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RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Presiding Officer

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S:

3 RICHARD NICOLELLO, Presiding Officer

4 HOWARD KOPEL,
5 Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer6 DENISE FORD,
7 Alt. Deputy Presiding Officer

8 STEVEN RHOADS

9 DEBRA MULE

10 C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III

11 JOHN GIUFFRE

12 MAZI MELESA PILIP

13 LAURA SCHAEFER

14 THOMAS MCKEVITT

15 KEVAN ABRAHAMS,
16 Minority Leader

17 ROSE MARIE WALKER

18 JOHN FERRETTI, JR.

19 JOSHUA LAFAZAN

20 ARNOLD DRUCKER

21 JAMES KENNEDY

22 DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

23 CARRIE SOLAGES

24 SIELA BYNOE

25 MICHAEL PULITZER,
 Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: I would
3 like to call this meeting to order and
4 ask Bill Gaylor to lead us in the
5 pledge of Allegiance. Bill.

6 (Whereupon the Pledge of
7 Allegiance was recited.)

8 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you.
9 Mike, could you please call the roll?

10 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you,
11 Mr. Nicolello. Roll call. Deputy
12 Presiding Officer Howard Kopel?

13 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

14 CLERK PULITZER: Alternate Deputy
15 Presiding Officer Denise Ford?

16 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
18 Siela Bynoe? Siela is here.

19 Legislator Carrie Solages?

20 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

21 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Debra
22 Mule?

23 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

24 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator C.
25 William Gaylor III?

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2 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

3 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator John
4 Giuffre?

5 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

6 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Mazi
7 Melesa Pilip?

8 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

9 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Delia
10 DeRiggi-Whitton?

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
12 Here.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James
14 Kennedy?

15 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

16 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
17 Thomas McKeivitt?

18 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura
20 Schaefer?

21 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

22 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator John
23 Ferretti, Jr.?

24 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

25 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

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2 Arnold Drucker?

3 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

4 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Rose
5 Marie Walker?

6 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

7 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
8 Joshua Lafazan? He will attend.

9 Legislator Steven Rhoads?

10 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

11 CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader
12 Kevan Abrahams?

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

14 CLERK PULITZER: Presiding
15 Officer Richard Nicoletello?

16 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: We have a
18 quorum, sir.

19 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you
20 very much.

21 The first order of business today
22 will be a point of personal privilege
23 by Legislator Ford. After that we will
24 be having our top cop presentations and
25 then a period for public comment.

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2 If you intend to speak and have
3 not already submitted a slip we will
4 ask you to come up to the clerk's table
5 here in front of the dais, complete a
6 slip and we will call you during public
7 comment. I would like to turn things
8 over to Legislator Ford.

9 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you very
10 much, Presiding Officer Nicoletto.
11 Good afternoon.

12 Today I am very proud to
13 introduce Dunia Sibomana Rodriguez to
14 all of you here. He is here with his
15 father Miguel Rodriguez, coaches
16 Palassio and Adams, as well as his
17 grandmother, Maria Carucci, Godfather
18 John Diveevio and Godmother Carria
19 Diamond.

20 We welcome him here today in our
21 chambers and to all the residents of
22 Nassau County.

23 On Saturday, February 26, Dunia
24 captured the 102 pound title at the New
25 York State division one wrestling

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2 championship at the MVP arena by
3 pinning the top seeded Ryan Ferrara. A
4 crowd of over five thousand celebrated
5 Sibomania as Dunia delighted them with
6 a cartwheel and back flip after he was
7 declared champion.

8 While Dunia is the 17th state
9 championship in Long Beach's impressive
10 wrestling program, his road to this has
11 been far different than those before
12 him.

13 Eight years ago when Dunia was
14 six years old, he, his brother and
15 cousin were attacked by chimpanzees
16 while playing in the jungle of Runga
17 National Park, a vast animal preserve
18 in the Democratic Republic of the
19 Congo.

20 It is heartbreaking that his
21 brother and cousin were killed in that
22 attack. Dunia suffered horrific
23 disfiguring injuries to his lips and
24 face which made it difficult for him to
25 speak and swallow as his right ear and

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2 facial muscles were gone. His middle
3 finger on his left land was bitten off.
4 When he was eight, Dunia came to Long
5 Island for the first of 14 facial
6 reconstruction surgeries. Dr. Leon
7 Klempner, a retired Port Jefferson
8 orthodontist founded Smile Rescue Fund
9 for kids which identifies children in
10 recessed poor countries who need facial
11 or cranial surgeries.

12 Dr. Alexander Dagum, executive
13 vice chairman of surgery at Stonybrook
14 University Hospital performed the
15 surgeries without charge.

16 His first surgery on January 11,
17 2016 lasted 12 hours and involved
18 grafting tissue and muscle from his
19 left forearm to recreate his lips.
20 Dunia lost a lot of complex tissue in
21 the attack and has proven to be one of
22 the more challenging cases.

23 This foundation has provided the
24 health care for children in other
25 countries and we should recognize their

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2 efforts in helping Dunia in his
3 journey.

4 Please note that `Stony Brook
5 Hospital has covered all the costs of
6 the surgery and the doctors have
7 donated their time.

8 Dunia will have to undergo more
9 surgeries but he does not struggle with
10 eating or breathing.

11 When Dunia came to America, he
12 lived with two different foster
13 families and it was when he was signed
14 up for the student surf camp in August
15 of 2016 that his life changed.

16 He met Miguel Rodriguez, the
17 assistant wrestling coach for Long
18 Beach High School who was also
19 mentoring and coaching Isaiah Bird a
20 boy born with no legs.

21 When Dunia and Bird met, Dunia
22 asked him, what happened to your legs,
23 which Isaiah replied, what happened to
24 your face? They were friends right at
25 that moment.

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2 It is no wonder that both Miguel
3 and his wife Marissa fell in love with
4 this remarkable young man. When they
5 were told they could not have children
6 of their own, they realized that they
7 needed Dunia in their lives just as he
8 needed them.

9 After spending weekends with
10 them, Dunia moved in with them on July
11 1st, 2017 and attended summer school
12 and began fourth grade at Lido
13 Elementary. Dunia became a US Citizen
14 on October 19, 2019 and became a member
15 of the family on February 2nd, 2022.

16 During the adoption process,
17 Marissa became pregnant and now Dunia
18 is also a big brother to Stella.

19 Dunia, from what I hear, you are
20 not only a good student and a champion
21 wrestler, as you were a fantastic big
22 brother, helping to change diapers and
23 feeding your sister. Your mom says
24 you're a bit of a baby hog.

25 It is amazing that you found your

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2 way to Long Beach to meet these
3 remarkable coaches, Mr. Adams who said
4 you were a combination of strength and
5 explosiveness, and Mr. Polasio who said
6 you were so coachable.

7 For me, I am so happy that you
8 found Miguel who is now your father.
9 Your dad has inspired and helped so
10 many young people whether it was
11 through wrestling or mentoring. I know
12 because he helped my son and I have the
13 shirt to prove it. I think this may be
14 a collector's item. Your dad is so
15 cool that he was a grand marshal of the
16 Irish Day Parade a few years back.

17 Dunia, you and I have a lot in
18 common with the love and admiration
19 that we share for your father Miguel.

20 With all that you have gone
21 through, as well as losing your birth
22 parents at a young age, you never
23 stopped believing in yourself. Your
24 perseverance to reach your goals is an
25 inspiration to all of us.

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2 You are loved by so many such as
3 your teammates and fellow students
4 because of who you are and your
5 positive attitude.

6 You were even police commissioner
7 for a day and maybe you can become
8 police commissioner of the Nassau
9 County Police for a day too.

10 We celebrate you today as you
11 have shown us what a champion you are
12 both in wrestling and in life. I wish
13 you continued happiness and success in
14 all that you do.

15 Please stand up and let us all
16 celebrate Dunia Rodriguez.

17 Please, coaches, and Dunia, you
18 are welcome up to the mike if you would
19 like to say a few words. Come up.
20 Don't be shy. You're a state champion
21 now.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: First off, good
23 afternoon, and, Ms. Ford, thank you
24 very much for having us. You hit it on
25 the nose. He is one of the most

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2 humble, hard working young men you will
3 ever meet. He is such a pleasure to
4 have him on our team and as part of our
5 family. I just can't thank you guys
6 enough for honoring him. He is an
7 inspiration to everyone. So thank you
8 very much.

9 DUNIA RODRIGUEZ: Thank you
10 everybody.

11 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
12 Ford will be joining you for a
13 presentation. She's coming down now.

14 The next presentation is the top
15 cops for the month of March 2022. We
16 start off with the Nassau County PBA
17 and our president Tom Shevlin.

18 MR. SHEVLIN: Thank you for
19 having us. I just want to start off by
20 thanking the police officers and the
21 lieutenant behind me and all the police
22 officers for their bravery, their hard
23 work and dedication in risking their
24 lives every day for strangers to keep
25 all of us and our family and friends

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2 safe.

