

NASSAU COUNTY
TEMPORARY DISTRICTING
ADVISORY COMMISSION

MEETING III

Held at
HEMPSTEAD TOWN HALL
ONE WASHINGTON AVE
HEMPSTEAD, NY 11550

FRANCIS X. MORONEY

CHAIR

Nassau County Legislature
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

6:00 p.m.

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

COMMISSIONERS:

FRANCIS X. MORONEY, CHAIRMAN

PETER BEE

JOHN J. REINHARDT

MAUREEN FITZGERALD

CHRISTOPHER DEVANE

ERIC MALLETT

DAVID MEJIAS, VICE CHAIR

JARED KASSCHAU, EXCUSED

ANDRENA WYATT

JAMES MAGIN, JR.

MICHAEL PERNICK

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS:

ELISABETTA COSCHIGNANO

RACHEL WHITMORE, EXCUSED

BOARD ATTORNEYS:

VINCENT MESSINA, ESQ.

PETER CLINES, ESQ.

CLERK:

MICHAEL PULITZER

A L S O A P P E A R E D :

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ann Leiter - LWV of Nassau County

Abbey McHugh - Common Cause

Robert Harris

John R. Boyd, Sr. - Roosevelt C of C

Dan Oppenheimer - (Self)

Kevin McKenna - (Self)

James Hoge - (Self)

Daphne Mullaly - (Self)

C. Griffin - Hempstead Vill. Trust.

Noah Burroughs Hempstead Vill. Trust.

Reginald Benjamin - ABBA Leadership

A. Supreme Mathematics

Doris Sharpe - (Self)

Frederick Brewington

M. Hobbs, Jr.

H. Scottie Gourdine

Meta Mereday

Lyndell Senior

Kiana Abbady

Sanjeey Jindal

Selina Henderson

Casey Marlero

Dr. Emily Moore

Alina Uzilov

AGENDA

1. Open meeting - Pledge of
Allegiance

2. Chairman's Statement

3. Introduction of the
Commissioner's

4. Public Statement

5. Other Business

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2 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: If I could, would
3 you please rise, we are going to start
4 off with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

7 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Our clerk is
8 under the weather today, so we have a
9 bunch of amateurs trying to keep this
10 thing going. Forgive us if we make any
11 mistakes. I apologize ahead of time.

12 First, roll call.

13 Peter Bee.

14 COMMISSIONER BEE: Present.

15 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: John J.
16 Reinhardt.

17 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Present.

18 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Maureen
19 Fitzgerald.

20 COMMISSIONER FITZGERALD: Present.

21 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Christopher
22 Devane.

23 COMMISSIONER DEVANE: Present.

24 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Eric Mallette.

25 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Present.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: David Mejias.

COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Here.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Jared Kasschau.

COMMISSIONER KASSCHAU: Here.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Andrena Wyatt.

COMMISSIONER WYATT: Present.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: James Magin, Jr.

COMMISSIONER MAGIN: Present.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Michael Pernick.

COMMISSIONER PERNICK: Present.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Myself. I'm
present also.

First of all, I want to thank you
for all coming out especially on a day as
beautiful as this one.

I want to welcome to you to the
third public hearing of the Temporary
Districting Advisory Commission. There
will be additional opportunities for the
public to have input into the process.
To date, the members of both the
Republican and Democratic Delegations
have hear from approximately 43 speakers
with varying requests to keep various

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2 communities together. I trust that the
3 public attendees and those streaming the
4 proceedings will feel free to share their
5 ideas and requests.

6 The Commission consists of 11
7 members with a non voting chairman being
8 appointed by the County Executive. There
9 are five members appointed by the
10 presiding officer and five by the
11 minority leader.

12 The Commission permits, but does not
13 require public hearings. Prior
14 reapportionments processes established
15 the tradition that permissive meetings
16 seeking public input should held, hence
17 these proceedings.

18 There has been much concern with the
19 County website and difficulty navigating
20 the site. As a result, a team of IT
21 specialists from the County have worked
22 tirelessly to address the shortcomings of
23 the current system. The improvements
24 will make it easier to locate
25 transcripts, prior hearings, and

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2 streaming. The IT team will take a look
3 at this hearing and test the ease of use
4 and implement any additional changes that
5 are required.

6 The County Legislature allocated
7 \$985,000 for this Commission split
8 essentially in half between the two
9 sides. Money is set aside from the whole
10 to pay for stenographic services,
11 American Sign Language interpreters, and
12 the Language Line to assist non English
13 speaking attendees, and other shared
14 costs by the commissions to each of the
15 delegations as they arise.

16 Each delegation of appointees
17 divides the balance of the \$985,000 for
18 the purchase needed for mapping
19 technology, software, and the hiring of
20 professionals, lawyers, and other staff.

21 In developing of a map or maps the
22 Commission must comply with both Federal
23 and State Law. The proceedings have to
24 be fair and transparent to the public.

25 That transparency is achieved by

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2 significant outreach to the public and
3 holding public hearings on any maps or
4 plans for redistricting which may be
5 submitted by the Commission or others.

6 Once the maps or plans are drawn,
7 there will be an opportunity for the
8 public to see and give an opinion as to
9 the work product. The updated website
10 will have the link to any and all maps
11 that may be presented to this Commission
12 or by this Commission, which will take
13 comment on the work product.

14 Thereafter, the map or maps will be
15 turned over to the Legislature.
16 Likewise, all transcripts and public
17 comment that are generated to the
18 Temporary District Advisory Commission
19 are submitted to the Full Legislature for
20 their consideration. In addition, any
21 items included in the record may also be
22 delivered to the County Legislature.

23 The Full Legislature will conduct
24 hearings on the submissions by the
25 appropriate legislative committee and

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2 then by the entire Legislature.

3 The goal of the Temporary
4 Districting Advisory Commission is to
5 have our process complete its hearings so
6 that the Legislature will have adequate
7 time to review any submissions of maps
8 and conduct their hearings as well.

9 The County Legislature may reject,
10 adopt, revise or amend the redistricting
11 plan or plans recommended by the
12 Temporary Districting Advisory Commission
13 or adopt any other redistricting plan
14 that meets all the constitutional
15 Federal, State, and statutory
16 requirements.

17 In an effort to achieve
18 transparency, all meetings and hearings
19 will be public and streaming live over
20 the internet. The Legislative Clerk will
21 preserve all of those records.

22 Further, the Commission will stream
23 the hearings and keep the record open for
24 a period of time after completion of the
25 public hearings by this Commission. It

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2 will include these submissions including
3 any e-mails or correspondence received
4 prior to the date of the record; however,
5 if there is any correspondence or any
6 other information, likewise, can be
7 forwarded to the Full Legislature. So
8 even if you don't make the deadline, you
9 still have an opportunity to get it in.

