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12 18th Legislative District

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14 LEGISLATOR STEVEN RHOADS

15 19th Legislative District

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17 MICHAEL PULITZER

18 Clerk of the Legislature

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Calling
3 this meeting of the legislature to order. We
4 are going to start off as we always do with
5 the Pledge of Allegiance. I'm going to ask
6 Minority Leader Abrahams to do the pledge and
7 please remain standing afterwards for a moment
8 of silence.

9 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: I want to
10 call for a moment of silence for a prominent
11 man in the Great Neck community who passed
12 away yesterday. His name is John Ryan. I
13 think a lot of you knew him friends. He was a
14 friend to so many people. He served as the
15 president of the Great Neck social center, the
16 president of Children Learning After School
17 program. He was on the board of directors of
18 the Long Island Family Givers Coalition, the
19 Advisory Counsel to Literacy Nassau and on the
20 speaker selection committee for the
21 gerontology professionals of New York. There
22 were many other organizations he was involved
23 in. He suffered a long illness and he will be
24 missed by all.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank

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2 you. Mike, please call the roll.

3 MR. PULITZER: Thank you
4 Presiding Officer. Roll call. Deputy
5 Presiding Officer Howard Kopel.

6 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

7 MR. PULITZER: Alternate
8 Presiding Officer Denise Ford.

9 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

10 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela
11 Bynoe.

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

13 MR. PULITZER: Thank you.
14 Legislator Carrie Solages.

15 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

16 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Debra
17 Mule.

18 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

19 MR. PULITZER: Legislator C.
20 William Gaylor III.

21 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

22 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Vincent
23 Muscarella.

24 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

25 MR. PULITZER: Thank you.

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2 Legislator Ellen Birnbaum.

3 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

4 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Delia

5 DeRiggi-Whitton.

6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

7 Here.

8 MR. PULITZER: Legislator James

9 Kennedy.

10 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

11 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Thomas

12 McKevitt.

13 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

14 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura

15 Schaefer.

16 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

17 MR. PULITZER: Legislator John

18 Ferretti.

19 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

20 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold

21 Drucker.

22 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

23 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose

24 Marie Walker.

25 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

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2 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Joshua
3 Lafazan. Legislator Steven Rhoads.

4 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

5 MR. PULITZER: Minority Leader
6 Kevan Abrahams.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

8 MR. PULITZER: Presiding Officer
9 Richard Nicolello.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

11 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum
12 sir.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: First
14 order of business is going to be the top
15 cops. After top cops we do the public
16 comment. I have received a number of slips.
17 Anyone who is seeking to speak should fill out
18 a slip at the clerk's table right there to be
19 recognized.

20 So, as I said, one of our
21 traditions here is to recognize our top cops
22 in Nassau County who do such a fabulous job.
23 And today we have president of the Nassau
24 County DAI, John Wighaus, for the purposes of
25 a presentation. John.

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2 MR. WIGHAUS: Thank you. Good
3 morning or good afternoon now. I would like
4 to thank Presiding Officer Nicolello, Minority
5 Leader Abrahams and the full legislative body
6 for honoring our detectives today.

7 Today we have detective Mike
8 Maloney, who was assigned to the ATF task
9 force. Detective Sam Rozzi and Richie
10 Westoff, who are assigned to the FBI task
11 force. Detectives Rozzi and Westoff are not
12 here today due to their undercover status.
13 But also joining us today we have detective
14 sergeant Boron and detective lieutenant Landon
15 and also supervisor Ken Cade and special agent
16 Justin Quinn, who also worked on the case.

17 The detectives, working together
18 with their task forces and with the Nassau
19 County DA's office, conducted a large scale
20 criminal investigation called Operation
21 Honeycomb. The initial investigation began in
22 October of 2019 by the ATF as a crackdown on
23 weapons and gun violence in Hempstead. During
24 the investigation detective Maloney, Rozzi and
25 Westoff and other fellow investigators learned

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2 that narcotic traffickers profited from the
3 anxiety and demand for drugs sparked by the
4 coronavirus.

5 On March 10, 2021 the combined law
6 enforcement task forces commenced an arrest
7 warrant take down of Operation Honeycomb.
8 Fifty three defendants were arrested and
9 charged in a 175-count indictment. Two of the
10 defendants operated a major narcotics ring
11 that distributed heroin, cocaine and other
12 dangerous drugs across Long Island, out of an
13 unlicensed day care center in Hempstead and
14 Rosedale.

15 Total results of the combined
16 Nassau County and federal law enforcement
17 investigation resulted in the seizure of
18 \$380,000 in cash, 38 firearms, including
19 assault weapons and ammunition, 9.5 kilos of
20 nearly pure cocaine, 1.5 kilos of crack
21 cocaine, more than one kilogram of heroin, 210
22 grams of morphine and 250 grams of the fatal
23 drug Fentanyl. The street value of all the
24 drugs seized is estimated to be close to \$2.8
25 million.

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2 Thanks to these detectives and this
3 cooperative multiagency investigation being
4 conducted during the middle of a pandemic,
5 violent drug and weapon traffickers were
6 arrested, stockpiles of weapons and huge
7 quantities of addictive and fatal drugs were
8 seized and removed from the streets of Nassau
9 County.

10 Mike, would you like to say
11 something.

12 MR. MALONEY: I'd just like to
13 acknowledge and thank you for your recognition
14 today of the federal task force officers and
15 the Nassau County partners that I work with.
16 I know we know each other personally. I
17 worked with the legislature. I want to thank
18 you all and this is just an example to show
19 how these federal task forces work with the
20 local and county agencies. So thank you once
21 again.

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you. I
23 have to say we benefit when all law
24 enforcement agencies work together and today
25 we get to hear about the finest example of the

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2 dedication and commitment of our officers, and
3 in this case our detectives, and those in the
4 other agencies as well. I know it must be
5 very painstaking work and very detailed work
6 that requires a lot of long hours and focused
7 attention to every detail.

8 On behalf of all the residents here
9 in Nassau County and even the surrounding
10 communities, my heartfelt thanks to the work
11 that you have done and what you've achieved by
12 taking these guns and especially these drugs
13 off our streets. Once again you're making it
14 safer and once again you let us know that you
15 truly are on our side by sacrificing your time
16 and just being in the forefront in our war
17 against drugs. Thank you very much.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I just want
19 to continue to express my thanks. Reading
20 about this I know 77 Pierson, maybe not 77
21 Pierson but I know Pierson Avenue very well.
22 Growing up in Hempstead for many, many years I
23 have friends and family that lived in that
24 vicinity and obviously reading through this
25 actual memo it spells out a lot in terms of

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2 the firearms and the drugs that were being
3 proliferated through that day care center of
4 all things, which is, to me, even more
5 shocking.

6 That being said, I want to continue
7 to thank you for your devotion in making sure
8 our streets are safe. Thirty eight less guns
9 that are going to be off the street. That
10 means potentially the lives that are going to
11 be saved because of it. And the amount of
12 drugs, the pounds and kilograms of drugs that
13 are actually going to be removed from the
14 street is tremendous as well that is probably
15 being trafficked all throughout of Long Island
16 as well.

17 Thank you. I understand detectives
18 Rozzi and Westoff are not here today but
19 express our gratitude to them as well as well
20 as to all the members of the task force as
21 well. Thank you.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We would
23 like to invite you up to the dais here so we
24 can give you a formal presentation.

25 Next order of business is our

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2 public comment. First speaker is Richard
3 Clolery.

