trust comes very  
14 easily. I trust you more than some of the  
15 information, almost all of the information  
16 that we get out of any other source.

17 I want to thank you for everything  
18 that you've done for Nassau County residents.  
19 It's a shame that today obviously we're  
20 drawing some attention to it but the work that  
21 you did during COVID, your work was equally as  
22 amazing throughout your term as commissioner.

23 It's a shame that the residents of  
24 Nassau County don't know that because if they  
25 did the accolades would be pouring in for

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2 everything that you've done for all of us over  
3 the course of your 11 years here working for  
4 the county.

5 So, Larry, I want to wish you the  
6 best of luck. I know you're not moving far  
7 and I know that we will still be in touch, but  
8 just an amazing job. Thank you so much for  
9 everything that you've done.

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Commissioner  
11 Eisenstein, I'd like to echo the sentiments of  
12 my colleagues. I won't belabor the point as  
13 well but I really thank you for being always  
14 accessible. Calling you at any hours of the  
15 day, the night, the morning and not only  
16 counseling me in how to better communicate to  
17 the residents of Legislative District 2 but  
18 also speaking directly to school personnel and  
19 the like to make sure that they got timely  
20 information and as accurate as one could be in  
21 an ever changing fluid situation.

22 I also want to thank you because we  
23 had very candid conversations about  
24 identifying disparities and being able to  
25 deliver testing and vaccines into our

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2 communities and for our underserved  
3 communities and also our elderly.

4 You and I spoke very early on when  
5 there was only that internet access and we got  
6 together and talked about setting up a phone  
7 line so that the elderly could call in or the  
8 visually impaired or whoever didn't have  
9 access to computers. Then we worked to make  
10 sure that there was some equity built in to  
11 access to the vaccines. For that I say thank  
12 you. Thank you for being culturally competent  
13 in that fashion and for delivering, and I wish  
14 you all the best in your future endeavors.  
15 Take good care.

16 DR. EISENSTEIN: Thank you and  
17 very kind words. Very humbling. I'm normally  
18 not a nervous public speaker but today it's a  
19 little weird. It's an exciting time.  
20 Obviously a very emotional time because people  
21 don't know that the work of the health  
22 commissioner and until you've done it -- I  
23 thought when I was new I would understand what  
24 it is but it truly is 24 hours a day 365  
25 days. My term is ending, my second term. The

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2 term for a commissioner of health is a  
3 six-year termed appointed by the state health  
4 department and I take the term seriously and I  
5 felt that at this point it was time for me to  
6 try new endeavors rather than commit to  
7 another six-year term. Very appreciative.

8 Legislator Nicoletto, nobody could  
9 have been more respectful as a presiding  
10 officer of me and the health department. Any  
11 time we needed anything you were responsive  
12 and receptive and I greatly appreciate the  
13 respect you have shown to me and my department  
14 and I'll talk about them in a minute because  
15 there's a lot of kinds words coming to me but  
16 it doesn't matter how good I am there's only  
17 so much we could achieve without the  
18 incredible department of health staff behind  
19 me. So I do want to talk about them briefly.

20 I can tell stories of work I've  
21 done with basically all of you over the  
22 years. And Sandy's, what I thought was going  
23 to be the landmark work of my life and none of  
24 us predicted COVID would come. As an  
25 infectious disease specialist we understand

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2 that respiratory pandemics can and likely will  
3 happen but I don't think any of us thought of  
4 the impact that we were going to see.

5 Legislator Walker, you've become  
6 like family. Since I have been the  
7 commissioner of health you've been the  
8 chairman of the health committee. So that  
9 naturally put us together on numerous issues.  
10 I've enjoyed our discussions and I have  
11 enjoyed all that we have been able to achieve  
12 and you've been a wonderful friend and I think  
13 of you as family so thank you.

14 I could literally tell a story  
15 probably about all of you but just a few  
16 moments stand out in my mind.

17 Legislator Ford, I was going to not  
18 bring up what happened with the hospital there  
19 but I was going to talk about e-coli and the  
20 water as a quick example. But when I look  
21 back if you were to ask me the single most  
22 important decision that I made -- I was not  
23 going to bring this up but since you did --  
24 was absolutely mandating that those facilities  
25 on the waterfront were evacuated. It's

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2 dangerous and very costly to evacuate  
3 facilities. After the year before we had  
4 Hurricane Irene which turned inland and didn't  
5 hit us after we evacuated, we stuck with the  
6 plan and mandated them to evacuated and many  
7 people would have died had we not made that  
8 decision. If you ask me, my single most  
9 important decision it wasn't with COVID at  
10 all, it was with Sandy a decade ago or  
11 whenever that was. Thank you for all of that.

12 And Legislator Bynoe, I was going  
13 to mention the work that we did and the  
14 partnership that you provided.

15 You know, the health department  
16 really is simple. We just want people to live  
17 and we want them to be healthy. That's it.  
18 There's no other motive. Live and be  
19 healthy. And the work that we did together in  
20 your community, bringing the residents of  
21 Westbury in for vaccinations absolutely saved  
22 lives and I thank you for that.

23 And Legislator Solages I was  
24 thinking back when there was -- we needed to  
25 do some education regarding the water supply

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2 of Elmont's and the myths that were going  
3 around about how the water was responsible for  
4 prostate cancer. We did great work educating  
5 the community with yourself and with  
6 Assemblywoman Solages as well. Please thank  
7 her for that as well.

8 Those are the moments I think back  
9 where when you're a practicing doctor and you  
10 somebody get better, they shake your hand and  
11 they give you a hug and you get that personal  
12 satisfaction. When you go into public health  
13 you don't get that. But you have to go to  
14 sleep knowing that what you've did improved  
15 lives and saved lives. And I am between COVID  
16 and all of these other moments so aware of  
17 what we've done to help people in Nassau  
18 County live longer and live healthier. I'm  
19 very proud of that.

20 And Legislator Ferretti we can tell  
21 the story about rats in the movie theater and  
22 I was going to bring that up. I have so many  
23 stories I could go through for everybody but  
24 I'm just very, very appreciative.

25 Legislator Rhoads, I still live in

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2 your district. So now I get to call you about  
3 the pot holes and whatever else I'm going to  
4 deal with. But I am here as a resource.

5 I do want to share that I've  
6 accepted a position at Catholic Health. I'm  
7 going to be the vice president of community  
8 and public health and impacting the public  
9 health disparity measures and making sure  
10 there that we continue, especially with the  
11 new Medicaid requirements for payment, it's  
12 going to be responsibility that was very  
13 exciting to me at a time when I wasn't ready  
14 to commit to another six-year term.

15 Most important for that, when  
16 you're the commissioner of health it's 365  
17 days a year. Even on vacation, my wife, who's  
18 watching from a little bungalow at a sleep  
19 away camp upstate, hello to my beautiful wife  
20 who has given me the strength to do this.  
21 It's not easy on them. It's not easy when we  
22 finally get date night to go out to dinner and  
23 calls come in. Every single day of the year  
24 and I loved it. It's addicting almost.

25 But I need to pay more attention to

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2 my wife and my kids. My older daughter is  
3 going off to college. It happens so fast you  
4 don't even realize it. So I want to thank  
5 them.

6 The staff of the health department  
7 that you have -- the commissioner doesn't win  
8 health department of the year. The health  
9 department and the community together. Our  
10 health department with our infrastructure of  
11 incredible hospitals, our partners at  
12 Northwell, Mount Sinai, NYU and of course  
13 Catholic they are second to none. It doesn't  
14 matter which hospital you end up in you're  
15 going to get really great care. That's  
16 something that makes it a little bit easier to  
17 be the health commissioner here. But I am  
18 just so grateful.

19 This was a job that it's once in a  
20 lifetime. There are more people on the  
21 Yankees and Mets pitching staffs right now  
22 then have ever been the Nassau County  
23 commissioner of health. So I don't for a  
24 second take it for granted. I loved every  
25 minute of it. It was a very hard decision.

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2 I am particularly grateful the  
3 County Executive Blakeman who discussed with  
4 me various ways that maybe I would stay and I  
5 appreciate that opportunity. I appreciate all  
6 of the county executives I worked for. County  
7 Executive was with me throughout COVID. And  
8 County Executive Mangano gave me this  
9 opportunity after County Executive Suozzi had  
10 hired me as deputy commissioner. That's two  
11 Republicans and two Democrats. I'm so proud  
12 that I have been able to work with everybody  
13 on both sides.

14 Because public health really  
15 doesn't care about politics. Public health is  
16 about helping people live longer and  
17 healthier, period. That's it.

18 So to all of you it's been an honor  
19 and a pleasure. You all had Mary Ellen here  
20 representing me. She retired. Now you have  
21 Ann DiSimone who has lead our emergency  
22 preparedness bureau and our communicable  
23 disease director now took over that in the  
24 middle of COVID. Think about that.

25 And Dr. Buchman, who is our

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2 schools' liaison. Our head epidemiologist and  
3 as good as there is. And of course one of my  
4 personal most important people in my life  
5 who's become a very, very close lifelong  
6 friend and my attorney and every good  
7 commissioner needs an attorney Jerry's here.

8 The staff at the health department  
9 is incredible. You mentioned 22 model and  
10 promising practice awards, national awards,  
11 that's more I believe, if not it's pretty  
12 close, more than the other 58 counties of New  
13 York combined. And that includes New York  
14 City. I don't know. Albany won a couple and  
15 Tompkins. You know, the Cornell people  
16 they've won a couple lately. So it might not  
17 be more than all of them combined. But until  
18 a year or two ago it was more than all of them  
19 combined.

20 I'm not the one writing all of  
21 these. I'm pushing it and motivating  
22 everybody. But you have an incredible health  
23 department. The only thing I would ask is,  
24 I'll be at Catholic Health hopefully impacting  
25 public health from there and providing

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2 whatever support to any of you and the new  
3 health commissioner, whoever that will be.  
4 And of course I'll stay out of their hair  
5 because I won't be there anymore.

6 But once COVID passes people tend  
7 to forget about public health and you  
8 shouldn't because it's about the water that we  
9 drink and the food that we eat and the air  
10 that we breathe and the diseases that are in  
11 our community. So I always say it's a time  
12 when people recognize and acknowledge public  
13 health. But my one plea, when COVID's long a  
14 memory, please support as much as you can the  
15 public health department because they save  
16 lives. And we've seen it from start to  
17 finish. I'm so grateful for this  
18 opportunity. Again, I'll never take it for  
19 granted.

20 Thank you to all of you. Thank you  
21 to the county executives who've given me their  
22 trust and faith. Thank you to the best health  
23 department in the United States of America.  
24 And we have the medals on the wall to support  
25 that. To our health care infrastructure which

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2 is the best. I am here until the end of July  
3 and hope to get to speak with anybody and then  
4 I'm very excited about the next opportunity.  
5 Thank you.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We have  
7 one more point of personal privilege. That  
8 would be Legislator John Ferretti.

9 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you  
10 Presiding Officer and Dr. Tonie McDonald I'll  
11 like to take a moment to recognize you.

12 It's an honor and privilege to  
13 recognize Levittown superintendent of schools  
14 Dr. Tonie McDonald here today. Dr. McDonald  
15 is a true Levittown success story. Where she  
16 entered the Levittown school district as a  
17 sixth grader and graduated Levittown Memorial  
18 High School in 1977.

19 After graduating Adelphi University  
20 with a BA in social sciences in '92 and an MA  
21 in secondary education in '95 she obtained a  
22 teaching position at Division Avenue High  
23 School. Where, incidentally, she was lucky  
24 enough to have me as a student. Or maybe  
25 unfortunate enough to have me as a student.

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2 While teaching, she continued to  
3 pursue her education at Hofstra University  
4 earning a certificate of advanced study and  
5 policy and administration studies in 2000 and  
6 a doctorate in education and foundation  
7 leadership and policy studies in 2013.

8 2003 Dr. McDonald was promoted to  
9 social studies chair. In '05 to director of  
10 people services. In '08 to assistant business  
11 manager and in '09 to assistant superintendent  
12 for business and finance.

13 In 2010 Dr. McDonald left Levittown  
14 school district and entered the Plainview  
15 school system. The Levittown school district  
16 was not the same until 2014 when Dr. McDonald  
17 came back as our superintendent of schools.

18 Since taking over as superintendent  
19 she has continued to ensure the district's  
20 mantra of success for every student that was  
21 not just a tag line but a reality.

22 Most recently she's lead our  
23 district through the pandemic having great  
24 success limiting the spread of COVID-19 within  
25 the schools. Not just as a legislator who

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2 works closely with the district, but as a  
3 father with children in the district I knew my  
4 children were safe going to school every  
5 single day during the pandemic and that's a  
6 true testament to your leadership Dr.  
7 McDonald.

8 Recently Dr. McDonald was named  
9 president of the Nassau County Counsel of  
10 School Superintendents, which has made our  
11 entire community so proud.

12 But perhaps more important than all  
13 the accolades and awards Dr. McDonald has  
14 received, and there's been plenty of them,  
15 like the New York State Senate Liberty Award,  
16 the New York State Assembly Woman of  
17 Distinction Award, the Nassau County  
18 Trailblazer Award and so many others, is that  
19 Dr. McDonald is incredibly involved in our  
20 community. She's at every sports game in our  
21 schools, every award night, every moving  
22 ceremony and graduation. She's a member of  
23 the Levittown community organization and is a  
24 true Levittown icon.

25 On July 5th Dr. McDonald will be

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2 retiring after 27 years in the education  
3 system. While the Levittown community of  
4 course wishes you the best in your retirement  
5 you will be sorely missed. You made such a  
6 tremendous impact on generations of students,  
7 teachers, parents and faculty.

8 Just a few weeks ago I was watching  
9 TV with my son, which was almost certainly  
10 either a Met game or Star Trek, two things  
11 that we share in common a love for,  
12 Dr. McDonald, and he said, Dad, I saw on Abby  
13 Action News, which is like a movie skit the  
14 kids put together in fourth and fifth grade,  
15 that Dr. McDonald was retiring. He said she's  
16 so nice. I'm going to miss her. I said me  
17 too Johnny. He said yeah, well, she's the  
18 only person at more stuff in Levittown than  
19 you. I said you're right.

20 But I hope that doesn't change Dr.  
21 McDonald. We still need you at everything.

22 In closing, I want to thank you for  
23 everything that you've done for former  
24 students like me, current students, parents,  
25 teachers, faculty and the community as a

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2 whole. But Pat, her husband is here today,  
3 don't get used to having her around because  
4 she's going to be, just like I said, she's  
5 going to be just as much out in the community  
6 as always.

7 Again, congratulations on your  
8 retirement. I wish you the best and God  
9 bless. Thank you.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Would you  
11 like to say a few words Dr. McDonald?

12 DR. MCDONALD: Thank you so much  
13 for having me. I'm humbled to be here with  
14 the top cops of Nassau and Dr. Eisenstein who  
15 was wonderful. I'm just very lucky to be in a  
16 school district in the greatest county in the  
17 world. Thank you very much for your hard  
18 work. Thank you.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We will  
20 move on to the public portion of our meeting.  
21 Before I do I know that Faren Siminoff has  
22 submitted a slip. She's the president of the  
23 Nassau County Community College Faculty  
24 Association and full-time faculty. But I  
25 believe you want to speak on the item itself.

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2 So, I will hold off on calling you up until we  
3 call the item in a little while.

4 So we will go to our speakers.  
5 First of which is a familiar speaker who's  
6 been with us for many, many years as the  
7 liaison from the PBA who will be retiring  
8 soon. Officer, Mr. Todd Torchia. Come on  
9 up.

10 Todd, it's been a pleasure to have  
11 you here. It's been a great working  
12 relationship and we appreciate all the hours  
13 that you've put in listening to our meetings.  
14 Probably should have gotten combat pay for  
15 that. But thank you for your service to us  
16 and to residents of Nassau County.

17 MR. TORCHIA: Todd Torchia. I  
18 just wanted to say a few words. I'm really  
19 not a public speaker per se but I just want to  
20 tell you how much I appreciate and how much I  
21 understand how much work that this whole board  
22 does for the citizens of Nassau County.

23 I started on John Ferretti's post  
24 36 years ago in Levittown. I've been an  
25 officer with the PBA for 32 years. And I have

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2 been on PAC for all those 32 years, political  
3 action committee. The people behind me know  
4 what that is.

5 In 1995 I heard of this new branch  
6 that was coming to Nassau County. It was the  
7 legislature. I worked on -- I might have even  
8 worked on Richard's campaign back then. I've  
9 been working those campaigns, you know,  
10 walking the streets and spreading your words.  
11 But I never really fully understood or  
12 appreciated how much time, how much effort and  
13 how much compassion you have for everybody in  
14 this county. Especially during COVID where  
15 both sides got together and did something that  
16 I was taught 36 years ago by Gary Dellaraba  
17 and also the cops that I worked with, just do  
18 the right thing. For your whole career just  
19 do the right thing and I believe I have. I  
20 believe the Nassau County Police Department  
21 does that.

22 You guys have the best police  
23 department in the country. Maybe even in the  
24 world. Which you are familiar with now doing  
25 the top cops and you can see all the great

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2 things they do. Just stay with doing the work  
3 you do and continue supporting the police.

4 That's all I ask. Thank you and good luck.

5 And good luck to Dr. Eisenstein. Thank you.

6 LEGISLATOR FORD: Todd, you are  
7 going to be missed. I don't know what we're  
8 going to do without the pastries you bring.  
9 The sugar rush. Helps us get through these  
10 meetings.

11 But in all honesty, as a police  
12 officer we thank you very much for your  
13 service to our community because it is a tough  
14 job and it's a dangerous job. And for you,  
15 always having you here at our meetings, always  
16 advocating for the officers for the police  
17 department and for the communities. Because I  
18 know that even with the backpack giveaway, I  
19 don't think I would have known about and how  
20 important it was until you brought it to my  
21 attention to say hey, how about we send some  
22 guys out? Pick a neighborhood. And so it's  
23 nice that we're able to go out with your  
24 fellow police officers and provide school  
25 supplies and backpacks to students who are in

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2 great need. And it's always been a great  
3 event and it's something that underscores how  
4 involved our police are with our children and  
5 with their communities without having to be in  
6 uniform or anything like that. Just more on a  
7 human, personal level.

8 But you've always been one of those  
9 people that we know we can go over and speak  
10 with you, ask you questions, make sure we  
11 don't make a fool of ourselves in front of the  
12 police department. You've always been honest  
13 with us and I do appreciate this. I think  
14 that even your fellow officers and your  
15 members of the PBA are going to miss you  
16 greatly as well because you're one of those  
17 standout people. And I have to say wish you  
18 good luck in your retirement and don't be a  
19 stranger. Thank you.

20 MR. TORCHIA: Thank you for the  
21 kind words. Take care everybody.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Brent Hill  
23 regarding the Five Towns Community Center.

24 MR. HILL: Brent Hill Executive  
25 director at Five Towns Community Center. Good

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2 afternoon.

3 Thank you for giving me the  
4 opportunity for being here. As I said, I'm  
5 the executive director of the Five Towns  
6 Community Center. I'm very humbled and proud  
7 to be the executive director of an  
8 organization that's been around this July 115  
9 years. We've been in our exact location where  
10 we are now for 115 years. For those of you  
11 that are doing the math that means we were  
12 founded in 1907 for those of you who are kind  
13 of calculating in your head there.

