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5     LEGISLATOR ANDREW DRUCKER

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8     LEGISLATOR ROSE WALKER

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11     LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN

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: Welcome to  
3 the Nassau County Legislature. We're going to  
4 call this meeting to order and ask Legislator  
5 Rose Walker to lead us all in the Pledge of  
6 Allegiance. Please rise.

7 Mike, could you call the roll  
8 please.

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

11 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

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

14 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

15 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela  
16 Bynoe.

17 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

18 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Carrie  
19 Solages.

20 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

21 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Debra  
22 Mule.

23 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

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

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2 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

3 MR. PULITZER: Legislator John

4 Giuffre.

5 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

6 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Mazi

7 Pilip Birnbaum.

8 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

9 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Delia

10 DeRiggi-Whitton.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

12 Here.

13 MR. PULITZER: Legislator James

14 Kennedy.

15 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

16 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Thomas

17 McKevitt.

18 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

19 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura

20 Schaefer.

21 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

22 MR. PULITZER: Legislator John

23 Ferretti.

24 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

25 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold

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2 Drucker.

3 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

4 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose  
5 Marie Walker.

6 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

7 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Joshua  
8 Lafazan. Legislator Steven Rhoads.

9 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

10 MR. PULITZER: Minority Leader  
11 Kevan Abrahams.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

13 MR. PULITZER: Presiding Officer  
14 Richard Nicoletto.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

16 MR. PULITZER: We have quorum.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you  
18 Mike. Just a word or two about procedures.  
19 Today is a little bit unusual. We are having  
20 a meeting of the full legislature to consider  
21 one item and then one emergency item and then  
22 we will be going to the committees. There  
23 will be a public comment period before the  
24 full legislature starts. There's also public  
25 comment during committees. I know I have one

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2 slip from one attorney Janice Whelan who  
3 wishes to speak on the map of Toretta Estates  
4 which will be going before the Planning  
5 Committee in a number of minutes after we  
6 finish with the full legislature.

7 But if anyone wants to speak on  
8 committees they can do so then or you can  
9 speak now. We just ask that you fill out the  
10 slip with the people at the table here.

11 As is our custom, it's our honor to  
12 recognize the top cops for the month of  
13 February and I'd like to invite the president  
14 of the PBA, Tom Shevlin, to come on up.

15 MR. SHEVLIN: Thank you for  
16 having us. On August 30, 2021 at 2:15 p.m.  
17 Third Precinct police officers Patrick Castel  
18 and Michael Chiappone responded to an  
19 apartment complex in Floral Park for a  
20 juvenile incident. Officer Castel arrived  
21 first and observed a five year old hanging  
22 from a second-story window approximately 25  
23 feet in the air. She was struggling to hang  
24 on with her hands. Officer Castel was  
25 attempting to instruct the child to re-enter



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2 the window. The child stated "I want to come  
3 to the ground." Officer Castel remained  
4 beneath the window, ready to catch the child  
5 should she fall.

6 Officer Chiappone then arrived and  
7 quickly ran to the second floor apartment  
8 where the child was located. The door was  
9 locked and there was no response to his  
10 banging on the door. Knowing that time was of  
11 the essence, he kicked the door to gain  
12 access. Officer Chiappone ran over to the  
13 window and pulled the child to safety.

14 A search of the apartment revealed  
15 that the child was left alone in the  
16 apartment. After further investigation it was  
17 determined that the mother had gone to the  
18 doctor's appointment and left a five year old  
19 child unsupervised for approximately three  
20 hours. A police medic evaluated the child and  
21 was found to be in good health and Child  
22 Protective Services was notified. The child  
23 was released to the custody of her uncle at  
24 the request of her mother.

25 If not for these officers quick

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2 actions, this story could have had a very  
3 different ending. The PBA is proud to name  
4 police officers Michael Chiappone and Patrick  
5 Castel as legislative top cops for January  
6 2022.

7 COMMISSIONER RYDER: Good  
8 afternoon. Thank you. Again, I just want to  
9 say thank you for the support over the  
10 weekend, thank you for your support today and  
11 thank you for the support of our two officers  
12 here. Without that, they go out there knowing  
13 that they're on their own. They know in this  
14 county that all of our legislators and our  
15 county exec always have their back and we  
16 appreciate that. Thank you.

17 MR. CASTEL: My partner and I  
18 would like to thank the legislative board, the  
19 PBA president and the police commissioner for  
20 having us.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you  
22 very much. I would like to ask Legislator  
23 Giuffre if he would say a couple of words.