4 MR. CLOLERY: To the members of
5 the legislature. Well, this is it. It is
6 almost November and we are all close to the
7 elections. With that in mind, I am greatly
8 concerned about the direction our county has
9 taken and I don't mean my usual complaints
10 about the state of our buses, although it
11 isn't far from my mind I assure you.

12 My new concern seems to be this law
13 that will make it easier for first responders
14 to sue protesters even for looking at them
15 funny. Now, thankfully, it was vetoed by the
16 Nassau County executive after consulting with
17 Albany's head district attorney.

18 However, one political party in our
19 county seems to want to vote for this thing
20 anyway in spite of the incredible unpopularity
21 that this law is. Before I proceed any
22 further I want to say I am for law and order
23 and I have great respect for it as long as it
24 doesn't bite me in the rear needlessly.

25 It makes me wonder for the future

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2 of lawful protest if cops decide to sue good
3 protesters for no good reason whatsoever. It
4 makes me wonder if this party in particular is
5 legitimate. Especially with what's going on
6 in the county concerning the attempts to
7 restrict voter rights, women's rights,
8 etcetera. Mainly I'm concerned for the sake
9 of this county folks at all levels of our
10 government. Maybe I should. Have a good
11 day.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Next
13 speaker is Pat Boyle from Coalition of Youth
14 and Services.

15 MR. BOYLE: Hello everyone. My
16 name is Pat Boyle from Gateway Youth Outreach
17 in Elmont and I'm also here with the Coalition
18 of Youth Service agencies.

19 First of all, as far as we know,
20 we're okay in the budget. Which is calming to
21 us. We haven't been for a while, so now it's
22 nice to know that we can go out there, do our
23 work and get done what needs to get done.

24 The other thing that I wanted to
25 talk to you about though is more of a

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2 practical matter and something that you were
3 actually directly involved in as the
4 legislature.

5 On June 16th Youth Services, June
6 16, 2021 Youth Services received a letter
7 saying that through the federal government and
8 through the CARES Act that we were going to
9 receive 20 percent of our budget as an
10 additional amount of money. Now, we were all
11 thrilled with that. But we know a lot of
12 federal money, a lot of state money has come
13 through and people are jumping on it and
14 that's a good thing.

15 But what happened with this one was
16 was that we were notified June 16th. We were
17 told that the money was going to be ready for
18 us by the beginning or middle of September.
19 Now that date obviously went by. And recently
20 we've received another update that now the
21 county wants to go through a whole new
22 contracting process. They want to go through
23 advances. They want to go through a procedure
24 where we would have to put things together on
25 that level. Here's where the problem lies and

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2 where you come in.

3 You already approved all of this
4 money on June 10th to be put into the proper
5 categories where the money could have been
6 expended much more quickly than what they're
7 actually doing. And it was you that said
8 yeah, they need this money. Give it to them.
9 Let's get it going. Let's get it moving. But
10 there was no movement after that. I can give
11 you some -- just so that you have something to
12 work with.

13 The Office of Management and Budget
14 under Resolution 213-21, the budget director
15 signed off on the money. The deputy director
16 signed off on the money. The county executive
17 signed off on the money. And then when you go
18 through more there was an interdepartmental
19 memo that had the county executive -- I'm
20 sorry, the acting county attorney agreeing as
21 well too that the money was true to form and
22 should go and be moved into the proper slots
23 so that we can get paid.

24 Then it went after that it got put
25 into the various places by the Department of

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2 Budget. By the Division of Budget, sorry.

3 And also it was signed off on by Laura Curran
4 to be able to give us that money. We're still
5 waiting. And now they're changing the game.

6 It went from you're going to see
7 money in your account, you have to spend it
8 properly and you also have to be prepared for
9 an audit if somebody comes in. You better
10 spend it the way the federal government says
11 to spend it. We're all good with that. We
12 know how to do that. But the money never came
13 to us. That's a little bit on the troubling
14 side in that you wanted us to get it. The
15 county attorney wanted us to get it. The
16 county executive wanted us to get it. Nobody
17 didn't want us to get it and we didn't get
18 it. That's it in a nutshell. I think Tom
19 will have some of the things that have moved
20 on since then.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Who was it
22 that specifically indicated that the procedure
23 was changing?

24 MR. BOYLE: The executive
25 director of Youth Services and that was in a

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2 meeting. There was a meeting with the
3 commissioner of human services and the
4 comptroller's office that then that
5 information was passed on after those two
6 bodies met.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I don't
8 see her here. Is it possible to bring her
9 down? Obviously we're going to want to find
10 out what's happening with the federal funds
11 that's supposed to be going to those youth
12 agencies.

13 Katy, I know you're over there.
14 Either today or at some point in the very near
15 future we're going to ask the administration
16 to come down and explain the change of
17 procedures. Obviously we want to see the
18 federal funds get in the hands of the youth
19 service agencies to benefit the children as
20 soon as possible.

21 MR. BOYLE: The money that's
22 coming to youth services out of all of this is
23 \$1.4 million. No complaints. But the total
24 amount of money that's going into this is
25 260 -- I'm sorry, I don't have the number

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2 right in front of me and I don't want to give
3 you a wrong number.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We're
5 getting \$200 million in funds this year and
6 \$200 million next year. Our focus is seeing
7 this money go into the communities.

8 MR. BOYLE: It's a one-shot
9 deal. You're never going to see it again.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
11 DeRiggi-Whitton.

12 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
13 was just going to say that the money is
14 federal money and sometimes there have been
15 issues that we have to follow their
16 guidelines. But we'll definitely inquire.
17 I'm on that board and I haven't heard of
18 anything in particular that would make me
19 think oh, this is why this is happening but I
20 will follow-up with that too.

21 MR. BOYLE: All the money got
22 appropriated. So there's really no reason to
23 have given it a long time ago. I'm sorry. I
24 took up too much time. Thanks.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you

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2 for bringing that to our attention. Tom
3 Bruno, Coalition of Youth Services.

4 MR. BRUNO: Good afternoon. My
5 name is Tom Bruno. I'm representing the
6 Coalition of Youth Service agencies.

7 Just to piggyback on what Pat had
8 said. We had a Zoom meeting with the
9 commissioner of human services, the deputy
10 county executive and Dana Boyle from the
11 Office of Youth Services. It was a Zoom
12 meeting where we were all told that we would
13 be receiving 20 percent of our budget. We
14 were all aesthetic. We were told at that time
15 during that meeting that there would be no
16 contracts, there would be no advances and
17 there would be no vouchering for this money
18 but we had to spend it properly. Which we all
19 know how to do. And we were told we should be
20 receiving this money either electronically or
21 by check by September 15th. Here it is
22 October 25th. We still have not seen
23 anything.

24 Last week we had a coalition
25 meeting and at that meeting one of our

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2 colleagues, who was involved with a meeting
3 with the comptroller's office, said that now
4 they were going to be having contracts. There
5 was going to be an advance and there was going
6 to be a vouchering process. This was supposed
7 to be emergency funding that was appropriated
8 by you, sent to the county and supposed to get
9 out to us as quickly as possible. We've seen
10 nothing.

11 So please, anything that you can do
12 to shake this up to get this money to the
13 agencies. Some of us are suffering. We've
14 gone through the pandemic. Most of us either
15 did something virtually or on-site. My agency
16 closed for three months but we did open up
17 again last July and we've been going full bore
18 ever since but we still have not seen this
19 money. So anything that you can do would be
20 greatly appreciated.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Before you
22 leave, it's clear to us that with the pandemic
23 and it's effects on not only physical health
24 but the mental health of many young people
25 struggling through these times that the

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2 services that your agencies are providing are
3 more valuable than ever and this is exactly
4 what this money should be going to.