14 During those 115 years we've  
15 provided services for thousands and thousands  
16 of people. During Hurricane Sandy we were  
17 actually a refuge for folks who lost their own  
18 homes. In today's era, we actually never shut  
19 our doors during the pandemic. We were open  
20 100 percent for our food pantry.

21 We also partnered with the county  
22 and we partnered with several hospitals for  
23 vaccine distributions, mask distributions  
24 booster shots and testing as well. So we're a  
25 vital part of the community.

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2 The reason we're here today is  
3 because we started in 1907 as I said, but in  
4 the 1970s we entered into a partnership with  
5 the county. So the building we're in is a  
6 county building. We were given a 50 year  
7 lease. In the 1970s we entered into a  
8 partnership with the county. We have a  
9 50-year lease which is up in July of 2024.

10 The reason we're here today is to  
11 ask you for your support in bringing our lease  
12 renewal and renegotiating of our release up to  
13 this body. And I brought with me a number of  
14 individuals who are going to speak on behalf  
15 of the agency. Let me look at my notes.

16 Our budget is two and a half  
17 million dollars annually. We serve about  
18 seven to 10,000 people annually. We have 100  
19 employees. I think that's all I'm going to  
20 say for now. I'm going to ask a few people to  
21 speak because time is limited.

22 MS. DIMATOS: My name is Gina  
23 Marie Dimatos. I am the Five Towns Head Start  
24 program director.

25 Did you know that a single mother

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2 earning \$50,000 a year with two children under  
3 the age of five would pay more than 60 percent  
4 of her income for childcare. Here in Nassau  
5 County the average cost of a center-based care  
6 is \$15,000 annually for an infant. \$13,000  
7 annually for a toddler and \$12,000 for  
8 preschoolers.

9 While many Long Island families'  
10 budgets are already stretched thin, the cost  
11 of childcare is expected to increase by an  
12 average of \$468 per year. And in ten years  
13 the average cost of childcare will consume  
14 more than 16 percent of a median family's  
15 income. That's a 33 percent cost increase  
16 over the next ten-year period.

17 Only ten percent of four-year olds  
18 on Long Island have access to publicly funded  
19 prekindergarten programs compared to universal  
20 access in New York City where 100 percent of  
21 four-year olds can attend public pre-K.

22 So, what can policymakers do to  
23 ensure that affordable childcare is possible,  
24 because all children deserve a quality setting  
25 with an educated workforce regardless of their

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2 zip code.

3 Children in Head Start get  
4 nutritious meals, heat screenings. Families  
5 get support in accessing the health services  
6 they need at Head Start programs. We help  
7 parents and families achieve their own goals  
8 including employment, housing and adult  
9 education. Readiness for school and beyond is  
10 fostered through individual learning  
11 experiences, the relationships with adults,  
12 playing and spontaneous instruction children  
13 grow in many aspects of their development.  
14 Social skills, emotional well being, language,  
15 literacy, mathematics and science concepts.

16 At the Five Towns Head Start we  
17 serve 76 children and families from 8 a.m. to  
18 3 p.m. for income eligible families. Thank  
19 you for your time.

20 MS. ROBINSON: Good afternoon  
21 distinguished legislators. I am Portia  
22 Robinson. I am the program director for Five  
23 Towns counseling services. Formally known as  
24 CODA. CODA counseling services started in  
25 1969 in a response to the lack of drug

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2 treatment services for heroin users in  
3 Lawrence and Inwood and the surrounding Five  
4 Towns community. It is a privilege to be with  
5 you today to share with you the mission.

6 Our mission is to provide these  
7 services with professional staff to make them  
8 abreast of the latest treatment modalities to  
9 meet the needs of those seeking assistance for  
10 themselves or someone that they know where  
11 substance use or addiction disorders had  
12 interfered with employment, health, education,  
13 family and self image and relationships. Life  
14 in general.

15 Five Towns counseling services',  
16 formally known as CODA, vision is to be the  
17 preferred provider. Where we focus on  
18 solution focus substance use disorder  
19 servicing the Lawrence, Inwood and surrounding  
20 Five Towns community. Our philosophy at Five  
21 Towns community counseling services is to  
22 provide this continuum of care for alcohol and  
23 substance use addicted persons.

24 We also specialize in gambling  
25 counseling. Our clinical treatment team takes

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2 great pride in themselves offering these  
3 integrated services that are holistic and also  
4 trauma informed. We treat addiction as a  
5 primary chronic disease. It does affect the  
6 brain reward system, motivation memory and all  
7 of its functions. This shows up in our  
8 patients and those seeking services  
9 biologically, psychologically, socially and  
10 yes, even their spirituality. Without  
11 treatment or engagement in recovery  
12 activities, addiction is progressive.

13 I stand here before you today  
14 asking for your support to continue these  
15 vital services in the Five Towns and Lawrence  
16 community. Currently we are reaching out not  
17 only to the chemically addicted but also to  
18 the reentry population. This is a health care  
19 disparity and I was grateful to hear that as  
20 an attention here in this chambers.

21 Currently we are working to address  
22 some of the health care disparities for the  
23 reentry population that is in the Lawrence and  
24 Five Towns community. New York State Criminal  
25 Justice Service reports in Lawrence, New York

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2 and Nassau women and men have the highest rate  
3 of incarceration and recidivism due to  
4 contributing factors of extreme poverty, lack  
5 of supportive resources, health care and  
6 addiction and accessible mental health  
7 services. Five Towns Community Center  
8 provides this. We provide services on a fee  
9 scale for those who do not have insurance as  
10 well as for those who have insurance. We  
11 accept multiple insurances.

12 New York State Division of Criminal  
13 Justice Service connects both male and female  
14 incarceration and recidivism rates to at least  
15 be connected to DWI and drug arrests. This is  
16 important data and this is the reason why we  
17 have now started our reentry program to also  
18 serve this population. Why you say? What  
19 kind of impact will this have? This will have  
20 a substantial impact because stabilizing the  
21 reentry population will address the poverty,  
22 the housing and the mental health needs as  
23 well as the addiction and wellness needs for  
24 individuals, families and communities to all  
25 become stronger.

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2 I would like to leave you with  
3 this. Five Towns Community Center is a strong  
4 hope for families and a pathfinder for  
5 children. Please support our future of the  
6 citizens depending on these much needed  
7 services. Thank you for your time.

8 MS. YOUNG: Good morning. My  
9 name is Sasha Young and I work at the Five  
10 Towns Community Center. I'm the summer camp  
11 director, the afterschool director, the food  
12 pantry director among other things.

13 I'm here today because it's  
14 important to note that our community is one of  
15 the most economically challenged on Long  
16 Island. While a lot of people are very  
17 affluent and there's a lot of money in other  
18 towns surrounding us, in Inwood, in our school  
19 district, more than 70 percent of the children  
20 are living below poverty level.

21 Right now, during the COVID crisis,  
22 we have a food pantry that is serving over  
23 5,000 families on the south shore of Long  
24 Island from Elmont to Point Lookout.

25 While there are other pantries

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2 available maybe in the surrounding areas more  
3 local to them, our community center is able to  
4 provide services in multilingual and services  
5 that are not provided in other food pantry  
6 locations.

7 It was funny that Dr. Eisenstein  
8 was here today because our community center  
9 actually partnered with him under Laura  
10 Curran's administration and we were a location  
11 for not only testing but vaccine distribution  
12 through drive-throughs and in our building. I  
13 just want to piggyback that.

14 Also, Hurricane Sandy, myself  
15 included, we lost everything. Our house was  
16 under ten feet of water. If it hadn't been  
17 for the services that were available through  
18 the community center I'm not sure how we would  
19 have survived.

20 In the last two years our youth  
21 advocacy group met with Police Commissioner  
22 Ryder. They reestablished the PAL in our  
23 location after 30 years. We have so many  
24 parents involved with the children now. We  
25 have hundreds of children registered.

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2 We also have an afterschool program  
3 in which we service not only our community but  
4 the Hewlett, Franklin and Ogdon schools.

5 Right now it seems that we have  
6 entered into a food desert. All of our local  
7 grocery stores have closed and the nearest one  
8 is a mile away where families have to walk to  
9 actually get to there. So our food pantry is  
10 actually saving lives daily. Our youngest  
11 volunteer is four. Our oldest volunteer that  
12 volunteers weekly is 95. So we are bringing  
13 families together. Across generationally.

14 We have a community garden in which  
15 we also grow food to sustain in our  
16 community. We have partnerships with Trader  
17 Joe's, Costco, Target, Gourmet Glatt, Rock and  
18 Wrap It Up. We also work with Rock and Wrap  
19 It Up to hold the veterans farmers market. I  
20 know many of you know Sid Mandelbaum and the  
21 awesome work that he does. We work with him  
22 twice a week. All the food that he brings  
23 from his location ends up in Gammy's Pantry.

24 Quickly, as far as safety in  
25 keeping our neighborhood safe, we have over

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2 400 teens registered in our afterschool sports  
3 programs. Idle hands get themselves into  
4 trouble. It's not luck that we have been able  
5 to keep our neighborhood safe. It's all of  
6 the work that we are putting in through our  
7 youth advocacy group which meets with the  
8 Fourth Precinct monthly talking about issues  
9 that we have.

10 Lastly, I just wanted to say,  
11 piggybacking again on Dr. Eisenstein, I've  
12 also be the recipient of the Nassau County  
13 Trailblazer Award and Assemblywoman Miller's,  
14 Woman of Distinction. But that is all due to  
15 the hard work that we do at Five Towns  
16 Community Center. There are thousands of  
17 families that will not have services if we  
18 can't get a lease. There is no other location  
19 for safety for our children and family except  
20 for our building.

21 I'm very grateful and thankful for  
22 you listening to us and I really look forward  
23 to seeing a new lease soon. I noticed it was  
24 important to work politically with both sides,  
25 it's a political time, but the challenges in

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2 our community have not changed due to the  
3 changing politics. Thank you very much.

4 DR. POWER: Thank you very much  
5 for giving me this time. My name is Dr.  
6 Robert Power. I work with Portia Robinson,  
7 who is the substance abuse program director.  
8 I am the clinical doctor. But I am a product  
9 of Five Towns Community Center. I was born  
10 and raised in the area. The community center  
11 not only supported me but my family and it  
12 helped us to overcome some of the social  
13 determinants of health that the community  
14 has.

15 No child can decide in what  
16 community they're born in. However, we can  
17 put the resources in place to support them to  
18 overcome some of the barriers from income,  
19 health assessments and things of that nature.

20 With the help and support of Portia  
21 Robinson, our program director, we developed a  
22 program for people who are outside of our  
23 clinic's scope where we can support these  
24 people who may just need a little help. Who  
25 may need to be connected to services. Who may

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2 need more than just counseling but just learn  
3 how to ask the right questions with the right  
4 people.

5 Part of that at Five Towns is we  
6 have a supportive system there from the food  
7 pantry to health equity to supporting  
8 individuals who are undocumented and all these  
9 things together help make my community, which  
10 is Five Towns, a much better and healthier  
11 place. And not having that support system  
12 would take away a lot of benefits that's  
13 keeping and supporting the neighborhood and  
14 may even affect the neighborhood in a more  
15 negative impacted way.

16 So we ask that this legislature  
17 please consider, move quickly to make sure and  
18 instill that these services are also  
19 maintained and provided. Thank you.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We also  
21 have a slip from Timothy Benston.

22 MR. BENSTON: Good afternoon. My  
23 name is Timothy Benston. I also am an  
24 employee at the Five Towns Community Center.  
25 I am director of the health and prevention

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2 services which is that arm of the organization  
3 that provides HIV prevention counseling and  
4 testing services to the people in the  
5 community of Five Towns.

6 I don't have to really go into  
7 detail too much about the types of folks we  
8 see because my colleagues have already  
9 explained that. However, I do want to talk  
10 about the sort of heightened public health  
11 emergencies that we had to face in the last  
12 two years dealing with providing services for  
13 those who are both infected and affected by  
14 HIV but also dealing with COVID.

15 As you know, COVID really exposed  
16 sort of once again how our society is  
17 stratified in terms of health care and health  
18 access and health inequities.

19 I will say that Five Towns is one  
20 of the more fortunate organizations that have  
21 received funding from the multiple services  
22 agency contract from the New York State  
23 Department of Health for 30 years. That's a  
24 record. What we want to do is make sure we  
25 continue to receive that funding that provides

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2 sort of overall care to those families that  
3 come in to receive prevention and care  
4 services. We link people to primary care. We  
5 link them to testing. But also we also  
6 deliver broad community messages about HIV  
7 prevention, care and treatment.

8 What I want to say is that it's  
9 really vital we have a lease, that we stay in  
10 this location because A, the funding depends  
11 on it but also the people in the community  
12 know who we are, know that we're there and  
13 come there to receive these services. So, it  
14 is really important that we get this lease  
15 signed and I thank you for your time.

16 MR. HILL: I would just like to  
17 thank members of the youth services coalition  
18 for being here. Many executive directors from  
19 other organizations are here to support our  
20 efforts and we appreciate that.

21 The reason that this is so crucial  
22 to us, some of you may have heard that the  
23 lease is up in July 2024 and oh, they have  
24 time, we do not have time because in addition  
25 to the community needing it, we have several

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2 federal, state and of course county contracts,  
3 multiyear contracts, we need to get some of  
4 those contracts renewed in a timely fashion.  
5 And of course we need a space to continue our  
6 great work. Thank you so much for your time.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
8 Solages.

9 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you  
10 Presiding Officer. I would like to thank  
11 everyone who came here today to speak on  
12 behalf of the community center and everyone.  
13 The building is important and the lease is  
14 very important but the people who make the  
15 building a house of service, a house where  
16 people can get help, a refuge for the  
17 community, you truly are the spirit of that  
18 building. We want to thank you so much for  
19 the very difficult work that you do at the  
20 community center.

21 I want you to understand that I  
22 have expressed this concern with my colleagues  
23 that this is very important. I have written  
24 several letters to the county executive and  
25 also the former county executive who indicated

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2 an interest in extending the lease. I'm  
3 hoping that the current county executive can  
4 fullfil that commitment as well.

5 We have a letter that I shared with  
6 my colleagues dated April 26th stating many of  
7 the important things you stated. Stating many  
8 of the important services provided from that  
9 center. I say to myself if we don't have that  
10 center where else will these many services be  
11 provided for the community at large? It  
12 extends beyond the Inwood community and into  
13 the Five Towns.

14 I want to thank you so much.  
15 Anyone is welcome to go there. You will see  
16 that there are people all across the spectrum  
17 there. The financial spectrum, the economic  
18 spectrum, the social spectrum and cultural  
19 spectrum who use that center.

20 I share this letter with my  
21 colleagues and I will continue to advocate to  
22 the county executive to push this. Although  
23 2024 may seem far away it is not because as  
24 many people from the youth board have come  
25 here before, they are operating on budgets in

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2 which they have to make decisions today to  
3 determine services that will occur two to  
4 three years out. So thank you very much.

5 There is also a capital budget line  
6 for various work that I will have my staff to  
7 speak with you after. I know that there are  
8 some important construction needs and building  
9 needs there. But again, thank you. This  
10 center is more than public safety and public  
11 health and the general safety of the community  
12 and we thank you for being here.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
14 Ferretti.

15 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you  
16 Presiding Officer. I want to thank you all  
17 for your testimony here today as well. I do  
18 just have a few short follow-up questions  
19 maybe for the director if you don't mind.  
20 Just some background information. I  
21 understand this lease is not up before us now  
22 but I do just have a couple of questions.  
23 Since you're here maybe you can provide just  
24 some information. The size of the budget?

25 MR. HILL: Two and a half million

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2 annually.

3 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: And how  
4 employees are there?

5 MR. HILL: Just under 100.

6 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: What  
7 portion of the two and a half million is  
8 dedicated to employees?

9 MR. HILL: Where's my  
10 comptroller? She's not here today but that's  
11 a good question. I'm not sure. I will get  
12 back to you on that.

13 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I'd be very  
14 interested to know that.

15 MR. HILL: I will reach out to  
16 your office today.

17 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Perfect.  
18 Thank you. That's all.

19 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: It was great  
20 to hear from all of you. I have been involved  
21 to one extent or another in discussions with  
22 the community center and its leaders for many,  
23 many years now. Probably going back as far as  
24 2011, 2012. Including the late Pete Sobel who  
25 did magnificent work in the community. I am

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2 very interested in having discussions. As I  
3 mentioned to you before the meeting. I have a  
4 meeting coincidentally, maybe fortuitously,  
5 I'm meeting with Gwen Campbell tomorrow  
6 evening. I got an appointment to see her and  
7 discuss some of these issues.

8 The issues being the governance. I  
9 would like to understand and I would like to  
10 see representation by a more representative  
11 part of the Five Towns community. I'd like to  
12 see the financial arrangements, as  
13 Mr. Ferretti just pointed out, as well. The  
14 sustainability. The center is rather  
15 decrepit. It needs to be rehabilitated. It  
16 is vastly underutilized. A good part of it is  
17 empty. These are all issues that need to be  
18 taken care of and at that point, once we  
19 understand each other and develop a real plan,  
20 it would make sense to move forward.

21 So, I will look forward to working  
22 with Ms. Campbell and all of you as a matter  
23 of fact and let's see if we can get something  
24 done. Thank you.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank

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2 you. Next speaker is Levada Felder.

3 MS. FELDER: Hi county Executive  
4 Blakeman, legislators, citizens in the  
5 community. I'm here to talk a little bit  
6 about homelessness. For the past 14 years  
7 Eager to Serve, of which I am the executive  
8 director, has been providing emergency  
9 services to the homeless. In particular the  
10 services include basic needs, food, clothing  
11 and shelter and including essential services.  
12 This has been made possible through an  
13 agreement with Nassau County Department of  
14 Social Services and the Office of Community  
15 Development.

16 During the past 14 years there was  
17 inconsistency in the homeless shelter  
18 invoicing payment process. It did not improve  
19 over time. ETS introduced the concerns in  
20 meetings face-to-face with Nassau County  
21 Department of Social Services, administrators,  
22 Nassau County legislators. Later meetings  
23 were held with shelter providers for  
24 approximately two years. Participating in the  
25 meeting were shelter providers, legislators,

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2 representatives from the state and from DSS.

3 Later the meetings ceased and the problems

4 still occurred.

5 According to the mission of Nassau  
6 County Department of Social Services, it  
7 states that it is DSS is committed to  
8 strengthening and preserving families by  
9 providing financial assistance, services to  
10 residents of Nassau County in accordance with  
11 state and federal laws.

12 Between April 26th and 27th a  
13 representative from Nassau County Department  
14 of Social Services stated that DSS is closing  
15 down the shelter that ETS operates. My  
16 response to the closing of the shelter I said  
17 to myself you're not the building department  
18 and the place, Sunshine residence, is not  
19 inhabitable or is not out of compliance. I  
20 further said to myself it's not your own  
21 business and you cannot do whatever you want  
22 with a government entity and the taxpayers'  
23 money.

24 According to statistics in 2019  
25 homeless shelter directory Helping the Needy

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2 of America, 3,843 persons in Nassau County in  
3 2019 were homeless. Does this behavior by  
4 representatives of Nassau County Department of  
5 Social Services maintain or create  
6 homelessness, prevent or perpetuate  
7 homelessness? Will ETS once again get  
8 assistance from the local government to assist  
9 the homeless. Any questions?

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Hey Levada,  
11 how are you? I thought that was you when I  
12 saw you out there but I wasn't too sure. You  
13 haven't aged a bit. You look good from the  
14 last time I saw you. The correspondence that  
15 you are reading from is that something that  
16 you can share with all of us?