10 In preparation for the hearing, a
11 hearing notice is sent to several groups,
12 many groups. They are as follows:

13 The Office of the County Executive;
14 all County Legislators, Members of the
15 Minority Commission Delegation; Members
16 of the Majority Commission Delegation;
17 Nassau County League of Women Voters; The
18 City of Glen Cove; The City of Long
19 Beach; The Town of Hempstead; The Town of
20 North Hempstead; The Town of Oyster Bay;
21 22 villages in the Town of Hempstead; 30
22 villages in the Town of North Hempstead;
23 16 villages in the Town of Oyster Bay; 55
24 libraries; 57 school districts; 67 civic
25 associations; 50 chambers of commerce;

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2 and 150 news and media outlets that
3 service Nassau County.

4 The public may send anything written
5 to 1550 Franklin Avenue and on that
6 website is a link to send e-mails if
7 that's what you wish. All communications
8 will be distributed to each of the
9 members upon their receipt.

10 There are additional meetings
11 scheduled for September 28, 2022 at Long
12 Beach City Hall; Glen Cove on October 18,
13 2022; and North Massapequa at Albany.
14 Avenue.

15 Before I open the floor to public
16 comment, I understand that the Democratic
17 Delegation has some resolutions they wish
18 to put forth. For the record, those were
19 sent by e-mail and received at 1:34 p.m.
20 yesterday and sent to the Republican
21 Delegation at 3:44 p.m. yesterday.

22 With that, let me turn it over to
23 Commissioner Mejias for his explanation
24 and, perhaps, address any questions.

25 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Thank you,

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2 Chairman Moroney. My name is David
3 Mejias. I am chairman of the Democratic
4 Delegation of the Redistricting
5 Commission.

6 We continue to have grave concern
7 with the lack of transparency with this
8 Commission and the lack of fairness in
9 the process. Every agenda and every
10 meeting has been dictating unilaterally
11 by Chairman Moroney, a non voting member.
12 This violates our County Charter which
13 requires six affirmative votes for any
14 action by the Commission including
15 setting a hearing schedule or setting
16 agendas. This is consistent of past
17 practice of this Commission ten years ago
18 when Mr. Moroney was the chair back then
19 also.

20 We are participating in these
21 meetings under protest because we don't
22 want to let the unlawful action of the
23 chair stand in the way of the hearing of
24 he public. We are here under duress,
25 because if we don't show up at these

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2 unilaterally dictated meetings, we will
3 have zero input, just as we have had zero
4 input in setting the agendas or the
5 hearing schedule.

6 Input from all members of the
7 Commission is important and it matters.
8 The one sided process without any
9 bipartisan collaboration is bad for the
10 public and prevents our Commission from
11 doing the important work of trying to
12 work collaboratively and forge a
13 compromise that can earn six votes.

14 I see here that there is a time
15 limit of three minutes, I believe. In
16 our first meeting there were a
17 significant number of nonwhite community
18 members in attendance. Our chairman
19 enforced a three minute limit and even
20 arranged for an alarm to cut off at the
21 three minute mark.

22 As the second hearing where the
23 attendees were mostly white, our chair
24 did not issue the three minute limit at
25 all and not a single voter or speaker was

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2 interrupted. Now we have a room of
3 mostly nonwhite attendees and again,
4 we've been told that the testimony will
5 be cut off after three minutes.

6 In addition, the transparency of the
7 Commission has been woefully inadequate.
8 We have heard tonight that there is still
9 testing being done to the website. This
10 is our third hearing. The updates to the
11 website in the last week are grossly
12 insufficient and we have asked for
13 substantial information to be posted
14 publicly, because the website should be
15 the best place for everyone to access
16 information regarding redistricting. We
17 have asked for resolutions to be
18 submitted by the Democratic Delegation to
19 be posted and it's been denied. We have
20 asked for agendas submitted by the
21 Democratic Delegation; minutes and
22 transcripts from all previous hearings;
23 items submitted into the record of all
24 meetings; correspondence between the
25 Democratic Delegation and the chairman;

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2 current map, data and shapefiles;
3 relevant legal materials controlling the
4 redistricting process be posted on the
5 website so you either don't have to spend
6 time away from your family here tonight
7 or do research on you own to understand
8 what the law is. You can access it on
9 your own and in time. There are plenty
10 of people who couldn't be here tonight.
11 Some people didn't know how to get into
12 this room, like me. I went to the front
13 door of Town Hall, it's locked.

14 On August 31, Commissioner Pernick
15 proposed a resolution calling for all
16 this information and more to be posted on
17 the website. The resolution was voted
18 down. All Democrats voted in favor and
19 all Republicans voted against.
20 Democratic Commissioners have repeatedly
21 asked for materials and information to be
22 posted on the website, but our requests
23 have been ignored.

24 We, therefore, are proposing a
25 simple resolution stating that the Clerk

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2 shall post any information requested by
3 either the Republican or Democratic
4 Commissions allowing both Democrats and
5 Republicans the opportunity to post
6 material that's fair equitable and common
7 sense.

8 We have Resolution 1, which calls
9 for allowing Democrats and Republicans
10 the opportunity to post material on the
11 website and that the Clerk be required to
12 post any information requested by either
13 Republican or Democratic Commissions.

14 At this point, I move Resolution and
15 submit it tonight for a vote.

16 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: In order to do
17 that, let's figure out what's number one.
18 These aren't numbered like the previous.
19 You're talking about the Resolution 1,
20 dated September 21, 2022.

21 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER BEE: Mr. Chairman, I
23 am just going to briefly respond to Mr.
24 Mejias' comments.

25 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: There's a

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2 motion on the floor.

3 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: I second that
4 motion.

5 COMMISSIONER BEE: On the motion,
6 I'd like to address the motion. I note
7 that in the course of making that motion,
8 Mr. Mejias made allegations about the
9 unilateral dignitorial manner in which we
10 run these Commission hearings. I think
11 that that needs a response.

12 Classically, the chairman of a group
13 of people can convene that body and
14 that's what you have done. As far as an
15 agenda, this is a public hearing. This
16 hearing is designed to listen to members
17 of the public and not necessarily an
18 agenda for other kinds of actions. At
19 the hearing, we listen to you and that's
20 the agenda, and that was the agenda set
21 by the Chairman.

22 With respect to the comments that
23 the three minute rule has somehow got a
24 racial base, that charge is insulting,
25 ludicrous, and deserving of no response,

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2 so I will not make any.

3 With respect to the motion itself,
4 it is my view that materials to be posted
5 on the website, in Mr. Mejias' own words,
6 should be the result of a vote by the
7 Commission. So if materials are to be
8 submitted for posting, they should be
9 submitted to the Commission. I'm sure
10 the Commission would prudently rule on
11 whether particular materials belong on
12 the website or not. For that reason, the
13 way the wording of the resolution is
14 currently drafted, I intend to vote
15 against the resolution and encourage my
16 fellow Delegation members to do the same.

17 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: All in favor say
18 aye.

19 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: I'm calling
20 for a roll call vote.