24 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: So, officers  
25 to serve and to protect is a motto that we

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2 hear. For you it is a life-style. We thank  
3 you for saving that little girl and for your  
4 dedication to serving the people of Nassau  
5 County. God bless you both.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I would  
7 like to invite the officers up as well as Tom  
8 Shevlin and Commissioner Ryder for a  
9 presentation.

10 MR. PULITZER: Josh Lafazan has  
11 checked in.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Is there  
13 any public comment? Again, full legislature.  
14 Meta, you have something for the full  
15 legislature, something specific for the  
16 committees? What do you have?

17 MS. MEREDAY: Good afternoon.  
18 Meta J. Mereday.

19 With regard to the full leg and in  
20 reference to this being Black History Month, I  
21 wanted to make mention and to pray for the  
22 families of the campus safety officers in  
23 Bridgewater College in Virginia. Campus  
24 safety officer JJ Jefferson and campus safety  
25 officer John Painter. As one of the students

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2 at a HBCU that's being targeted with bomb  
3 threats we have to do something. And if it  
4 has to start in Nassau County then it should  
5 start in Nassau County. But we have to do  
6 something about all the isms.

7 I recall at the last meeting here  
8 there was a lot of discussion warranted with  
9 regard to the rise in anti-Semitism. But we  
10 have a lot of anti-isms in a number of areas  
11 and racism clearly is among them.

12 It is my challenge, my charge to  
13 this body that we focus on a broad-based  
14 platform that addresses these scenarios.

15 And I'm standing here in February,  
16 which has been designated as Black History  
17 Month but Black history, as with Hispanic  
18 history, Asian history, Jewish history,  
19 Italian history, again, it goes across the  
20 board, that is 365 and it should be addressed  
21 that way. It should be considered that way.  
22 And the issues that impact all ethnicities,  
23 racial groups, religious sects and genders  
24 should be addressed. It should be honored and  
25 it should be focused on in more manners than

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2 mere slogans and things of that nature.

3 So, on this specific topic, it is  
4 my hope, again, as I mentioned at the last  
5 meeting, one, I don't know what the other  
6 emergency item is, which is again a disservice  
7 to taxpayers. We need to have this  
8 information if it warranted an emergency then  
9 they should be notified as well. So, if they  
10 did have a chance to comment they could do  
11 so. But it's my hope with this particular  
12 item on this agenda that all residents are  
13 given the platform and the privilege as well  
14 as the access to address the issues that  
15 pertain to what many can construe as their  
16 voting rights or their access to voting,  
17 period.

18 So, again, it is my hope that this  
19 is just the starting point and that what  
20 happens after the fact is going to be open,  
21 transparent and inclusive to all parties who  
22 are involved. And most importantly, all  
23 parties who are impacted and continue to be  
24 disenfranchised with the voting process  
25 whether here in Nassau County, in New York

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2 State and across the country.

3 So again, I pay my taxes here. I  
4 stand on the foundation that my family helped  
5 to build. And also want to recognize the  
6 campus officer, the capital police officer  
7 Eugene Goodman, who stood in the forefront to  
8 protect the US Capitol. Again, a structure  
9 that was built primarily by his ancestors  
10 because slaves, indentured servants and some  
11 free people built that capitol in Washington  
12 D.C. that was desecrated on January 6, 2021.

13 Again, I am standing before you  
14 here with the hope that this item will be  
15 given the full measure of outreach, support  
16 and inclusion that it deserves at this  
17 critical time and critical juncture in this  
18 nation's history as well as the foundation of  
19 this county under a new administration that I  
20 can only hope is much more inclusive with  
21 regard to not just diversity but also equity  
22 and also transparency and honesty and fiscal  
23 management. Thank you.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you  
25 Meta. Let's go to the first hearing, which is

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2 a hearing on a proposed local law. It's a  
3 local law relating to the readjustment or  
4 alteration of county legislative districts  
5 subsequent to the dicennial federal census of  
6 2020.

7 Motion to open the hearing by  
8 Legislator Ferretti. Seconded by Legislator  
9 Kennedy. All in favor of opening the hearing  
10 signify by saying aye. Those opposed?  
11 Hearing's open.

12 This item pertains to the first  
13 step in the redistricting process. It's more  
14 of a procedural step than anything else. The  
15 Nassau County Charter requires that the  
16 boundaries of the 19 legislative districts be  
17 adjusted every ten years and the charter  
18 provides a means for accomplishing this. The  
19 redistricting occurs after the census is  
20 released every ten years. And this year the  
21 census was delayed because of COVID. It was  
22 not released until August 12, 2021.