5 MR. BRUNO: The kids were
6 devastated by this. What happened to these
7 kids, they went home from school on Friday
8 afternoon. They came to our Boys and Girls
9 Club on a Friday afternoon. Over the weekend
10 that was taken away from them. School was
11 taken away from them and these kids went into
12 a hole. And if it wasn't for our agencies we
13 don't know what would have happened to these
14 kids.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
16 Walker.

17 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Tom, I just
18 want to thank you so much for coming this
19 morning. And I know you and I spoke the other
20 day. Very upsetting, I believe certainly to
21 all of us, that you have not received this
22 money yet. You knew what protocol was going
23 to be followed and you knew once you received
24 it what protocol you had to follow.
25 Unfortunately, to not have that money yet the

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2 whole game plan seems to have changed is
3 another very upsetting thing too.

4 MR. BRUNO: We would have had no
5 problem at all if we were told that things
6 were going to change that would have been
7 fine. But we were told nothing. We were
8 under the assumption until last Wednesday that
9 this money was forthcoming.

10 Now, I did get an email from the
11 executive director of Office of Youth Services
12 on Thursday saying that she just signed off on
13 my money and that it was being moved on. But
14 I wrote back to her what does that mean? Does
15 that mean that there's going to be an
16 advance? Does that mean that there's going to
17 be a contract? I got nothing back.

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: You have to
19 find out those answers. We have to find out
20 those answers also. I see firsthand with our
21 kids, I'm still very involved with our school
22 district and activities and I know the kids
23 that are counting on you and so many of them
24 need the services all the more than they did
25 even before COVID hit. So, thank you for all

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2 you do and what all the agencies do and
3 hopefully we will get to the bottom of this
4 very quickly.

5 MR. BRUNO: Thank you very much.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
7 Rhoads.

8 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Again, thank
9 you for coming here and letting us know this
10 issue because I think, to a certain extent, we
11 were sold the same bill of goods that you were
12 sold. My understanding is that we were told
13 that it was a simple process. That simply by
14 providing you an additional 20 percent above
15 and beyond your budget it was going to be easy
16 to allocate those funds and get those funds
17 into your hands as soon as humanly possible.
18 It seemed like a simple process. And now it
19 seems as though the administration, for
20 whatever reason, is reneging on that but we
21 need to know what that is.

22 I don't want to find out two weeks
23 from now. I want to find out now. So if we
24 have the ability to have somebody come down
25 here and give us an explanation as to why all

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2 of a sudden, sort of like the plan to have
3 \$375 checks sent to 300,000 homeowners,
4 taxpayers, all of a sudden that plan has
5 changed.

6 I appreciate you bringing this to
7 our attention. But, again, I got to question
8 why it is we're getting delays out of the
9 administration in getting money into the hands
10 of residents. Getting money into the hands of
11 youth services. Getting money into the hands
12 of businesses that need it. That was the
13 purpose of the pandemic funds. Not to sit on
14 it for months. Not to sit on it for a year.
15 Certainly with the case of the CARES Act
16 funds. And then eventually go without or keep
17 it. I'm hoping that's not what's happening
18 here. But you're owed an explanation and so
19 are we. We want to make sure we get it. I
20 appreciate you mentioning it.

21 MR. BRUNO: Thank you.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
23 again. Meryl Fischer.

24 MS. FISCHER: Good afternoon. I
25 spoke before this legislative body before,

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2 before the pandemic. I gave you some
3 documents. Nothing has been resolved. I wake
4 up every day sick to my stomach, literally
5 fighting for my life. I'm Jewish. I feel
6 like I'm living in Nazi Germany to the next
7 level. My legislator is Drucker. I don't see
8 him in the room. I heard someone say here but
9 I don't see him.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: There are
11 several legislators who are participating
12 remotely.

13 MS. FISCHER: I hope he's
14 listening. I call his office and I email his
15 office constantly. I called all your offices
16 this morning and I emailed you. New York is a
17 murder for profit state.

18 So, I have two lawsuits. I
19 appeared in court twice last week, Tuesday the
20 Surrogates Court and Friday the supreme
21 court. I'm grieving the property taxes. Let
22 me give you the AR number, 300745/2021. It's
23 taxation without representation.

24 New York State has an inhumane
25 wrongful death statute. It's legally better

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2 to kill people than injure them. The bill to
3 correct this inhumane law has been up in
4 Albany since 1994.

5 Today, October 25th, is the 21st
6 year anniversary of my dad's assault in
7 Plainview Hospital. My mom and I watched it.
8 It went all through the system. I've done
9 extensive research. I've gotten no relief in
10 21 years. My special needs brother was
11 victimized in Plainview Hospital in 2017. The
12 system is broken. It's legally better to kill
13 people than injure them.

14 Also, my brother Jonathan Fischer
15 is suing me in the Nassau County Surrogates
16 Court over my mother's trust and I'm alleging
17 that he violated the terms of the trust. He's
18 lying in court. I cannot get an attorney. I
19 can't afford an attorney. There is no legal
20 aid in Nassau County for American citizens
21 either for the state supreme court or the
22 surrogate court. So I am struggling and I
23 need relief.

24 Let me give you the number of the
25 surrogate case. Bear with me for one second,

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2 I have them together. The surrogate number is
3 2016-8389152A. And I'm the bad person in
4 this. That's the way it's turning out.

5 I'm the administrator to the estate
6 and I'm the trustee and my brother lied in
7 court. He's gaming the system. He's been
8 trying to force a sale of the house since the
9 day my mother passed away in 2016. I was
10 living in the house with my special needs
11 brother Andy. My brother Jonathan abandoned
12 Andrew. He breached the contract of the
13 trust.

14 My goals are I want this inhuman
15 law changed. The title is an act to amend the
16 estates powers and trusts law in relation to
17 payment and distribution of damages in
18 wrongful death actions. All your families
19 will be affected by this.

20 I have a public access television
21 program. I went public with this a long time
22 ago. I thought that that would change
23 things. I went public with my dad's medical
24 records and multiple billing claims, all the
25 blow off letters from the different government

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2 agencies. My program airs Altice Cablevision
3 channel 20 Woodbury and Happaugue systems every
4 Monday at 5:30 p.m. The name of the program
5 is Medical Errors. So even though I went
6 public with these issues nothing has been
7 resolved in 21 years.

8 I'm going to give you some
9 documents. I don't know what to tell you. I
10 can give you a website. It's https colon two
11 slashes archive dot org slash detail slash FBI
12 new Hitler was alive. So after World War II
13 Adolf Hitler, the FBI knew that he was taken
14 by submarine to South America. So he was
15 alive. Under operation Paper Clip the USA got
16 the Nazis best and brightest. And under
17 Operation Mockingbird the CIA colluded with
18 the media to distribute propaganda. So, I
19 would be very happy to provide you with more
20 information. I have been researching this for
21 over 20 years. I have everything documented.

22 I want justice. I want
23 accountability. I want to be able to continue
24 to live in the house that I shared with my
25 family since 1955 and I want to prevent the

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2 abuse from happening to other people. And I
3 know my time is running out. I sent you in
4 the emails I don't know who got what. But I
5 sent it to Legislator Drucker and then I
6 forwarded it to everyone. So I don't know
7 what you got.