17 MS. FELDER: I gave a copy to the  
18 body there and she said she'll make copies and  
19 email because I didn't know I should bring  
20 more than one.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Mike, did  
22 you pass it around? It wasn't this one  
23 right?

24 I think I got a copy from  
25 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton. Obviously I

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2 think, probably more than anyone else up here,  
3 can attest to the services that you provide  
4 and serving that population, homeless  
5 population, is extremely important. And while  
6 you were talking I was reaching out to Robin  
7 Wheat, which I'm sure you know Robin in my  
8 office, to find out if she was aware of some  
9 of these issues. She wrote back to me that  
10 she was not.

11 We are all trying to help you. I  
12 think we have to unpack it a little bit which  
13 may require us to caught up to speed. But  
14 let's try to set up a time where you can sit  
15 down in my office and we can try to figure  
16 this part out.

17 If I'm understanding what you were  
18 saying, obviously its dealing with the  
19 Department of Social Services in Nassau  
20 County, not the health and human services of  
21 the state. So, we want to be able to try to  
22 help you in this.

23 So, you have our office number,  
24 correct? And then I'm going to ask Robin --  
25 can you stay for like five or ten minutes?

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2 I'm going to ask Robin to come down as well.  
3 Definitely we will be there to help you  
4 throughout this. .

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you  
6 Levada. We appreciate you coming down today.  
7 Meta Mereday.

8 MS. MEREDAY: I should put in my  
9 quote for equal time but the afternoon is  
10 drawing near. I'll try to stick to the three  
11 minutes plus. A couple of issues. I was a  
12 little concerned that I had to see in the news  
13 that Juneteenth is not among Nassau County's  
14 list of paid holidays. I'll leave that at  
15 that with my concern about that.

16 I participate in a number of  
17 community meetings. I'm very familiar with  
18 the Five Towns Community Center back when it  
19 was CODA. Familiar with it because of working  
20 directly with the agency as an intern with the  
21 Nassau County Department of Alcohol Addiction  
22 and then community outreach specialist for  
23 that agency. I am hopeful that whatever  
24 concerns with regard to the state of the  
25 property etcetera can be addressed and that

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2 the pleas of the community that were so  
3 eloquently presented by the representatives  
4 today will be heard.

5 Considering I'm reading in Newsday  
6 that the county executive is pondering what to  
7 do with over \$200 million of taxpayer funding  
8 I think that would be a more than an adequate  
9 resource and facility for that to be  
10 utilized.

11 As most of you know, my major  
12 concern, my major issue here is about our  
13 veterans. And I was encouraged to here that a  
14 bipartisan group in the US senate passed an  
15 historic bill regarding for the burn pits for  
16 veterans. I had brought this issue to this  
17 body with my ongoing concern about the lack of  
18 utilization of the Nassau University Medical  
19 Center, which is our paid hospital, and the  
20 resources that could be incorporated into that  
21 facility to address this issue because this is  
22 going to be major.

23 3.5 million veterans have been  
24 potentially exposed to those dangerous burn  
25 pits. Particularly in Vietnam but also in the

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2 war in Iraq and Afghanistan. That's an  
3 opportunity for us because the funding is  
4 going to come through and we all know that our  
5 VA is struggling on a number of issues. But  
6 we have the facility which is a public  
7 hospital that can be utilized for that.

8 I have posed to this body before  
9 that if we elevated our very hard and  
10 dedicated veteran services office to an agency  
11 we would already be open to state and federal  
12 funding that could incorporate a number of  
13 things.

14 So, again, I'm posting that because  
15 I can't seem to get any response from  
16 Newsday. I guess I need to do the angry black  
17 woman, throw a brick in a window, maybe that  
18 would get attention from them.

19 But lastly, I wanted to address  
20 just a comment or quote that I read years  
21 ago. May 1962. The most disrespected person  
22 in America is the black woman. The most  
23 unprotected person in America is the black  
24 woman. The most neglected person in America  
25 is the black woman. That was Malcolm X in

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2 1962. We're now in 2022.

3 Our black women represent now a  
4 third of all the women in our military.  
5 Unfortunately right now I'm in the midst of  
6 working with a number of groups across the  
7 country to address the pandemic or epidemic of  
8 suicides in, within our military and our  
9 veteran community. It's very disheartening  
10 because there isn't that much research  
11 regarding the issues that are impacting women  
12 of color as well as men of color in our  
13 military and they're becoming the increasing  
14 recruiting base for the military.

15 Again, this is an opportunity for  
16 Nassau County to lead. We are America's first  
17 suburb. Many people have spoken earlier about  
18 this being the best county. I think it's a  
19 good county. I've been here -- there's three  
20 generations of my family that have been here.  
21 Many of the buildings that we stand upon,  
22 roads that we drive upon my family members  
23 have helped to pave the way literally and  
24 figuratively. But there's still work that  
25 needs to be done.

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2 I think if we start with our  
3 military and our veteran community and  
4 actively and progressively and proactively  
5 address those issues and generate the funding  
6 we can address many of the issues that were  
7 brought up today. Homelessness, lack of  
8 support services for substance abuse. The  
9 lack of contracting. I myself was the one  
10 that was the inspiration for the legislation  
11 for the service disabled veteran procurement  
12 act in this county. Going on almost ten years  
13 now. There's dust on that bill.

14 I'm wrapping it up.

15 I'm just hoping that again if it's  
16 not this body that somebody will step up and  
17 really perpetuate what we need to get done in  
18 this county so that we can be a role model for  
19 others. Because there are health challenges  
20 and health crises. Let's start today.

21 Last thing I need to say. I was  
22 very saddened to hear on a community Zoom  
23 meeting that we have young people who are  
24 demonstrating very disturbing performances  
25 with our athletic activities. For example,

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2 there is a group, and I will not give the high  
3 school but I'm sure at some point there's a  
4 social media posting about that.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Meta --

6 MR. MEREDAY: I just need one  
7 more minute.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: No, no.  
9 You're way over three minutes.

10 MS. MEREDAY: I know but there  
11 have been others that have been up here and  
12 you had personal -- I just need -- all I need  
13 is 30 seconds. The debate will take longer  
14 than what I need to say.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We have a  
16 director of a facility here to speak and I  
17 gave him little extra time. So if you can't  
18 wrap it up I'll ask the next speaker up.

19 MS. MEREDAY: I will. I'm going  
20 to wrap it up. As I said, there are postings  
21 on social media where we have our young people  
22 holding up bananas for certain people from  
23 certain communities who are coming to their  
24 high school events. And we're talking about  
25 schools and school districts and the images

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2 that we're putting across we need to address  
3 that collectively. And I will take my seat.  
4 Thank you.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Sal Lupo.

6 MR. LUPPO: Good afternoon. I'm a  
7 little nervous. I haven't done this before.  
8 Please forgive me. I have a copy for the  
9 committee. I'll also send a copy via email.  
10 I wasn't sure if I have to go to each  
11 individual person or there's one spot where I  
12 send it and it gets forwarded to everybody  
13 else.

14 I'm with Audit New York. We're a  
15 volunteer organization. We're here really  
16 about voting integrity. The last election in  
17 2020 there are a lot of improprieties and a  
18 lot of violations of the provision of New York  
19 State election law. This copy of this has  
20 already been forwarded to the attorney general  
21 Letitia James and New York State Board of  
22 Elections.

23 When you get it, if you look about  
24 the third page it goes through the Nassau  
25 County facts and a lot of the violations

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2 there. All we're asking is that you take a  
3 look at and if you agree want some sort of  
4 investigation and just really from this point  
5 going forward to be a little bit more aware of  
6 people's rights and really focus on the  
7 integrity of the elections. That's really all  
8 I have. I appreciate your time. Thank you  
9 very much.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you  
11 Mr. Lupo.

12 So, going to the business portion  
13 of the meeting, we have a consent calendar  
14 which features items that went through  
15 committees a couple of weeks ago. The  
16 majority and minority agree that no further  
17 debate or discussion is necessary with respect  
18 to these items. After that we're going to  
19 consider the several appointments and then  
20 we'll have the Nassau County Community College  
21 hearing and vote on the budget.

22 So, as to the consent calendar  
23 we'll start with item 6, Ordinance 37. Item  
24 7, Ordinance 38. Item 8, Ordinance 39. Item  
25 nine, Ordinance 40. Item ten, Ordinance 41.

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2 Item 11, Ordinance 42. Item 12, Ordinance --  
3 I'm sorry. Resolution 97. Item 12,  
4 Resolution 97. Item 14, Resolution 99. 15,  
5 Resolution 100. 16, Resolution 101. 17,  
6 Resolution 102. 18, Resolution 103. 19,  
7 Resolution 104. 20, Resolution 105. 21,  
8 Resolution 106. 22, Resolution 107. 23,  
9 Resolution 108. 24, Resolution 109. 25,  
10 Resolution 110. 26, Resolution 111. 27,  
11 Resolution 112. We drop down to 34,  
12 Resolution 119. 34, Resolution 119. 35,  
13 Resolution 120. 36, Resolution 121. 37,  
14 Resolution 122. 38, Resolution 123. 39,  
15 Resolution 124.

16 Motion by Deputy Presiding Officer  
17 Kopel. Seconded by Minority Leader Abrahams.  
18 Any debate or discussion among the  
19 legislators? Hearing none, all in favor  
20 signify by saying aye. Those opposed? Those  
21 items carry unanimously.

22 Now we go to the appointments. We  
23 have 29, Resolution 114 which is a resolution  
24 to confirm the county executive's  
25 reappointment of the Honorable Carnell T.

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2 Foskey to the Civil Service Commission.

3 Moved by Legislator Walker.

4 Seconded by Legislator Rhoads. Judge Foskey.

5 MR. FOSKEY: Good afternoon.

6 Thank you. Just quickly by way of background,  
7 I have been a member of the commission since  
8 2017. Prior to that time I was a Nassau  
9 County attorney for four years and prior to  
10 that time I was a Nassau County park  
11 commissioner for four years and held various  
12 other positions including deputy county clerk  
13 and a member of the judiciary for 17 years.  
14 Thank you for the opportunity to tell you a  
15 little bit about my background.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you  
17 Judge Foskey. Any questions or discussion?  
18 Thank you very much. All in favor of the  
19 appointment of Judge Foskey signify by saying  
20 aye. Those opposed? His appointment carries  
21 unanimously. Congratulations and thank you  
22 for your continued service.

23 The next two appointments are to  
24 the Nassau County Industrial Development  
25 Agency. They are Item 30, Resolution 115, is

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2 a resolution to confirm the county executive's  
3 appointment of Vincent LaGreca to the Nassau  
4 County IDA. And 31 is a resolution to confirm  
5 the county executive's appointment of Raymond  
6 Pinto to the IDA.

7 Motion by Legislator Giuffre.

8 Seconded by Legislator Ferretti. Mr. LaGreca  
9 and Mr. Pinto you want to approach the mic.

10 MR. LAGRECA: Good afternoon  
11 members of the Nassau County legislature.  
12 It's a pleasure to be here and it's an honor  
13 to be considered for the position on the  
14 industrial development board. My background  
15 is in law enforcement for many years and in  
16 labor for the last 35 years. I think you  
17 received a handout that give you a little  
18 overview of what I've done.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you  
20 for your service. Obviously in law  
21 enforcement and for your service in labor. We  
22 appreciate that. Does anyone have any  
23 questions for Mr. LaGreca? No? Thank you.

24 MR. LAGRECA: Thank you.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:

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2 Mr. LaGreca thank you.

3 Mr. Pinto.

4 MR. PINTO: My name is Raymond  
5 Pinto. I'd like to thank you for being  
6 considered for this position. If there's any  
7 questions.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Briefly  
9 you want to just tell us about your  
10 background.

11 MR. PINTO: Born and raised here  
12 in Nassau County. Came back to school.  
13 Worked in construction. Engineer. Currently  
14 work in sales for an engineering firm.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any  
16 questions for Mr. Pinto? Thank you sir. All  
17 in favor of the appointments signify by saying  
18 aye. Those opposed? Any abstentions? It's  
19 unanimous. Congratulations to both of you and  
20 thank you for your service.

21 Number 32, Resolution 117 is a  
22 resolution to confirm the county executive's  
23 appointment of Denise Gold to the Nassau  
24 County Planning Commission.

25 Motion by Legislator Schaefer.

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2 Seconded by Legislator Kennedy. Ms. Gold.

3 MS. GOLD: Thank you for  
4 considering me. I'm an attorney for 32  
5 years. Spent most of my adult life living on  
6 Long Island here in Nassau County. I've  
7 raised two children here. I love it here and  
8 I thank all of you for all the hard work you  
9 put in to make this such a wonderful place to  
10 live and raise a family.

11 I do have some experience and I'd  
12 like to give back to the community. I sit on  
13 the board for the landmarks preservation  
14 committee for the Town of Oyster Bay and I  
15 think I can be an asset to the planning  
16 department.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any  
18 questions for Ms. Gold? Thank you very much.  
19 Any debate or discussion? Hearing none, all  
20 in favor signify by saying aye. Any opposed?  
21 It passes unanimously. Congratulations  
22 Ms. Gold.

23 Item 33, Resolution number 118 is a  
24 resolution to appoint members to the board of  
25 directors of the Nassau County Local Economic

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2 Assistance and Finance Corporation. These  
3 appointments include Mr. LaGreca, Pinto,  
4 Rocansis and Spinello.

5 Motion by Legislator Gaylor.

6 Seconded by Legislator McKevitt. This is a  
7 board it's actually -- traditionally it's the  
8 same members appointed to this board who serve  
9 on the IDA. So we're simply reappointing  
10 members who serve on the IDA to this board.

11 Any debate or discussion on these  
12 items? All in favor signify by saying aye.  
13 Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

14 Let's go back to the Nassau County  
15 Community College number one. It's a hearing  
16 on Ordinance 34 of 2022. It's an ordinance to  
17 adopt the Nassau County budget for the Nassau  
18 Community College for the fiscal year  
19 commencing September 1, 2022 and ending August  
20 31, 2023 and to appropriate revenues and the  
21 total amounts of monies to be raised by  
22 taxation etcetera.

23 Motion to open the hearing by  
24 Legislator Ford. Seconded by Deputy Presiding  
25 Officer Kopel. The hearing open. Ask the

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2 college to please approach the mic and give a  
3 presentation about the budget.

4 MS. CONZATTI: Good afternoon.

5 I'm Dr. Maria Conzatti. I'm the interim  
6 president of Nassau Community College. I have  
7 been at the institution for 33 years and 12 of  
8 those were served as a full-time faculty  
9 member in the NCCFT union. I still carry the  
10 distinction of being an adjunct faculty member  
11 for the institution.

12 The budget as presented for this  
13 year will allow the institution to continue to  
14 offer the high quality education it always has  
15 to all who attend it. I'm here to answer any  
16 questions if the legislature has any.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I think we  
18 want more details in terms of the budget. We  
19 didn't really get a presentation in  
20 committees. I know that you were kind enough  
21 with your staff to provide presentations to  
22 the majority and minority caucus but I think  
23 we need more detail.

24 MS. CONZATTI: The overall budget  
25 uses \$19 million of HEERF funds to balance the

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2 budget for this year. The institution was  
3 afforded \$78 million of HEERF funds over the  
4 past few years to balance the budget. Those  
5 budgets have been used to offset costs and  
6 losses in some of the revenue areas due to the  
7 COVID pandemic.

8 There are a number of strategies in  
9 the budget again addressing issues if there is  
10 a recession. There are certainly ways,  
11 initiatives that are put in there for cost  
12 savings. There's \$5.1 million in cost savings  
13 in there. Certainly if the institution faces  
14 a recession, which normally increases our  
15 enrollments, we can back off of some of those  
16 cost savings, those initiatives. There are  
17 certainly opportunities for growth in our  
18 workforce development areas. We do need to  
19 add vocational education programs which are in  
20 need in the community. There is certainly  
21 opportunity there for growth in all of those  
22 areas.

23 There are increases in contractual  
24 services of \$0.8 million. Those are increases  
25 in services where we have now used a number of

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2 software packages to increase uploads of  
3 financial aid packaging for our students. The  
4 use of the opportunities for us to continue to  
5 offer courses in our number of formats. We  
6 offer hybrid fully online courses. We are  
7 using software to facilitate all of that. We  
8 have suffered enrollment decline certainly  
9 over the past several years. That is a  
10 national trend. And again, we are looking at  
11 adding new programs and new degree programs to  
12 attract new students. Certainly adult  
13 students in the workforce development areas.  
14 We're also increasing the number of  
15 scholarships that we offer first-time students  
16 in various areas.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The  
18 enrollment decline has been a particular  
19 concern for all of us. My understanding is  
20 the decline has been something in the  
21 neighborhood of 50 percent over the last seven  
22 or eight years. What new initiatives does the  
23 college have to start attracting more students  
24 to attend there?

25 MS. CONZATTI: We certainly need

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2 to start offering vocational education  
3 programs which we have not done. We will be  
4 adding those this coming year. Students are  
5 looking more and more to the trades to earn a  
6 livable wage here on Long Island. Certainly a  
7 wonderful county but an expensive county to  
8 live in. We will be adding programing to  
9 doing that.

10 In addition, we will also engage in  
11 what we call a guided pathways effort, which I  
12 have spoken about before. That guided  
13 pathways effort is really a full-fledged  
14 operational relook look at the institution.  
15 The degrees it offers. Sunsetting some of  
16 those programs. Adding new programs that are  
17 transfer oriented. Certainly Long Island is a  
18 service economy. Adding areas such as medical  
19 assistant program, which we've added to  
20 attract more students in the medical areas to  
21 serve the needs of Long Island and its  
22 community. So, there are a number of efforts  
23 underway that started last year and will  
24 continue this year.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: One of the

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2 issues that's been brought to our attention is  
3 the fact that there's no online application  
4 for the college and there hasn't been for a  
5 while. We've spoken about this and you  
6 indicated that efforts were underway to  
7 restore the online application. Where are  
8 those efforts and when can we see that  
9 application?

10 MS. CONZATTI: That will be  
11 launching this month. That has been taken  
12 care of.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Obviously,  
14 especially with younger generations, most of  
15 their transactions are using technology,  
16 phones, etcetera. So, the fact that that was  
17 not available I think would be a hinderance to  
18 enrollment.

19 Is the college gearing up more to  
20 become an in person instruction? Obviously  
21 with the pandemic there was a tremendous  
22 amount of remote learning. Not just you  
23 obviously, all over. I think it would be  
24 beneficial to have more of the students on  
25 campus also.

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2 MS. CONZATTI: Agreed. The  
3 students are offered now a variety of courses  
4 back on campus. Personnel is back on campus  
5 full throttle. So the community is back and  
6 we expect to be fully operational for the  
7 fall.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Just in  
9 terms of increasing enrollment, you mentioned  
10 vocational education, guided pathways. I  
11 think the legislators would like to see a  
12 specific plan for that that the college has.  
13 Because, again, it's something we've talked  
14 about for a number of years. Obviously it's  
15 not a secret that it's been an issue in many  
16 places. We've talked about it with Dr.  
17 Williams. It just doesn't seem as if much of  
18 what you're saying is different than what  
19 we've been told in the past. So, we would  
20 encourage every effort to be made to increase  
21 that enrollment. We believe that's one of the  
22 greatest value in education there is is our  
23 college and we want more people to take  
24 advantage of it.