23 Section 112 of the county  
24 government law requires that within six months  
25 of the census the legislative must adopt a

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2 local law describing the 19 legislative  
3 districts. The deadline is February 12,  
4 2022. The local law that we are adopting  
5 today merely restates the lines that currently  
6 exist for the legislative districts. These  
7 are the districts that we have been running  
8 under for the last ten years. These district  
9 lines will never be used again as a result of  
10 the census and constitutional requirements.  
11 Regardless of the process in the charter they  
12 must be changed.

13 We are following precedent in terms  
14 of how this was handled 20 years ago by the  
15 Democratic majority at the time in terms of  
16 this first step just re-adopting the existing  
17 district lines. Sections 113 and 114 of the  
18 county charter govern the substantial process  
19 that will be followed in getting new district  
20 lines.

21 The next step after today will be  
22 the appointment of the commissioners who will  
23 serve on the temporary district advisory  
24 committee which will be charged with  
25 developing maps and holding hearings



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2 throughout the county and providing all sorts  
3 of means for input for our residents. So,  
4 those substantial steps will follow this. But  
5 for today's purpose we are merely re-adopting  
6 the existing lines.

7 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Not  
9 to start out on a bad note, in light of the  
10 new state law, Chapter 156 Law 202, we've  
11 basically decided that because that sets out a  
12 criteria that the county should follow  
13 regarding redistricting we are concerned that  
14 some of the actions that this legislature is  
15 taking now are not consistent with the  
16 statutory requirements. Without a written  
17 opinion from our county attorney we feel that  
18 we are unprepared to support this at this  
19 time.

20 So, basically what our concerns are  
21 is that some of the lines that are in  
22 existence today are not in compliance with the  
23 new law. So, at this point, until we get a  
24 written opinion from the county attorney,  
25 which we would like to request now, we plan on

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2 abstaining.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I would  
4 just point out under the existing laws of the  
5 county that we have to adopt a map by February  
6 12th. In five days. So, we have to take this  
7 step before February 12th to be in compliance  
8 with Section 112.

9 And again, these lines will never  
10 be used for any candidate to ever run for  
11 legislature again. Simply cannot be used.  
12 It's more of a procedural step to comply with  
13 the way the county government law is  
14 structured. But we hear your request.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I  
16 understand it. And again, obviously it will  
17 pass but we just don't feel comfortable  
18 passing it through at this point because we  
19 feel that it's not in compliance with the new  
20 law that just took place. So, we're going to  
21 abstain.

22 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other  
23 comment or discussion among the legislators?  
24 Any public comment?

25 MS. EPSTEIN: May I ask a

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2 question?

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Yes. You  
4 have to state your name.

5 MS. EPSTEIN: My name is Barbara  
6 Epstein. My question is, when will you be  
7 appointing the members of the commission?

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I believe  
9 they have to be appointed by early May. So,  
10 you're talking within the next few weeks the  
11 appointments will be made by the Majority and  
12 the Minority.

13 MS. EPSTEIN: Will the names of  
14 the members be posted so that the committee  
15 and where the procedure will take place with  
16 the commission's hearings?

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Yes. The  
18 names will be posted. There's money that's  
19 been allocated in our budget for a full  
20 process involving hearings, involving public  
21 dissemination of information, etcetera. That  
22 will all be a matter of public information.

23 MS. EPSTEIN: Is there a  
24 particular way I can get that information?

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Yes. If

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2 you want to give your contact information to  
3 the clerk's office who will make sure that you  
4 get advised.

5 MS. EPSTEIN: Thank you very  
6 much.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Anyone  
8 else?

9 MS. MEREDAY: In light of  
10 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton's statement, I was  
11 wondering if there was a way, because it is a  
12 new state law, in terms of getting some type  
13 of extension, period, from the state with  
14 regard to that February 12th deadline.

15 Secondly, again, you stated that  
16 this is just a procedural continuance so to  
17 speak. That there would be no changes. So,  
18 if that's the fact, I think residents are  
19 still probably a little confused or concerned  
20 as to the process for this appointment and the  
21 procedure and when these new lines would then  
22 be put into effect. Because they would in  
23 fact influence election processes particularly  
24 in this county.