8 The latest statistic in the Journal
9 of the American Medical Association 15,000
10 Medicare recipients are being killed by
11 doctors every month and nothing is happening.

12 Thank you for listening. Please
13 change the system. I want relief. I want
14 justice. Thank you.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator
16 Drucker go ahead.

17 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you
18 Presiding Officer. Ms. Fischer, Ms. Meryl, we
19 have responded. We have heard and read your
20 emails and calls to my office. Unfortunately,
21 as we've indicated, your complaints involve
22 claims of murder by Northwell Hospital, black
23 market sale of organs, vampires, a whole slew
24 of things and changing New York State laws.
25 All of which we told you are beyond my

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2 jurisdiction. We are aware. We have
3 forwarded it to state representatives but your
4 allegations are way beyond what I can possibly
5 do for you. And I certainly feel badly and I
6 sympathize and if there was something I could
7 do I would.

8 MS. FISCHER: Legislator Drucker
9 can I just respond to that? Did you take an
10 oath when you took the office?

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Your time
12 is up Ms. Fischer. We appreciate you coming
13 down today.

14 MS. FISCHER: He's saying it's
15 not his job. That's unacceptable at this
16 point.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: His
18 comments speak for themselves. Meta Mereday.

19 MS. MEREDAY: Good afternoon.
20 All my condolences go out to the Ryan family.
21 I was definitely very familiar with him and
22 also for me personally I included in that
23 moment of silence the ongoing number of people
24 that we continue to lose due to the pandemic
25 as well as the overall neglect in terms of

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2 housing and lack of resources despite the fact
3 that we pay the second highest taxes in the
4 country.

5 Also, I included for me and for
6 history in the moment of silence the loss of
7 the former joint Chief of Staff chair, General
8 Colin Powell.

9 Now, I'm hoping -- I see that the
10 timer went a little fast, because other people
11 were able to kind of get up and speak and
12 comment in that five minute and kind of sat
13 there for a minute and a half but I digress.

14 With regard to this being the full
15 leg, I wanted to bring attention to the fact
16 that there are still ongoing concerns with the
17 distribution of resources. And I believe
18 Legislator Rhoads made the comment, and I
19 agree with him, with regard to the use of
20 pandemic funds being used for the purposes
21 that they were designed for in terms of urgent
22 issues that are impacting residents who are
23 suffering from COVID.

24 Which is interesting because the
25 other night I was at the Town of Hempstead

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2 meeting where they mentioned that they have a
3 good chunk of the monies that they received
4 tucked away in a rainy day fund. When that
5 was questioned by residents and taxpayers we
6 were pretty much blown off.

7 So, I know that there had been a
8 lawsuit from Nassau County against the town
9 and I'm just curious as to where we are with
10 that lawsuit.

11 Again, those resources could have
12 been well spent in particularly communities of
13 color. Could have assisted our seniors and
14 our veterans during a time period that was
15 very critical for them. And, unfortunately,
16 not many of them made it through because of
17 lack of those resources.

18 My concerns also have to do with
19 the disparity funding. New York State
20 requires that there is a study with regard to
21 the utilization of minority women and
22 veteran-owned businesses. I have yet to
23 receive and have asked many times in this
24 forum to have a breakdown of the usage of
25 minority women and veteran businesses. Not

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2 the four part office of Minority Affairs,
3 Asian Affairs, Hispanic Affairs and soon any
4 other jurisdiction or constituency that needs
5 to have an office so that there can be another
6 holiday or a designated day or month so that
7 people can pose, have pictures and eat
8 culturally enriched foods. I'm talking about
9 specific services for underserved
10 constituencies in this year 2021.

11 I am a strong proponent that all
12 lives matter but unless we address the fact
13 that those that continue to be underserved and
14 underrepresented we will all face challenges
15 and discrimination.

16 Where do I begin with regard to
17 road work in Nassau County? I can't. It just
18 speaks for itself to the disrepair in select
19 communities as it pertains to the funding for
20 road repair and infrastructure work. We have
21 empty buildings that could utilized for a wide
22 variety of things. To benefit our veterans.
23 Benefit our seniors. Keep young people here.
24 Provide resources.

25 As you pass the illustrious

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2 Franklin Avenue you see what used to be a
3 prime location for supermarkets, retail,
4 etcetera, things of that nature. We don't
5 have that anymore.

6 Many of our downtowns areas. I
7 live in Baldwin. We're still trying to figure
8 out what happened with the \$10 million that
9 everybody wanted to jump and pose in front of
10 pictures but we still have no real downtown.
11 Those are questions that residents are
12 asking.

13 Youth services, again, it's a
14 problem. Someone mentioned earlier about Boys
15 and Girls Clubs for young people to go. We
16 don't really have a Boys or Girls Club in
17 Baldwin for our young people to go to. We do
18 not have resources again in the townships.
19 Particularly the Town of Hempstead. I cannot
20 speak to the Town of North Hempstead or the
21 Town of Oyster Bay. I just know the Town of
22 Hempstead we are underrepresented, underserved
23 and overtaxed.

24 Lastly, with regard to again the
25 taxes themselves. There was a heated

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2 discussion last month with regard to the roles
3 and the polls and the charges for housing and
4 for property and things of that nature. The
5 residents are still facing challenges even
6 with this elusive \$375 check that some people
7 are getting directly in the mail. Some people
8 are told they have to apply for. Others are
9 told they don't qualify for.

10 Again, depending on whoever wins
11 the upcoming election, where is the relief?
12 Where are the real answers? Where are the
13 real resources and the support systems for the
14 people who continue to pay taxes in this
15 county and continue to be underserved? Thank
16 you so much.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you
18 Meta. Steven Edmundson.

19 MR. EDMUNDSON: Back again. I
20 can't believe James Kennedy's secretary
21 doesn't know the number for the DSS
22 commissioner who happened to work with former
23 Governor Cuomo in the City of New York and
24 that's her only claim to fame. I found out
25 she lives in Farmingdale. We might have a

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2 rally at her house. And you should her down
3 here because I don't know what this lady
4 actually does. When you have homeless people
5 such as myself living in shelters that are
6 unsatisfactory and they want \$1,550 from my
7 social security money because I'm a senior
8 citizen to pay for these insanity shelters.

9 I was told that Kevan Abrahams took
10 a tour of the shelter that I'm living in in
11 Roosevelt because they love to put us in
12 Roosevelt. Because all these shelters, like,
13 finally I got my answers to questions to the
14 county -- people with the county executive why
15 are they dumping them in the minority
16 neighborhoods all these shelters? You have a
17 hotel in Denise Ford's area that could be used
18 for homeless people and other things because I
19 talked to Assemblywoman Maritza Davila but it
20 still has hasn't.

21 I took the tour with Michael Raab,
22 who you all know. The first floor was shot.
23 The second floor was good. It could be used
24 for homeless people.

25 I also did an article, which I will

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2 give you a copy of, in the Long Island Press
3 because I'm with the Poor People's Campaign, a
4 nationwide organization with Reverend Barber
5 and we have had it on Long Island. You're
6 putting us in there with pedophiles. You're
7 putting us in with the guy who robbed the TD
8 bank with the hat. He was in Peace Valley
9 Haven. And you don't bother Reverend Haynes
10 because he's got the reverend in front of his
11 name. He's been audited by George Maragos.
12 Doesn't pay his employees and almost killed a
13 bunch of people on Park Avenue and almost
14 killed a bunch of people, which is now the
15 Allen House.