21 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Okay.
22 Peter Bee.

23 COMMISSIONER BEE: Nay.

24 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: John Reinhardt?

25 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Nay.

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2 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Maureen
3 Fitzgerald?

4 COMMISSIONER FITZGERALD: No.

5 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Christopher
6 Devane?

7 COMMISSIONER DEVANE: No.

8 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Eric Mellalette?

9 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: No.

10 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: David Mejias?

11 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Let me just
12 say that this is a resolution that allows
13 information to be posted to the website.
14 That's all it is. The notion that we
15 don't need a vote for when these public
16 hearings are going to take place; where,
17 what time, or how many -- we don't need
18 to vote on whether or not -- the items on
19 the agenda, but we have to vote and give
20 an opportunity to sensor the information
21 the Democrats want to put on the website
22 is unbelievable.

23 I vote in the affirmative.

24 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Jared Kasschau,
25 absent.

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2 Andrena Wyatt?

3 COMMISSIONER WYATT: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: James Magin?

5 COMMISSIONER MAGIN: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Michael Pernick?

7 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: I will just
8 add to what Commissioner Mejias said.
9 One other additional point. Our practice
10 thus far appears to be unilateral control
11 of whatever is posted on the website by
12 the Chairman, possibly by the Republican
13 members.

14 This resolution would give some
15 balance, fairness. If there is a six
16 vote rule, that would be fine if we
17 actually voted to post things on the
18 website, the one time we propose a
19 resolution -- I proposed a resolution to
20 post material on the website that was
21 voted down. Ever since then we have
22 operated on a unilateral basis dictated
23 by the Chairman and the other members.

24 With that, I will vote yes on this
25 resolution.

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2 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: The resolution
3 fails.

4 Mr. Mejias you have another
5 resolution?

6 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Yes.

7 On that issue, we're not just here
8 to listen to public comment. We are
9 hear, and I challenge Mr. Bee's notion
10 that when my respected colleague, Mr.
11 Bee, says we're here to listen to you.
12 The reality is you should be here to
13 listen to us. You should be here to
14 learn about the process and what's going
15 on behind closed doors that's going to
16 affect your representation in government
17 for the next ten years. That's why we
18 want an open process. That's why we want
19 open hearings. That's why we think the
20 legislative maps that are proposed by
21 each side, by this Commission, not be
22 submitted to the Legislature with only an
23 hour for the public to comment on it.
24 That you should have at least a few weeks
25 to come down and say, hey, my opinion is

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2 to divide it, or I don't like the way
3 this is being done. It just goes straight
4 to the Legislature without any input from
5 you. That's the way this has been going.
6 We all know what's happening. We knew
7 this resolution would give you
8 information. Knowledge is power. The more
9 information you have, the more power. If
10 we give you less information, you have
11 less power to effect and change the
12 system that has not done a great job of
13 representing communities in this area in
14 a long time.

15 Because we knew the resolution was
16 going to fail, the Democratic
17 Commissioners are left with no other
18 choice but to take our own steps to
19 provide information to the public.

20 The Democratic Commissioners are,
21 therefore, releasing a public shared
22 drive where we will post in one central
23 location any information that we are able
24 to get from members of the public. Our
25 shared drive is separated into folders to

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2 provide information on past hearings,
3 information on current legislative maps,
4 relative communications, public notices,
5 upcoming meetings, and relevant legal
6 materials controlling the redistricting
7 process.

8 During Covid we all learned how to
9 use QR codes as menus in restaurants.
10 We're going to make this very easy for
11 you. You're going to have a QR code --

12 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Commissioner,
13 pardon me, you're free to go into that,
14 but why don't we stick to the Resolutions
15 that we have first and then you can
16 circle back to that in the right time and
17 opportunity?

18 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Well, this is
19 directly relevant to that. That's why we
20 are going to be handing out the QR code
21 for our shared drive. They are cards to
22 be handed out. You can visit our website
23 at <https://bit.ly/DemRedistricting2022> or
24 access it through the QR codes, which our
25 staff will hand out now. We shouldn't

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2 have to do this. It's shameful that the
3 official website is not fully updated.
4 Our shared drive does not solve our
5 problem. Most members of the public will
6 go to the official website for their
7 information. Sadly, we've been left with
8 no other choice but to do this.

9 If you want to know how poorly the
10 website is being managed, at our last
11 meeting, the Legislature Website had the
12 right place to go, North Hempstead Town
13 Hall, and the wrong time. The
14 Commission's website had the right time,
15 but the wrong place to go. So if you
16 sent to our website, we were sending you
17 to the Legislature, but the meeting was
18 in North Hempstead Town Hall in
19 Manhasset.

20 So in regard to the second
21 resolution, I'm going to ask Mr. Pernick
22 to --

23 COMMISSIONER BEE: Mr. Mejias,
24 before you proceed with that, you made
25 one motion, I'd like to make a motion and

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2 see how the Commission reacts to our
3 motion.

4 I would like to move that in
5 addition to the current hearing dates of
6 September 28 in Long Beach, October 18 in
7 Glen Cove and October 20 in North
8 Massapequa, that the Commission hold
9 public hearings on October 13 in Freeport
10 and October 25 in Elmont and on a date to
11 be determined in Hicksville. It is my
12 understanding that our staff executive
13 director has spoken with yours and you
14 would be on board with these dates and
15 locations. Hopefully, that information
16 is correct, and I move those additional
17 hearing dates.

18 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Is there a
19 second?

20 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Okay. On the
22 motion, all in favor?

23 (Whereupon, all members of
24 the Commission respond in
25 favor.)

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CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: I call for a
roll call.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Peter Bee.

COMMISSIONER BEE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: John Reinhardt.

COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Maureen
Fitzgerald?

COMMISSIONER FITZGERALD: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Christopher
Devane?

COMMISSIONER DEVANE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Eric Mellaette?

COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: David Mejias?

COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: History is
being made here. We are voting yes to
pass a motion. Yes.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Jared Kasschau,
absent.

Andrena Wyatt?

COMMISSIONER WYATT: Yes.

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2 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: James Magin?

3 COMMISSIONER MAGIN: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Michael Pernick?

5 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: I'm going to
6 vote yes, but first I'd like to explain a
7 little bit of background about this
8 motion which we did not know was going to
9 be made tonight. I'm delighted that it's
10 being made. We did not know it was going
11 to be made tonight.

12 At our first hearing on August 31st,
13 we introduced a resolution calling for a
14 more robust hearing schedule all across
15 the county in communities including the
16 three communities that are now being
17 proposed today: Elmont, Freeport, and
18 Hickville. That resolution was voted
19 down. All five Democratic appointees
20 voted for it, all five Republican
21 appointees voted against it. Since then,
22 we have heard nothing from our colleagues
23 over on this side of the dais about
24 additional hearing dates, additional
25 hearing times; nothing, since August 31.