3 Police Officer Robert Psomas,
4 Michael Sierzant and Lieutenant Daniel
5 Delargy are going to be our legislator
6 top cops for March 2022.

7 On February 28th, 2022, the
8 Bureau of Special Operations Officers
9 Psomas and Sierzant were on patrol in
10 the Uniondale area. Officers had read
11 an intelligence bulletin depicting a
12 picture of a black Dodge Charger with
13 tinted windows and black rims. The
14 vehicle was used in the commission of a
15 gunpoint robbery.

16 Around midnight, the officers
17 observed the vehicle fitting that
18 description. Officers conducted a
19 license plate check which revealed the
20 vehicle was stolen and the occupants
21 were armed and dangerous.

22 The officers attempted to pull
23 over the vehicle. The vehicle refused
24 to stop and crashed shortly after.

25 As the officers exited their

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2 vehicle, the subject fired
3 approximately two shots at them, one
4 struck the hood of the police car.

5 The officers returned fire while
6 giving numerous commands to give up.
7 The subject refused and began to
8 aggressively drive the damaged vehicle.
9 BSO Officers Sierzant and Psomas
10 followed with the assistance of the
11 First Precinct who had arrived at the
12 scene.

13 The subject stopped, exited the
14 vehicle and attempted to fire his
15 weapon again at the officers. He then
16 fled on foot. A yard to yard search
17 began with the assistance from BSO, the
18 First Precinct, canine and aviation.

19 Lieutenant Delargy of BSO located
20 the subject. He then sprinted and was
21 able to catch up to the subject he was
22 who still armed with a handgun.
23 Lieutenant Delargy gave subject verbal
24 commands to drop the weapon. He then
25 dropped the handgun and surrendered.

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2 Lieutenant Delargy then placed the
3 subject into custody.

4 The subject was charged with two
5 counts of attempted murder of a police
6 officers. He was also charged with
7 attempted murder in Hempstead, a
8 gunpoint robbery, and other crimes. If
9 not for these officer's dedication and
10 bravery, this felon would still be on
11 the streets.

12 The PBA is proud to name Police
13 Officers Robert Psomas, Michael
14 Sierzant, and Lieutenant Daniel Delargy
15 as the legislature's top cops for March
16 2022.

17 COMMISSIONER RYDER: So I want
18 you to imagine you're driving along in
19 your car, nice and calm evening,
20 everything good. You have a couple of
21 bulletins in front of you that you've
22 been looking at, stuff that's done by
23 our intel center every day; stuff
24 that's pushed to our cops every day.
25 Then they pick up on this car. Then in

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2 seconds their life could have been
3 changed forever.

4 That round hit right in front of
5 Officer Sierzant on the angle as he was
6 standing between the door of the car.
7 As he got out, that round hit right
8 there. Three or four inches higher and
9 it hits him.

10 That individual only fired twice
11 because his clip fell out of the gun.
12 He would have dumped that entire gun at
13 our officers.

14 The second time he came out he
15 pointed point blank at them to shoot
16 them again. Again he did not fire
17 because the clip had fallen out.

18 I watched the body cam video and
19 I watched from the beginning. The
20 professionalism by first the two
21 officers that did the car stop was off
22 the charts, and you watch how detailed
23 they were, how they went back to get
24 their vests, tactical vests over the
25 other vests. Then they went to get

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2 their long gun. Then they talked about
3 setting the siren down because maybe he
4 doesn't hear us. Then giving the
5 instructions exactly how we are trained
6 in the academy, "Police, let me see
7 your hands, let me see your hands."

8 Then the other officer said,
9 maybe he can't hear us over the siren
10 and he turned the siren down.

11 Then he takes off again as the
12 front wheel of his car is hanging off.
13 He screeches down the street and steps
14 out of the car again and turns at them
15 again, pulls the trigger. It doesn't
16 go off.

17 Then he goes into the back
18 streets behind the houses and now other
19 officers engage.

20 Meanwhile, the calm composure of
21 the first that had just been shot at
22 are giving a very detailed description
23 of who the individual is.

24 Then they go into this backyard
25 and the individual puts the gun to his

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2 head. He wants suicide by cop. They
3 did not engage. They backed up. They
4 gave instructions, put the gun down.
5 They went into a hostage, like
6 barricade type mode again after being
7 shot at by the same individual.

8 He jumps over the fence and goes
9 again and Officer Delargy engages with
10 him and arrests him.

11 17 or 16 video body camera videos
12 of the entire event. Everyone was
13 professional. Everybody did a great
14 job.

15 That goes back to everything we
16 get from all of you. Those training
17 days. Those days to go and buy the
18 right equipment. To buy the proper
19 equipment. To go out and give them the
20 right vehicles, the tactical vests.
21 All of that went to use that night and
22 because of that, that individual was
23 arrested without incident, and our two
24 officers, our two very brave officers
25 along with the lieutenant are here

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2 today to talk to you because they all
3 had this training that went into place.

4 Again, I thank you all for that
5 and I thank all of them and
6 congratulate them.

7 LIEUTENANT DELARGY: Thank you
8 all for having us. I'm Lieutenant Dan
9 Delargy. I was the supervisor that
10 night. I just wanted to say that
11 Officers Psomas and Sierzant really
12 embody everything you could possibly
13 hope for in an officer. Just from
14 their initiative, intel lead police to
15 identify the defendant. Just their
16 courage and calmness under fire, you
17 couldn't even ask for more. These guys
18 were communicating amongst themselves
19 over the radio and using their tactics
20 throughout the whole entire scene.
21 Just their tenacity, you couldn't ask
22 for more from them, and continuing to
23 go after a guy that they knew just shot
24 at them, going through yards to yards.
25 We are just so proud of these guys.

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2 Also just the First Precinct
3 coming there in droves to support us.
4 ESU canine, the DD, everything from
5 beginning to end was so well done. So
6 thank you all very much.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
8 Ferretti and then Minority Leader
9 Abrahams.

10 OFFICER PSOMAS: Police Officer
11 Robert Psomas, bureau of special
12 operations.

13 My partner and I would just like
14 to say thank you to the entire
15 legislative body and the PBA and the
16 police commissioner for having us up
17 here. Thank you.

18 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you,
19 Presiding Officer. I want to thank our
20 three officers here today; Officer
21 Psomas, Officer Sierzant and Lieutenant
22 Delargy for everything you do every
23 single day but obviously we are here to
24 honor you for this incredible act of
25 bravery that you three had on that

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2 night. We are reminded by stories like
3 this of what kind of danger you're in
4 on a daily basis and to act in such a
5 professional manner in the way our
6 commissioner has described, it's not
7 surprising, because that's the way that
8 our officers are here in Nassau County
9 but we do want to recognize that and
10 congratulate you and, while we are here
11 to congratulate the three of you
12 specifically, well deserved, this is
13 really a testament to our entire police
14 force.

15 When we talk, when Tommy Shevlin
16 was saying the story as to what had
17 happened, he mentioned there was a
18 prior burglary, that burglary was a
19 burglary in Levittown.

20 When it happened that night, I
21 spoke to Commissioner Ryder and said,
22 we're going to get them. I trusted
23 him. I knew we would get them because
24 we have such an incredible force,
25 incredible leadership from Commissioner

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2 Ryder. It's just amazing though the
3 way he was apprehended came from that
4 video. So it was a video of that
5 escape car from the burglary in
6 Levittown, a camera shot from a house.
7 It showed a very small portion of the
8 taillight. That was what triggered,
9 that taillight was what triggered you
10 guys looking into it.

11 So this is just a testament to
12 our entire Nassau County police force
13 working in unison from Commissioner
14 Ryder down to every last officer. We
15 got our guy and it's because of you.
16 God bless each and every one of you.
17 Stay safe and thank you for what you
18 do.

19 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Minority
20 Leader Abrahams.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you,
22 Presiding Officer. I get to share this
23 recognition with Legislator Ferretti.
24 Just to tell you a depiction of what I
25 saw on that particular morning. I

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2 immediately texted the commissioner
3 like my office always does whenever
4 there is an incident that occurs and we
5 look for more information, the
6 commissioner is very kind to share some
7 of the details with us.

8 But when I saw that the incident
9 had occurred on Nassau Road and saw
10 bullets holes in the car, I became
11 immediately concerned.

12 I think all of us in this room we
13 share some freedoms that Nassau County
14 officers provide to us. While this
15 incident was going on, many of us may
16 have been at home eating our dinner,
17 possibly binge watching Netflix or
18 whatever the case while these guys are
19 out there in the middle of the night
20 trying to protect us and take an armed
21 dangerous person off the street.

22 But while I was watching the
23 coverage that morning, I remember
24 vividly, I was watching WPIX that
25 morning, I don't know why, I never

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2 watch WPIX, but I was watching WPIX
3 that morning and they were showcasing
4 the incident as it was portraying out.
5 I immediately wanted to know if anybody
6 was hurt or injured. These officers
7 exemplified extreme professionalism.