16 Where is this directive from social
17 services? Just because she worked with the
18 governor's sister that gives here
19 qualifications that you all voted for? Where
20 is this lady that's supposed to be the
21 oversight that you all voted. The attorney
22 general of Nassau County, who tells she's
23 going to call me back, do an investigation and
24 she never does it.

25 I mean, this is an election year

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2 and it takes -- I'm glad I got the letter last
3 time from Howard Kopel's office about getting
4 paid, it takes a month to get paid when we
5 work for the board of elections. Yes, the
6 poor people work for the board of elections.
7 We help you guys out. We help you get
8 elected. Now do something for the poor people
9 like give us some housing. Thank you.

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Ralph
11 DiBello. By the way, we have the hand
12 sanitizer there. We should probably have
13 wipes there. We do. So if anyone would like
14 to clean the microphone obviously in this day
15 and age of COVID. It doesn't matter. It's
16 not just you Mr. Edmundson. Anyone at the
17 mic.

18 MR. DIBELLO: I just want to
19 thank the legislature for letting me speak
20 today. I want to comment on proposal
21 Resolution 196-2021. I know you guys
22 addressed it last week but I work in
23 Manhattan. I missed it. So I'd like to
24 address it today.

25 I've been following it for a

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2 while. I know the Majority caucus set forth a
3 reasonable tax plan shaving off \$50 million,
4 reducing the fees in \$100 million and trying
5 to cut wasteful political patronage positions
6 hired by County Executive Curran. She made
7 the statement she wants 65 percent, 35 percent
8 I think, the 65 percent is going to pay for
9 the 35 percent.

10 I'm trying to appeal to the
11 Minority caucus and Mr. Abrahams to consider
12 working with the Majority caucus and get a
13 more reasonable tax plan. I've been in my
14 house for 27 years I don't want to lose it and
15 I'm sure the rest of the people on Long Island
16 are thinking the same thing.

17 You boast that you want to keep
18 young people on Long Island. This is not the
19 way to do it. By having a more reasonable and
20 affordable tax plan for homeowners would keep
21 people on Long Island. If not, it will drive
22 people out and New York is going to be another
23 Detroit. So I just want to express that and
24 thank you.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you

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2 Mr. DiBello. Kevin McKenna.

3 MR. MCKENNA: Good afternoon.

4 Kevin McKenna, Edna Drive, Syosset, New York.

5 I'm going to speak fast so I want to make it

6 in the five minutes. Please pay attention.

7 Thank you.

8 I filed a complaint recently with
9 the New York State Attorney General's Public
10 Integrity Unit regarding these three issues.

11 Number one, the Nassau County
12 comptroller in response to my FOIL request for
13 their last take home vehicle audit admitted
14 they have never performed a take home vehicle
15 audit. They only performed two limited
16 reviews in 2015 and 2018.

17 In response, I emailed the
18 comptroller this critical question. Is the
19 comptroller following IRS rule 15B regarding
20 take home vehicles by either deducting the
21 value of the fringe benefit from or adding the
22 value of the fringe benefit to the salaries of
23 members of the Nassau County Police
24 Department? I ask because if the comptroller
25 has disregarded IRS rule 15B the comptroller

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2 has committed tax fraud. The employee
3 avoiding taxes has also committed tax fraud.

4 Can a Nassau County police chief
5 say I didn't realize I was committing tax
6 fraud by using a take home vehicle with free
7 gas to drive from my house in Suffolk County
8 to work in Nassau County while not reporting
9 this fringe benefit to the IRS?

10 The comptroller was unable to
11 answer my comptroller question and instead
12 referred my comptroller question to the Nassau
13 police legal bureau and they have refused to
14 respond.

15 Two, the Nassau County comptroller
16 failed to respond to my second FOIL request
17 for their last audit of the Nassau County
18 police asset forfeiture fund. The comptroller
19 didn't even refer this FOIL request anywhere.
20 The comptroller simply did nothing. Failing
21 to respond means this audit was never
22 performed so we will never know if no-bid
23 contracts were awarded to vendors with
24 connections paid under the shield of the never
25 audited Nassau police asset forfeiture fund.

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2 Which is public corruption.

3 Police Commissioner Ryder was the
4 commanding officer of the Asset Forfeiture
5 Intelligence Unit until shortly becoming the
6 police commissioner. Does a vendor need to
7 know Ryder's cell phone number to get a no-bid
8 contract using Nassau police asset forfeiture
9 money?

10 Three, the Civil Service Commission
11 failed to respond to my FOIL request for their
12 job postings regarding the 23 new hires for
13 the Nassau police body cam program. 19 of
14 which are intelligence analysts with a
15 starting salary of \$72,000 per year. Failing
16 to respond means the Civil Service Commission
17 bypassed and 23 people with connections were
18 hired, which is illegal. The Civil Service
19 Commission referred my civil service FOIL
20 request to the Nassau County Police Department
21 and they have refused to respond.

22 In 2010 the intelligence analyst
23 hiring frenzy began with nine being hired.
24 Before that Nassau County Police Department
25 only had two. From 2010 to 2020 a total of 28

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2 intelligence analysts were hired. They all
3 worked in the asset forfeiture intelligence
4 unit until 2020 when two out the five hired
5 that year were sent to the district attorney's
6 office.

7 Police Commissioner Ryder was the
8 commanding officer of the asset forfeiture and
9 intelligence unit in 2010 and he remained
10 there shortly until he became the police
11 commissioner. Does a Nassau County resident
12 need to know Ryder's cell phone number to
13 become an intelligence analyst and earn
14 \$72,000 per year to start plus benefits?

15 The largest hiring of intelligence
16 analysts was this year. With an additional 19
17 hired to work for the Nassau police body cam
18 program as reported by Newsday's Candice
19 Ferrett. The inaccurate report that was fed
20 to her by Nassau County Police Commissioner
21 Ryder and the County Executive Laura Curran
22 because they wanted people to think that they
23 could apply for the job. I found the names of
24 a few of the intelligence analysts by
25 searching Linkin under intelligence analyst.

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2 One of them is named Brendan Von Runyon, whose
3 mother, Sandra Von Runyon, works for the
4 Nassau County legislative body.

5 Town of Oyster Bay councilman Steve
6 Labriola's daughter was hired as an
7 intelligence analyst for the Nassau police in
8 2013 but she resigned in 2020.

9 Perfect timing. I have provided 19
10 copies of my official complaint that was
11 provided to the attorney general's office and
12 the public integrity unit and I want you to
13 know that the Nassau County Public Corruption
14 Unit has taken this complaint and have
15 assigned a public corruption complaint
16 number. They're not leaving it up to the
17 regular DA's office. Nassau legislature
18 folks, please do your job and demand audits on
19 these issues. Thank you very much.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Domenica
21 Callifana.

22 MS. CALLIFANA: Good afternoon.
23 I was here at the last meeting and I spoke out
24 and I'm going to speak again. I found it very
25 disturbing that you have a sergeant that's

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2 working at the Fourth Precinct that has four
3 federal lawsuits against him and one state
4 lawsuit against him. He has pulled a gun out
5 on a ten year old, an eight year old and
6 myself. Has lied to internal affairs. I am
7 not allowed to show the videotape because it's
8 an ongoing investigation and I have a lawsuit
9 against Nassau County.

10 The Fourth Precinct needs to be
11 investigated. You have detective Butts
12 holding a child hostage in her office and then
13 released her with minimum damage to her
14 arrest. You have Christopher Shannon, a drug
15 addict, that's in and out of doctors' offices
16 for pain killer, pain medicines. He holds a
17 gun harassing young girls.