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2 We heard from the public that people
3 wanted more hearings. People wanted more
4 opportunities to be heard. More
5 opportunities to engage with this process
6 and we heard specifically from the public
7 that it was important to have hearings in
8 Freeport, Elmont and Hicksville. So we
9 did the work of reaching out to locations
10 in those three places. Reaching out to
11 identify venues for those areas. We
12 proposed yesterday three resolutions to
13 call for hearings in those locations.
14 Then we hear moments before this hearing
15 that they're actually agreeing to hold
16 these; that's great news. But this is
17 not something that is just coming out of
18 nowhere. We've been working and trying to
19 push for these hearings for some time and
20 it's a good thing that we've finally
21 reached an agreement to hold these. Thank
22 you for agreeing to hold these three
23 hearings. With that, I will vote aye on
24 this resolution.

25 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: The resolution

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2 passes.

3 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: It would have
4 been helpful if we would have done this
5 in August and given the public more time
6 and public notice these meetings, but
7 thankfully, people have come out to these
8 meetings and have their voices heard and
9 have shamed our Republican colleagues
10 into actually doing the right thing on
11 this resolution. Thank you, everybody,
12 for coming out tonight (applause).

13 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: I'm now going
14 to speak to Resolution 2.

15 In the schedule initially proposed
16 by our chair, there was a plan, I believe
17 it is still the plan, I have heard
18 nothing of a change, to release proposed
19 maps, I believe it's on November 11.
20 That's when these proposed maps would
21 first be made available to the public.
22 This plan also called for a vote in a
23 subsequent meeting on those proposed maps
24 on the very same day with a one hour
25 break between those two meetings. An

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2 hour before the vote.

3 At the last two meetings, many
4 members of the public repeated the
5 concerns that we have raised with this
6 schedule. In fact, at our first meeting,
7 we proposed that same resolution that
8 would provide for seven hearings after
9 those maps were initially made public so
10 the public had an opportunity to engage,
11 the public had an opportunity to give
12 feedback, the public had an opportunity
13 to understand how those proposals would
14 affect their community, and perhaps we'd
15 be able impress those concerns before
16 passing a map. That resolution was voted
17 down on August 31. I am, once again,
18 proposing a new resolution. This is
19 labeled Resolution 2:

20 This resolution would require three
21 weeks after initial maps are presented.
22 Three weeks for the public to have to
23 look at the maps. To understand the
24 maps. To provide feedback to this
25 Commission and also I will require at

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2 last hearing in that three week period so
3 we can hear directly from the public any
4 feedback, concerns, suggestions, and
5 there's an opportunity for us to amend
6 those proposals.

7 This is especially important for
8 which the Charter requires us to have six
9 votes to pass any map. That means we
10 have to compromise. It means we have to
11 agree. It means we have to look at the
12 proposals and try to work together to
13 reach a consensus. I know I'm interested
14 and committed to have a collaborative
15 process. I'm interested in trying to
16 work together to reach a consensus, but
17 it's not possible if we only have one
18 hour after draft maps are proposed to
19 have that discussion, to have that
20 collaboration. It means that we're
21 doomed to fail from the start. We need
22 that time so this Commission can try and
23 achieve it's mission of achieving six
24 votes to recommend a map to the
25 Legislature. A map that complies with

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2 the law. That's what this resolution is
3 intended to do. To give us that
4 opportunity to work together. To listen
5 to the public and to move forward with a
6 legal map that we can all hopefully get
7 behind.

8 With that, I will make a motion to
9 move forward Resolution 2.

10 COMMISSIONER WYATT: I would like to
11 second that motion. I would like to add
12 that this is very important to provide
13 the necessary transparency that the
14 public is asking for.

15 Again, this happens once every ten
16 years. So we do need the time to give
17 the public an opportunity to review these
18 maps. And to know that the entire
19 process is fair and we're not hiding
20 anything.

21 With that said, I second the motion.

22 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: I'll move for
23 a roll call on that.

24 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Peter Bee.

25 COMMISSIONER BEE: Mr. Chairman, I

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2 share the Democratic's stated vision of
3 collaboration and hope for consensus on
4 compromised matters.

5 With that said, I think it's
6 premature and unnecessary to set
7 arbitrary deadlines for when maps would
8 be available at this point and time.

9 I also would like to comment that
10 once the map or maps are presented to the
11 County Legislature, there will be plenty
12 of opportunity to provide the public with
13 comments and to address the County
14 Legislature, keeping in mind that all
15 this body does is give its advice, it's
16 opinion. We as a commission think that x
17 map or x, y, z map should be considered
18 by the Legislature, after which, it is
19 the Legislature's job to adopt maps. The
20 Legislature will undoubtedly provide
21 plenty of opportunity for the public to
22 comment through its various committees
23 and meetings. For those reasons, I
24 propose to vote no on this particular
25 resolution and encourage my fellow

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2 Delegate members to do the same. No.

3 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: John Reinhardt?

4 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: No.

5 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Maureen
6 Fitzgerald?

7 COMMISSIONER FITZGERALD: No.

8 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Christopher
9 Devane?

10 COMMISSIONER DEVANE: No.

11 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Eric Mellaette?

12 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: No.

13 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: David Mejias?

14 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: We just heard
15 that there shouldn't be arbitrary dates
16 for maps and that is exactly what
17 happened here. I would like an
18 opportunity to comment on the maps that
19 this Commission proposes to the County
20 Legislature. It was completely arbitrary
21 without any input from the Democratic
22 Delegation which is why we had to make
23 these resolutions, to try and have
24 transparency and allow input from the
25 public.

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2 So to say there should be arbitrary
3 hearing dates when all we've had are
4 arbitrary hearing dates and the
5 Democratic Delegation being left out in
6 the cold. I vote in the affirmative.

7 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Jared Kasschau,
8 not present.

9 Andrena Wyatt?

10 COMMISSIONER WYATT: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: James Magin?

12 COMMISSIONER MAGIN: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Michael Pernick?

14 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: I need to
15 address a comment made by my colleague
16 Commissioner Bee. He seemed to minimize
17 the importance of this Commission when he
18 said we're only an advisory. We do have
19 the word advisory in our Commission's
20 title, but the Charter gives us serious
21 and significant responsibilities. The
22 Legislature is obligated to consider any
23 map that we send. Yes, the Legislature
24 can amend those maps, the Legislature can
25 reject those maps, the Legislature could

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2 come up with its own maps. But the
3 Legislature is obligated to consider
4 anything that we send its way and our
5 work is essentially important because of
6 the complicated and overlapping statutes,
7 Federal, State, Constitutional Law, that
8 governs this process. It's important
9 that we provide a map to the Legislature
10 that we are confident that is legal. The
11 critical part of understanding that
12 process is understanding how the map
13 affects the community. There are
14 statutes including the Voting Rights,
15 Act, the Federal Voting Actions, the
16 State Voting Rights Act that governs this
17 process and a simple fact that is
18 relevant if the courts ever evaluate the
19 plans, is what members of the public --
20 how do the maps affect members of the
21 public. There's no way we can get that
22 information if we have one hour for the
23 public to comment during this critical
24 stage of the process. So it's concerning
25 and disheartening to hear Commissioner

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2 Bee minimize the importance of this
3 Commission, and I do hope we are able to
4 reach an agreement and have more than one
5 hour for the public to review draft maps
6 and comment on draft maps before we take
7 a vote.