8 The one thing when I saw the
9 story come out the next day, I texted
10 the commissioner to let him know that I
11 thought their professionalism was
12 extraordinary and I thought and hoped
13 that they would be here for our top cop
14 ceremony so I can physically shake
15 their hands.

16 The people of the First District
17 applaud your efforts and your heroic
18 demonstration of putting yourself
19 before anyone else -- I'm sorry,
20 putting the community before anyone
21 else. I truly appreciate that. It
22 does not go unnoticed.

23 I think your actions when being
24 fired upon, I don't think anyone up
25 here on this dais or in this room if

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2 they were fired upon would have
3 exhibited the same level of restraint
4 that you did. I think that goes to the
5 testament of what the Commissioner said
6 in terms of your professionalism as
7 well as your training, it speaks
8 volumes.

9 But obviously it's a testament of
10 our entire department. We should not
11 just be proud of your efforts but be
12 proud of all of our Nassau County
13 officers today.

14 I want to thank you on behalf of
15 the residents that many of them I spoke
16 to since this incident and thank you
17 for your heroic actions on that
18 particular day. I know it could not
19 have been easy and I just want to thank
20 you again on behalf of the residents of
21 District One. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: We will be
23 making a presentation right after we do
24 the next presentation but we would
25 appreciate it if you would wait by the

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2 side and then we will call you up.

3 The next presentation is by the
4 police medics, Kris Kalendar who is the
5 president of the Police Medics unit of
6 the CSEA local 830.

7 MR. KALENDER: Good afternoon
8 everybody. Thanks for having us today.

9 On the morning of Sunday July
10 11th, ambulance 2397 with the Police
11 Medics was dispatched to the bike path
12 at Jones peach for a male that was not
13 breathing and turning blue.

14 New York State Parks Police
15 Officer Fisher arrived first on scene
16 to find an unconscious male who was in
17 fact blue who was not breathing.

18 He immediately applied his AED
19 which instructed everyone to stay clear
20 so he can deliver shocks. Police
21 Officer Fisher did exactly that. He
22 delivered the shocks to his patient.
23 Immediately at that time, Police Medic
24 Kevin Ribolvo arrived on scene and ran
25 into the back of his ambulance to

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2 retrieve his equipment.

3 Here's a twist. While in the
4 rear of the ambulance, the back doors
5 were suddenly opened by a man in a
6 bandana and bike gear asking Police
7 Medic Ribolvo what assistance he
8 needed. Police Medic Ribolvo thanked
9 him for helping, he's got it all under
10 control.

11 The bystander again said "please,
12 let me help you." Police Medic Ribolvo
13 took a look. Commissioner Ryder, he
14 was riding on the bike path, saw what
15 was going on, hopped off his bike, and
16 wanted to help Police Medic Ribolvo.

17 From then everything went exactly
18 how it should have. Police Medic
19 Brandon Leonard arrived to back them up
20 with the assistance of Commissioner
21 Ryder, Police Officer Fisher, the two
22 medics, our aided was placed in the
23 back of the ambulance. We hooked up
24 our CPR machine, we intubated him, we
25 started an IV and administered our life

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2 savings drugs. It's because of all of
3 that that today I can introduce you to
4 Mr. Pador.

5 MS. PADOR: I'm sorry. My husband
6 is shy so I will speak for the whole
7 family. I want to thank these brave
8 officers for saving my husband. Our
9 story as a family continues because of
10 him. I think about you guys when we
11 are having dinner together, going to
12 church as a family, when my husband --
13 the joy in my husband's face when he
14 heard that my sons got into grad
15 school. So I think about that. So
16 thank you for saving him.

17 Our story continues as a family
18 because you guys were there. Thank you
19 from the bottom of my heart. Thank
20 you. Thank you.

21 MR. PADOR: On behalf of myself
22 and my family I thank everyone here for
23 saving him. Thank you very much again.

24 MR. KALENDAR: On behalf of
25 myself and my partner Kevin and State

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2 Park Police Officer Fisher and
3 Commissioner Ryder, and all the other
4 public that was there to assist us that
5 day also, thank you, we are humbled to
6 be here. We are very honored to have
7 our guest of honor join us and thank
8 you for making this the storybook
9 ending.

10 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Commissioner,
11 you want to say anything?

12 COMMISSIONER RYDER: So I'm
13 riding along the bike path that morning
14 and I see him go down and the civilians
15 there jumped in, state police shows up
16 first, they jump in, the medics get
17 there I jump in to help them get the
18 board out of the back and watching the
19 CPR being done and everything else on
20 this individual that, I got to tell
21 you, I didn't think it was going to end
22 as a story book, but that's because of
23 their professionalism, because of their
24 training, because of their equipment.
25 Again that's because all of you make

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2 that happen.

3 So when we stand here and we ask
4 for these things, now you see what it
5 does. It gives us the opportunity to
6 welcome someone here at our leg and to
7 also congratulate him that he's still
8 with us and tell him how important it
9 is for it.

10 Again, outstanding work by these
11 three gentleman and the community that
12 jumped in to make sure he is with us
13 today. For the record, I did finish my
14 ride.

15 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
16 Rhoads.

17 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I think it
18 was Ronald Reagan that once said that
19 those who says that there are no heroes
20 today just don't know where to look.

21 One of the reasons why I love
22 these presentation is it gives us a
23 chance to show all of Nassau County,
24 our heroes. You are our heroes.

25 We all have the comfort to

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2 dovetail off of Minority Leader
3 Abrahams' point. We all have the
4 luxury of living under the umbrella of
5 protection that you provide to each and
6 every one of us, which often times we
7 take for granted.

8 This is a wonderful opportunity
9 simply to say thank you. Your heroism,
10 your professionalism, your sense of
11 duty to all of us is something that is
12 a debt that we can never repay.

13 I have the luxury of knowing
14 Medic Brandon Leonard from my time in
15 the Wantagh Fire Department and it does
16 not surprise me at all that you are
17 here. And, as I recall, this is not
18 the first time you are here.

19 But it's something that all of
20 you exhibit. We can have, and I
21 appreciate Commissioner Ryder trying to
22 give us credit for the training and for
23 the equipment and all that stuff, we
24 can provide the best training, we can
25 provide the best equipment, all of our

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2 officers, all of our medics undergo
3 constant evaluation, but the one thing
4 you can never evaluate until the moment
5 comes is what's in your heart. In that
6 moment will you be able to do the right
7 thing at the right time in the hopes of
8 being able to save a life. You did
9 that.

10 Mr. Pador is here today because
11 of you. And so for the remainder of
12 your career, and I don't know that you
13 will ever have the opportunity, and
14 hopefully there will be many more lives
15 saved to do anything more important
16 than to save a life of a member of our
17 Nassau County family.

18 On behalf of all of us, I want to
19 say congratulations and thank you for
20 the amazing work that you and the many
21 people that you represent here today,
22 who are members of our police medics,
23 who are members of our state park
24 police, members of our Nassau County
25 Police Department, do every single day

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2 for all of us.

3 God bless you, and God bless you,
4 Mr. Pador, we are so happy that you can
5 be with us here today to share in this
6 moment.

7 Commissioner Ryder, telephone
8 booths are hard to find nowadays. So I
9 don't know how it is that our own
10 superman always manages to pop up in
11 the right place at the right time, but,
12 commissioner, same goes for you if not
13 more.

14 Your dedication, your passion,
15 and your love for the people of Nassau
16 County is something that you see every
17 day in the work that you do.

18 I didn't want today to go by
19 without us saying thank you to you as
20 well for everything that you do for the
21 people of Nassau County.

22 COMMISSIONER RYDER: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you.

24 Gentlemen, come join us for a
25 presentation.

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2 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: We now have
3 some public comment. The first speaker
4 will be Richard Clolery.

5 MR. CLOLERY: Thank you. To the
6 members of the Legislatures, as you may
7 be aware, because of the war in the
8 Ukraine, gas prices have been going up.
9 This is affecting everyone, not just
10 those that support you but others as
11 well.

12 For example, as you're aware,
13 because of the poor funding of the
14 buses, I'm somewhat dependent on Uber
15 when it rains or snows, because of
16 what's going on in the Ukraine, rising
17 gas prices will make it impossible some
18 of us to continue in spite of the
19 efforts by Uber to help out their
20 drivers. This will eventually make it
21 hard for people like me to use them and
22 make it hard for people who live in
23 this county.

24 There are who only two solutions
25 to the problem which probably won't be

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2 to your liking. One is setting up easy
3 charging stations all over the county
4 that way people with electric vehicles
5 can charge up while they shop or do
6 whatever they need to do.

7 The other is complete funding of
8 the NICE bus system so that way they
9 can restore the bus lines that were cut
10 years ago, the N50 bus line that's next
11 to where I live.

12 One other thing and then I will
13 go. NICE used to host the TAC, Transit
14 Advisory Committee meetings so they can
15 complain about the lack of funding you
16 guys give them.