18 You have the commanding officer
19 there, Mrs. Moles I believe it is, does
20 nothing about it. She's putting a bad name
21 for our good cops that we do have in Nassau
22 County. You have a few bad cops and it needs
23 to be investigated.

24 I live in fear every day of my life
25 that I need to call 911 for whatever reason.

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2 I had a drug dealer that I turned into
3 narcotics. The guy committed suicide. He was
4 going to kill my family. Fourth Precinct did
5 nothing about it. Was not helping. Instead I
6 was arrested. Thank God all my charges have
7 been dismissed.

8 I'm not saying that all cops are
9 bad, but you do have a few dirty cops in the
10 Fourth Precinct. And the do need better
11 training. We live in a neighborhood that
12 needs safety and thank God we do have our
13 police officers. But these individuals,
14 sergeant Crawford has four federal lawsuits
15 and one state lawsuit. That's our tax dollars
16 being wasted. They're not responsible to pay
17 for that. I really wish someone would look
18 into this.

19 Laura Curran just sits back and
20 smiles. This is not fair. Denise Ford heard
21 all about this. It was all over the papers.
22 She's in my neighborhood. Nothing's ever
23 done. We need to look into the Fourth
24 Precinct. And if not this, I'm going to the
25 state to do an investigation. There's a lot

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2 of dirty cops in that station house that need
3 to be investigated.

4 Second is very surprising. There's
5 an organization called Rough House Rescue in
6 Island Park. Animals are being abused.
7 Denise Ford's area again. There's been
8 numerous complaints. The girl's leaving. Not
9 leaving. The fire marshal goes there.
10 Because of her political connections they let
11 her be.

12 You got the fire marshal. You got
13 the health department. Sick dogs are coming
14 in and getting all our dogs in our
15 neighborhood sick. We need to do something.
16 I'm not sure with everyone's political
17 connections how these people get away. It's
18 not fair. It's very upsetting. It's not
19 safe. It's not right for all the animals that
20 this individual is making \$4 million a year.

21 I and two other women had her soul
22 cold sanctuary in Kentucky shut down. If you
23 would have saw what this place looked like
24 that the dogs were going to get saved you
25 would die. The guy was arrested with 25

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2 counts, David Haggery, in Kentucky. We're
3 trying to shut it down in Texas. New York
4 State does nothing for these animals. It's
5 very sad.

6 And they don't do anything to save
7 little kids that are being killed in family
8 court with family court judges also. It's
9 very sad how the county plays both sides of
10 the thing.

11 And Ms. Denise Ford, I have spoken
12 to your office, which I have a great deal of
13 concern about a handicap ramp. Two of them
14 were supposed to be put. If you go see this
15 handicap ramp that was put on the corner of
16 Carolina and Long Beach Road you would die. I
17 put a measuring thing, the thing's like this.
18 If you can walk on that handicap ramp it's
19 destroyed.

20 I went to the Town of Hempstead
21 meeting. I had to fight -- the building
22 department gentleman said that his engineer is
23 amazing. The guy that did all the plans he's
24 known him for 20 years. That's the problem.
25 You've known him for 20 years and he's not

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2 doing the right job and but he's taking money
3 in. I'm just in shock.

4 I have spoken to your office
5 Mrs. Ford and nothing is being doing about
6 this handicap ramp also and it's in your
7 district also. Please look into these
8 matters.

9 Most important is that the Fourth
10 Precinct needs better training to save us. I
11 am a white young lady and I am being harassed,
12 threatened and abused by them. Please,
13 someone help and change the ways. Not all
14 cops are bad but you got to get rid of the bad
15 cops in the Fourth Precinct. Thank you.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Pearl
17 Jacobs.

18 MS. JACOBS: Today I'm here to
19 speak regarding the Nassau County initiative
20 roads for votes. I just have a sampling of
21 all the roads that are being done in Nassau
22 County. These are the roads that I frequent.
23 Salisbury Park Drive, Westbury Avenue, Merrick
24 Avenue, Roslyn Road, Stewart Avenue, Franklin
25 Avenue. Now I have down here Jerusalem Avenue

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2 which is in Uniondale.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Mr.

4 McKenna, please go back to your seat. Stop

5 her clock. Mr. McKenna. Go ahead Pearl.

6 MS. JACOBS: All these roads have
7 been restored to pristine condition.

8 Salisbury Park Drive, Westbury Avenue, Merrick
9 Avenue, Roslyn Road, Stewart Avenue, Franklin
10 Avenue. This is just a sampling of the roads
11 in Nassau County. There are over 53 roads
12 that have been restored. Jerusalem Avenue has
13 not been restored. That's why I have a little
14 red X next to it. I have some questions.

15 My question, what criteria does
16 Salisbury Park Drive and Westbury Avenue meet
17 to receive preference for a complete
18 resurfacing as these roads were in good
19 condition prior to resurfacing? In late 2020
20 Franklin Avenue and Roslyn Road underwent
21 utility service construction. Immediately
22 after the utility completed the work both
23 roads were completely resurfaced in early
24 2021.

25 Jerusalem Avenue underwent

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2 construction in 2018 and received a where and
3 when patch job after much advocacy from the
4 Uniondale community in 2019. Consequently,
5 Jerusalem Avenue is still assessed as fair to
6 poor condition by the Nassau County Department
7 of Engineering. What criteria did Franklin
8 Avenue and Roslyn Road meet that Jerusalem
9 Avenue did not? I guess you're not listening
10 because there's a lot of talk up there but I
11 would really need answers to my questions.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: My
13 apologies. I was asking about an emergency
14 that's coming up.

15 MS. JACOBS: I need answers to my
16 question, why is Jerusalem Avenue languishing
17 when Jerusalem Avenue's utility work was done
18 in 2018 and has been languishing for two and a
19 half, almost three years without repair?
20 Meanwhile, you have these other roads in other
21 zip codes, they were in good condition but yet
22 they were still resurfaced to pristine
23 condition. Why? I have the answer to that
24 but I just want to hear your answers.
25 Legislator Abrahams can I have an answer to

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2 that?

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I don't
4 have an answer for all those roads but I would
5 ask Mr. Arnold to come up and maybe he can
6 remember the condition of those roads.

7 The way roads are done, Pearl, are
8 tied to timing of when each road comes up for
9 consideration. As you know, many of the roads
10 the resurfacing, and I will let Mr. Arnold
11 speak to it, it works off of a 15, 20 year
12 sometimes roads that are more heavily used,
13 ten years, sometimes like for example where I
14 live in Freeport --

15 MS. JACOBS: Why is the clock --
16 I'm sorry the clock is still going.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm sorry.
18 I thought you were done with your comments.

19 MS. JACOBS: No, no. I'm
20 listening to you but the clock is still
21 going. I don't want my time taken away.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You don't
23 have to worry about the time because if you're
24 done they we'll have a back and forth. It
25 won't be counted against you.

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2 As I was saying before, depending
3 on the use of the roads some roads have a
4 different timing of when they get done. A
5 different frequency of when they get done.
6 Jerusalem Avenue doesn't fall into that
7 category but I'm just giving you an example.
8 Where Jerusalem Avenue may be different than
9 Uniondale Avenue because one is a two way
10 versus one being a one way.