8 With that, I will vote yes the
9 Resolution.

10 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Resolution fails.
11 Any other resolutions?

12 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: No. But
13 before we begin public comments I do have
14 a document, a submission that I would
15 like to add into the record that I will
16 pass out to my fellow commissioners, and
17 I believe our staff has copies of the
18 document that we are submitting.

19 The document that we are submitting
20 into the record today is a preliminary
21 expert assessment of whether our current
22 map, the map that was adopted in 2013,
23 complies with new requirements under the
24 Municipal Home Rule Law. The takeaway
25 from this assessment is simple and it's

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2 extremely important. The current map and
3 any maps adopted by Nassau County that
4 are similar to the current map would be
5 an illegal partisan gerrymander. The
6 results of this accurate analysis leave
7 no room for doubts.

8 Now, for folks in the audience who
9 might be new, and I expect that's most of
10 you. Most people are not redistricting
11 nerds like me. For folks who are new to
12 this, partisan gerrymandering is where
13 districts were drawn to fundamentally
14 favor one party over the other. It's
15 where districts are drawn to ensure
16 members of one particular party have more
17 of a voice than members of the other
18 particular party and it leads to skewed
19 outcomes in representation.

20 For instance, in a county that might
21 be relatively even partisan line, it
22 could lead to a skewed outcome where one
23 party has 12 seats and the other party
24 has 7. That's partisan gerrymandering.
25 There are widely accepted methodologies

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2 that are very robust to evaluate a map
3 constitutes a partisan gerrymandering.

4 Partisan gerrymandering violates the
5 fundamental rule of democracy that voters
6 should get to chose their elected
7 representatives, rather than elected
8 representatives getting to choose their
9 voters.

10 Now we have new revisions in New
11 York State Law that protect against
12 partisan gerrymandering. It's a State Law
13 the we didn't have ten years ago. It's
14 in the Municipal Home Rule Law. We've
15 spoken about these provisions as a
16 Commission previously.

17 I'm going to read directly from
18 Municipal Home Rule Law 34. This is a
19 new statute that was just adopted last
20 October. It says:

21 "Districts shall not be drawn to
22 discourage competition over the purpose
23 of favoring or disfavoring incumbents or
24 other particular candidates or political
25 parties". It's very clear. Districts

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2 should not be drawn to advantage members
3 of one political over another. This
4 language has been litigated here in New
5 York. It went up to the Court of Appeals
6 in a case of Harkenrider v. Hochul
7 earlier this year. In that case, the
8 Court of Appeals adopted a standard for
9 evaluating when a map is an illegal
10 partisan gerrymandering. It's the same
11 standard that's been used by other
12 states.

13 Essentially, what courts do is they
14 look at what's called an ensemble
15 analysis. What that means if you have an
16 expert in political science who will run
17 a simulation and generate tens of
18 thousands of maps and evaluate how the
19 map that is in contention compares to
20 those thousands of maps. If the map
21 that's in contention is more extreme than
22 99% of those maps, or 90 or 80, a court
23 may conclude that the map is an illegal
24 partisan gerrymander because it was
25 motivated by unlawful partisan intent.

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2 So we have a statute in New York
3 that protects against this. We have a
4 precedent from the Court of Appeals
5 applying this evidence to identify when a
6 map is partisan gerrymandering.

7 We, the Democratic members, asked an
8 individual named Dr. Daniel Magleby, he's
9 a political scientist at the University
10 of Binghamton and is one of the leading
11 experts, on this type of analysis, in the
12 Country. He is wildly recognized in the
13 field of redistricting. He has a PhD and
14 a Masters in Political Science from the
15 University of Michigan, MS in
16 Mathematical Methods and Social Science
17 at Northwestern, a BA in Political
18 Science in Brigham Young University. He
19 teaches courses on legislative politics
20 and quantitative methodology. He
21 conducts research of legislative
22 elections, geographic information systems
23 data, redistricting, voting rights,
24 legislation and political geography. His
25 work has been tested by academic journals

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2 and he has been relied on by courts for
3 his expertise on these issues.

4 So we asked Dr. Magleby to perform
5 an objective nonpartisan analysis of the
6 current county legislative map. With the
7 help of computer technology, he
8 replicated the process that would be
9 followed if the district map makers were
10 using neutral criteria and not trying to
11 favor one party over the other. He
12 created an ensemble of 10,000
13 hypothetical maps and followed the
14 representation, followed the requirements
15 law, and did not take party preferences
16 into account. Here's what he found:

17 The map that we have today is
18 substantially more extreme and bias in
19 favor of the republicans than all 10,000
20 randomly generated maps. All of them.
21 That makes this just a partisan
22 gerrymander, an extreme partisan
23 gerrymander. The chances of arriving at
24 a map this bias using neutral traditional
25 districting criteria is less than one in

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2 10,000. It means it's significantly
3 impossible. This pattern repeats using
4 contests in countywide elections year
5 after year, contest after contest and
6 it's clear evidence that the 2013 map is
7 an extreme partisan gerrymander in favor
8 of republican votes.

9 So what does this mean for us?
10 Well, it means that we can't use this map
11 as a starting point. Because if we use
12 an illegal map as a starting point, in
13 infects any map that we draw, any map
14 that is substantially similar to the
15 current map, it's going to have the same
16 result. So it means that we cannot use
17 this current map as a starting point and
18 we need to start from scratch and draw
19 maps based on the input from the public.
20 Based on the feedback that we get, and
21 that's why this process is especially
22 important. You can't just tweak the
23 current lines. We need to start from
24 scratch.

25 This report also puts this

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2 Commission and puts the County on
3 official notice. Official notice, that
4 if we move forward with a map that's
5 substantially similar, a map that shares
6 characteristics, we would be in violation
7 of law. That's what this report tells
8 us.

9 So this is the start of the process.
10 We're going to continue to do analysis.
11 I am concerned, but not surprised, to see
12 this outcome of the objective analysis of
13 our current map. I look forward to
14 hearing what people think about this
15 preliminary reporting in today's comments
16 and future hearings.

17 Commissioner Mejias, is there
18 anything you want to add about this
19 document that we are submitting into the
20 record?

21 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: I mean, even
22 if you just look at the map. One of the
23 reasons we have so many concerns, I
24 believe in the Town of North Hempstead's
25 meeting there was attention drawn to

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2 Laura Schaefer's district, but the thing
3 that concerns us the most is, if you
4 think about a gerrymander district and
5 what it looks like, the presiding
6 officer, Mr. Nicoletto's district, is
7 incredibly gerrymandered so he can win
8 the election and he's in charge of this
9 process and the Legislature. He's the
10 guy that's going to make the decision on
11 what the Legislature votes on and he's
12 gonna tell them how to vote.