17 Because of the pandemic, it
18 switched to virtual meetings. However,
19 they do not advertise when these
20 meetings are. I only learned of these
21 meetings through word of mouth which
22 makes it impossible to attend until
23 after the fact.

24 Please, I need you, the
25 Legislature, to tell me when these

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2 meetings are way before hand so I can
3 attend them and relay what they have to
4 say to you. Please let me know at
5 blackstar11801@gmail.com.

6 Thank you very much and have a
7 good day. Any questions?

8 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: No. Thank
9 you, Richard.

10 Kevin McKenna.

11 MR. MCKENNA: Good afternoon
12 legislative body. My name is Kevin
13 McKenna. I live in Syosset. I spoke
14 to you in November 2021 about the
15 massive \$122 million no bid contract
16 that was awarded to Motorola in
17 December of 2020.

18 What I didn't know then was that
19 only seven legislators voted for it,
20 not a majority of the Legislature, with
21 the help of a false statement by NIFA
22 Executive Director Evan Cohen.

23 But I have since learned after it
24 passed the Rules Committee, it was then
25 supposed to go before all 19

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2 legislators.

3 Did you all know that it was
4 supposed to go before 19 legislators?
5 It states that right on the Nassau
6 County legislative website. You might
7 want to find that out.

8 It states that right on the
9 website, did you know that? The
10 taxpayers deserve to know why and how
11 this happened.

12 One can now argue that the award
13 of this no-bid contract was passed
14 illegally. Mr. Nicoletto, you are the
15 chairperson I believe of the Rules
16 Committee. Maybe when I finish my
17 speech you can tell us why you did not
18 bring this \$122 million contract before
19 the Full Legislature.

20 Legislative clerk Christopher
21 Leimone emailed me that only the Rules
22 Committee voted on this contract.

23 How can the Legislature turn an
24 open bid contract into a no-bid
25 contract? That's easy. They used the

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2 NIFA loophole. If NIFA proclaims that
3 a company is the only entity qualified
4 which they did falsely to provide the
5 services, whether it's true or not,
6 then a no bid contract is allowed.

7 NIFA general counsel Jeremy Wise
8 emailed me that NIFA Executive Director
9 Evan Cohen stated, drum roll please,
10 Motorola is the only entity qualified
11 to provide the services and NIFA's five
12 directors voted unanimously to approve
13 this \$122 million contract.

14 But, wait, Motorola is not the
15 only entity. Motorola's chief
16 competitor L-3 Harris wanted to bid. I
17 have that in writing.

18 If Nassau County never solicited
19 bid proposals, how can NIFA Executive
20 Director Evan Cohen know if Motorola
21 was the only entity?

22 Last week I provided you with a
23 copy of what I'm going to skip over
24 right now. So I'm going to get right
25 to the end because I only have 20

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2 seconds left. NIFA is an
3 embarrassment.

4 If the Nassau County Legislature
5 can only perform its duty under the
6 watch of NIFA, whose directors say on
7 video, I don't think we voted on that
8 contract that size, even though he did
9 and it was only 14 months ago, then the
10 Nassau County legislators, you all,
11 should be term limited.

12 Mr. Nicolello, I asked you to
13 correct me if I'm wrong, why did the
14 Rules Committee not bring this before
15 the Full Legislature as it states on
16 the Nassau County website was supposed
17 to happen?

18 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: All
19 contracts, whether they be \$5,000 or
20 \$100 million, the Rules Committee alone
21 votes on those contracts, so we
22 followed the procedure of the
23 Legislature that has existed for the
24 Legislature's entire existence.

25 MR. MCKENNA: But it states on

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2 the website, that the Rules Committee,
3 after it's passed the Rules Committee,
4 it's then supposed to go to all 19
5 legislators. Why didn't it?

6 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: You are
7 misunderstanding the rules of the
8 Legislature. Again, all contracts --

9 MR. MCKENNA: I'm not
10 misunderstanding. It's very clear.

11 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: All
12 contracts go to the Rules Committee.
13 All other items, supplemental
14 appropriations, local laws, will go
15 through committees and then go to the
16 Full Legislature.

17 But this is a contract. They do
18 not go to the Full Legislature.

19 MR. MCKENNA: Why wouldn't a \$122
20 million contract -- why wouldn't all
21 the legislators think that they should
22 vote on that?

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: All right.
24 Thank you, sir. Your time is up. I
25 appreciate and answered your question

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2 and now we are going on to the next
3 speaker which is Pearl Jacobs from
4 Uniondale.

5 MR. MCKENNA: You will be hearing
6 more about this, trust me.

7 MS. JACOBS: I'm going to have to
8 spray the mike because I have a 101
9 year old grandmother that I care about.
10 COVID is still here.

11 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: There also
12 should be wipes up here.

13 MS. JACOBS: I don't touch it. I
14 spray it because I have to take my mask
15 off to speak. Thank you.

16 So good afternoon everyone. Let
17 me start by saying that Governor
18 Hochul's proposal to legalize ADUs on
19 the property for single family homes
20 was not a good idea and I signed the
21 Town of Hempstead's petition in
22 opposition of this plan that most
23 certainly would deteriorate the quality
24 of life for my fellow Long Islanders
25 that reside outside of the majority

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2 minority communities.

3 Our Nassau County legislators in
4 their entirety took a hard stand on
5 this proposal and agreed that the
6 legalization of ADUs would destroy Long
7 Island's suburban way of life and I
8 definitely agree.

9 I am pleased that my fellow Long
10 Islanders that do not reside in
11 majority minority communities have been
12 spared of watching their community's
13 quality of life spiral downwards.

14 Residents that reside in Long
15 Island's majority minority communities
16 are all too familiar with the
17 degradation of their quality of life
18 which is directly attributed to 12 to
19 15 people living in single family
20 homes, disproportionate number of
21 shelter homes in our community, and
22 Hofstra houses resulting in excessive
23 trash, sanitation violations, traffic,
24 parking issue, excessive strain on our
25 first responders, and overcrowding of

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2 our schools.

3 I did speak previously before the
4 Town of Hempstead in greater detail
5 concerning this issue.

6 My question is as follow: Since
7 collectively the town of Hempstead and
8 the county both agreed that all Long
9 Island residents, all Long Island
10 residents deserve a good suburban
11 quality of life, what collective action
12 plan is the county and the town going
13 to implement to begin to restore the
14 quality of life for majority minority
15 residents who whose quality of life has
16 already been destroyed.

17 That's the question or maybe you
18 can get back to me on that. Can you
19 stop the clock? I had a question and
20 you didn't stop the clock.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: You can
22 speak a little bit over.

23 MS. JACOBS: So I'm just
24 imploring here that I'm in total
25 agreement with the ADUs not being

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2 implemented in Long Island. It
3 destroys our suburban quality of life.

4 Unfortunately communities in
5 majority minority communities that
6 would mostly Legislator Abrahams and
7 Legislator Bynoe's, Legislator Solages'
8 communities have already been
9 destroyed.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And Mule's.

11 MS. JACOBS: And I would just
12 like to know, that's a question I would
13 like an answer from, maybe not now but
14 you can get back to me on what is,
15 collectively, what is the town and
16 county going to do together to begin to
17 restore quality of life to these
18 communities.

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So I think
20 my office, and I think I speak on
21 behalf of Legislators Bynoe and Solages
22 as well as everyone in the Legislature,
23 we are prepared to do whatever, the
24 direction has to start with the town,
25 and from that standpoint, not just the

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2 Town of Hempstead where Uniondale and
3 some of the minority majority
4 communities are, but as well as
5 Westbury where Legislator Bynoe is a
6 representative with the Town of North
7 Hempstead as well as all our towns,
8 Oyster Bay and so on and so forth.

9 We are prepared to work with
10 them. We do realize that there is a
11 part that the county plays, a role that
12 we play, and we are prepared to work
13 with them.

14 I will be happy to participate in
15 any meeting that Supervisor Clavin has
16 in regard to legislative District One,
17 and I will be happy if you're there in
18 attendance as well as any other civic
19 association presidents are there as
20 well.

21 MS. JACOBS: Thank you,
22 Legislator Abrahams. I will definitely
23 send an email out to Supervisor Clavin.
24 I had spoken with him regarding this
25 before, and I will copy you in, and if

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2 Legislator Bynoe and Solages want to be
3 a part of that also to sort of get
4 together and have a forum on this most
5 terrible quality of life issue.

6 Also, I would ask you Legislator
7 Abrahams to please have Uniondale
8 Avenue swept more frequently. It's not
9 being swept by the county. It really
10 isn't. It's being swept by the town
11 and when it is that's not a fair. I'm
12 not a fan of the town because they give
13 me agit, but when they're right,
14 they're right. It's not being swept by
15 the county and it's a county road.

16 Before I go, I do have an issue I
17 want to read it real quick, Legislator
18 Abrahams.

19 I'm just asking is there any
20 oversight regarding roadway projects in
21 Nassau County; Jerusalem roadway
22 project was done in November, roadway
23 lane lines and markings have faded to
24 the point now where they are barely
25 visible. We are talking about three

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2 months.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: The
4 markings that were just placed?