11 That being said, you brought up
12 Jerusalem a couple of times. I thought our
13 office -- I apologize if we haven't sent it to
14 her but I believe we had received from the
15 Department of Public Works a tentative
16 schedule to begin the road work actually this
17 week. So, I apologize if you didn't get
18 that. Mr. Arnold sent it to us last weekend.
19 Was it last week you sent us a tentative
20 schedule? He's signaling yes. So, I
21 apologize if you didn't get that. I thought
22 that we were sending that to everybody. So I
23 apologize that you haven't received that.

24 But that work -- we will make sure
25 you get it today -- is tentatively going to be

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2 begin this week which I believe the 27th if I
3 remember in the letter, Ken, it said the 27th
4 it would be done.

5 Now, in terms of why Salisbury's
6 Park Drive and Westbury Avenue and some other
7 roads got done before this road --

8 MS. JACOBS: Westbury Avenue was
9 done.

10 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Not in
11 Carle Place.

12 MS. JACOBS: Further down from
13 Carle Place, yes. As you cross over it was
14 done.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Look, the
16 bottom line is when those roads get done and
17 how they get done and the timing they get
18 done, I will leave that to Mr. Arnold. But
19 I'm more concerned about the roads that you
20 brought up that are in the legislative
21 district I represent and Jerusalem Avenue is
22 scheduled to be done. As you know, Jerusalem
23 Avenue has been -- there was patch up work and
24 then there was also DPW related work prior to
25 that. You know the history with that. But

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2 that work is scheduled to be done on October
3 27th.

4 MS. JACOBS: Like I said --

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Sorry,
6 tentatively.

7 MS. JACOBS: Legislator Abrahams,
8 I come here and I come informed. Now, I had a
9 meeting in April with County Executive Curran
10 and Emily, I forgot her last name, she's
11 Department of Highways or whatever she is, but
12 they spoke about usability of the roadways.
13 Usability. That's one of the criteria that
14 they use how they rate when these roads will
15 get done. Rank and wait. So usability of
16 roadways.

17 Westbury Avenue has one bus route.
18 Salisbury Avenue has -- Salisbury Park Drive
19 has zero bus routes. Jerusalem has two bus
20 routes. Now, 2018, I've been advocating for
21 the restoration of Jerusalem since 2018.

22 Franklin Avenue I can reference
23 that. Beautifully paved. Pristine. The
24 utility work was done at the end of 2020. I
25 watched it being done at the tail end of 2020

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2 and it was immediately restored at the
3 beginning of 2021.

4 Salisbury Park Drive did not have
5 any utility work yet it was still restored to
6 pristine condition. Jerusalem Avenue was a
7 safety issue because there wasn't even any
8 lines in the road after Nat Grid or PSEG or
9 the sewer project tore it up.

10 Two and a half years we sat there.
11 I saw accidents. I saw people lose their
12 axles coming across that bridge. But yet and
13 still, all these roads around us, especially
14 election time, roads for votes, okay, they're
15 all getting done but not in minority
16 communities.

17 I pulled the west side up. I saw
18 the projects. I read the projects. And the
19 ratio of roads in community areas that are
20 being done it's appalling as opposed to the
21 roads that are in other zip codes being done.
22 None are in Uniondale, Roosevelt.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I was
24 saying, just to be fair, there's three major
25 roads that go through Uniondale that's the

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2 county's responsibility, correct? Make sure
3 we're talking apples to apples.

4 MS. JACOBS: Jerusalem.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Jerusalem,
6 Nassau Road, Uniondale Avenue. Front Street
7 is a state road as you know as well as --

8 MS. JACOBS: And that's a
9 disaster and I'm all on with Senator Thomas
10 and Assemblywoman Darling to make that road
11 right, believe me.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, I mean,
13 Jerusalem is scheduled to be done as I said
14 before. Are there any other roads that I
15 guess your committee you sat down with that
16 need to be addressed?

17 MS. JACOBS: Right now, like I
18 said, I'm advocating for Front Street but that
19 has nothing to do with you. I just want to
20 make it a point that there is an issue in
21 Nassau County, that's why I have my T-shirt
22 on, it says segregated roadways. I will
23 continue to wear T-shirt and when people ask
24 me what I mean by that I will explain it to
25 them. That Nassau County they take care of

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2 some areas and they don't care of others. It
3 goes by your zip code and no one can tell me
4 anything differently because otherwise
5 Jerusalem Avenue would not have been
6 languishing for almost three years and these
7 other roads were done two months after they
8 were torn apart. Two months they were
9 restored to pristine condition. Nothing other
10 than --

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I
12 understand what you're saying.

13 MS. JACOBS: Until we get parity,
14 until our communities are on parity with other
15 communities I will still advocate.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I
17 understand what you're saying, Pearl, but in
18 that same time frame Uniondale Avenue was done
19 over.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Okay. I
21 mean, we're going back and forth.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I really
23 don't understand --

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: This has
25 gone on for ten minutes or so, speaking of

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2 parity.

3 MS. JACOBS: It's not ten minutes
4 yet presiding officer.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Nine
6 minutes. Everyone else got five. Thank you
7 very much.

8 MS. JACOBS: You know, Legislator
9 Abrahams, I just want to let you know that
10 people in our community, Uniondale, Roosevelt,
11 Lakeview they're more informed than ever.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Excellent.

13 MS. JACOBS: You can actually
14 check out --

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The next
16 speaker is Mr. Levine.

17 MS. JACOBS: Check out some of
18 the Town of Hempstead counsel meetings and
19 you'll see what I'm speaking about. When it
20 comes to --

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Gary
22 Levine please.

23 MS. JACOBS: I'm not a person to
24 be pacified and I don't accept mediocrity. I
25 expect Jerusalem Avenue to be done. Thank

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2 you.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO:

4 Mr. Levine.

5 MR. LEVINE: Mr. Nicolello, hands
6 down the best presiding officer this building
7 has ever had. I've been active in politics
8 since I was six. Giving out flyers for my
9 dad. Not even close.

10 Really good news is after an 11
11 year quest bill number S-7245 --

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Hold on a
13 moment. Mr. McKenna, please take your seat
14 with the rest of the audience.

15 MR. MCKENNA: I'm a member of the
16 press.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You're not
18 a member of the press. Please take your seat
19 sir.

20 MR. MCKENNA: Why can't I stand
21 here like the press?

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Because
23 you're not CBS news Mr. McKenna. Would you
24 please have your seat.

25 MR. MCKENNA: I have more

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2 followers than Newsday.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm sure
4 you do. In the mean time, as every other
5 member of the public would you please take
6 your seat.

7 MR. MCKENNA: The press is
8 allowed on the sides.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Mr.
10 McKenna, please have your seat like every
11 other member of the public.

12 MR. MCKENNA: No sir.

13 MR. LEVINE: If you could just
14 stop the clock for a second.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Stop the
16 clock.

17 MR. MCKENNA: I'm a member of the
18 press. I have my badge right here. You said
19 at the last meeting --

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Mr.
21 McKenna here's the rules. You're a public
22 citizen here taking whatever Facebook page you
23 have or whatever. You're free to make
24 comments. You're free to do what you want
25 from your seat but please do not stand around,

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2 kneel in front of the podium, all the rest of
3 that stuff. Okay? So please have a seat. As
4 a member of the public you are permitted to
5 sit in your seat. You can't roam around.

6 MR. MCKENNA: I'm not roaming
7 around. I can stand on the side.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You can't
9 stand where ever you want sir.

10 MR. MCKENNA: You let News 12
11 stand here.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Mr.
13 McKenna, please have your seat. You're a
14 member of the public.