25 On the one hand we're just saying

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2 we're going to keep everything the same and  
3 everything should be okay along the same  
4 lines. Then you're saying we're setting up  
5 committees, we're having meetings, we're  
6 having appointments and once again, there are  
7 so many constituencies in this county that  
8 have felt long-standing disenfranchisement and  
9 being left out of the process and getting lack  
10 of information or getting it late.

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How does the one piece, we're  
12 keeping this as it is, impact the other  
13 piece? That we need a set of committees, we  
14 have to have a commission, we have to have a  
15 process and then we have to decide on how we  
16 want these districts to look.

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And thirdly, tying it in from a new  
18 state law, which kind of changes the game in  
19 many aspects, and you have state courts that  
20 are striking down redistricting plans that are  
21 coming from other types of municipalities and  
22 how is that going to be handled in this region  
23 when you have one party ruling on one side and  
24 you have another party ruling on the other and  
25 the taxpayers are the ones being squeezed out

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2 in the middle? If anybody can address that  
3 particularly with regard to getting some type  
4 of extension for review and consideration of  
5 what the state is putting down as far as  
6 guidelines.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: The  
8 deadline is set by the Nassau County  
9 government law. In five days we have to take  
10 action, period. The substantive process will  
11 unfold after that as per the county charter.  
12 And ultimately whatever results from that  
13 process will have to comply with the United  
14 States Constitution, one man one vote, and  
15 other principles, the New York State  
16 Constitution and the laws passed by, recently  
17 passed by the state legislature. The result  
18 of the process will be in compliance with  
19 every one of those requirements.

20 But the substantive process in  
21 terms of defining what the district lines will  
22 be will be determined by the process as set  
23 forth. But for today's purposes, we're simply  
24 complying with the way the charter is written.

25 MS. MEREDAY: But you have the

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2 opposing side presenting a strong argument  
3 that's based upon state law. So, again, my  
4 question has to do with I guess the chains of  
5 command. So, once again, are we just  
6 circumventing what is actual state law under  
7 the guise that we are following constitutional  
8 procedure based upon a Nassau County  
9 structural dynamic?

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: You can  
11 describe it whatever way you want but --

12 MS. MEREDAY: I'm asking a  
13 question. The other side said they're  
14 abstaining. They have some valid arguments  
15 with regard to that.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: That's not  
17 unusual. But the bottom line here is that  
18 these lines will never ever, ever be used for  
19 anyone to run for office. So, the more  
20 important issue is going to be the lines that  
21 are adopted after the process is over.

22 MS. MEREDAY: But these lines are  
23 always, always used for someone running for  
24 office because that's generally how they are  
25 gerrymandered in such a way that you have even

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2 if Newsday is saying that certain states are  
3 realigning their districts to create certain  
4 structures for certain parties to have power.  
5 And I'm really focused on making sure that it  
6 goes honestly. Again, with transparency and  
7 involvement from across the board.

8 So, if the other side, and this is  
9 new news today, if they're abstaining based  
10 upon a valid argument I'm just saying why  
11 can't -- I mean, there are issues that have  
12 been tabled here on even less on even flimsier  
13 agendas. That's why I'm asking. If the  
14 question is going to be kind of dismissed then  
15 it's kind of business as usual.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We're  
17 going around in circles. I want to thank  
18 you. Any other comments on this from the  
19 public? If not, Legislator Kennedy do you  
20 want to make a motion to close the hearing?  
21 Legislator Ferretti seconds the motion. All  
22 in favor of closing the hearing signify by  
23 saying aye. Those opposed? The hearing is  
24 closed.

25 Now for a vote on the proposed



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2 local law. It's a local law relating to the  
3 readjustment or alteration of county  
4 legislative districts subsequent to the  
5 decennial federal census of 2020.

6 Moved by Legislator Walker.  
7 Seconded by Legislator Schaefer. That item is  
8 now before the legislature. Any other comment  
9 or discussion among legislators? If not, all  
10 in favor signify by saying aye. Those  
11 opposed? Those abstaining? It passes by a  
12 vote of 12 votes in the affirmative by the  
13 Majority with seven votes --

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can  
15 you mark for the record that Legislator  
16 Lafazan has voted.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm  
18 sorry. He actually came on a while ago. So  
19 Legislator Lafazan has participated and voted  
20 on this item. 12 votes in the affirmative,  
21 seven votes abstaining. Item passes.

22 We are not ready to proceed with  
23 the emergency item and I'll tell you briefly  
24 what it is. We are seeking to extend the  
25 period that people have to challenge their

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2 assessment from the current deadline to a date  
3 later in April. But we're not ready to call  
4 that just yet. So, I will put the legislature  
5 in recess and we will move to the Rules  
6 Committee.