5 MS. JACOBS: They were put
6 haphazardly. It wasn't put -- the
7 lines were not drawn or put on the
8 right way. It was an inferior job.

9 I thought it was just me but
10 other people were calling me saying
11 these lines were not put properly. Now
12 you're talking about what was done in
13 November, it's now March. We're
14 talking about four months. They are
15 faded.

16 There were streaks all over
17 Jerusalem Avenue, maybe somebody was
18 being a smart behind, maybe they did a
19 haphazard job. Either way it's wrong.

20 Another issue, school zone safety
21 markings were not placed on the
22 roadways in proximity to Turtle Hook
23 Junior High School.

24 I did notice in other communities
25 where roadways were just done that

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2 school zone safety markings were placed
3 in front of the schools, 20 miles per
4 hour school zone. None of that was
5 done in Uniondale and this roadway
6 project. So I do want to bring that to
7 your attention. I hope it is
8 rectified. It's becoming a safety
9 issue now people can barely see the
10 safety markings on Jerusalem Avenue.

11 I don't know where the oversight
12 was. There should have been oversight
13 on these sorts of projects. Millions
14 and millions of dollars, there should
15 have been oversight.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We will
17 look into it; the markings as well as
18 the school safety markings. You're
19 talking about the markings on the road
20 that indicate the appropriate speed
21 limit, right?

22 MS. JACOBS: No. You mean at the
23 school?

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes. I
25 know exactly what you're talking about.

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2 MS. JACOBS: Yes. You go into
3 other roadways, 20 miles-per-hour
4 school zone. That was not done in
5 front of Turtle Hook. The electronic
6 signs on Jerusalem Avenue which is a
7 speedway. They're not working. I'm
8 sure the superintendent has been in
9 touch. I know the board, they told me
10 they have been in touch with the
11 county. Those school -- electronic
12 signs should be working for students if
13 they're not.

14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Ms. Jacobs,
15 with these issues you can get in touch
16 with the legislator.

17 MS. JACOBS: I know. I'm leaving
18 now. One last thing, I would say let's
19 continue to pray for the people of
20 Ukraine. Thank you.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you,
22 Richard.

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Alijah Arah.

24 MR. ARAH: Thank you ladies and
25 gentleman for letting me speak today.

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2 I've spoken to my representative
3 Mr. Tom McKeivitt about this issue.

4 I recently moved to Nassau County
5 with my family. We live in Merrick.
6 We bought a house, got away from the
7 city. The move was challenging for us
8 and we budgeted very carefully.

9 I am a veteran of the military
10 and I have a disability rating that
11 qualifies me for specific exemptions
12 because of the state laws that were --
13 I appreciate enacted at the county
14 level here.

15 I was disappointed to find out
16 when I applied for those exemptions
17 that there is a two year processing
18 time, apparently I missed the cutoff by
19 just days for processing this year
20 which then goes in effect in 2024 now,
21 so I have been discussing with
22 Mr. McKeivitt, but I wanted to put it on
23 everyone's radar that this is an issue
24 for me, it's a material issue for me,
25 it's an issue that has caused financial

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2 hardship to the point just three months
3 after moving here me and my wife have
4 had serious discussions about putting
5 our house back on the market and
6 leaving.

7 I know that these benefits were
8 intended to help people like me and
9 families like mine, and they also help
10 elderly populations and designed to
11 help a lot of people but the excessive
12 processing time came as quite a shock
13 to me.

14 I went to the assessor's office.
15 I spoke to four different staff there
16 as well as the manager Bob, they were
17 all very professional, very kind, and
18 very frustrated that that there wasn't
19 more that they can do.

20 Speaking to Mr. McKeveitt I
21 understand that a lot of this stems
22 from state based issues. I'm not
23 familiar with what exactly can be done
24 on the county level, whether that's
25 making the state representatives aware

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2 of this issue, but it's certainly
3 affecting constituents here in the
4 entire county. That's all that I have
5 to ask about today.

6 So anything that you all can do
7 either on the county or state level
8 would be very much appreciated by me
9 and my family and I'm certain others.

10 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Yes,
11 Mr. Arah, we have had numerous
12 conversations. I'm glad we have a
13 chance to finally meet in person about
14 this today. First I want to thank you
15 for your service to our country and all
16 you sacrifice in that regard.

17 It is very frustrating that you
18 have to apply for such a long period of
19 time beforehand in order to get those
20 various exemptions which you are
21 entitled to.

22 Unfortunately, in your situation,
23 you just missed it by a matter of days
24 but, again, it's unfair that you should
25 have to wait almost two years to get

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2 the benefits you are entitled to.

3 So as I spoke to you beforehand,
4 I will work with you with our state
5 representatives because the issue is
6 the New York State real property tax
7 law sets that deadline when you have to
8 apply for, in a situation such as
9 yourself I would like to explore with
10 them maybe some exemptions to that
11 policy so you can get the property tax
12 relief you deserve for the sacrifices
13 you have made.

14 MR. ARAH: I really appreciate
15 that, sir. Thank you. Thank you every
16 one.

17 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you,
18 Mr. Arah. That's the last slip that I
19 have so we will go into the business of
20 the Legislature.

21 Michael, let's do the
22 emergencies. Each one of these is I
23 think identical. So I think you just
24 need to read the numbers and the item
25 once.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Okay. Emergency
3 Resolution, Clerk Item 73-22, 78-22.
4 There are I think six or seven. So
5 pretty much the exact same. I will
6 read one, Presiding Officer.

7 An emergency resolution declaring
8 an emergency for immediate action upon
9 a resolution to authorize the county
10 assessor and/or the county treasurer
11 and/or the receiver of taxes of the
12 City of Long Beach to partially exempt
13 certain real estate property situated
14 in various school districts assess the
15 designate owners appearing on the
16 assessment roll for the specific school
17 and other county years pursuant to this
18 resolution pursuant to the Real
19 Property Tax Law, the County Government
20 Law of Nassau County and the Nassau
21 County Administrative Code, Clerk Item
22 73-22 and they run from 73-22 to 73-28.
23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: I guess the
25 specific items are 73, 74, 75, 76, 77

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2 and 78, 2022. Motion to establish the
3 emergency.

4 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
7 Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel,
8 seconded by Minority Leader Abrahams.
9 Any debate or discussion on the
10 emergency?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 All in favor of the emergency
13 signify by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Those opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 The emergencies are established.
18 Now I'm going to call the items for a
19 vote; 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78 of 2022 as
20 just read. Resolutions to authorize a
21 county assessor and/or treasurer and/or
22 receiver of taxes of the City of Long
23 Beach, Oyster Bay, Hempstead to
24 partially exempt certain real
25 properties situated in various school

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2 districts assessed to designated owners
3 appearing on the assessment roll for
4 the specified school and/or county
5 years pursuant to this resolution
6 pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law,
7 County Government Law of Nassau County
8 and Nassau County Administrative Code.

9 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
11 Second.

12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
13 Legislator Ford, seconded by Legislator
14 DeRiggi-Whitton. Those items are
15 before us. These are corrections of
16 errors, petitions.

17 Any debate or discussion?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 All those in favor signify by
20 saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 Those opposed?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Carries unanimously.

25 Go to the regular calendar. We

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2 have a consent calendar which consists
3 of items that went through committees a
4 couple of weeks ago. It's been agreed
5 by the majority and minority that no
6 further debate or discussion is needed
7 on these items at this time and they
8 can go to a vote.

9 Item 1, Ordinance 13; Item 2,
10 Ordinance 14; Item 3, Ordinance 15;
11 Item 4, Ordinance 16; Item 5, Ordinance
12 17; Item 6, Ordinance 18; Item 8,
13 Ordinance 20; Item 9, Ordinance 21;
14 Item 10, Ordinance 22; Item 11,
15 Resolution 34; Item 13, Resolution 36;
16 Item 15, Resolution 38; Item 16,
17 Resolution 39.

18 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
21 Legislator Bynoe, seconded by
22 Legislator Walker. All these are
23 before us.

24 Any further debate or discussion?
25 (No verbal response.)

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2 Hearing none, all in favor
3 signify by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Those opposed?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 They all carry unanimously.

8 Item 7, Ordinance 19 is an
9 ordinance supplemental to the annual
10 appropriation ordinance in connection
11 with the Office of Housing.

12 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

13 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
15 Legislator Walker, seconded by
16 Legislator Pilip. This is before us.
17 Legislator Bynoe.

18 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you,
19 Presiding Officer. I have a couple of
20 questions. I'm not sure who from the
21 administration will be able to respond.

22 MS. PETTUS: Good afternoon
23 everyone. Kennetha Pettus, Director of
24 Housing, Office of Section 8.

25 MS. ZIGLER: Zoila Zigler, Fiscal

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2 Analyst of Section 8.