25 In terms of the facilities, we were

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2 given a tour of the facilities. There were  
3 obviously a number of issues of great concern  
4 to us. First that comes to mind is the second  
5 floor of the library which looks like it's  
6 something that's dated from the '70s.

7 MS. CONZATTI: Agreed.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:

9 Traditionally we in the legislature have  
10 supported capital projects every time they've  
11 been proposed to us to benefit the college.  
12 What type of upgrades are in the near future?

13 MS. CONZATTI: The upgrades are  
14 happening as we speak. You have certainly  
15 been very generous as a county and we thank  
16 you for offering the funds and granting us the  
17 funds for capital expenditures.

18 We have a brand new team in our  
19 facilities area that is now taking care of the  
20 extreme deferred maintenance in many of the  
21 areas of the campus. You will certainly see  
22 that carpeting gone and tile floors now in the  
23 library and upgrades to all of our  
24 infrastructure. There is a plan now to spend  
25 down the monies that were offered to us by the

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2 county to upgrade the institution across the  
3 board from its technology infrastructure to  
4 physical facility infrastructures.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm going  
6 to turn it over to other legislators, but I  
7 guess just to sum up, the question I have for  
8 you as the president is this, the budget you  
9 proposed for the 2022-23 school year is that  
10 budget sufficient to allow the college to  
11 achieve its mission for this coming year and  
12 serve its students and faculty and staff to  
13 the extent they can?

14 MS. CONZATTI: Yes, it is.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
16 Ford, Legislator Drucker, Legislator Mule.

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you very  
18 much. I was under the impression that the  
19 community college already offered some of  
20 those programs to help students learn like  
21 different trades and everything. Was I  
22 mistaken?

23 MS. CONZATTI: There are a few of  
24 those. They are certainly not where our  
25 constituents are asking them for. They are

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2 for CDL certifications. They're looking for  
3 plumbing, HVAC, all of that and the college  
4 currently does not offer any of that  
5 programing.

6 LEGISLATOR FORD: When do you  
7 anticipate that you'll be able to offer those  
8 programs?

9 MS. CONZATTI: I would say no  
10 later than next fall. We will spend the year  
11 bringing up those programings, putting the  
12 curriculum in place, hiring faculty to teach  
13 that.

14 LEGISLATOR FORD: It wouldn't be  
15 until fall of '23?

16 MS. CONZATTI: If we cannot bring  
17 up the curriculum before that, yes. We cannot  
18 start that until the fall.

19 LEGISLATOR FORD: I thought maybe  
20 we'd be able to expedite something like that.  
21 Because then that would attract more students  
22 to come to the college and provide them --  
23 because we have a lot of these jobs. When I  
24 look at the monies coming from the federal  
25 government with the Build Back America or

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2     whatever it is, I forget the name, a lot of it  
3     with the construction trades. They're  
4     focusing a lot on roads, bridges. By perhaps  
5     working with some of even the local unions  
6     maybe they can help you expedite that. Maybe  
7     you can bring those programs sooner rather  
8     than later so that we can get maybe give those  
9     opportunities to many of our residents, our  
10    young residents, where they'll be able to get  
11    jobs that are well paying and maybe stay here  
12    on Long Island.

13                   I'm glad to hear that you're going  
14    to do some capital improvements. And I was  
15    with the presiding officer during that tour,  
16    which was very interesting. It was nice to  
17    see Nassau Community College again. I'm glad  
18    you're getting rid of the rug. And I hope  
19    there will be other improvements as well. I  
20    predicted the orange rug, didn't I? Yes.

21                   But with the theater, I know that  
22    sometimes when you have these specialty  
23    departments, we have the medical arts where  
24    you started nursing and other programs such as  
25    that, theater also. It was very impressive to

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2 see the students that attended there. Of  
3 course I currently live in Long Beach, which  
4 is the hometown of Billy Crystal, probably the  
5 most famous of all the alumni that went  
6 through that program.

7 They did show and they did  
8 demonstrate some areas where work needs to be  
9 done. Whether or not it's leaky windows,  
10 roofs, air conditioning, whatever. I hope  
11 that those projects are on your radar  
12 currently so when we do go back for another  
13 tour we see a different facility, a much  
14 better facility.

15 It was brought to our attention  
16 thought that there is a possibility of a \$22  
17 million matching grant that New York State has  
18 offered Nassau Community College for the  
19 theater section of the college and that would  
20 have to be matched by Nassau County.

21 I know that when I was first  
22 elected a legislator way back when it was at  
23 time the college advocated for -- they brought  
24 legislators there to take a tour and gave us  
25 the arguments in favor of our joining with

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2 them and providing the \$25 million matching  
3 grant so the medical arts building could be  
4 built and so that those programs and courses  
5 could be offered to students. And as a  
6 result, we did pass that and you have an  
7 excellent nursing program. I know a couple of  
8 people that have gone through that. So that  
9 is a shining example of partnering with the  
10 county and thinking outside the box.

11 Are you aware of this grant? And  
12 if so, are you going to try to reach out to  
13 see if it's something that can be done by  
14 partnering with us and maybe by providing  
15 another shining star in the college?

16 MS. CONZATTI: Currently the  
17 theater department is going through their  
18 curriculum. They're upgrading curriculum,  
19 updating websites. Similar to the Billy  
20 Crystal story there are many success stories  
21 coming out of our theater department.

22 So, yes, I'm aware of the grant  
23 that was gotten many, many years ago to build  
24 a new theater building. At the time part of  
25 the complications were we had Middle States

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2 visitation and the question was why would you  
3 invest? Again, Middle States is very much  
4 about budgetary connection with programing  
5 growth areas. So, a little different than  
6 nursing at the time. Certainly, again, Long  
7 Island being a service area, a growth area for  
8 nursing. So, we have a new chief academic  
9 officer and a new academic team that will be  
10 working with the theater to revamp so of its  
11 curriculum and then certainly take a look at  
12 that as well.

13 LEGISLATOR FORD: I hope you do  
14 because, you know, we've also like over the  
15 years we've seen great, many more movies and  
16 TV shows and so forth and we're looking at I'm  
17 sure when the grant was first proposed, even  
18 for the Middle States consideration, we didn't  
19 have maybe the Grumman studios, the Gold  
20 Coast. We weren't up in Sands Point. We  
21 didn't have as many shows being filmed here.  
22 And there are a lot of supporting jobs and  
23 different businesses that are working hand in  
24 hand when they do the filming. Whether or not  
25 its food service, set decorating or they can

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2 do costume design or whatever. There's like  
3 so many elements, editing, whatever.

4 That would be something that I  
5 think that Nassau Community College then can  
6 offer to help these students learn these  
7 trades so that they can enter into a well  
8 paying job. I'm proud that it's a union job.

9 Also, when you look at a lot of  
10 these theaters in Long Island are revamping  
11 themselves. As much as people like going to  
12 Broadway, a lot of times people also like  
13 staying in Long Island for whatever reason.  
14 So, it's something that maybe we can  
15 capitalize on. And I envision that, hoping  
16 that through the efforts we would be able to  
17 enhance the whole theater experience and bring  
18 something back or create something new in Long  
19 Island that would be a benefit for all. Thank  
20 you.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
22 Drucker.

23 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you  
24 Presiding Officer. Dr. Conzatti, nice to see  
25 you again. How are you?

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2 MS. CONZATTI: You as well.

3 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER:

4 Notwithstanding your projected decrease in  
5 enrollment in fiscal year '22-23, your tuition  
6 is remaining constant; is that correct?

7 MS. CONZATTI: It is sir.

8 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: What  
9 percentage of your annual budget is tied to  
10 salaries and fringe benefits?

11 MS. CONZATTI: 87 percent.

12 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So you have  
13 no wiggle room when it comes to 87 percent of  
14 your budget?

15 MS. CONZATTI: No.

16 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: It's only  
17 the 13 percent that's --

18 MS. CONZATTI: Correct. Other  
19 than personnel services, contractual.

20 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Where do you  
21 stand with Middle States now? When is your  
22 next evaluation, do you know?

23 MS. CONZATTI: We have a report  
24 due, it's a midyear, it's an eight-year  
25 visitation cycle. So, we have a report due in

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2 the fall with them checking on us and another  
3 four years after that.

4 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Do you think  
5 that you are in compliance with their  
6 criteria? I know the college has worked  
7 really hard in last few years and you have  
8 made tremendous strides in that regard. Do  
9 you feel that you are still on track to  
10 satisfy their criteria?

11 MS. CONZATTI: We are on track.  
12 We certainly look forward to satisfying their  
13 criteria fully and then in four years for the  
14 fall visit to continue to be in full  
15 compliance.

16 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you.  
17 Good to see you again.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
19 Mule.

20 LEGISLATOR MULE: Thank you  
21 Presiding Officer. Hi. I just wanted to  
22 piggyback on some of the questions that I  
23 heard. In terms of getting increasing  
24 enrollment, I heard what you say in terms of  
25 it depends upon what the national economy is

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2 as to how much enrollment you have and also  
3 that this is a trend that's happening  
4 everywhere, not just here in Nassau County. I  
5 think it's important for us to remember that.

6 But I'm wondering, do you do  
7 recruiting at the high schools? Do you  
8 actually go to the high schools and do like  
9 the automatic admittance? I know some schools  
10 the kids just go and meet with someone from  
11 whatever college and then they're given  
12 admittance right then and there. Is that  
13 something that you do?

14 MS. CONZATTI: We do. We are  
15 physically at the high schools doing  
16 recruitment meeting. We have open admission  
17 nights that we do. There's a whole rotation  
18 of all the local high schools that we go to.  
19 We have days in June, July and August which  
20 are open admits where students can physically  
21 come to campus and we'll go through the entire  
22 admissions process with them on campus. We  
23 attend all fares. We actually host the SUNY  
24 fair on our campus. That's open to all  
25 students inside of New York State and

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2 certainly here in Nassau County. So yes, we  
3 do.

4 LEGISLATOR MULE: So you do  
5 actually go to high schools and admit students  
6 right then and there?

7 MS. CONZATTI: We take their  
8 applications. We discuss them. Any options  
9 that they have. Any questions. Financial  
10 aid. All of that. Yes, we do.

11 LEGISLATOR MULE: I think I got  
12 my answer. Then in terms of the programs that  
13 you're looking to bring on, it sounds like  
14 they're the things you hear on the commercials  
15 for the for-profit companies that teach, you  
16 mentioned HVAC and that type of thing. And  
17 that sounds like a very smart idea to me that  
18 you would go after what people are paying lots  
19 of money to do and bring that to the community  
20 college so people don't have to spend a lot of  
21 money and come out with a certificate or  
22 whatever it is that they need to come out with  
23 to get these high-paying jobs without having  
24 all of the financial obligations that we hear  
25 so much about with the for-profit educational

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2 institutions. So, I'm very much in favor of  
3 that and glad to hear it. Thank you.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
5 Rhoads.

6 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Just a couple  
7 of quick questions and thank you again for  
8 your presentation. I know one of the items  
9 that we had discussed on our Zoom call was  
10 student input into the process. It sounds as  
11 though part of the issue is that we may not be  
12 offering the kinds of classes that students  
13 today are necessarily interested in. And what  
14 is the role of student input in that process?

15 In the tour that we had I spent  
16 probably no more than five minutes in one of  
17 the classrooms, computer classrooms, speaking  
18 to the students directly about what types of  
19 things they would like to see offered. They  
20 had no less than four suggestions for  
21 different course offerings that they would  
22 love to see happen. That they would be  
23 interested in taking.

24 Considering the fact that they are  
25 the end users, they're the customer, is there

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2 a plan in place now? It kind of sounded as  
3 though on the Zoom call we were kind of afraid  
4 to ask the question. Which might not be the  
5 right way to go about it. I think the  
6 response was the expectation, if students have  
7 input into the process, is that there's going  
8 to be changes which we may or may not be able  
9 to make. I don't think that should prevent us  
10 from asking the question though. Are we going  
11 to put in place a process whereby students  
12 will have some input as to what offerings are  
13 made by the college? Ultimately I think  
14 that's part of the solution that has to happen  
15 is that they have to be part of the process.  
16 If there are things that they want us to offer  
17 that they will use that's what any business  
18 would do.

19 MS. CONZATTI: Sure. We can  
20 certainly engage our student government  
21 leadership in those conversations. I've  
22 scheduled monthly meetings with them to engage  
23 them in those conversations. Certainly we'll  
24 have all of cabinet engaged in conversations  
25 with the student government so that we can

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2 have an exchange of ideas and hear students  
3 out as a full cabinet. Which includes our  
4 chief academic officer as well as fiscal  
5 officer and the like.

6 So, we will certainly begin with  
7 that process and engaging our students so that  
8 leadership to leadership they can express what  
9 they feel the institution should be doing and  
10 where the direction will go.

11 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: And how  
12 exactly is the college identifying which  
13 vocational training it's going to be  
14 offering?

15 MS. CONZATTI: It's based on,  
16 again, feedback that we've gotten from the  
17 community. We get phone calls all the time  
18 asking for a specific programing. Do we have  
19 it? Do we offer it? We've gotten phone calls  
20 from, you know, individuals within unions. Do  
21 you offer this? Do you offer welding? Do you  
22 offer this? Do you offer that? It's been a  
23 collection of data coming into the  
24 institution.

25 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: It might not

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2 be a bad idea to engage the unions directly  
3 with respect to that. Because as I mentioned  
4 on the Zoom call, I think that there's a real  
5 opportunity, especially with the county having  
6 been provided some ARPA funds for us to  
7 strengthen our vocational training and to  
8 offer scholarships for individuals who lost  
9 their jobs as a result of COVID or family  
10 members who have lost their jobs as a result  
11 of COVID, to offer the opportunity at  
12 discounted or free tuition with the use of  
13 ARPA funds to not only increase the enrollment  
14 of the college but get much needed vocational  
15 training for people that needed to change  
16 their jobs. I think it's a very effective and  
17 proper use of that funding. For us to provide  
18 relief to our residents in terms of job  
19 retraining. So, vocational training is the  
20 key to that.

21 The problem is we can't really  
22 create a program like that without having the  
23 course offerings that people will want to  
24 enroll in. So, the quicker that we can get up  
25 to speed on developing a curriculum,

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2 identifying first the areas where there's need  
3 and then developing a curriculum that will  
4 meet requirements, licensing requirements it  
5 certainly is paramount. Is there a process in  
6 place to be able to do that?

7 MS. CONZATTI: We certainly have  
8 board members that are on our board of  
9 trustees that can certainly provide us a venue  
10 to have those conversations.

11 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you  
12 very much.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
14 DeRiggi-Whitton.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I  
16 know it's difficult to compete, as we were  
17 discussing in our caucus room, with the state  
18 right now who's giving free tuition to  
19 families that are making under \$125,000 per  
20 year to their colleges. Have you done any  
21 type of lobbying to try to -- I know it's  
22 separate between the state and county  
23 obviously. Do you know if there is any  
24 opportunity for the county to also be either  
25 reimbursed partially or through the state? Do

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2 you think there's a need for that that you can  
3 focus on?

4 MS. CONZATTI: You're talking  
5 about politicking the state for additional  
6 funding, is that what you mean?

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
8 Basically since their last effort -- when was  
9 that -- like three years ago to now be  
10 providing free tuition. How do we compete  
11 with that? I don't know if there's a way. I  
12 don't know what their funding is like on that  
13 line. Possibly they could partner with the  
14 county schools. Because some kids can't go to  
15 Albany. It would involve some thinking out of  
16 the box and some major effort. I respect  
17 that. But maybe the counties can work  
18 together to see if that would be a possibility  
19 through the state.

20 As my colleague mentioned, with the  
21 American Cares Act funding, I don't know, I'd  
22 have to look at it a little closer, but if  
23 there is a line there that would qualify  
24 tuition. The world's changing. I think it's  
25 great to offer -- the millenials are very

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2 practical from what I can see. They want to  
3 graduate and have a job lined up.

4 As my colleague Siela Bynoe  
5 mentioned, we need to get employers involved  
6 also. If kids can come and know that they can  
7 get a job with this electric company or  
8 whomever. That's how I think these young  
9 kids' minds work. They really want to see  
10 what they can get for their effort. I think  
11 it would be worth looking into the state to  
12 see if there is funding available. Because,  
13 again, with zero tuition it's very difficult  
14 to compete with that. So, I don't know if  
15 you're in contact with other community  
16 colleges but I think it would be worth an  
17 attempt anyway.

18 MS. CONZATTI: We can certainly  
19 reach out to Suffolk and see.

20 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: And  
21 see if the state would be open to that. I  
22 have to look it up again but I did hear there  
23 was a good amount of funding available through  
24 that program. So maybe they would be willing  
25 do it this way as well.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
3 Bynoe.

4 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Hi. So, I'm  
5 really excited to hear about the workforce  
6 development, the vocation. We talked on the  
7 Zoom. We've been engaging with Nassau  
8 County. When I say we, I mean the folks with  
9 the Hub redevelopment there in terms of the --  
10 I cochair the workforce development. So I  
11 know we've been in constant communication.  
12 Unfortunately, COVID has kind of slowed our  
13 pace down in being able to identify  
14 opportunities that would allow the college to  
15 put together some level of vocational  
16 training, workforce development training.

17 But that being said, Delia touched  
18 on it. We have a lot of employers in our  
19 area. Right in proximity we have Sloan  
20 Kettering and the like. And I'm assured that  
21 you're interfacing with them to find out what  
22 their needs are. I know that we want to hear  
23 from the students and the community at large  
24 in terms of individuals who might enroll, but  
25 getting the business organizations, the

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2 government involved.

3 We have a national shortage on FAA,  
4 on flight controllers, and we have an entity  
5 just across Stewart Avenue. We have a hub for  
6 that. Is there a way for us to connect in and  
7 assist in being able to have students enroll  
8 with the trajectory of being placed at the  
9 site locally at the controllers'  
10 headquarters? Things like that I think go a  
11 long way.

12 I don't know where our employers in  
13 terms of reimbursement reimbursement. I'm a  
14 graduate of Nassau Community College through  
15 the tuition reimbursement programing. Having  
16 adjuncted at LIU for the last four or five  
17 years that's going to be one of their  
18 constraints. Trying to get employers who will  
19 identify individuals who can upskill and then  
20 be promoted through the ranks. If we can  
21 start looking at things that would allow us to  
22 engage employers in that fashion I think we  
23 might be able to turn the curve on that, along  
24 with everything else that you talked about  
25 doing. I definitely wish the college well.

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2 And you talked about spending down  
3 that capital money. Spend it down. Get it  
4 all.

5 MS. CONZATTI: We will.

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you very  
7 much.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Are there  
9 any other questions for Dr. Conzatti? Thank  
10 you very much. Faren Siminoff.

11 MS. SIMINOFF: Good afternoon.  
12 My name is Dr. Faren Siminoff. I'm a  
13 professor at Nassau Community College. I'm in  
14 the Department of History, Political Science,  
15 Geography and Latin American studies. I'm  
16 also the president of the Nassau Community  
17 College Federation of Teachers. We are the  
18 union of the full-time faculty.

19 I'm here to speak to you a little  
20 bit about the budget. In some respects my  
21 friend, Dr. Conzatti, has, I don't know,  
22 informed what I'm going to say. I'm not here  
23 to speak against the budget but I am here to  
24 say that the college does need more money.  
25 It's been 15 years since the college has had

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2 an increase in its funding from the county and  
3 that means that those funds are probably worth  
4 about \$20 million less, maybe more, right, as  
5 inflation keeps growing.