7 (Meeting recessed at 1:43 p.m.)

8 (Meeting reconvened at 3:36 p.m.)

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We're  
10 going to call the legislature back into  
11 session. We have one emergency item. I'll  
12 call the emergency and then we'll need a  
13 motion to establish the emergency.

14 The item is a proposed local law to  
15 amend the Nassau County administrative code to  
16 extend the deadline to file an application for  
17 the correction of an assessment for the  
18 tentative assessment roll filed on January 3,  
19 2022.

20 We need a motion to establish the  
21 emergency. Moved by Legislator Giuffre.  
22 Seconded by Legislator Walker. Any debate or  
23 discussion on the emergency? All in favor of  
24 establishing the emergency signify by saying  
25 aye. Those opposed? The emergency is

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2 established.

3 Now I will call the item. 54 of  
4 2022 is a proposed local law to amend the  
5 Nassau County administrative code to extend  
6 the deadline to file an application for the  
7 correction of assessment for the tentative  
8 assessment roll filed on January 3, 2022.

9 Moved by Legislator Rhoads.

10 Seconded by Legislator McKevitt.

11 This is an item which will give the  
12 residents, homeowners an extension of time to  
13 file their assessment challenges until April  
14 30th. The need is based on the fact that the  
15 notices of tentative assessment did not go out  
16 until late. So, by failing to send those out  
17 closer to the beginning of the year, they, in  
18 effect, will have shortened the challenge  
19 period for almost all county residents. These  
20 notices are up on the website but 99.9 percent  
21 of the county residents see these notices and  
22 that's what triggers them to evaluate and  
23 potentially challenge their assessment. Any  
24 debate or discussion?

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes. If I

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2 may?

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Sure.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you  
5 Rich. I just want to take the opportunity to  
6 mention that my colleagues and I, on behalf of  
7 the Democratic caucus, we had written to the  
8 county executive as well as copying the  
9 Majority in regards to extending the date for  
10 being able to file grievances. We have heard  
11 from many of our constituents that have  
12 identified that they did not receive their  
13 previous notices in the proper time.

14 However, I do have a question, if  
15 someone is available, if all the notices have  
16 been sent out? Because I've still heard from  
17 several constituents that still have not  
18 received notices as of today. Is there anyone  
19 available from the department to be able to  
20 answer any of those questions? We plan to  
21 support this. This is something that we would  
22 like to see. Obviously, like I said before,  
23 we supported it, we wrote it into a letter,  
24 but I do have a question in regards to whether  
25 or not have all the notices, to the best of

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2 their knowledge, have gone out to each of the  
3 homeowners?

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Chris.

5 MR. LEIMONE: Chris Leimone from  
6 the administration. How are you? I'm not  
7 sure of that answer but I will follow-up and  
8 get back to you.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We just  
10 want to make sure that, you know, we're  
11 extending the timeline, which is great, but we  
12 would just like to have an assurance that the  
13 notices have gone out. In that way we don't  
14 have to potentially extend the deadline again  
15 if notices haven't gone out as of today. If  
16 you could get back to us that would be great.  
17 Thank you Chris.

18 MR. LEIMONE: Yes, will do.  
19 Thank you.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
21 Rhoads.

22 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thanks  
23 presiding officer. My understanding is, and  
24 please let me know if I'm speaking  
25 incorrectly, my understanding is that the

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2 notices were untimely because the  
3 administration stepped into a roll and notices  
4 that contained about 160,000 errors that they  
5 uncovered and then had to reproduce the  
6 letters.

7 So, I don't want to leave anyone  
8 with the impression that the lateness was in  
9 any way the responsibility of this  
10 administration. It's kind of having to fix  
11 what they inherited from the prior  
12 administration.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Any other  
14 debate or discussion? Any public comments?  
15 All in favor signify by saying aye. Those  
16 opposed? Carries unanimously.

17 Motion to adjourn by Mazi Pilip,  
18 Legislator Pilip. Seconded by Legislator  
19 Walker. Any debate or discussion? All in  
20 favor signify by saying aye. We are  
21 adjourned.

22 (Meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.)  
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CERTIFICATION

I, FRANK GRAY, a Notary  
Public in and for the State of New  
York, do hereby certify:

THAT the foregoing is a true and  
accurate transcript of my stenographic  
notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand this tenth day of  
February 2022.

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FRANK GRAY