3 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you. So
4 this item is for the purpose of -- it
5 appears that it's an item regarding the
6 administration of the Section 8 housing
7 choice voucher program. Specifically
8 here it references Hempstead, the town
9 of Hempstead program. It goes from the
10 period of April 1, 2022 through March,
11 31, 2023.

12 My question is, and I've learned
13 and I'm sure many of us up here have
14 been in some way advised that the
15 county in fact was not selected by the
16 state for the continuation of
17 administering the HCV program.

18 MS. PETTUS: That's correct.

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Is the Town of
20 Hempstead program being administered
21 separately from the town of Hempstead?

22 MS. PETTUS: No, it's all
23 together. It was absorbed, just like
24 in the past we absorbed Farmingdale and
25 Island Park, the same thing. We

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2 absorbed the Town of Hempstead and
3 these vouchers are, as you know, the
4 property of New York State HCR.

5 So the vouchers were all, you
6 know, counted together, the Town of
7 Hempstead, so it's not a separate --

8 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So it's not a
9 subcomponent?

10 MS. PETTUS: No, it's not a sub
11 or a separate program.

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Got it. So
13 the entire program is slated now under
14 this I guess based on the fact that CDC
15 of LI was selected, when are we
16 administering these programs, through
17 what period of time?

18 MS. PETTUS: Through April 30th
19 of 2022. Chris can come and speak on
20 behalf of the County Executive's
21 office. We are in the process of
22 protesting the RFP at this time.

23 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: The RFP
24 decision?

25 MS. PETTUS: Yes, decision.

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2 We're waiting to hear back from the
3 state.

4 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So it's an
5 appeal of some sort?

6 MS. PETTUS: Yes, an appeal.

7 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Was there a
8 reason given when they notified you
9 that the county would no longer be
10 administering this program?

11 MS. PETTUS: No, there was no
12 reason. We just received a non-award
13 letter on March 10th.

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: March 10th.
15 I'm sorry, you said April 30th, that's
16 the transition period?

17 MS. PETTUS: That's what they
18 told us, yes. I haven't had a meeting
19 with the transition team or with the
20 state as Mr. Walsh is waiting to hear
21 back from the commissioner of HCR.

22 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I heard about
23 this through someone who then had angst
24 that meant individuals would lose their
25 voucher. I knew that that was not the

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2 case and was able to reassure them
3 that's not the case, but I think I want
4 to ask the question for the purpose of
5 it being on the record.

6 Are there any direct impacts to
7 someone's subsidy by way of this
8 program no longer being administered by
9 the county; meaning dollar by dollar,
10 roof for roof?

11 MS. PETTUS: No one will be
12 evicted. The program -- I'm not sure
13 what will happen after April 30th. CDC
14 must have an office in Nassau County to
15 accommodate the participants on the
16 program. So landlords will continue to
17 get paid and people will not lose their
18 voucher. That's my understanding.

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So you
20 understand that as part of your
21 submission, as part of your response to
22 RFP, you were required to have an
23 office space in Nassau County?

24 MS. PETTUS: In Nassau County,
25 yes.

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2 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I have tons and
3 tons of questions regarding the
4 transition, the reason and all of those
5 things but I understand you said you
6 foiled to get the reason?

7 MS. PETTUS: Yes.

8 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: When was that
9 foil submitted to the state?

10 MS. PETTUS: Mr. Errol Williams,
11 the attorney, who helped us from the
12 County Attorney's Office was part of
13 the process requesting the foil and
14 Chris Leimone is here from Mr. Walsh's
15 Office to answer any legal questions.

16 MR. WILLIAMS: Good afternoon.
17 Errol Williams, County Attorney's
18 Office. I submitted a foil request
19 Friday when we got the notice and I
20 submitted the second one on Monday.

21 I have received some information
22 from the state but not all that I have
23 requested. I did not get answers to
24 everything I requested and I still
25 anticipate that I will sometime in the

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2 near future.

3 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Before I start
4 to ask you questions about what you
5 received, I would like to know if you
6 could state on record what is the
7 appeal process, is there a time line
8 associated with it? Is there
9 information you are required to provide
10 to the state for the purpose of the
11 appeal?

12 MR. WILLIAMS: There is some
13 conflict of the time line at which I
14 will clarify when I get back to my
15 desk. But the state's bid protest
16 policy said says, in this case, the
17 county has ten business days from the
18 time it receives information, or should
19 have known the information upon which
20 its protest is based.

21 I interpret that to say that I
22 will have ten business days from the
23 time I receive complete response to my
24 foil.

25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Complete

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2 response to your foil. So they will
3 have ten business days to make a
4 determination, is that what that is?

5 MR. WILLIAMS: I will have 10.

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Ten days to
7 respond. And do they subscribe a time
8 period from which they will respond to
9 us? Because this leaves us in limbo,
10 right?

11 MR. WILLIAMS: No. But part of
12 what I will request in my formal
13 protest is that until the matter is
14 resolved that the county will act as
15 local administrator.

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Of the
17 program?

18 MR. WILLIAMS: Of the program.

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Are you
20 prepared and can you share with us what
21 you have requested specifically?

22 MR. WILLIAMS: I can't off the
23 top of my head. I'm asking who was on
24 the committee, for example, among other
25 things. I'm asking for who was on the

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2 committee that determined -- that
3 scored the proposals. I'm asking for
4 the score sheets, minutes, meetings,
5 policy manuals, it's a fairly broad
6 request.

7 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And what have
8 you received to this point?

9 MR. WILLIAMS: I received the
10 scores that from the scoring sheet for
11 both CDC LI and for the county, and I
12 received C map audit scores and that's
13 something Kennetha knows and I do not.

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So you got the
15 C map scores for CDC under the last
16 period of time and then for Nassau
17 County how they scored based on C map?

18 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And you got
20 the scoring for the RFPs as well, the
21 score sheets for that?

22 MR. WILLIAMS: That's correct.

23 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Based on your
24 review of those documents, can you
25 determine where CDC scored higher than

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2 us?

3 MR. WILLIAMS: From the documents
4 submitted, it's fair to say it would be
5 a difficult challenge to challenge the
6 determination, but there is still other
7 outstanding documents that I have not
8 yet received.

9 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Based on the
10 scoring sheet?

11 MR. WILLIAMS: Just the scoring
12 sheet, yes, CDC I believe the county
13 scored six to seven and CDC seven of
14 seven.

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Say that again
16 for me, I apologize.

17 MR. WILLIAMS: This is from
18 memory, but I believe on the scoring
19 sheet the county scored a 67 and the
20 CDC came in 77.

21 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: In the areas
22 that we lost points?

23 MR. WILLIAMS: It just breaks --
24 I don't have the scoring sheets in
25 front of me but I think it's just a

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2 total, I can't tell you what areas we
3 lost points on. But, like I said, I
4 have not received a complete response
5 to everything that I requested.

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Do we know
7 aside from the C map, were there
8 considerations that were more
9 subjective than -- based on, you know,
10 evidence based scoring mechanisms?

11 MR. WILLIAMS: My argument may be
12 that it's subjective, but it's a
13 difficult argument to make without
14 seeing the entire response to my foil
15 request.

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Do you feel
17 that the ten days that you'll have to
18 review the documentation coming in from
19 the state is enough time for you to put
20 together an appeal although it might be
21 somewhat difficult based on a difficult
22 challenge?

23 MR. WILLIAMS: I think once I get
24 all the information and I sit down with
25 the people who will know what they're

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2 looking at being Kennetha, I think ten
3 days is sufficient time.

4 Once again, the policy says ten
5 days from receipt of the information,
6 so ten business days. So from when the
7 information received upon which the
8 protest is based.

9 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And they are
10 communicating with you primarily
11 electronically, correct?

12 MR. WILLIAMS: That's correct.

13 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So, while
14 there's not going to be a direct impact
15 to the subsidies that the participants
16 are receiving, there undoubtedly will
17 be an impact to those residents, right?
18 Especially if they decide to move the
19 location from where it's currently
20 seated to a place that is not easy to
21 access by, you know, transportation
22 and, aside from the fact that this
23 looks like a really tight time frame to
24 transition a program of this size to
25 CDC of Long Island, and Ms. Pettus said

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2 for the record that the state hadn't
3 talked to you at all about transition,
4 is that correct?

5 MR. WILLIAMS: That's correct,
6 yes.

7 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So we are left
8 being notified, now requesting
9 information, you're going to in your
10 appeal request that you will do within
11 a ten-day period after receiving
12 everything, ask for an opportunity to
13 delay that transition in the event that
14 there is no change of mind or change of
15 heart on this, I would sure hope they
16 would grant that because I think you
17 know they're setting us up for failure
18 to be able to successfully be able to
19 transition this program in the event we
20 are not successful in maintaining it.

21 I hope along with some of your
22 documentation and your response to the
23 state that we can in some way
24 memorialize the importance of the
25 county being able to maintain, you

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2 know, the administration of this
3 program, that having administered a
4 similar program, much smaller program
5 than what the county administers,
6 there's a lot of moving parts.