6 So, the notion that we don't need  
7 more money at this point just doesn't seem  
8 realistic to me. Everybody needs an  
9 increase. Suffolk Community College gets a  
10 two to three percent increase every single  
11 year.

12 We spoke a little bit about the  
13 theater department and we have a wonderful  
14 theater and dance department. A number of you  
15 came and spoke to the chair of the theater  
16 department and saw our wonderful students.  
17 And I invite all of you in the fall who  
18 weren't able to tour. We're going to be  
19 offering more tours. Please come. We want to  
20 know you. We want you to know us. We want  
21 you to see our faculty, our chairs, our  
22 students.

23 But we only have two full-time  
24 faculty in the theater department. Neither of  
25 whom are teaching faculty. How can we run and

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2 grow a theater department with no full-time  
3 teaching faculty?

4 What's been happening at the  
5 college over the last I'd say decade or so has  
6 been a process of cutting. As our faculty has  
7 gotten older, has retired, we haven't been  
8 replacing them. And yes, the staff, whether  
9 it's CSEA, who you know do the secretarial or  
10 public safety, the AFA who are our adjuncts,  
11 or the NCCFT who are our full-time faculty, of  
12 course most of the operational budget will go  
13 into that because what do we provide? We're  
14 providing education. And who provides it?  
15 Educators. Obviously that's going to take up  
16 a lot of the operating budget.

17 But we need to -- if you want to  
18 grow the college you need to invest in the  
19 college. We have to invest in full-time  
20 faculty.

21 Can I speak longer? Yes?

22 Faculty who will be there to grow,  
23 to create the curriculum, to supervise the  
24 implementation, to mentor our students. If we  
25 keep cutting the college the college can't

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2 grow. And the faculty has a lot of  
3 initiatives but we don't have either the  
4 budget or the faculty to implement them.

5 We have cyber security. We have in  
6 the art department, and I think Legislator  
7 Rhoads was speaking to one of the faculty  
8 members who wants to do this, we have gaming.  
9 We have lots of really innovative 21st century  
10 programs and initiatives that we could  
11 implement but we don't have the money and we  
12 don't have the faculty to do it.

13 While I'm not asking you to vote  
14 down the budget, because I am practical and  
15 obviously we need money to function, I am  
16 asking you to ask the college to reconsider  
17 what we need. What we need to grow and to  
18 move forward.

19 Remember that our students stay in  
20 the county. When kids go away to a four-year  
21 college or a residential college they often  
22 times don't return. But our students stay and  
23 they become your police and they become  
24 lawyers and they become managers of businesses  
25 and they open up small businesses. They

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2 become your nurses. We have a wonderful  
3 nursing department but we don't have enough  
4 faculty to grow the nursing department and we  
5 have a waiting list.

6 But our students become all of  
7 those things. They establish families. They  
8 become taxpayers. So we are a very good  
9 investment. Because the population of Nassau  
10 County is aging and it has stayed relatively  
11 flat. Our students stay. If we grow our  
12 student population we will also help to grow  
13 the county. There's a lot of reasons to  
14 invest in the college.

15 And I also want to point out that  
16 our students often transfer to four-year  
17 colleges. It's not enough -- it's fine to  
18 offer vocational. I'm not saying we should  
19 not do any of these things. But the vast  
20 majority of our students who want to get a BA  
21 they want opportunities. Just like people who  
22 went to the college 20 years ago or 30 years  
23 ago had an opportunity to figure out what they  
24 wanted to do and to find their dreams as  
25 well.

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2 So, the college, I believe, is a  
3 huge, huge asset to the county. I hope that  
4 you do approve this budget. But, in addition,  
5 I hope you also tell the college and, as I  
6 said, they're a new administration, this  
7 budget was crafted before this administration  
8 came on board, to do an add-on or a  
9 supplemental. We need more faculty. We need  
10 more money for our programs and we really need  
11 the ability to grow. We believe, and we said  
12 this before, that a great county deserves a  
13 great community college. Please help us to  
14 grow. Please invest in this community college  
15 and we will serve you very well. Thank you  
16 very much.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you  
18 Faren. Is there any other public comment?

19 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday. I  
20 agree with both speakers actually. I think  
21 that the college should get additional funding  
22 and I think the funding that they have  
23 received for the most part should be utilized  
24 more effectively. And from what I have been  
25 hearing I think that there are those involved

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2 who will make it happen.

3 My concern again, aside from the  
4 fact that I will try to stay within my three  
5 minutes because, you know, other people can go  
6 above and beyond and there is no ramifications  
7 or anything like that. But I know when it  
8 comes down to either me personally or me  
9 historically I'll just leave that out there.

10 But I'm concerned that just to  
11 throw some suggestions out there because we  
12 talk about young people and things of that  
13 nature. Baby boomers are returning to  
14 colleges, particularly community colleges, at  
15 a great rate. And we do have an Asian  
16 population here. So that's an opportunity.

17 Again, veterans. I know that  
18 there's a strong veteran community at the  
19 community college but I think we can utilize  
20 that a little bit more effectively in tying  
21 that into the building trades. Electrical  
22 services, construction. A lot of work the  
23 work that's been done out here in Nassau  
24 County health care is the largest employer  
25 here, I think we can be more aggressive, more

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2 productive and proactive in creating those  
3 opportunities from a training and a workforce  
4 development aspect. Not just talking about it  
5 but being about it.

6 If we drive just along Franklin you  
7 saw retail stores, and unfortunately a former  
8 president didn't see the need to protect as  
9 far as jobs and workforce are being busted out  
10 as we speak for more health-related  
11 facilities. That could be on-the-job training  
12 right there for construction, for electrical,  
13 for students who are getting that application  
14 right at Nassau Community College.

15 So, I think it's one of our  
16 diamonds. Similar to our underutilized Nassau  
17 University Medical Center. Which, again, can  
18 work together. Research and development is  
19 also very key, very high paying if it's done  
20 correctly and adequately. That could be  
21 another relationship tying in the community  
22 college with our public hospital. There's a  
23 lot of space there. There are empty  
24 facilities. The old nursing and doctors  
25 quarters could be rehabbed. Again, building

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2 trade work. That students train at Nassau  
3 Community College veterans per se as an  
4 example could build and revitalize those  
5 facilities. And guess what? They can live in  
6 them. They can stay here. These could be  
7 back on the tax rolls. They can be productive  
8 jobs. Productive citizens.

9 Again, I'm not here just waxing  
10 poetic and wasting my time that gets limited  
11 to me but other people can speak as long they  
12 want for whatever they want. But this is  
13 again rational ideas, practical applications  
14 that we need to implement because our  
15 residents, our young people are leaving and  
16 the ones that are here are struggling to pay  
17 for these homes. Guess what? I'm on the  
18 money. Thank you.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank  
20 you. A motion to close the hearing at this  
21 point. Moved by Legislator Ford. Seconded by  
22 Legislator Walker. All in favor of closing  
23 the hearing signify by saying aye. Those  
24 opposed? The hearing is closed unanimously.

25 Number two, Ordinance 34, an

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2   ordinance to adopt the Nassau County budget  
3   for the Nassau Community College for the  
4   fiscal year commencing September 1, 2022 and  
5   ending August 31, 2023 and to appropriate  
6   revenues and the total amount of monies to be  
7   raised by taxation within the county of Nassau  
8   for the purposes of the Nassau Community  
9   College for such fiscal year.

10                   Motion by Legislator Pilip.  
11   Seconded by Legislator Schaefer. Any debate  
12   or discussion on the college budget? Hearing  
13   none, all in favor signify by saying aye.  
14   Those opposed? Carries unanimously. The  
15   budget passes.

16                   We have one last item. Legislator  
17   Mule this is the one you are recusing on. 13  
18   Resolution 98. A resolution authorizing the  
19   county attorney to compromise and settle the  
20   claims of plaintiff, as set forth in the  
21   action entitled Dover Gourmet Corporation  
22   versus County of Nassau.

23                   Motion by Legislator Kennedy.  
24   Seconded by Legislator Gaylor. Just note for  
25   the record that Legislator Mule has left the

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2 chambers. She's not participating in any  
3 further debate or discussion or vote on this  
4 item.

5 So, the item is now before us. Any  
6 debate or discussion on item 13 amongst the  
7 legislators? Legislator Drucker, did you want  
8 to speak on this item?

9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you  
10 Presiding Officer. I just have to say that  
11 it's a little troubling to me to see this  
12 settlement brought before the legislature  
13 today after the extensive dialogue we had with  
14 the administration at our last meeting on June  
15 8th. While the stipulation discontinues the  
16 plaintiff's cause of action with prejudice,  
17 this stipulation falls short of relieving our  
18 concerns regarding Dover's prior business  
19 relationship with the county.

20 What is even more disturbing is the  
21 conclusory statement within the settlement  
22 that Dover is a vendor in good standing. It's  
23 important to note also that the contract and  
24 the stipulation were signed on the same day,  
25 on June 1st. So, there were expectations

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2 about Dover being settled and considered a  
3 vendor in good standing from day one.

4 In my opinion and the opinion of  
5 others, failing to pay the county on time or  
6 at all and violating living wage laws  
7 indicates that Dover is in fact not a vendor  
8 in good standing. And yet despite these  
9 documented issues, the county decided that  
10 this vendor should be trusted again with our  
11 county facilities and parks and given a  
12 sweetheart deal for the next ten years.

13 What this settlement does is  
14 normalize questionable behavior by county  
15 vendors and cast doubt on the future of a fair  
16 and transparent procurement process that  
17 should award vendors who are truly in good  
18 standing. Thank you.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: As with  
20 any settlement there is obviously -- each  
21 party gives something. Each party gets  
22 something. In this case the county is getting  
23 the removal of a risk of millions of dollars  
24 of damages. Is this a settlement for the  
25 benefit of the county? Yes, number one.

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2 Number two, my colleague has  
3 accepted as fact every allegation made against  
4 this company. In so doing, he becomes the  
5 judge, jury and executioner of this company.

6 So, I would note for the record  
7 that Dover hardly contests each and every one  
8 of those allegations that have been made over  
9 the course of time and that it has been a  
10 vendor for the county for as long as anyone  
11 can remember at this point.

12 Again, this settlement is something  
13 that's in the interest of the county and I  
14 would encourage all my colleagues to vote --  
15 actually, it's not the settlement. It's  
16 simply filing the stipulation of  
17 discontinuance.

18 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Mr.  
19 Presiding Officer, I just wanted to say one  
20 thing. But the added words vendor in good  
21 standing in my opinion is superfluous  
22 language. The settlement can go forward, the  
23 stipulation go forward. I don't necessarily  
24 understand the logic of adding that language.  
25 Why are they now deemed a vendor in good

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2 standing? They admitted their wrongdoings in  
3 the past. We understand that. It doesn't  
4 still transform them magically into being a  
5 vendor in good standing. That's all I want to  
6 say.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I think we  
8 can disagree on that point. Legislator  
9 DeRiggi-Whitton.

10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I  
11 hope you could just let me just mention  
12 something that's not exactly pertinent to the  
13 settlement. I was approached by someone who  
14 was concerned about those that are employed at  
15 places such as Nickerson Beach right now. The  
16 settlement and the contract say that without  
17 any other procurement being involved that when  
18 these contracts are finished they're  
19 automatically going to go to Dover. So,  
20 that's in the contract that was passed  
21 already. So, I know we can't rehash that.

22 I guess my plea or my request would  
23 be that possibly those that are employed in  
24 such things I believe as boating instruction  
25 and very specific surfing jobs descriptions

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2 would possibly be employed by Dover in the  
3 future. If we could somehow try to do some  
4 kind of an agreement with Dover.

5 Again, I know we can't but if Dover  
6 could give us that courtesy of considering  
7 taking those that are already employed at that  
8 beach and reemploying them under their own  
9 contract I think that would be very helpful in  
10 restoring any question of good will that might  
11 exist.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The only  
13 point, couple of points I would make, is that  
14 my understanding is, at least with respect to  
15 county employees there was going to be an  
16 effort actually not to -- an effort to hire  
17 each and every one of the county employees who  
18 are there. I believe it was my understanding  
19 from part-time to full-time positions, number  
20 one.

21 Number two, I would assume that  
22 Dover, in good business sense, would want to  
23 hire those other employees of the vendors for  
24 the simple reason that it is so difficult now  
25 to obtain employees in general. I would

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2 assume that if you have a pool of skilled  
3 employees that that's something that they  
4 would want to do.

5 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
6 There's a company called Scudin Surf again  
7 they're not county employees.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I talked  
9 about both.

10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: If  
11 we could just maybe suggest Dover contact them  
12 and really work with them I think it would be  
13 a good, I don't know, it would be a positive  
14 win-win situation. I would love to see that  
15 happen.

16 LEGISLATOR FORD: Yes, there is a  
17 contract in place between Scudin and Dover in  
18 regard to lifeguards at the pools. As the  
19 contract or whatever that we have with Dover  
20 he only goes up to the dunes. So Scudin  
21 lifeguarding that contract is solely with the  
22 county. Dover does not have any control over  
23 that whatsoever.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other  
25 debate or discussion on this item? Hearing

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2 none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

3 Those opposed?

4 LEGISLATOR FORD: I will abstain.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We have 12

6 ayes, one abstention and five nays because

7 there's only 18 of us here.

8 That's the last item that we have.

9 I'm going to place the legislature -- yeah,  
10 yeah. I noted before that she recused herself  
11 and she's not being counted in the vote.

12 That's why we have 18.

13 At this point I'm going to recess  
14 the meeting. Thank you.

15 (Meeting recessed at 3:41 p.m.)

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO  
PRESIDING OFFICER

RECONVENED LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
of June 27, 2022

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

Monday, July 18, 2022  
1:40 P.M.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm going  
3 to call this meeting of the county legislature  
4 to order and ask Legislator Tom McKeivitt to  
5 lead us in the pledge.

6 We will be reconvening the June  
7 27th meeting of the Nassau County Legislature,  
8 and Mike could you call the emergency please?

9 MR. PULITZER: An emergency  
10 resolution declaring an emergency for  
11 immediate action upon a resolution confirming  
12 the appointment by the county executive of  
13 Marie F. McCormack as a judge of the district  
14 court of the county of Nassau for the Second  
15 Judicial District pursuant to Section 21-D of  
16 Article 6 of the constitution of the state of  
17 New York. Clerk item 206-22.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank  
19 you. We need a motion to establish the  
20 emergency. Moved by Legislator Rhoads.  
21 Seconded by Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel.  
22 Any debate or discussion on the emergency?  
23 Hearing none, all in favor of establishing the  
24 emergency signify by saying aye. Those  
25 opposed? Carries unanimously.

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2 Now I'm going to call the actual  
3 items which are items 106, 107, 208 -- items  
4 206, 207, 208 and 212. These are resolutions  
5 confirming the appointments by the county  
6 executive of Marie F. McCormack, Michael A.  
7 Montesano, Jaclene Agazarian and Joseph  
8 Nocella as judges of the district court of the  
9 county of Nassau for the Second Judicial  
10 District pursuant to Section 21-D of Article 6  
11 of the constitution of the state of New York.

12 We need a motion on those items.  
13 Moved by Legislator Ferretti. Seconded by  
14 Legislator McKevitt. They are now before us.

15 I'd ask the respective judges if  
16 you want to come up and say a few words.  
17 Mike, just say hello. Just introduce  
18 yourself. All four of you actually.

19 MR. MONTESANO: My name is  
20 Michael Montesano. Formerly assemblyman 15th  
21 Assembly District. Glad to be here today.  
22 Thank you for your consideration for this  
23 appointment.

24 MS. MCCORMACK: My name is Marie  
25 McCormack. I'd like to thank the Honorable

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2 Bruce Blakeman, our county executive, as well  
3 as the members of this legislature here for  
4 considering my appointment. And I also wanted  
5 to thank you for the work you do for the  
6 people of the county of Nassau.

7 MS. AGAZARIAN: Good afternoon.  
8 My name is Jaclene Agazarian. Like my  
9 colleagues, I'd like to thank the county  
10 executive for the nomination and I would like  
11 to thank you all for your consideration and  
12 it's really an honor and a privilege. So  
13 thank you.

14 MR. NOCELLA: Good afternoon.  
15 Joseph Nocella. I want to follow in my three  
16 predecessors in the hopes that in following  
17 them all four of us will prove to be good  
18 judges and fair and impartial judges on the  
19 district court. I thank them. I thank you  
20 for considering this nomination, this  
21 appointment, and I'd like to thank County  
22 Executive Blakeman for making the  
23 appointments.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you  
25 very much to all four of you.

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2 Any debate or discussion? Hearing  
3 none, we're going to vote on 206, 207, 208  
4 first. That's the appointments of Marie  
5 McCormack, Michael Montesano, Jaclene  
6 Agazarian. All in favor of those appointments  
7 signify by saying aye. Those opposed? They  
8 pass unanimously.

9 As to 212, the appointment of Joe  
10 Nocella, any debate or discussion? All in  
11 favor of that item signify by saying aye.  
12 Those opposed? We have 17 in favor and one  
13 abstention. Congratulations to the four of  
14 you.

15 We are going to put the full  
16 legislature into recess and then jump into the  
17 committees. We may be returning later to do  
18 the capital items but there has to be some  
19 discussions in terms of some of the specifics  
20 of those items before we move forward with  
21 respect to that. So, I'm going to put the  
22 legislature in recess, and I am going to call  
23 the Rules Committee.

24 (Meeting was recessed at 1:55 p.m.)

25 (Meeting was reconvened at 5:15

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2 p.m.)

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Now I'm  
4 going to call the full leg back in order. We  
5 have several items, three items on the  
6 calendar. Calendar number three Resolution  
7 96. A resolution declaring a capital budget  
8 emergency pursuant to Section 310(D) of the  
9 county government law of Nassau County.

10 Motion by Legislator Walker.  
11 Seconded by Legislator Gaylor. That puts the  
12 item before us. We need to have an amendment  
13 in the nature of a substitution. This amends  
14 the capital budget emergency resolution to  
15 reflect the project 41887 Museum Row  
16 renovation and expansion and project 51001  
17 district attorney information technology  
18 infrastructure are new projects in the 2021  
19 capital budget amendment.

20 We need a motion to amend.  
21 Legislator Walker makes that motion.  
22 Legislator Gaylor seconds that motion. Any  
23 debate or discussion on the amendment? All in  
24 favor of the amendment signify by saying aye.  
25 Those opposed? The amendment passes

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2 unanimously.

3 Now we have the item as amended.

4 All in favor of the item as amended signify by  
5 saying aye. Those opposed? Carries  
6 unanimously.

7 The next item is calendar number  
8 four, Ordinance 35 of 2022. An ordinance to  
9 amend Ordinance 126 of 2020 adopting the  
10 capital budget for the county of Nassau for  
11 the first year of the four-year capital plan  
12 to commence on January 1, 2021 pursuant to the  
13 provisions of Section 310 of the county  
14 government law of Nassau County.

15 Motion by Legislator Kennedy.  
16 Seconded by Legislator McKevitt. That puts it  
17 before the legislature. Now we need an  
18 amendment in the nature of a substitution to  
19 amend the 2021 capital budget amendment to  
20 reflect corrected authorization amounts for  
21 certain projects.

22 Motion by Legislator Kennedy to  
23 amend. Seconded by Legislator McKevitt. So  
24 the amendment is before us. Any debate or  
25 discussion on the amendment?