15 MR. MCKENNA: I'll sit down but
16 I'm not sitting down for you.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I don't
18 can't who you sit down but just sit down.

19 MR. MCKENNA: It's called
20 discrimination Mr. Nicolello.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Whatever
22 it is. Mr. Levin, did I take up any of your
23 time there?

24 MR. MCKENNA: I heard the last
25 speaker talk about systematic racism.

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2 MR. LEVINE: Next time I come
3 here you can take 35 seconds off.

4 So it's S-7245 and the reason why
5 I'm sharing it with you guys is it was an 11
6 year quest. I was told no so many times.
7 Basically it will complete the CAPA Act.
8 Companion Animal Protection Act. It will make
9 it illegal to kill dogs in New York unless a
10 decree of a judge. So you won't be seeing
11 anymore of those NYCACC to be killed tomorrow
12 posts.

13 All I'm asking is for everyone at
14 the dais to let all your friends in the
15 assembly and the senators -- Todd Kaminski is
16 on board with this -- to please make this
17 unanimous. It's like Derrick Jeter should
18 have gotten into the Hall of Fame unanimous, I
19 want S-7245 to be unanimous. Whatever pull
20 you guys have with these assembly people, with
21 the senators I greatly appreciate it.

22 The most important project in
23 Nassau County history has been completely --
24 well, let me rephrase. Has come to the wrong
25 conclusions as per the Newsday article. I've

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2 reached out to Congresswoman Rice. Had
3 personal conversations with Chuck Schumer's
4 chief of staff. Todd Kaminski of course has
5 been a huge advocate of the sea gates, the
6 flood gates, the barriers, working in
7 conjunction with a levy system. Analogous to
8 what just pretty much saved the city of New
9 Orleans from getting devastated again. Those
10 levees held up.

11 I visited New Bedford. Took a road
12 trip down there. Loaded up my pups. We went
13 down there. Those things work. I encourage
14 every legislator, whether you're on the north
15 shore, mid shore or Denise, of course, being
16 always a friend to me. Your assistant Patty
17 is wonderful. But we need to change course.
18 We need Chuck a little more involved with Long
19 Island stuff. I know he's going through
20 battles daily. We see it in Washington. The
21 assistant to Chuck Schumer listened to me for
22 20 minutes on this. I was in football coach
23 mode. We can talk loud when we need to.

24 But I have not heard Bruce Blakeman
25 nor Laura Curran mention this once in the

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2 campaign. Please correct me if I'm wrong if
3 you've heard either candidate mention this.
4 As everybody knows I'm a write-in candidate
5 for Nassau County Executive. And I'm not here
6 to just participate, I'm here to win. I'm
7 going to lower school taxes. I have
8 conferences coming up at NYSED to do what all
9 of you should have been doing all along,
10 lowering school taxes. Nobody can afford to
11 live here anymore. We need to divide Nassau
12 into four quadrants. Glen Cove to Long
13 Beach. Elmont to like the part of Farmingdale
14 that's in Nassau County. We need to
15 centralize administration.

16 Oceanside pays close to \$1.25
17 million for five do-nothing hacks.
18 Superintendents are useless. We need to get
19 rid of every superintendent position in Nassau
20 County and have four master superintendents in
21 each quadrant. Any one of you that doesn't
22 battle and help me with NYSED because it took
23 me forever to get a hold of a human being and
24 I'd like to thank Assemblyman Griffins office
25 for that. This is the legislature.

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2 I don't know why I'm doing the job
3 that everybody at this dais needs to be
4 doing. Nobody's doing anything about school
5 taxes. All you guys say is it's not my
6 jurisdiction. Wrong, wrong, wrong. I coached
7 in schools. I won a county championship in my
8 first year as varsity coach. I've asked
9 teachers all over. What do these
10 administrative folks do that's vital to the
11 education of our students? Nobody's given me
12 an answer. Okay.

13 You see the salaries they're
14 making? If anybody walks away from this table
15 not thinking I'm correct you hit me up on
16 Facebook. But I hope everybody in the county
17 writes in me because I got a shot because
18 people are tired of Bruce Blakeman and Laura
19 Curran's lies. Thank you. Gary Levine.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Those are
21 all the slips that I have, so public comment
22 is over. We are going to move on to the
23 legislative calendar now. It is a short
24 calendar today. There's only 12 items. They
25 went through committees two weeks ago. They

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2 were fully vetted at that time. So it's been
3 agreed by the Majority and the Minority at
4 this time that no further debate or discussion
5 needs to happen with respect to these items.
6 So I'm going to call the consent calendar.

7 Item one, Ordinance 105. Item two,
8 Ordinance 106. Item three, Ordinance 107.
9 Four, Ordinance 108. Five, Ordinance 109.
10 Six, Resolution 197. Seven, Resolution 198.
11 Eight, Resolution 199. Nine, Resolution 200.
12 Ten, Resolution 201. 11, Resolution 202. And
13 12, Resolution 203.

14 Makes a motion by Deputy Presiding
15 Officer Kopel. Seconded by Minority Leader
16 Abrahams. Any debate or discussion among the
17 legislators? Hearing none, all in favor
18 signify by saying aye. Those opposed?
19 Carries unanimously.

20 We have one item on an emergency
21 agenda. I'll read it. It's 375 of 2021. A
22 resolution authorizing the county executive to
23 execute an intermunicipal agreement with the
24 City of Long Beach in relation to a project to
25 procure an office trailer and related items.

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2 Motion to establish the emergency
3 by Legislator Ford. Seconded by Legislator
4 Birnbaum. Before we vote on the emergency
5 Legislator Ford why don't you just tell us the
6 emergency nature of this.

7 LEGISLATOR FORD: It seems odd
8 that a trailer would be an emergency but I
9 thank you all for considering this.

10 The City of Long Beach in their
11 city hall has a court on the second floor and
12 part of that floor is also occupied by the
13 Long Beach fire fighters. And it's used as a
14 room like in between touring where they can
15 rest and whatever. I guess they need it in
16 between tours.

17 So, the court has to move into --
18 they have to start taking that area over. So,
19 they needed a place to be able to then house
20 the fire fighters in between their tours and
21 there's not enough room in the building. So
22 they came up with the idea of a trailer.

23 As an aside then, as a result of
24 all of this, while we were going through these
25 changes the City of Long Beach hired their

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2 first paid female fire fighter and she's
3 currently working. Because of the
4 configuration of the bathrooms and the showers
5 she does not have her own rest room or own
6 shower area. So currently she is showering in
7 areas that people can walk through, including
8 men.

9 So, the urgency of this is as soon
10 as they can purchase a trailer they can do the
11 work for the court but then also establish an
12 area for the female fire fighter to be able to
13 shower and use the facilities privately. That
14 is the urgency.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank
16 you. Any questions on it? As to the
17 emergency, all in favor signify by saying
18 aye. Those opposed? Carries unanimously.

19 So, now we need a motion and a
20 second on item 375, which I just read a moment
21 ago. Moved again by Legislator Ford.
22 Seconded by Legislator Birnbaum. Any debate
23 or discussion on the item? Hearing none, all
24 in favor signify by saying aye. Those
25 opposed? Carries unanimously.

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2 I'm going to place this meeting of
3 the legislature in recess to be called at a
4 later date and we are going to go back right
5 into the Rules Committee in about two or three
6 minutes after a short break.

7 (Meeting was recessed at 2:31 p.m.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Notary
Public in and for the State of New
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
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