7 I mean there are so many
8 different documents that have to have
9 changes, amendments, made to it that,
10 in itself, could take a 60 to 90 day
11 period to do it correctly.

12 So, I'm really hopeful that we
13 will memorialize that, the importance
14 that that -- whatever office space is
15 determined would be suitable for CDC of
16 Long Island, to me, unless they are
17 going right back into the same space it
18 couldn't compare to what the county has
19 been able to provide to our residents;
20 the trains, buses, every highway, so
21 many benefits to us maintaining this
22 program that I could sit here for
23 probably an hour in dialogue and be
24 able to bubble those things up. Right?

25 I hope we are able to clearly and

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2 concisely give that to the state. Is
3 that your intention to do that? Or
4 does it allow for that I should say?

5 MR. WILLIAMS: I don't think it
6 allows for that. In fact, the last
7 communication from the state was more
8 in sum and substance we made the right
9 decisions, we hope you won't protest
10 it. Let's move forward with the
11 transition and get it done. So there
12 is that attitude that I'm encountering.

13 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: That's what
14 you are encountering?

15 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I want to hope
17 for the best and start to prepare for
18 the worst because it's the families
19 that are impacted, the landlords that
20 have suffered through a period of the
21 pandemic where there were challenges,
22 right, folks had to be recertified,
23 waiting for rent, all those things, but
24 you guys did a great job. I've spoken
25 to many of the landlords who felt the

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2 adjustments to recertification and them
3 being able to get their rent timely.
4 They fully understood the benefit of
5 participating in that type of program.

6 Because other landlords that
7 weren't receiving subsidies are still
8 waiting for rent. So I think you guys
9 did a yeoman's job doing that.

10 But I am concerned that if we
11 don't start at least thinking about
12 what we need to do internally, God
13 forbid we have to move it through a
14 transition, that we may in some way, in
15 a very negative way, impact our
16 landlords and our participants.

17 So has there been any
18 communication from CDC of LI who has
19 been designated the awardee?

20 MS. PETTUS: No. To date I have
21 not heard from CDC of LI.

22 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And the state
23 has not given you any documentation at
24 all or any instructions on
25 communicating?

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2 MS. PETTUS: Well there was an
3 email from Sylvia Macatto from New York
4 State HCR who wanted to set up a
5 transition phone call. However,
6 Mr. Walsh intercepted and called the
7 state and said we need to have a
8 conversation before anything is
9 transitioned, so that put it on hold.

10 So, other than that, I have not heard
11 from them. That was HCR, HCR was going
12 to be involved in the transition with
13 CDC. I did not hear directly from CDC.
14 I heard from HCR who had both Gwen
15 O'Shea and myself on the email.

16 I had to add that somehow things
17 are leaking out in the community as
18 well. I'm receiving a lot of calls
19 from landlords and participants
20 concerned about the program. I mean
21 they have questions.

22 I don't think CDC sent out any
23 correspondence because we have the
24 list, they don't have the information.
25 So people are concerned. We have a 24

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2 hour drop box outside of 40 Main Street
3 accessible for the participants to drop
4 off their documents and things like
5 that.

6 But the phones have been blowing
7 up, concerned landlords, concerned
8 participants, participants who have
9 been on this program with Nassau County
10 for almost 30 years.

11 I'm sure that your telephones
12 will be blowing up from your
13 constituents as well because we are
14 receiving the calls today.

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I received
16 directly. But I would say that we need
17 to look to the state for guidance on
18 how you can respond to residents that
19 are asking questions and landlords that
20 are asking questions during this period
21 of appeal so that we can, you know,
22 soothe the angst of those impacted
23 parties. I think we're left in a space
24 where we're kind of handicapped to be
25 able to explain exactly what the next

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2 steps could possibly be and that's
3 concerning.

4 MS. PETTUS: We have no further
5 information as to where. I do know
6 that currently CDC acts on an
7 appointment basis only. So the size of
8 this program I don't know how that will
9 affect the Nassau County participants
10 on this program.

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: They operate
12 very differently?

13 MS. PETTUS: Yes. And they are
14 located in Middle Island.

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Well, they
16 have to do something in Suffolk.

17 MS. PETTUS: And they have to
18 have a sizeable space because the space
19 that we have to serve the Nassau County
20 participants is I think over 10,000
21 square feet or something, that's county
22 space. So I'm not sure where they
23 would find a space that would be
24 conducive to transportation and so on.

25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I mean, there

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2 is so many, how would they even staff
3 an office in that period of time?

4 MS. PETTUS: Can I just add, you
5 know, Legislator Bynoe, that the
6 housing specialists are certified by
7 Maya Maccay, so in order to be a
8 housing specialist you have to take a
9 week's training and then we take a six
10 hour test to become certified even the
11 housing inspectors are certified.

12 So to be up and running May 1st,
13 I'm not sure how that's going to happen
14 and where they will pull housing
15 specialists from.

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And also
17 family self sufficiency, everybody has
18 to be certified and trained.

19 MS. PETTUS: The only one not
20 certified is the clerical staff but
21 everyone else -- and the information,
22 everyone's personal information, bank
23 statements, social security, pay stubs,
24 everything we have. So everybody is
25 not privy to go into the system. So I

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2 don't know how they would train in that
3 short time unless they knew in advance.
4 I don't know.

5 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Then all the
6 other resources that are required,
7 vehicles for the inspectors, all those
8 things, I just can't see how anything
9 like this can transition in this time
10 frame. It's just --

11 MS. PETTUS: There's over 3,000
12 housing choice vouchers, plus we have a
13 wait list of over 7,000 on the wait
14 list.

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: We already
16 started authoring a letter to the state
17 to identify some of our concerns and to
18 communicate with them our
19 disappointment in their decision.

20 But one of the things we do have
21 to be steadfast with I believe is
22 having an appropriate -- everything has
23 to be done in decency and order and if
24 this is going to happen we need to do
25 it and do it in a fashion that would be

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2 seamless to those who desperately need
3 the assistance of this program.

4 To this point I don't think
5 there's been enough communication or
6 concern. I'm concerned that, you know,
7 that we may not be successful based on
8 the testimony of our attorney Errol
9 Williams. I'm afraid that we might end
10 up in a decision that the trigger has
11 to be pulled and we are not going to be
12 in a position to handle this
13 appropriately.

14 We already started a letter to
15 the state in support of the appeal.
16 Our letter might meet them before your
17 actual appeal. Maybe we can soften
18 hearts and minds but, at the end of the
19 day, please keep us apprised what's
20 happening, this body, I don't think
21 there's a district that has some level
22 of impact. I think we should make sure
23 everyone knows what is going on.

24 I would like if you could share
25 with us what you have to this point so

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2 our counsel, either Mr. Miles or
3 Mr. Kleins, or Ms. Capers or all will
4 be communicating with the County
5 Attorney's Office because we all want
6 to know what's going on and we're very
7 concerned. Thank you.

8 MS. PETTUS: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
10 Walker and Legislator Ford.

11 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I totally
12 agree with Legislator Bynoe. I just
13 wanted to check. I know you mentioned
14 specifically the Town of Hempstead.
15 You mentioned already Farmingdale and a
16 few other areas.

17 MS. PETTUS: Island Park.

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Now what
19 about the town of Oyster Bay, Town of
20 Hempstead, it would involve everyone?

21 MS. PETTUS: No. Nassau County
22 is a local administrator for New York
23 State. All of the other Section 8
24 areas like the villages and North
25 Hempstead, Oyster Bay doesn't have a

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2 Section 8 program. We absorb Oyster
3 Bay, not Oyster Bay -- Island Park and
4 Farmingdale, Oyster Bay as well.

5 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: But the county
6 has vouchers in every one of those
7 towns?

8 MS. PETTUS: Yes, we do. We have
9 vouchers because it's a housing choice
10 voucher so when we administer the
11 voucher, we give you the voucher and
12 you have to find your housing somewhere
13 in Nassau County unless you poured out
14 into another area.

15 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So it would
16 affect those?

17 MS. PETTUS: Every single one of
18 the districts here.

19 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Every single
20 part?

21 MS. PETTUS: Every legislative
22 district will be affected by it.

23 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you.

24 LEGISLATOR FORD: Also I'm
25 raising some concerns as well.

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2 So the CDC though, this LI, they
3 administer the Section 8 vouchers in
4 Suffolk County?

5 MS. PETTUS: Suffolk. Nassau
6 County is the only municipal government
7 that has a Section 8 program so CDC LI
8 administers Suffolk County's vouchers.

9 LEGISLATOR FORD: If my memory
10 serves me, they might be trying to take
11 over Long Beach as well. Yes.

12 MS. PETTUS: Long Beach has a
13 Housing Authority so they are
14 administered directly through Hud where
15 we are passed through to New York
16 State.