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, as the  
3 previous vote as it pertains to the emergency  
4 to the capital plan, obviously we supported it  
5 and we plan to support the capital plan.  
6 Unfortunately, as it pertains to the bond  
7 ordinance, from our perspective we at first  
8 heard from the administration earlier today.  
9 We haven't heard anything over the last  
10 several months that we deem to be in good  
11 faith in order to be able to move forward.

12 We had brought to the attention of  
13 the administration several projects that were  
14 identified by a study that have -- road  
15 projects -- that have been deemed to be  
16 unsafe. Newsday had written a story regarding  
17 some of these roads on June 11th. Some of the  
18 roads were identified were Nassau Road,  
19 Babylon Turnpike, Peninsula Boulevard,  
20 Franklin Avenue to name a few. There have  
21 been also several roads such as Elmont Road as  
22 well as Old Country Road where they have been  
23 deemed to be and seem to be unsafe.

24 But I really truly believe more  
25 importantly than anything else the county has

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2 been put on notice. I mean, these roads have  
3 been deemed to be unsafe. The county now  
4 knows. There's been a story about them. We  
5 were just trying to advocate to get these  
6 projects included into the capital plan. And  
7 it seemed like, based on our discussion, based  
8 on what we heard, that it's been rebuffed.  
9 That's unfortunate because I think based off  
10 of what we're asking for these projects are  
11 truly in the best interests of the residents  
12 in making sure pedestrian walkways are safe.

13 So, I think it's an unfortunate  
14 turn that we're actually going through this  
15 exercise of voting for the capital plan even  
16 though we know the bonding is not going to be  
17 there.

18 That being said, we understand that  
19 there are public safety, there are district  
20 attorney, Nassau County Police Department  
21 items in here. We would be more than happy to  
22 vote for that stuff right now. We will bond  
23 it. Get it done. I believe there's 16, \$17  
24 million in PD slash DA. Maybe even some  
25 correction projects -- fire commission,

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2 sorry -- that are in here. We'll be prepared  
3 to do those today.

4 But it seems to be by the  
5 administration it's an all or nothing  
6 approach, which I truly think is unfortunate.  
7 I guess this will get hammered out over the  
8 next three weeks. But from our standpoint we  
9 truly believe that we can do this today.

10 The projects that we're asking for  
11 in the legislative minority are all projects  
12 that the county has been on notice for a  
13 while. Quite frankly, if the administration  
14 had reached out to us in those time frames we  
15 would have gladly shared that with them. That  
16 these projects are a priority.

17 Granted, some of these projects  
18 actually predate this administration. For  
19 some reason when they showed up in previous  
20 capital plans with the other administration  
21 today they're not here. Which is  
22 unfortunate.

23 From that standpoint we're going to  
24 support the plan because we believe that all  
25 those projects should go forward. Whether

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2 they're resurfacing projects. Whether they're  
3 park projects, improvement projects. We think  
4 all these projects should go forward. We  
5 believe in getting not just the work done but  
6 getting many of our labor folks to work.

7 But at the same time we cannot  
8 support the bond authorization at this time.  
9 But we are willing to do the PD and the fire  
10 commission as well as the district attorney  
11 public safety money today. We don't want to  
12 see that get caught up in anything else.

13 But we have a hard time when we  
14 believe that the county has been put on notice  
15 as it pertains to some of these pedestrian  
16 upgrades throughout many districts. We have a  
17 hard time supporting a plan that doesn't  
18 include and ensure that all roadways are going  
19 to be safe. Thank you.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The only  
21 point that I would make would be that this,  
22 what we are considering today, is an amendment  
23 to a 2021 capital budget and bonding  
24 etcetera. That additional projects that the  
25 minority wants to include was really more

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2 appropriate being negotiated into the upcoming  
3 2023 capital budget. Because we have projects  
4 as well that we want negotiated into that.  
5 So, I don't believe that it's worth while to  
6 stop this at this time to exert your leverage  
7 to prevent this from going forward when  
8 there's upcoming negotiations on the 2023  
9 capital budget.

10 Mr. Arnold, I see you standing.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Just as  
12 Mr. Arnold approaches, Presiding Officer, the  
13 one thing I just want to reference that a good  
14 chunk of our projects they were in previous  
15 plans. They were there. They're just not  
16 being bonded today. One of the cases in point  
17 I'll bring up is Franklin Avenue. A project  
18 that Legislator Bynoe and I have know about.  
19 We put the previous administration -- Mr.  
20 Arnold knows this -- we put the previous  
21 administration on notice. And for whatever  
22 reason, the authorization in -- the 2021  
23 project authorization is not even being  
24 considered.

25 Now, granted, there may be some

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2 issues. I'm sure Mr. Arnold will try to  
3 explain them. But you have two legislators  
4 that have been put on notice about an area, a  
5 roadway that is deemed unsafe.

6 And schools. I mean, there's no  
7 politics here. This is straight advocacy for  
8 our constituents.

9 So, from our standpoint, I have a  
10 hard time voting yes to something that I've  
11 been made fully aware of that I've brought to  
12 the parties that can impact the change to  
13 change it. It's just that simple. Sorry for  
14 doing that. Go ahead Mr. Arnold.

15 MR. ARNOLD: Thank you. Before  
16 you today is a capital budget amendment and  
17 associated bond ordinance to continue the work  
18 of the department and the other agencies  
19 throughout the county as a result of the 2022  
20 plan not being acted on. All the projects  
21 that are listed are ongoing existing projects  
22 or equipment purchases or funding for capital  
23 projects that are used to address unforeseen  
24 conditions.

25 Specifically to the traffic items,

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2 there is a significant amount of money in  
3 traffic studies added to this capital  
4 amendment that would be utilized to do the  
5 studies that have been mentioned to us in  
6 these new locations.

7 On the older locations like  
8 Franklin and Nassau, the department has  
9 proposals ready to go out to our on call  
10 consultants. It's just a matter of clearing  
11 other work and these would go out next. They  
12 could go out probably before the end of the  
13 month if necessary.

14 The department also has many other  
15 projects that look at the various traffic  
16 issues that are brought to our attention  
17 whether it's by a legislator, a constituent or  
18 internally by my people. We are initiating a  
19 traffic accident mapping program to look at  
20 locations throughout the whole county. This  
21 body voted on the Greenman Pederson contract  
22 not too long ago. That project finally  
23 started.

24 In addition, we have various  
25 studies going on for many locations. I cannot

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2 even speak to some of these Newsday areas  
3 already being in our queue because of other  
4 complaints that we have received.

5 But the bottom line is that 62500,  
6 which will have a nexus of \$4 million, can be  
7 more than utilized for any study of any area  
8 of your concern immediately once the bond  
9 ordinance is approved. And if warranted, a  
10 larger design and construction project then  
11 would be appropriate to ask for a specific  
12 capital project for those locations.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If I may  
14 Mr. Arnold. We just approved five projects to  
15 be added to the plan, didn't we? By  
16 emergency?

17 MR. ARNOLD: You approved --

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We just did  
19 the museum. We just did a couple of other  
20 projects. We just approved five projects to  
21 be added to the capital plan.

22 MR. ARNOLD: The museum was  
23 necessary because this body approved an  
24 agreement with the armor museum and this is  
25 the funding that was never allocated for that.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm not  
3 going to get into the merits of what's  
4 important versus not important. Obviously I  
5 voted for them. We did. We think they're all  
6 important. But what we're saying is that the  
7 projects in these neighborhoods are just as  
8 important. We can't make the argument that  
9 it's funded through other sources. Why didn't  
10 we say that about these other projects? Why  
11 couldn't we just fund them through other  
12 sources? The bottom line is those projects  
13 have line items in the capital plan. That's  
14 what we're asking for here, line items.

15 MR. ARNOLD: We were not looking  
16 to add line items for specific projects until  
17 we do the 2023 capital plan. At this point  
18 this is just a continuation of ongoing --

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But we're  
20 doing line items for these five other projects  
21 though.

22 MR. ARNOLD: Each one has a  
23 specific purpose. The parking lot by family  
24 court needed to be addressed in a timely  
25 matter to coincide with the family court

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2 project. That's why it was added as a  
3 specific project.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm all for  
5 everybody getting everything they need for  
6 their constituents. That's not issue. No one  
7 has to sell me on this stuff. I just voted  
8 for it. I'm for it. I'm going to vote for  
9 the capital plan. I'm just not going to  
10 support the bond ordinance unless you're going  
11 to break out the PD and the public safety  
12 stuff because that stuff I'm ready to do  
13 today.

14 But from our standpoint, what we're  
15 asking for is not to have these projects to be  
16 commingled into traffic safety with everything  
17 else that's being requested throughout the  
18 county. These are projects that the county  
19 has been put on notice.

20 MR. ARNOLD: Yes, we have been  
21 put on notice by Newsday but until we do the  
22 study do we know what the merits of the notice  
23 are? And that's what 62500's whole purpose  
24 is, is not to end up with, you know, dozens of  
25 capital projects for traffic until the initial

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2 work is done and the scopes are identified and  
3 then we put together a specific project.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But some of  
5 these projects, Ken, have been known about for  
6 years. I don't know about you but I've known  
7 about Franklin Avenue. I think we've brought  
8 that up before. Babylon same thing. Elmont  
9 Road in Legislator Solages' district I know  
10 it's been known about for quite some time.

11 MR. ARNOLD: Elmont Road we've  
12 completed, between Elmont Road and Dutch  
13 Broadway, about \$1.5 million of construction  
14 improvements.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But the one  
16 thing we did talk about today that there is an  
17 intersection where the mosque is located where  
18 he's brought to this attention going back to  
19 2019 Legislator Solages?

20 MR. ARNOLD: And we addressed  
21 that at the time saying that the county does  
22 not want to put up uncontrolled crosswalks and  
23 that the residents need to use the closest  
24 intersection to cross. If that needs to be  
25 revisited I'm open to do that. There are

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2 other projects that we're working on to try to  
3 control unprotected crosswalks. We can go  
4 back and look at that. But at that time that  
5 was our response.

6 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: But the way  
7 the Sheridan area project that was proposed in  
8 '22 and has not been adopted.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It seems  
10 like to me this is really more of an issue --  
11 I can't explain what the issue is really  
12 because it sounds like to me if I'm hearing  
13 you and I trust you because I've known you for  
14 many, many years. Going back to the time when  
15 I was in the finance office with Judy Jacobs.  
16 It's not an issue of that.

17 But it sounds like to me that the  
18 administration is prepared to fund them  
19 because they're going to pay for a lot of the  
20 studies through multiple different ways for a  
21 lot of these projects. I don't know if it's  
22 going to include everything that Legislator  
23 Drucker would like to see on Old Country  
24 Road. Or Stillwell Park that Legislator  
25 Lafazan would like to see to get done. But

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2 some of these road projects you are saying  
3 today that you would cover them through the  
4 traffic study 62500?

5 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, what  
7 we're asking for is for the projects to be  
8 broken out very similar to what we just did, I  
9 want to say ten minutes ago, for the five  
10 projects that were broken out before we did  
11 the emergency to include in the capital plan.  
12 Why are those projects being deemed so  
13 differently than the ones we're asking for?  
14 That's the part I don't understand.

15 MR. ARNOLD: This amendment in  
16 front of you is at least six weeks in the  
17 making. That's what we're looking to proceed  
18 with. We have many projects that have  
19 momentum that I need to keep on moving  
20 forward. We can keep saying what's the impact  
21 of a two-week delay, a three-week delay, but  
22 it does commingle everything else that this  
23 department needs to put out on street. And to  
24 keep pace we felt it was important when we  
25 develop this amendment probably two or three

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2 months ago to keep forward progress on  
3 completing or moving forward the existing  
4 scheduled work.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, you're  
6 saying it's extremely important that we do the  
7 bond today. We're prepared to do the public  
8 safety today. Why couldn't the public safety  
9 be broken out of the rest of the bond  
10 package? We've done that in the past, right?

11 MR. ARNOLD: We've done it many  
12 different iterations. For a couple of years  
13 we did every single bond ordinances on items  
14 for the same purpose. So, of course, we can  
15 always separate. It's just a matter of  
16 another thing to take care of.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It just  
18 seems like it's -- and I'm not saying you  
19 particularly Ken -- but it's just seems it's  
20 the administration thing it's our way or the  
21 highway. That's what it appears like. Which  
22 is fine. Because it will get resolved over I  
23 guess hopefully the next couple of weeks.

24 MR. ARNOLD: My bottom point is  
25 the work that you're asking for these road

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2 segments we can utilize money that is in the  
3 amendment that you're looking at today. We  
4 don't need to wait and do another line.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That's why  
6 I don't think it's a money issue. That's why  
7 it boggled my mind when we had heard that the  
8 administration said nope, vote for the capital  
9 plan the way it is. It doesn't make any  
10 sense.

11 Because now we're saying that okay,  
12 we'll include it in the 2022-23 bond  
13 authorization but what we're asking for a lot  
14 of this stuff doesn't require more money. It  
15 just requires it to be in its own line so that  
16 we can point and tell our constituents, look,  
17 it's going to be funded here and here's the  
18 dollar amount for it. Rather than have it be  
19 commingled. If someone else gets hurts on one  
20 of these roads we're not going to be able to  
21 say hey, it's commingled in the traffic study  
22 money. We were going to take care of it.

23 We want to be able to say it's  
24 taken care of and here's the line item for  
25 Peninsula Boulevard or Old Country Road or

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2 Babylon Turnpike or Grand Avenue. We wouldn't  
3 be able to say that and point to that.

4 The only thing that's holding this  
5 up is that we have to do a SEQRA to be able to  
6 develop a capital line in the budget. But we  
7 can do that on August 8th. Why couldn't we do  
8 that on August 8th?

9 So, it's not a money issue. It  
10 really isn't. I got to tell you, honestly, it  
11 sounds like it's our way or the highway type  
12 of thing. Which it's unfortunate because  
13 we're talking about people's lives. These are  
14 not pork projects. These are real projects.  
15 And I hate the way that it's being described  
16 because one of the projects, I believe it was  
17 Nassau Road, is being described as a  
18 streetscape.

19 MR. ARNOLD: That's how it was  
20 submitted initially but we've taken that in  
21 the department and expanded ourselves to  
22 include resurfacing and traffic improvements.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If anybody  
24 tried to walk across Nassau Road it's the  
25 furthest thing from a streetscape that needs

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2 to happen there. I look forward to the study  
3 but I don't need a study to tell me that  
4 that's a very unsafe road. I'm probably going  
5 to put myself on the record and get myself in  
6 trouble with this but it's not the safest road  
7 to cross. And to me, I don't need a study to  
8 prove that.

9 But to me it just seems like today  
10 the administration has taken this approach  
11 where safety upgrades and pedestrian walkways  
12 in these neighborhoods don't need a line item  
13 but museum row and these other items that we  
14 just did ten minutes ago we broke those out,  
15 we did those by emergency, we added them to  
16 the capital plan, they got their own line,  
17 these projects were good we can do those but  
18 we can't do these.

19 MR. ARNOLD: But to be clear, the  
20 administration is not saying that we're not  
21 doing the projects. We're saying the funding  
22 exists in this amendment to do what you want  
23 to do. Then the line item could be added  
24 whence the study is completed or near  
25 completion so we understand the scope and the

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2 magnitude of course at that time. So I don't  
3 think we're disagreeing.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I got it.  
5 We're not disagreeing with the funding but  
6 what we are disagreeing with is that we just,  
7 five minutes ago, we just added five projects  
8 to the capital plan by emergency that are  
9 going to be a part of the bond ordinance. We  
10 just did that.

11 But now it seems like the projects  
12 that we're proposing, that we would like to  
13 see, that are not pork projects, that are good  
14 projects that go towards addressing pedestrian  
15 walkway safety, are not going to be added in  
16 the same way.

17 MR. ARNOLD: Again, this  
18 amendment has been in the process of being  
19 presented to you, it's been back and forth for  
20 a number of weeks.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And we've  
22 presented some of these projects as you know,  
23 Ken. Franklin--

24 MR. ARNOLD: I'm not disagreeing  
25 with Franklin or the ones that are in the

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2 plan. But the other projects are new. I  
3 don't disagree with you with Franklin.  
4 Legislator Bynoe has a bunch. You had a  
5 couple. I'm not disagreeing. They have line  
6 items. But the other items that you want to  
7 add my position is that we have the funding in  
8 the amendment for 62500 to kick those off.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I think  
10 you have both set forth your positions  
11 adequately at this point.

12 Legislator Bynoe.

13 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Mr. Arnold,  
14 so, Commissioner Arnold, thank you for  
15 acknowledging Franklin Avenue and that it's an  
16 existing project. It really should have taken  
17 place and should have started a long time  
18 ago. I know COVID happen and other things  
19 occurred but you and I both have met several  
20 times. We've talked in depth about the  
21 academy school and the problems that one  
22 encounters in that area. Especially during  
23 the admission in the morning and when they  
24 dismiss at night.

25 And so, not only did we know about

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2 those issues, because I'm getting complaints  
3 on a regular basis in my office, it's now  
4 memorialized and it's in the Newsday article.  
5 I don't see why this particular line item  
6 still did not get -- it's not up for bond. It  
7 should be out for the bond with everything  
8 else that's going out. I don't understand why  
9 we would be holding that back.

10 Even if you wanted to argue that  
11 Peninsula, because we're trying to address  
12 Peninsula, Peninsula is a new project. I  
13 don't understand why this administration will  
14 not fund the issues to be corrected on  
15 Franklin Avenue. Answer that for me please.

16 MR. ARNOLD: Working with OMB we  
17 don't bond for construction until we have a  
18 project ready to go to bid in that calendar  
19 year. Since we have not started the study of  
20 design, we're not ready to allocate or  
21 identify how much construction funding, which  
22 is why we did not put in a bond ordinance for  
23 those projects for construction.

24 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Did you put in  
25 the bond ordinance for the design component?

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2 MR. ARNOLD: It's already there,  
3 yes.

4 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: How long is a  
5 design likely to take?

6 MR. ARNOLD: Once the consultant  
7 starts you're probably talking six to eight  
8 months, study and design.

9 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Six to eight  
10 months. And then we're going to wait what?  
11 Until that's done? I'm just trying to get an  
12 idea of what we're talking about here. When  
13 will pedestrians be safe in that area?  
14 Because this is a project from like 2019 or --  
15 2019.

16 MR. ARNOLD: 2019 or 2020.

17 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I thought it  
18 was 2019.

19 MR. ARNOLD: One of those two  
20 years.

21 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: It might have  
22 been the 2020 plan that was put in in 2019.

23 MR. ARNOLD: Couple of plans  
24 ended up later.

25 The design six or seven months.

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2 Then you have procurement and then we go to  
3 construction. That the three phases of how  
4 work happens. Like I'm working Legislator  
5 DeRiggi-Whitton right now on Shore and  
6 Prospect and we just had a community meeting  
7 and we had the same conversations. Just a  
8 matter of getting consensus and then getting  
9 into final plans and specs and then getting  
10 the job out to bid.

11 I will say that on the Franklin job  
12 I think we need to go back and look at our  
13 notes. I don't believe the limits included  
14 the school.

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Oh, it did.

16 MR. ARNOLD: I don't know.

17 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I remember you  
18 and I both were remarking about how terrible  
19 it was. But that's my focus is that academy  
20 school.

21 MR. ARNOLD: We may have to  
22 change it. I think when we initially talked  
23 about this months ago I don't think the limits  
24 included that. It may have changed since  
25 then.

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2 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: They  
3 definitely do include it. They definitely  
4 include it. And the money is there. It  
5 definitely includes it.