13 So here is Legislative District 9
14 (indicating). This is Presiding Officer
15 Nicoletto's district. As you can see,
16 it's ridiculous and illegal. This is to
17 make sure he wins his election and now he
18 is in charge of making sure that the maps
19 that they want get passed and that
20 affects you very much so. There is not
21 even a one in 10,000 chance that this
22 current map is legal. This is not some
23 Democratic consultant that we hired.
24 This widely recognized expert, a doctor
25 of political science at SUNY Binghamton

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2 who is relied upon by the courts to give
3 a neutral opinion as to whether or not
4 there is illegal gerrymandering. A one
5 in 10,000 chance that that map is not an
6 illegal gerrymandering. And the people
7 that control the legislative
8 redistricting process have the most
9 gerrymandered districts and have the most
10 to gain by it because they win their
11 elections and keep control. That affects
12 how you're represented in government. It
13 is concerning, it's scary and that's why
14 this should be a more open and
15 transparent process, and you should have
16 input as to what maps are recommended by
17 this Commission to the Legislature so
18 that we don't just keep the status or the
19 power to the people that have been denied
20 empowerment in this legislative
21 redistricting process and in government
22 for decades here in Nassau County finally
23 can have some power of their own. That's
24 why it's so important that we hear from
25 the public.

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2 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: Thank you,
3 Commissioner Mejia. One last point that
4 is worth noting --

5 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Can we hear from
6 the public?

7 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: In our first
8 meeting, August 31st --

9 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Excuse me, can we
10 hear from the public?

11 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: Yeah. One
12 last point.

13 In our first meeting on August 31st,
14 we introduced a resolution to prohibit
15 this Commission from considering partisan
16 data in the map drawing process. We did
17 this specifically to ensure that the maps
18 that emerged from the process complied
19 with State Law to prevent a repeat of the
20 illegal 2013 map. And it would, if we
21 actually kept politics -- kept partisan
22 advantage out of the process, that would
23 give protection to Nassau County voters.
24 That resolution failed. All five
25 Democratic appointees voted in favor; all

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2 five Republican appointees voted against.
3 I hope in light of this submission that
4 we just received and just put into the
5 record, we might reconsider that
6 resolution at a future hearing.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Okay. Ann
9 Leiter, League of Women Voters, Central
10 Nassau.

11 MS. LEITER: Thank you for the
12 opportunity to speak this evening.

13 My name is Ann Leiter, co-president
14 of the Central Nassau Chapter of the
15 League of Women Voters.

16 The League is a nonpartisan
17 grassroots non-profit organization
18 encouraging informed and active
19 participation in our democracy. While
20 the league takes position on a variety of
21 public policy issues, it never supports
22 or opposes any political party or
23 candidate.

24 As it has already stated in public
25 meetings of the District Commission, the

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2 League is here to advocate on behalf of a
3 fair, transparent and inclusive
4 redistricting process with a reminder
5 that redistricting is foundational to the
6 right to vote, and the public will only
7 have confidence in the fairness of this
8 process if it is able to observe the work
9 of the commission. Yet the League is
10 disappointed in the opaque manner of
11 which the Commission has conducted the
12 process thus far:

13 - holding its working meetings
14 outside the public view;
15 - compressing the timeline;
16 - letting in the public input;
17 - failing to update its website with
18 relevant and pertinent information.

19 - as we mentioned earlier, all
20 public working and mapping meetings must
21 be open to the public and publicized with
22 ample notice via all forms of media
23 including, but not limited to, Town,
24 County and Commission websites;
25 newspapers such as *Newsday*, *Herald*, Long

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2 Island business news, WLIW; local radio
3 stations and the numerous town and
4 village publications that the County
5 Clerk already uses with public legal
6 notices, collectively known as designated
7 newspapers.

8 - the Commission's website must
9 reflect agendas and minutes including
10 press releases, a contact list of staff
11 and consultants, a time table and maps,
12 as wells as service a portal for public
13 comment as soon as possible.

14 The Commission has to until January
15 7th to deliver its mapping plan to the
16 Legislature, so there is no valid reason
17 for the cutting the public comment off by
18 October.

19 The lack of meetings for those
20 physically challenged is unacceptable.
21 The County Legislative meetings noticed
22 earlier states the following:

23 The Nassau County Legislature is
24 committed to making its public meetings
25 accessible to individuals with

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2 disabilities and every reasonable
3 accomodation will be made so that they
4 can participate. You failed to
5 accomplish this by holding no meetings
6 virtually, which would enable the
7 physically challenged to participate and
8 make oral statements.

9 Most egregious is the fact that
10 there are no scheduled public meetings
11 after the Commission has released its
12 plan. We have hours before delivering to
13 the Legislature. As you all know, this
14 will give the public zero opportunity for
15 review and comment and no opportunity for
16 the Commissions to incorporate any
17 concerns or need to modify the maps.
18 This is a sharp contrast in the process
19 of the New York Independent Redistricting
20 Commission which extended at least the
21 appearance of the respect for the public.

22 Finally, I remind you of the new
23 redistricting requirements imposed under
24 the newly invented Municipal Home Rule
25 Law and the John R. Lewis Voting Rights

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2 Act of New York.

3 The Home Rule Law states:

4 "Districts shall not be drawn to
5 discourage competition or for the purpose
6 of, or disfavoring incumbents or other
7 particular candidates of the party.
8 Nassau's redistricting must be
9 nonpartisan.

10 Thank you (applause.)

11 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you very
12 much.

13 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: I want to
14 thank you. I have a quick question for
15 the individual testifying.

16 First, thank you for your testimony.
17 Thank you to the League of Women Voters
18 for the work and involvement in this
19 process. We are grateful to have your
20 input and feedback.

21 You mentioned the importance of
22 having virtual hearings and how that
23 might be important to the public. I'd
24 like to note that in our first meeting on
25 August 31st, I introduced a resolution

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2 calling for additional hearings including
3 two virtual remote hearings.

4 Unfortunately, that resolution was voted
5 down on a party line vote.

6 Could you explain to the Commission
7 a little bit more about why the League
8 feels that virtual meetings are an
9 important step in this process and how
10 that could be an important thing for us
11 to do to ensure transparency hearing from
12 the public?

13 MS. LEITER: Thank you. We have
14 members in the League, as well as members
15 in the public who are unable to attend
16 because of the distance, because of the
17 physical obstacles, and because of the
18 timing. This is recorded and released
19 later, but that's after the fact. So
20 they don't have the opportunity to give
21 you input by speaking, even by doing it
22 by Zoom or virtually. We would like that
23 opportunity for all the members of our
24 community and especially for those have
25 disabilities.

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2 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you. Abbey
4 McHugh.