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: So then just to
18 follow-up, and Legislator Bynoe did ask
19 a lot of extensive questions, and thank
20 you very much. So then even once if it
21 goes to CDC, then they have to hire
22 their own inspectors? Because normally
23 when someone is going to move into an
24 apartment with Section 8 voucher --

25 MS. PETTUS: We have to inspect

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2 the apartment before.

3 LEGISLATOR FORD: So we will not
4 be doing that anymore? It will be up
5 to CDC?

6 MS. PETTUS: Yes. Housing
7 inspectors are under the Office of
8 Housing. They are certified and
9 licensed on that base and housing
10 quality standards. They have
11 certifications in both.

12 In order for someone to move in
13 they have to pass that housing
14 inspection.

15 LEGISLATOR FORD: I share your
16 concern because I think the CDC LI does
17 have a lot of -- hands in a lot of
18 different programs and whatever and I
19 do fear that this might be a detriment
20 to the residents that are Section 8
21 vouchers. I thank you.

22 MS. PETTUS: And that's all we
23 concentrate on just the inspection,
24 housing and --

25 LEGISLATOR FORD: And we know

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2 that you do a very good job in taking
3 care of our residents.

4 MS. PETTUS: Thank you and I hope
5 that we can continue to take care of
6 the residents of Nassau County.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator
8 Rhoads.

9 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: This is more
10 of a statement. This may be something
11 that -- and I know Legislator Bynoe had
12 indicated that they are writing a
13 letter to the state in support of the
14 appeal, that may be something that we
15 want to do jointly as a Legislature to
16 support that.

17 If we wind up losing this
18 contract, ultimately what's the impact
19 upon -- not just the services that we
20 provide, obviously we heard about that,
21 what's the impact upon your office
22 specifically?

23 MR. LEIMONE: Chris Leimone from
24 the administration. Definitely could
25 have an impact on the office and we're

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2 trying to come up with contingency
3 plans if the appeal doesn't work and if
4 our conversation with the state are
5 fruitless.

6 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: By the way,
7 are there specific grounds for the
8 appeal?

9 In other words, not what you are
10 planning on arguing but are there
11 criteria that have to be met to support
12 an appeal?

13 MR. LEIMONE: I will defer to the
14 county attorney.

15 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Arbitrary and
16 capricious. What's the standard?

17 MR. WILLIAMS: The standard is
18 arbitrary and capricious because it is
19 an administrative decision. And
20 honestly it's very difficult to
21 overcome an administrative decision.

22 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Can you
23 provide us with a copy of your appeal
24 once it's filed?

25 MR. WILLIAMS: Certainly.

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2 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thanks.

3 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I put this
4 question to the side to deal with the
5 actual RFP issue.

6 Tell us about this item connected
7 to where we stand currently.

8 MS. PETTUS: I'm going to defer
9 to Andy Persich.

10 MR. PERSICH: Good afternoon,
11 Andy Persich, Office of Management and
12 Budget.

13 We need to keep this item, to
14 move this item, because we have people
15 in place who are actually on the budget
16 of HI 83 or HI 85 that program.

17 If we don't move the item, which
18 I think what I'm hearing too is going
19 to be a longer process in the
20 transition period and we would have to
21 king of start shuffling around payrolls
22 and everything else.

23 And I think just in the interest
24 of consistency until we have finality
25 of the decision, I think it's best to

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2 move the item, whether we get all the
3 money, or portions of the money that we
4 are appropriating as a result of the
5 reimbursement as we continue to
6 administer the plan until we transition
7 it. Which, from what I'm thinking,
8 might be six months to a year from now
9 because I don't think we are going to
10 turn the switch as fast as the state
11 might think of April 30th.

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any other
14 questions or comments?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Thank you all.

17 All in favor of Item 7, Ordinance
18 19, signify by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 Those opposed?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 It carries unanimously.

23 I'm going to recuse myself for
24 the next item which is 12.

25 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Item 12 is a

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2 resolution authorizing the county
3 attorney to compromise and settle the
4 claims of plaintiff in the action
5 entitled Morrihan against the County of
6 Nassau pursuant to the county law,
7 county government law of Nassau, Nassau
8 County Administrative Code.

9 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
11 Second.

12 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Moved by
13 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by
14 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

15 The record should note that
16 Presiding Officer Richard Nicolello has
17 recused himself from this matter. He
18 has left the chamber and has not
19 participated in any debate or
20 discussion.

21 Having said that, is there any
22 debate or discussion amongst the
23 legislators?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 All those in favor of this item?

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2 Please note that Josh Lafazan is
3 here.

4 All those in favor of this item
5 12, please so indicate by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 Any opposed?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 That item is passed, one
10 abstention. Would somebody invite the
11 Presiding Officer to come back?

12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Item 14,
13 Resolution Number 37 is a resolution
14 ceremoniously designating a body of
15 water in Silver Lake Park as Caroline's
16 Pond and directing the Department of
17 Public Works to install conspicuous
18 signage.

19 LEGISLATOR MULE: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
22 Legislator Mule, seconded by Legislator
23 Drucker. That's before us.

24 LEGISLATOR MULE: Thank you,
25 Presiding Officer. I first became

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2 aware of Caroline's Pond when I first
3 became a legislator and we were
4 discussing the renovation of Silver
5 Lake under the Goser program.

6 As far as I knew it was always
7 called Caroline's Pond. Apparently,
8 officially, it was not even though in
9 all of the plans I saw provided by the
10 state it was designated as such.

11 Then one of my constituents
12 Marguerite Keller came to me and said
13 she would like to have it officially
14 designated as such and gave her reasons
15 and I'm actually going to allow her to
16 say what those reasons are. But I
17 think it is the right thing to do and
18 it is supported by the community.

19 So, Presiding Officer, if it's
20 okay can I call up Ms. Keller.

21 MS. KELLER: My name is
22 Marguerite Brazen Keller and I have
23 been a resident of Baldwin for over 50
24 years. I'm here on behalf of the
25 Family and Friends of Caroline McCann.

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2 First I would like to thank my
3 legislator, Debra Mule, for
4 spearheading this effort and the
5 Baldwin Civic Association for getting
6 behind it also and for the entire
7 County Legislature for entertaining
8 this. I can't believe we've actually
9 gotten to this point and it's becoming
10 a reality.

11 Years back I Googled the area
12 where I live in Baldwin and pleasantly
13 surprised to see Caroline's Pond
14 labeled by Google. So I said, Oh,
15 something happened in the background,
16 must be official.

17 Then a few years after that, I
18 received the state's paperwork on the
19 drainage improvement that's being done
20 on the Silver Lake and Loft Pond area,
21 and I noticed in the paperwork it said
22 references to Caroline's Pond numerous
23 times and I believe was Hud was
24 involved and the federal government
25 was involved in this also, their stamp

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2 of approval.

3 So I know that the state has no
4 idea why that body of water is called
5 Caroline's Pond. I know they don't but
6 I do because I was there 32 years ago
7 almost when we planted a tree in her
8 memory in a spot that she enjoyed going
9 to as a child, as a teenager, in her
10 teens, early 20s. She was a sun
11 worshiper. Her aunt and uncle lived in
12 the house that was right there by the
13 pond, overlooked the pond. Her
14 sunscreen back then was baby oil and
15 she would lay back there for hours upon
16 hours and I would be with her and,
17 honestly, all I saw was dirt and bugs
18 and it was gross to me, but she saw the
19 beauty of that park and that pond.

20 If you grew up in my area you
21 lived in those parks that were by us;
22 whether it was in the summertime, where
23 there was playground equipment in the
24 park or it was in the wintertime, we
25 were sledding in one part of Silver

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2 Lake or ice skating on Loft Lake.

3 There was always activity.

4 This girl, Caroline McCann, who
5 unfortunately passed away at the age of
6 27, three months shy of her birthday,
7 she spent countless hours there,
8 countless days.

9 So our family and friends are
10 very supportive and are looking forward
11 to the initial naming of Caroline's
12 Pond and I thank so much for doing
13 this.

14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you
15 very much. Is there any discussion or
16 more debate?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Hearing none, all in favor
19 signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Those opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Carries unanimously.

24 Legislator Kopel.

25 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: I became aware

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2 that a good friend of I believe
3 everyone here on this dais just
4 celebrated five years after having
5 survived a brain aneurysm and brain
6 surgery.

7 Maurice, as I say, you're a good
8 friend to everyone here, you do
9 wonderful work for the Legislature and
10 hopefully I speak for everyone when I
11 say we're all lucky to have you and
12 that things are looking great for you
13 and your family.

14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you
15 very much. Motion to adjourn?

16 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
18 Second.

19 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by
20 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by
21 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

22 All in favor of adjourning
23 signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Those opposed?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 We are adjourned.

4 (Whereupon, the Full Legislative

5 Committee adjourned at 2:52 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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

THAT I attended at the time and place
above mentioned and took stenographic record
of the proceedings in the above-entitled
matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true
and accurate transcript of the same and the
whole thereof, according to the best of my
ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this 29th day of March, 2022.

FRANK GRAY