6 MR. ARNOLD: Top of my head, I  
7 think there's a disconnect there that can be  
8 straightened out. I'm not worry about that.

9 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: That's the  
10 whole purpose of me doing this whole endeavor  
11 is to make that area safe.

12 Then so Peninsula, which has also  
13 been identified as an issue, are we saying  
14 that -- what's the timeline for pedestrians to  
15 be safe in that area? Because I actually  
16 asked for a hearing for public works because  
17 while these areas were identified in this  
18 study that was done by a third party there are  
19 other legislators who have safety issues in  
20 their communities too.

21 MR. ARNOLD: The big picture on  
22 traffic is we get complaints every day from  
23 everywhere. Which is why we presented a  
24 project to look at accident data spatially on  
25 our mapping system so we can start looking at

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2 clusters and not just go by reactions of  
3 peoples' opinion. But get the data mapped to  
4 put together a plan forward.

5 Because the department gets  
6 overwhelmed when there's 4,000 complaints each  
7 wanting to be acted on. That's why we put  
8 together a capital project a couple of years  
9 ago. Just hired consultants just was brought  
10 on board to work with the I think it's the  
11 Department of Transportation's accident data.  
12 I'm not sure our police accident data. I  
13 think we're using DOT's accident data. To map  
14 it including the cause throughout the whole  
15 county to get a snapshot on where our problems  
16 are so we can start focusing efforts in that  
17 direction as compared to being reactive to  
18 people's concerns in one place.

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I understand  
20 that. But we do know that in some areas there  
21 are just accidents waiting to happen, right?  
22 I think there may have been one young person  
23 that was hit traversing Franklin Avenue to go  
24 to school, you and I both know because we  
25 talked about it, how horrific that scene is

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2 over there at Franklin Avenue. It's not a  
3 problem that we made. It's a problem that the  
4 village made by allowing that school to go on  
5 that school without having proper setbacks and  
6 for parking. But at the end of the day we're  
7 charged with fixing it.

8 MR. ARNOLD: But also, everybody  
9 in this room will recognize that enforcement  
10 is a big part of traffic safety. We can put  
11 all the safety measures in the world but if  
12 nothing's enforced or enforcing is lacking  
13 that also gets us into trouble.

14 Traffic is we call it the three  
15 E's, education, enforcement and engineering.  
16 All three pieces have to work properly  
17 together. I can't solve a problem if somebody  
18 crosses mid block or a drunk driver, all those  
19 issues I can't fix those accidents.

20 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Some of those  
21 I see you can. Because I'm seeing on  
22 Hempstead Turnpike where people used to cross  
23 in the middle by the hospital where they  
24 shouldn't you put up those railings that  
25 actually -- maybe the state did it. She's

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2 saying the state did it. The point is  
3 engineering can be used to encourage people to  
4 only use certain walkways.

5 MR. ARNOLD: And we just did that  
6 by Legislator Solages' district by Saint  
7 Boniface Church. We did the same thing. It's  
8 not up yet but part of the solution is to  
9 direct pedestrians to the corner.

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: What can we do  
11 to make sure -- I mean, today we need bonding  
12 in certain instances, and I do agree with  
13 Minority Leader Abrahams, we need to be able  
14 to illustrate to our residents that we're  
15 taking these matters of safety very  
16 seriously. We're not saying let's throw good  
17 money out to bad. We're not engineers. We  
18 have a lot of attorneys here but I don't think  
19 anyone here is an engineer. So, we are  
20 relying on you.

21 What I'm concerned about is  
22 whether -- there's two things. Is the  
23 administration willing to be partners in this  
24 to make sure that the bonding is done timely.

25 And then the other part is, do you

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2 have everything you need to be able -- that's  
3 why I wanted to have a hearing. Because  
4 sometimes I feel like these projects sometimes  
5 they take longer than I would even expect and  
6 I've worked in government over two decades.  
7 So, to the general public it seems like we're  
8 not moving fast enough to be able to remedy  
9 these issues.

10 I really think that today this is  
11 the issue of bonding but I think there are  
12 bigger issues that we need to peel back the  
13 onion on and really be able to address these  
14 issues.

15 So, I know it's in the 11th hour  
16 that some of these projects may have bubbled  
17 up through various different ways, but I don't  
18 think that this should be a situation where we  
19 dig in our heels and say we're just not going  
20 to do what's right to illustrate to our  
21 residents that we heard them and that we're  
22 earmarking money specifically into their  
23 community to ensure their safety as they're  
24 trying to go to work, go to school, go to  
25 church and just be safe as they walk or drive

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2 in their communities.

3 I think breaking out those items to  
4 earmark them for the particular areas of  
5 concern, we're spending more time talking  
6 about it. It would have taken less time just  
7 to just break out those items. I don't even  
8 know why we continually do these things. But  
9 it's a loss for everyone if we just don't  
10 break it out. You say you're going to do it.  
11 Just break it out.

12 Moreover, the ones that have the  
13 bonding, that have legitimate projects, bond  
14 them. Bond for them specifically. That's the  
15 ask of this side of the aisle. That's our  
16 ask.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
18 Ferretti.

19 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Hello,  
20 Ken. Can you, just shifting over to the  
21 public safety portion of the plan, can you  
22 specifically list the items that would be used  
23 for the funding in the public safety portion?

24 MR. ARNOLD: I believe it's  
25 ambulances, ambulance equipment, sheriff

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2 vehicles, fire marshal vehicles, snow plows,  
3 mosquito control equipment and I believe  
4 there's PD fleet in there. I may be off on  
5 that one. To name a few. You have tasers.  
6 You have firearms. All those items.

7 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Bullet  
8 proof vests?

9 MR. ARNOLD: They're in there  
10 also, yes.

11 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So if this  
12 does not go forward today then that funding  
13 will not be approved, correct?

14 MR. ARNOLD: Right. It will be  
15 delayed until the next time.

16 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Okay. Now  
17 I want to make sure I understand because I'm  
18 sure many of us on this side of the aisle have  
19 projects that we're looking to have completed  
20 as well in our districts. Myself included.  
21 We've talked about Polaris. You explained to  
22 me, just over the weekend, that that's an item  
23 that will not start until next year. And so  
24 this amendment today is just for projects that  
25 are actually about to start in this year,

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2 correct?

3 MR. ARNOLD: Correct.

4 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So,  
5 projects that we have that are going to start  
6 next year that we will address in the upcoming  
7 capital plan for '23, correct?

8 MR. ARNOLD: Right. Which starts  
9 next month that conversation.

10 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Right. So,  
11 it's not like you're, for example, I'm just  
12 taking my own project that we're talking  
13 about, it's not like you're saying we're not  
14 doing it, it's that the process is that  
15 because the work is starting next year it will  
16 be approved for next year's capital plan,  
17 correct?

18 MR. ARNOLD: Correct.

19 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So, if I,  
20 for example, was to say I'm not voting for  
21 this amendment because my project I want it in  
22 this amendment today, essentially I would just  
23 be foregoing all of the projects that are in  
24 this amendment such as the public safety  
25 projects, the ambulances, the police vehicles,

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2 the bullet proof vests, the tasers, the  
3 firearms, all the things our police and public  
4 safety need to protect us, and if we want to  
5 talk about danger, not approving this is  
6 certainly going to present a danger. All when  
7 I'm going to get this bonding any way, right?

8 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

9 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
11 Drucker.

12 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you  
13 Presiding Officer. Just real quick John.  
14 I've been told that there is a bonding project  
15 that's on today for your district. The  
16 Wantagh Avenue concrete panel restoration for  
17 \$12 million that is on today. That's for your  
18 district.

19 MR. ARNOLD: And also Legislator  
20 Rhoads also. It's also Rhoads' district and  
21 McKevitt. I think they all touch it.

22 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Right. But  
23 I'm saying there are certain projects that --

24 MR. ARNOLD: Right. But that  
25 project is going out to bid next month, along

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2 with Long Beach Road. That's why they were  
3 added so we would have the bond ordinance to  
4 award the contract.

5 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So,  
6 commissioner, I guess the way my take on all  
7 of this is, what you're asking the minority  
8 leader when he was talking, when he was making  
9 his remarks, is you're saying have faith in  
10 us. We have money in our budget. We have  
11 money in the bonding that you're going to  
12 approve and we'll be able to get to your  
13 projects in the '23 capital plan.

14 MR. ARNOLD: I said in this  
15 amendment we have bonding to start the studies  
16 that's he's asking for, individual projects,  
17 in the '23 plan.

18 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Right. But  
19 you're asking us have faith that we'll get to  
20 it in '23. Meanwhile, I personally have had  
21 discussions with you and have asked for  
22 projects in Old Bethpage that were really  
23 traffic safety problems. Really design  
24 problems. And this was going back to like  
25 2019. There have been fatalities. Yet I

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2 don't see it anywhere ever since. There's  
3 never in any budget line item for it.

4 The one on Haypath Road. There's a  
5 trail and there's a crosswalk. There are  
6 people who have almost gotten killed over  
7 there. There are tons of people now walking  
8 and jogging, riding bikes across the trail up  
9 and down this county.

10 The Round Swamp Road and Old  
11 Country it's a design defect. There have been  
12 numerous accidents and fatalities there. I've  
13 pointed this out to you for years already and  
14 I see nothing.

15 It's countywide money and it's not  
16 available. We're not seeing anything for it.  
17 I asked for a separate budget line item for it  
18 and they said oh, we're going to do a traffic  
19 study. I hear nothing. Years later I hear  
20 nothing about this. Whatever happened with  
21 the traffic study?

22 I think that we, on this side of  
23 the aisle, need a commitment and the  
24 commitment should be being able to break out  
25 these items now. That's the commitment. We

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2 don't want to rely upon assurances from the  
3 administration. Don't worry, trust us, it's  
4 going to happen. It's not good enough.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Just  
6 getting back to the beginning. What we're  
7 doing today is there was an existing 2021  
8 capital budget, correct?

9 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So, most  
11 of those projects that are in that budget were  
12 already approved back in 2021 under the prior  
13 county executive. So, all you're doing today  
14 is you're adding five additional projects that  
15 for whatever reason timewise need to go  
16 forward as soon as possible?

17 MR. ARNOLD: Right.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: With  
19 respect to the projects that the minority's  
20 bringing up by and large there is money within  
21 the capital plan to at least start the studies  
22 for those projects?

23 MR. ARNOLD: Correct.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Even if we  
25 had put all of the projects they want into

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2 this amendment at this time they still  
3 wouldn't go forward. They still have to do  
4 the studies first, right?

5 MR. ARNOLD: Correct.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I  
7 understand the points you're making but  
8 basically, again, we're a month away from  
9 starting a discussion of the 2023 capital  
10 budget. I really don't think the amendment is  
11 the time to force this issue, and I don't  
12 think you'd accomplish anything by doing it.

13 Again, I have had the experience  
14 over the years, you can put whatever you want  
15 into the capital budget. If the Department of  
16 Public Works is not ready to go forward  
17 because of the processing that project is not  
18 going to go forward, period.

19 You can make those changes in the  
20 form of an amendment now I don't think any of  
21 your projects would get done any faster than  
22 they would if we just put them in the 2023  
23 budget. Anyway, that's why I urge my  
24 colleagues to vote for this.

25 Anyone else?

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2 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I  
3 just think when something is brought to the  
4 public's attention like it was in this article  
5 with this study that it really kind of helps  
6 us to show a good intent by listing those  
7 areas. I think it protects the whole county.  
8 It shows that we're working on it. Sort of  
9 like being put on notice and taking action.

10 And that's why in my mind I thought  
11 it really would have been good to have these  
12 roads named. If they had done a Newsday story  
13 about a place in Glen Cove that really said  
14 watch out, we're going to have a problem  
15 there, I would be arguing the same points.

16 Again, it's not just that we want  
17 to have these projects done, we've been kind  
18 of put on notice as a county that these roads  
19 are dangerous.

20 So, to not even have them listed if  
21 God forbid someone does get hurt and they go  
22 back and say well, do you have them planned to  
23 be repaired? We can say well, they should be  
24 included in the study. It's not as good as  
25 saying yes, specifically here in our capital

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2 budget is Franklin, whatever, Peninsula.

3 So, again, I think not only is this  
4 pragmatic for a planning stage but it just  
5 shows that we're taking it serious and as a  
6 county we're protecting our residents from or  
7 our county from future lawsuits.

8 Again, it's not just we pulled  
9 these out of the air. These have been  
10 publicly stated as being dangerous and this  
11 would just show in good faith that we're  
12 acting upon these recommendations to try to  
13 protect everyone.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Okay.  
15 We've done this to --

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I don't  
17 have a question for Mr. Arnold. I just want  
18 to make sure I'm clarifying because I think  
19 our positioned got kind of muddied up a little  
20 bit. We are prepared to vote for the public  
21 safety items that Mr. Arnold had mentioned.  
22 The bullet proof vests, the vehicles for fire  
23 commission, the vehicles for PD. So on and so  
24 forth.

25 Is it the majority's position or

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2 the administration's position that they're not  
3 going to break this out and basically saying  
4 no to public safety right now? Because we're  
5 ready to vote yes for that. I want to make it  
6 very clear on the record that we are ready to  
7 break it out. Which we have done in past.  
8 We've broken out public safety plenty of times  
9 over multiple administrations. Whether it had  
10 been the Mangano administration or the Curran  
11 administration we have broken out public  
12 safety before. So, if I'm understanding this  
13 correctly, the majority and the administration  
14 is telling us no to breaking out public safety  
15 today so we can get what our public safety  
16 folks need today done?

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: If you  
18 want to vote for public safety items in a  
19 couple of moments you will have an  
20 opportunity.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, we're  
22 not prioritizing public safety?

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We  
24 understand that you have -- we need a vote to  
25 pass bonding but doesn't mean you dictate how

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2 that vote goes.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, we're  
4 not going to prioritize public safety today?

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We are  
6 prioritizing public safety by voting yes. You  
7 are not. That's what it comes down to.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You are  
9 tying it to stuff that does not include  
10 pedestrian walkways and everything else.  
11 We're ready to roll up our sleeves. We are  
12 prepared to vote for our police officers, our  
13 fire commissioners, our ambulances. We're  
14 ready to do it right now. Right now. We are  
15 putting public safety up here. You are  
16 telling us today it's got to be all this \$160  
17 million and not the \$17 million that's for  
18 public safety. That's what you're saying to  
19 us.

20 MR. ARNOLD: If I can add one  
21 thing. Most of these projects, whether  
22 they're police or our public works, all drill  
23 back down to public safety. I'm doing Wantagh  
24 Avenue because of public safety. I'm doing  
25 Long Beach Road because of public safety. I'm

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2 entering into an IMA with the Village of  
3 Matinetock for public safety. A drainage  
4 issue.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Mr. Arnold,  
6 no disrespect. I understand what you're  
7 saying they are public safety. But there's a  
8 big difference between a police officer having  
9 a bullet proof vest and a street being fixed.  
10 There just is.

11 So, from that standpoint we are  
12 prepared to make sure our officers have  
13 vehicles, that our officers have bullet proof  
14 vests. We're ready to vote on it right now.

15 I see Mr. Walsh sitting there. I  
16 want to make sure. Is this the  
17 administration's position that we are saying  
18 no to public safety today when we have -- I'm  
19 counting -- it looks at least 18 votes that  
20 are going vote for it today. Is that what  
21 we're saying? I want to make sure that I'm  
22 clear because I want to make sure the record  
23 is clear on our side. We're ready to vote  
24 yes. Our police officers are going to get  
25 what they need if it's broken out today.

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2 There is no reason not to do it. Unless  
3 there's some other political agenda that I'm  
4 not aware of.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here's the  
6 difference. Your vote is conditional, our's  
7 is not. We are voting for these amendments.  
8 You're saying give us what we want and we'll  
9 vote for public safety. Give us what we want  
10 and we'll vote.

11 So, we don't want a conditional  
12 vote. We don't want your conditional  
13 support. You have an opportunity in a couple  
14 of minutes to vote for these items. You'll  
15 get an opportunity to say yes. We hope you do  
16 so.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Obviously  
18 you're misinterpreting. Your vote is  
19 conditional because you're saying that you  
20 won't include these projects. I've been  
21 around the block like you Rich for many  
22 years. I understand that this stuff goes back  
23 and forth in negotiations. I get it. Why get  
24 public safety caught up in that stuff that has  
25 to go back and forth. Now walkways and

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2 pedestrian walkways, making sure our roads are  
3 safe really shouldn't be negotiated. We  
4 should just do it because it's the right thing  
5 to do.

6 But I understand we're going to  
7 have to hammer that out over the next couple  
8 of weeks. But why hold up police officers  
9 getting bulletproof vests? Why hold up police  
10 officer from getting vehicles? We can do that  
11 now. I know you guys are all for helping our  
12 police. We can do it now. So, we can put the  
13 stuff that matters the most, which we all  
14 agree, making sure officers have bullet proof  
15 vests with every thing that's going on in this  
16 world. Every time I turn around there's some  
17 type of a shooting that's happening.  
18 Everything that's going on in this world let's  
19 make sure our officers get what we need. We  
20 can do it right now. We can do the right  
21 thing right now. And then over the next three  
22 weeks, I promise you, my side, Mr. Walsh, Ken  
23 Arnold, your side we'll figure out the rest.  
24 We can figure it out. But we can't turn our  
25 backs today on police officers and our fire

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2 commission workers and our ambulance  
3 equipment.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You'll  
5 have an opportunity to vote yes in a few  
6 moments.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, you are  
8 turning your backs.

9 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: You have an  
10 opportunity to not turn your back by voting  
11 yes in a few minutes.

12 Legislator Ferretti.

13 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I'm just,  
14 for the sake of curiosity, which specific line  
15 items does the minority object to in this  
16 capital plan? You don't object to any of  
17 them. So, you're simply saying remove items  
18 you don't object to. So, you'll vote on some  
19 that you don't object to?

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We're  
21 saying add items.

22 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Add items  
23 or sever the parts of the capital plan that  
24 you object to.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No.

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2 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Then why  
3 not vote in favor of it?

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: What we  
5 heard was that public safety is the priority.  
6 We're prepared to vote for the public safety  
7 today.

8 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: What about  
9 the other parts?

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: The other  
11 parts need to include these pedestrian  
12 walkways which we have been put on notice.

13 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So, what  
14 you're saying is that you're not going to vote  
15 in favor of items that you support?

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You said  
17 that in a way that I'm trying to figure out.

18 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: You're  
19 claiming that the items that you want severed  
20 you support, correct?

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No. I  
22 think you're mixing.

23 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I don't  
24 think I am. The items that you want taken out  
25 of this vote you support, correct?

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Absolutely.

3 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: You're

4 asking to have things removed from the plan --

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No.

6 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Yes. Not

7 removed from the plan. Not voted on today.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We are

9 asking to vote on the PD and the public safety  
10 stuff now.

11 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: And not on  
12 the other things that you support?

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: The other  
14 things that we support, which we support, I  
15 said that before, I said that in my opening  
16 statement we support them, but they do not  
17 include every single pedestrian walkway  
18 project.

19 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I  
20 understand that. But what you're asking for  
21 is to not vote today on things that you  
22 support?

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: In order  
24 that everybody that --

25 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So, because

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2 you're not getting your cake you're taking  
3 away --

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No.