5 MS. MCHUGH: Hello. Thank you for
6 the opportunity to be heard today. My
7 name is Abbey McHugh and I am an
8 organizer with Common Cause New York.

9 Common Cause is an actual
10 nonpartisan advocacy organization founded
11 in 1970. We are a group to ensure that
12 every vote counts and that every eligible
13 voter has an equal say and that our
14 elections represents the will of the
15 people and that our government is of, by
16 and for the people.

17 Common Cause New York is one of the
18 most active state chapters within Common
19 Cause with tens of thousands of members
20 and activists in every county of New York
21 State. For every redistricting there is
22 a major policy focus for Common Cause
23 across the country and in New York State.
24 Our national redistricting representation
25 program helps members of the public play

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2 an active role in shaping their own
3 representation who believe the efforts to
4 be fair and impartial process when
5 drawing districts. We also mitigate to
6 challenge partisan racial gerrymanders in
7 State and Federal courts around the
8 country.

9 Common Cause New York has offered
10 insight in local redistricting processes
11 at the county municipal level, as well as
12 statewide.

13 Today we are here with a few of what
14 we believe to be fundamental
15 recommendations that will help Nassau
16 County's redistricting process be more
17 transparent. Members of the public have
18 had an opportunity to be heard and to
19 engage with the Commission regarding the
20 proposed map are less likely to resort to
21 legal challenges to those maps.

22 First, it is imperative to hold
23 public feedback meetings after any
24 proposed map. We have seen in other
25 counties that public input is mostly

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2 helpful to the redistricting commission
3 after the proposed maps because people
4 have something to base their comments on.
5 We have traveled around the county to
6 gather feedback for the draft map. We
7 strongly urge you to do similar after
8 releasing any proposed map. There is
9 ample time as the Commission has until
10 January 7 to deliver the mapping plan to
11 the Legislature.

12 Second, several meetings that allow
13 all to participate are essential to the
14 process like our friends at the League
15 said. Not only does this help Nassau
16 constituents with disabilities to tell
17 you their feedback, but also those who
18 cannot find free time to participate,
19 like parents.

20 Finally, the draft map that your
21 Commission produces should reflect the
22 changes to the County since the last
23 census and put the priorities of the
24 people ahead of the politicians.

25 Long Island continued it's

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2 decades-long habit of increasing
3 (inaudible) in the 2020 Census. This
4 ongoing shift is especially strong in
5 Nassau County with those of voting age
6 identifying the standard growth by 16.8%,
7 Asian by 11.3% and black by 11.1%.

8 Protecting the political power from
9 use of interest through the redistricting
10 process is an important criteria in the
11 New York Constitution redistricting
12 provision. Thank you again.

13 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you very
14 much.

15 Robert Harris.

16 MR. HARRIS: Thank you to the
17 presiding officers. My name is Robert
18 Harris. Nassau County Civil Service
19 Employee Association, Local 830 Union
20 Vice President and Union President,
21 member of Long Island Fed and a newly
22 appointed member of the Ethics Board of
23 the Village of Hempstead.

24 I come to you today impartial of
25 politics. I am partial to the

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2 communities that I serve and live in.
3 Those are the corridors such as the
4 Village of Hempstead, Roosevelt,
5 Freeport, Westbury, and such communities.
6 We are talking about redistricting. I'm
7 all for equity and equality, but we're
8 talking about ethics. This is ethically
9 wrong.

10 So what I'm saying is, when we talk
11 about redistricting, a lot of y'all are
12 talking today, but the people in the
13 audience have no clue what you're talking
14 about because you're rambling. We gotta
15 get to the point.

16 The point is, it's all about power.
17 That's what it's about. It's about
18 power. Because let's just talk about a
19 district like the Village of Hempstead,
20 which the Census amount has gone up which
21 would increase their voting power. What
22 happens with redistricting, it takes
23 people that's able to vote for that
24 community out of that community. So they
25 get less representation. What happens is

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2 those representing these communities are
3 people that don't have the best interest
4 for those communities. What happens is
5 those communities are affected.

6 Now you're talking about
7 transparency and communication. Even if
8 you're on the the other side, why are we
9 just now seeing this map today. We can't
10 decipher what is going on today. We are
11 taxpayers. If it was time for you to be
12 elected, we'd be getting all kinds of
13 literature at our houses. Why didn't we
14 get any literature about this? Nothing
15 stops the other side from informing the
16 public of what's going on. If you don't
17 agree with the other side, start getting
18 the information to the public, so the
19 public can clearly understand what's
20 going on.

21 When we come here, a lot of times
22 your mind has been made up. What I would
23 like to say is, who is in charge of this
24 redistricting? Because if you have
25 somebody that's in charge, you have where

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2 the public and the taxpayers can send
3 their information and concerns to.

4 (Buzzer) that being said, I know my time
5 is run out. I don't want you to kick me
6 off, so I'm done (applause).

7 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Mr. Harris, for
8 the record, we were asked to bring those
9 maps from the last time we had a hearing.
10 That's the current map over there
11 (indicating) and another map floating
12 around that you can take a look at for
13 yourself.

14 MR. HARRIS: Okay. No problem. I'm
15 just asking if maybe some literature can
16 be sent to the home so we can take time
17 and look at it in our own space. That's
18 all I'm asking.

19 COMMISSIONER WYATT: Sir, I'm sorry.
20 Thank you for your comments. It was all
21 appreciated. I first want to explain for
22 the record that we are not elected
23 officials. None of us up here. We are
24 donating our time for this cause.

25 I also want to point out that the

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2 Democratic Commissioners have been trying
3 to get information out. We have been
4 fighting to get information out. We
5 totally agree with you and we will be
6 doing our due diligence to work harder on
7 that.

8 Thank you for your comments.

9 MR. HARRIS: Thank you (applause).

10 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: John Boyd, Jr.

11 MR. BOYD: Good evening, chairperson
12 and board.

13 My name is John F. Boyd, Sr. I'm
14 the president of the Roosevelt Chamber of
15 Commerce. I also serve with the Roosevelt
16 Fire Department as a volunteer fire peace
17 officer. I also serve American Legion,
18 1957, and I do all that proudly. I'm a
19 United States Army Veteran staff sergeant
20 (applause). I say all that because I'm
21 not trying to showboat. I'm trying let
22 you understand the dedication that I have
23 and the belief I have in our democracy.

24 I don't want this to go down the way
25 think it's going to go down where one

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2 side is just gonna gain all the power and
3 the other side's not. We want to make
4 sure that our voices are being heard. We
5 want to make sure that no one takes away
6 all the hard work that our ancestors made
7 through the Civil Rights Movement to get
8 us to vote and so on and so forth. We
9 want to have the same power that they
10 laid their life down for.