5 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Yes. It  
6 is.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: John, what  
8 we're saying is that the people of Nassau  
9 County in its entirety are not represented in  
10 this capital plan because we just identified  
11 ten projects that come down to, as Mr. Arnold  
12 described them, public safety projects that  
13 are not included. Why shouldn't they be  
14 included?

15 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I don't  
16 want to keep going on. We all have things  
17 that are not included, itemized in this plan.  
18 But I don't want to say sever the things in  
19 your district, let's not vote on them today  
20 because my thing's not in the plan.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But you  
22 have things in the plan.

23 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I'm sure so  
24 do you.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But you got

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2 like \$13 million in the plan, so you're pretty  
3 good.

4 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: First of  
5 all --

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You don't  
7 have \$13 million in the plan?

8 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: First of  
9 all, that is a road that goes through the  
10 entire -- almost all of Nassau County and  
11 services many districts, number one.

12 Number two, that was multiple years  
13 ago that that was first started.

14 But number three, I don't think  
15 it's right to stomp your feet and say we don't  
16 want to vote on these things, even though we  
17 support them, we support the Wantagh Avenue  
18 \$13 million, we don't want to vote on it  
19 today. And what the result is going to be is  
20 that we're not going to get the police, the  
21 ambulance and all of these resources they  
22 need. And to try to turn it around, Minority  
23 Leader, like you just did is completely  
24 disingenuous. The bottom line is there's  
25 going to be 12 votes in favor or 11 --

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: John you  
3 know --

4 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: It's  
5 completely disingenuous. Because you don't  
6 want to vote today for things you support --

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You know  
8 why it's not disingenuous? Because you called  
9 for it, you guys called for breaking out the  
10 police before. You called for it and we did  
11 it. It's been done before. I'm not coming up  
12 with an idea that's never been done before.  
13 Steve, you've been here. You know this.  
14 Rich, you know. I'm pointing to the guys who  
15 have been around here for awhile. When we  
16 were with Mangano we did that. When we were  
17 with Curran you did that. We always did  
18 that. That's not a new issue. We've always  
19 broken out public safety.

20 So, I don't understand like it's  
21 some type of new idea that I'm coming up  
22 with. It's been done over previous  
23 administrations and it's been done before.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here's  
25 what's new. This is a budget amendment and

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2   with five items added to a two-year old  
3   capital budget. And we are one month before  
4   starting conversations on the 2023 capital  
5   budget. And you've had your commissioner of  
6   public works whose been here through  
7   Republicans and Democrats and Republicans  
8   again, telling you that he has the money in  
9   his budget to start the studies for the  
10  projects you're talking about.

11                   So, I don't understand what you're  
12  doing, but to turn it around and say oh,  
13  you're voting against public safety I mean no  
14  one is going to believe that. It's silly.

15                   LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS:     We can call  
16  it for what it is. Whatever you want to call  
17  it. But the bottom line is, I think  
18  Legislator Drucker said it best, he's had  
19  projects that have been lumped into that  
20  county line before and they have gone  
21  nowhere. So, from that standpoint that is why  
22  the project -- I've heard many times some of  
23  your members on your side ask for stuff to be  
24  broken out by line item because you want to  
25  insure not just that the money is going to be

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2 spent on that project, but you want to insure  
3 that the public identifies it and that we  
4 illustrate it, as Legislator Bynoe says, that  
5 commitment to that project.

6 This is not a money issue. I said  
7 that to Ken before. Because it sounds like, I  
8 take him at his word that the money is there  
9 and he's using part of the 4.8 in the traffic  
10 study money and he can easily send it over to  
11 these projects. This is not a money issue  
12 maybe. This seems like to me -- maybe  
13 Mr. Walsh can testify to it -- it seems like  
14 more like it's our way or the highway.

15 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: The  
16 difference, respectfully, it would make sense  
17 to me if you were saying there's 40 things  
18 here. We don't like number seven, eight, nine  
19 and ten. Sever that and we'll vote for the  
20 public safety stuff. That would at least make  
21 logical sense to me. That's not what you're  
22 saying.

23 You're saying we like seven, eight,  
24 nine and ten but take it out and we'll vote  
25 for the public safety stuff. That's

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2 counterproductive. It is. Because it's  
3 saying you'll support all the things in the  
4 capital project. That means they are for  
5 public safety, they are for the betterment of  
6 the residents, you just don't want to vote on  
7 them right now for some reason.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: The reason  
9 is that the capital plan does not represent  
10 all segments of the county in regards to  
11 public safety of pedestrian walkways. It just  
12 doesn't.

13 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: That's  
14 true. We agree.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We agree on  
16 that.

17 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: It doesn't  
18 represent the things I want too. But that  
19 doesn't mean I'm going to say no to the good  
20 things in the capital plan because I'm not  
21 getting my cake right now.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It's not  
23 about getting my cake. It's about being able  
24 to illustrate to our residents, to all of our  
25 residents. I mean, frankly, I don't know who

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2 drives home and is not going to go down  
3 Franklin Avenue. We all drive down Franklin  
4 Avenue. I should want to think that we want  
5 to make sure we don't hit somebody on the way  
6 there.

7 So, the bottom line is these  
8 roadways impact everyone. It's the right  
9 thing to do. The story was out on June 11th.  
10 We were put on notice. If something else  
11 happens and we don't have it identified in the  
12 capital plan guess what? We're going to be  
13 settling another suit.

14 But we can do it today. It sounds  
15 like based on what Mr. Arnold said, the money  
16 is there for a lot of stuff. I would say  
17 we're like 90 percent there.

18 If someone made a decision, and I  
19 would like to know who it is, but, you know  
20 what? maybe it's irrelevant, someone made a  
21 decision that you know what? even though the  
22 money's there we're not going to line item it  
23 today. We're not going to give the  
24 legislative minority what they want because  
25 they're asking for it or whatever may be the

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2 case. Someone made that decision.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I can tell  
4 who. County Executive Curran. This is her  
5 capital plan. If your items weren't in that's  
6 the previous county executive made that  
7 decision. I'm being facetious.

8 Legislator Rhoads.

9 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I know that  
10 everybody is saying that these road projects  
11 aren't public safety projects. Essentially is  
12 the argument that you're making. But some of  
13 these things are important. We're talking  
14 about the Wantagh Avenue project, for example,  
15 which goes as, Legislator Ferretti mentioned,  
16 through multiple districts. There are areas,  
17 and it's part of this project, there are areas  
18 of Wantagh Avenue that don't have sidewalks.  
19 I mean, I've got kids walking to school in the  
20 wintertime that nobody shovels the grass next  
21 to their house. So, I've got kids that are  
22 forced to walk on Wantagh Avenue in order to  
23 be able to get to school.

24 If one of those kids gets hit by a  
25 car what am I supposed to tell him? It wasn't

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2 a public safety issue and the minority didn't  
3 vote for it.

4 The decision that you're making,  
5 which is to take a project that's ready to go,  
6 it's supposed to go out to bid now to get  
7 started next year, and now that's going to go  
8 on the back burner someplace and it's never  
9 going to get done. It's supposed to start  
10 now. What are we supposed to do with that?

11 You're treating these projects as  
12 though they don't impact public safety and  
13 you're calling out the projects for police  
14 officers. We're going to deal with, a month  
15 from now, we're going to deal with next year's  
16 capital plan. There's an opportunity to talk  
17 about additional projects. There's stuff that  
18 I wanted in these budget amendments that I'm  
19 not getting either.

20 But to hold up worthwhile projects  
21 that do have a direct impact on public safety  
22 to me is just being spiteful and I don't  
23 understand it. I understand using leverage as  
24 a negotiating tactic to try to get what you  
25 want.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It's not  
3 that.

4 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: But that's  
5 essentially what's happening. And we're  
6 holding up, by not approving the bonding  
7 today, we're holding up worthwhile projects  
8 that do directly impact on public safety.  
9 We're perfectly happy to have a discussion a  
10 month from now about additional projects for  
11 next year's capital plan.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Steve,  
13 forget the politics. I wish I could just turn  
14 the mics off because honestly, do you remember  
15 us breaking out public safety and PD projects  
16 in the past under County Executive Mangano and  
17 County Executive Curran?

18 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: But breaking  
19 out public safety projects, right, breaking  
20 out vests for police officers is not going to  
21 address the public safety problem that we have  
22 on Wantagh Avenue.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But Steve,  
24 that's not my question though. My question  
25 is, we ended up passing capital -- I'm having

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2 a one-on-one discussion with you. Forget the  
3 politics. We've had this stuff happen before  
4 where the politics comes up and we go back and  
5 forth. But I remember, and that's what I'm  
6 asking you for, I remember while all that  
7 stuff needed to be worked out, I remember us  
8 multiple time over multiple administrations  
9 breaking out PD because this is stuff that  
10 matters. And when the Mangano administration  
11 came to me and ask me to do that we did it.  
12 And I believe when the Curran administration  
13 came to you guys you did it. So, from that  
14 standpoint, why is it any different now?

15 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: All these  
16 projects matter.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But what  
18 I'm trying to say is they matter and I'm  
19 confident they're going to get done. But we  
20 have a chance today to do the same thing that  
21 we've done in the past. I'm only saying this  
22 to highlight you because I know you were there  
23 with me over those multiple years. Like Rich  
24 was and I can't remember everybody. Maybe  
25 Laura. Maybe Rose. I can't remember

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2 everybody that was actually here going back to  
3 the beginnings of the Mangano administration.

4 But from that standpoint -- Howard he knows  
5 I'm right. But that being said --

6 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Actually, my  
7 opinion is that you guys are beating this  
8 thing to death. The horse is dead. Leave it  
9 alone. Have mercy. You're just going back  
10 and forth. And there's no audience and  
11 there's no reporters. What for?

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I got it  
13 Howard. I got it. I'll just say like I said  
14 before, we don't see breaking out the public  
15 safety any different than the times it has  
16 been broken out before. We can come up with  
17 these examples of why it shouldn't be done  
18 now. But to me, there's no difference in when  
19 we did it over a Republican administration or  
20 a Democratic administration. We should be  
21 able to do it now.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: This is  
23 item, calendar item four Ordinance 35-2022 as  
24 amended. Go ahead.

25 MR. WALSH: Arthur Walsh, Chief

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2 Deputy County Executive.

3 It's great hearing all the  
4 arguments and different arguments about what's  
5 together what's not. What is a the fact is  
6 that we received an email from your finance  
7 director at 3:34 today adding six items.  
8 Including the two from you Mr. Drucker. If  
9 this was such an important issue then why did  
10 we receive it while we were here?

11 So, this adding of items might have  
12 been good when Ken started doing the plan  
13 several weeks ago. But to throw six of them  
14 at us at 3:33 while we're down here is  
15 disingenuous, is spiteful and our position is  
16 to go forward with the bill as it is and not  
17 throw in the 11th hour, really the 12th and a  
18 half hour, six items.

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Mr. Walsh,  
20 I'm not too sure if you're aware but your  
21 administration told us no to new projects.

22 MR. WALSH: You told us no at  
23 3:34 when I got an email.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That email  
25 was in response that we had received from

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2 Mr. Otsuni that the capital plan was going to  
3 go forward. So we wanted to make sure our  
4 projects --

5 MR. WALSH: So you just decided  
6 to throw six more items in. Ken didn't know  
7 about those six items. One o'clock he found  
8 out. Do you think that's fair negotiating  
9 when we were deliberating -- I'm speaking.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I was  
11 speaking first actually though but go ahead.  
12 The floor is yours.

13 MR. WALSH: When Mr. Arnold's  
14 been getting emails back and forth about this  
15 capital. We have an interest in public  
16 safety. We have an interest in safe roads.  
17 To throw stuff at us at 3:30 today or 1  
18 o'clock, I got it at 3:30, is not playing fair  
19 ball. So, it is what it is and we wish to go  
20 ahead with the vote.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Obviously  
22 there's a bit of miscommunication because it  
23 wasn't thrown at you at 3:30.

24 MR. WALSH: We have the email.  
25 You want to see? You got a copy of it.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Mr. Walsh,  
3 you just asked me not to cut you off and then  
4 you just come back and cut me right back after  
5 I just got to speak. What do you want me to  
6 do?

7 Bottom line is, we had mentioned to  
8 Mr. Arnold, we had a discussion this morning  
9 in our caucus room I would say it was around 1  
10 o'clock, 12:30 Ken. However, in that  
11 discussion many of these projects they're not  
12 new. These are projects that if the capital  
13 plan was sent to us in it's correct format  
14 several weeks ago we would have brought them  
15 up then. But we couldn't bring them up then  
16 because the projects -- the capital plan was  
17 flawed. Which we made the changes and I  
18 appreciate you guys making the changes and we  
19 made the changes.

20 So then we basically just got your  
21 revised capital plan last week. Not with any  
22 discussion, not any outreach. I think, Mr.  
23 Walsh, this is like the first time I'm  
24 actually seeing you here talking.

25 So, from that standpoint we didn't

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2 get any outreach from you guys. We never saw  
3 it. Never heard about it.

4 MR. WALSH: The plan didn't  
5 change in substance. It was a changing of the  
6 numbers. So, the identified projects were the  
7 same identified projects from several weeks  
8 ago. If there were any change that we made  
9 there was some administrative spreadsheet with  
10 the numbers.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: The  
12 identified projects that are in the email,  
13 some of these projects go back to previous  
14 administrations.

15 MR. WALSH: They're all new  
16 projects. New project Peninsula Boulevard,  
17 Hempstead Turnpike. New project, Elmont Road,  
18 Elmont. New project Sheridan Boulevard  
19 Inwood. New project Grand Avenue, Baldwin.  
20 New project Old Country Road, Round Swamp  
21 Road. New project Haypath Road.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. And  
23 then let's go through the other projects. Not  
24 a new project Franklin Avenue. Not a new  
25 project Nassau Road. Not a new project

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2 Babylon Turnpike. Not a new project Old  
3 Country. Not a new project Stillwell Park. I  
4 can go tit for tat Mr. Walsh. I don't know  
5 what you're trying to prove.

6 The bottom line is, what are we  
7 talking about? We're talking about projects  
8 that are going to protect pedestrian walkways  
9 and make it safer. And somehow Mr. Arnold  
10 already said that we can pay for it in traffic  
11 study money but somehow we don't want to shift  
12 it to line items. Why?

13 MR. WALSH: I was listening. He  
14 said there's a process that we have to go  
15 through.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes there's  
17 a SEQRA that's required. We can do the SEQRA  
18 over the next three weeks and we can do the  
19 capital plan in three weeks and this is  
20 resolved, correct?

21 MR. WALSH: It probably should  
22 have been addressed earlier. I guess that's  
23 your side's fault.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It can  
25 probably be addressed -- we get it. We'll

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2 take all the blame. I don't really care. I  
3 just want to get the projects done. So the  
4 bottom line is, we can do this capital plan in  
5 its entirety in three weeks.

6 MR. WALSH: That's your choice.  
7 At the peril of public safety that's your  
8 choice.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No, no.  
10 What I'm trying to make sure I understand, Mr.  
11 Walsh, is that we're prepared to vote for PD  
12 and public safety today. It's your  
13 understanding or it's your position that  
14 you're not going to break it out today.

15 MR. WALSH: We're not breaking it  
16 out.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, how can  
18 you say that it's our vote against PD when  
19 we're prepared to vote for PD today?

20 MR. WALSH: When I hear the no  
21 vote it will be.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It really  
23 isn't because if we're prepared to vote for  
24 the PD today you got a yes vote for the public  
25 safety.

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2 MR. WALSH: You can't vote for  
3 half a thing.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yeah, you  
5 can. Because you know why? Because it's been  
6 done during previous administrations but  
7 you're not aware of that.

8 MR. WALSH: It's not happening  
9 today. You want to add 11th hour stuff.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I want to  
11 make sure I'm clear. You're making the  
12 decision, unilateral decision to not do and  
13 break out the PD money because you want the  
14 whole thing today and not just the PD to get  
15 voted on for bullet proof vests and for  
16 vehicles?

17 MR. WALSH: You're making the  
18 unilateral decision to add six items at 3:30  
19 today and claim that is the basis not to vote  
20 for the whole thing. If you want to live with  
21 that go ahead. But I don't think it's  
22 intelligible to throw six things in at the  
23 11th hour while we're still down here. We  
24 didn't look at them. We don't know anything  
25 about the projects. Ken's been here. And

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2 that's going to be basis not to vote for it?

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: All

4 right. All right.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Mr. Walsh,  
6 you're confusing the projects because some of  
7 these projects, as Mr. Drucker had mentioned,  
8 DPW has known about since 2019.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We are  
10 moving ahead. We have an amendment on the  
11 floor with respect to Ordinance number 35 of  
12 2022. As I said, the ordinance amends 2021  
13 capital budget to reflect corrected  
14 authorization amounts for certain projects.

15 All in favor of the amendment  
16 signify by saying aye. 179. All in favor  
17 signify by saying aye. The item is amended.

18 We need to vote on the item as  
19 amended. All in favor of the item as amended  
20 signify by saying aye. Those opposed? It  
21 carries unanimously.

22 Now we are going to the bond  
23 ordinance. It's calendar number five  
24 Ordinance 36-2022. A bond ordinance providing  
25 for a capital expenditure to finance the

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2   capital projects identified herein within the  
3   county of Nassau and authorizing \$156,949,668  
4   of bonds of the county of Nassau to finance  
5   said expenditures pursuant to the local  
6   finance law of New York and the county  
7   government law of Nassau County.

8                   Motion by Deputy Presiding Officer  
9   Kopel.   Second by Legislator Rhoads.   The  
10   bonding ordinance is before us.   All in favor  
11   signify by saying aye.

12                  LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS:       If I may  
13   before that vote takes place.   We're going to  
14   vote to abstain.   Mr. Walsh, I welcome you, if  
15   you want to hammer this out.   We believe it  
16   can be hammered out in three weeks but we're  
17   willing to hammer it out now.

18                  So, from our standpoint we're going  
19   to vote to abstain on the entire capital  
20   plan.   It's unfortunate that PD stuff and the  
21   police stuff is not been prioritized to be  
22   broken out but that's okay.   Not okay by us  
23   but we know it's going to get done at some  
24   point.

25                  So, we're more than willing to work

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2 with you Mr. Walsh. Ken, you want to stay  
3 we'll hammer it out because we feel that these  
4 projects are of the utmost priority and we  
5 should move forward with an entire capital  
6 plan in the next three weeks make sure we're  
7 ready for that. My recommendation to my side  
8 of the aisle is to abstain.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: All of the  
10 public safety items that we have been  
11 discussing were already in the 2021 capital  
12 budget except for one which is respect to  
13 ambulances which adds \$3 million. So that was  
14 the only new additional one. All of them were  
15 already voted by all of us in past.

16 And number two, we just all voted  
17 for it. So, by withholding your vote you're  
18 simply just insuring that it can't go forward.

19 I already called the item. All in  
20 favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed?  
21 Those abstaining? It fails by a vote of 11  
22 votes for and seven abstentions. 11, six  
23 abstentions.

24 Motion to adjourn? Moved by  
25 Legislator Walker. Seconded by Legislator

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2 Gaylor. All in favor of adjourning signify by  
3 saying aye. Those opposed? Carries  
4 unanimously.

5 (Meeting was adjourned at 6:20  
6 p.m.)

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4 CERTIFICATION

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8 I, FRANK GRAY, a Notary  
9 Public in and for the State of New  
10 York, do hereby certify:

11 THAT the foregoing is a true and  
12 accurate transcript of my stenographic  
13 notes.

14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
15 hereunto set my hand this 27th day of  
16 August 2022

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