11 As a Chamber president, I receive
12 numerous phone calls from people that
13 can't make it to the meetings. Like the
14 lady said before, the virtual meetings,
15 I'm all for that. I just want this
16 Commission to put on the record that we
17 want complete open and disclosures on
18 these meetings so we would have an
19 opportunity to have our voices be heard.
20 Put on the record because we're not gonna
21 lay down and we don't want to threaten
22 anyone, but we're not going to stay back
23 and let this go down the way you guys
24 think it's gonna go down.

25 Thank you (applause.)

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2 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you and
3 thank you for your service.

4 MR. BOYD: You're welcome.

5 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Dr. Emily Moore.

6 DR. MOORE: Good evening,
7 everyone. My name is Dr. Emily Moore.
8 When I was in high school, the late
9 President Kennedy said, ask not what your
10 country can do for you, what you can do
11 for your country.

12 I'm a proud resident of Roosevelt,
13 Freeport and Hempstead in Nassau County
14 and the United States of America. We as
15 citizens of the United States of America
16 pay Federal, State and Local taxes.
17 Whether a republican or a democrat, we
18 pay taxes. It's our money that you are
19 spending, you're using, and you are
20 mismanaging. It's your responsibility as
21 elected officials and volunteers -- and I
22 appreciate this Commission and and these
23 other people here -- it's your
24 responsibility to meet the needs of all
25 the people and represent all the people.

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2 I had the opportunity to go to
3 Morgan State College. Part of the Civil
4 Rights Movement. John Boyd said you're a
5 pioneer, you put your life on the line.
6 You're the first group that said we
7 staying in prison because we're not
8 paying 90,000. That's our student
9 tuition, but that's not the point.

10 I'm a former Peace Corp. Volunteer.
11 You had to go to college. I lived
12 through three -- many years ago. I lived
13 the civil war -- three military tours in
14 the civil war in Nigeria. I was a
15 volunteer. I did a lot of crazy things.
16 I had the opportunity to travel. I moved
17 to Freeport, Long Island. I've been
18 involved from high school. I attended
19 Freeport High School. I grew up in the
20 Village of Freeport. I didn't have one
21 black teacher from elementary school to
22 high school, but I had some good people
23 that I was involved with. People who
24 were fair who made it possible. People
25 said, how you gonna go to college? Where

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2 there's a will, there's a way.

3 I don't want take up any more time.
4 The people here -- it's your
5 responsibility. And I've been all over
6 the world. I've been in Israel, Turkey,
7 Greece, Korea, Africa. I've been a
8 pioneer in not only human rights
9 struggle, but for a better America. You
10 can Google (sic) my name and see some of
11 the things that I've done, but that's not
12 the point. How are we gonna train and
13 raise and prepare the children so they
14 can be successful so they can be able to
15 accomplish what you accomplished here and
16 everybody here; that's the challenge.
17 The public school should be made
18 available to everybody and these private
19 organizations and charter school, it's
20 our tax money that's paying for this
21 stuff. You're probably gonna say you're
22 not responsible or accountable.

23 I want everybody to think about why
24 this county is zoned for so many
25 challenges. I never thought at this

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2 point of my life that I would be dealing
3 with basic survival and basic things for
4 America. I'm a citizen of the United
5 States, I pay my taxes. And this is the
6 government and your responsibilities are
7 all those people. And all those people
8 need to educate the young children so
9 they can be successful just as you are.

10 Have a nice day (applause).

11 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you,
12 doctor.

13 Daniel Oppenheimer.

14 MR. OPPENHEIMER: Good evening, all,
15 and good evening to members of the
16 public. Thank you for coming out.

17 This is my third meeting, so I'm a
18 little bit of a redistricting nerd also.

19 Transparency and collaboration, yes,
20 is essential. But that's not the ultimate
21 goal of this Commission. The ultimate
22 goal of this Commission is about
23 representation and resources for the
24 community. What I'm seeing,
25 unfortunately, tonight in the

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2 transparency is that you are not
3 collaborating. I see Republicans
4 collaborating with Republicans, I see
5 democrats collaborating with Democrats.
6 I tend to lean toward the Democrats, but
7 this is not going to affect what you are
8 having this Commission do. You are
9 supposed to provide fair representation
10 and resources to the people within the
11 district. I guess I don't have to remind
12 you. I'm just trying to remind myself
13 when I see the infighting going on here.
14 I implore all of you, whatever your
15 political stripe is, somehow, and not
16 just a 6 to 4 vote, I would love to see a
17 unanimous vote on a fair redistricting
18 map.

19 I'm a little confused. The chairman
20 at the beginning said that the website
21 will be updated with information and
22 resources, documents, guidelines, but
23 then when a proposal came up which to me
24 sounded like that's what the proposal
25 was, you unanimously voted against that.

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2 Let me just ask simply, please post
3 on the website as soon as you possibly
4 can and as accurately as you possibly
5 can, the population of the legislative
6 districts as of the prior redistricting
7 with demographic information as well as
8 population, and the same information from
9 the current day that you would be
10 considering in any new district maps and
11 put that on there with clear visual maps
12 with the data overlay: Boundaries, street
13 makers, where every average member of the
14 public can go and click on it and see
15 what that district is about and to look
16 at the demographic information. The
17 ethnic population, age, political, racial
18 population. We need to be able to see
19 that.

20 I assume you're using that
21 information in your discussions, but
22 you're not disclosing that. That is
23 transparency. I'll just briefly say, Mr.
24 Pernick, the study that you referenced
25 with the data running the 10,000

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2 scenarios, I hope that's on the website
3 tonight. I hope that that gets there
4 immediately. That is essential to have
5 up there as soon as possible.

6 Thank you very much (applause).

7 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: James Hogen. Did
8 I get your last name correct?

9 MR. HOGE: No. James Hoge.

10 How you doing? Welcome back.

11 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you for
12 having us.

13 MR. HOGE: Okay. Thank you, Chair
14 and Commission. I'm here again to ask
15 about the fairness. When we talk about
16 fairness, it seems like some of the same
17 things that was happening before, is
18 still happening now.

19 I'm here to say, are you just here
20 to be a face? Are you just here to
21 listen to somebody? When you think about
22 history, do you want to be one in history
23 that hurt people? Do you want to be one
24 in history that they talk about? Why
25 don't you take a look at the movie on

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2 Netflix called "Thirteen". When we talk
3 about certain people that are getting
4 treated certain ways, do you want to be
5 those individuals? We are hearing they
6 are trying to do things on a website.
7 You can get someone from the college, an
8 intern, to do your website. You got
9 plenty of money for redistricting. What's
10 taking so long?

11 When we talk about moral compass,
12 what is your moral compass? Where will
13 you find yourself in history? You have
14 time to make that right. Martin Luther
15 King talked about bending. Where is your
16 bend in the lane. We talked about
17 disability. If people have disabilities
18 need to be able to comment from the
19 comfort of their home, that should be a
20 vote tonight. If you really care.

21 When you talk about maps, if those
22 maps are wrong, if you want to wait for
23 the court to make it right, that's sad
24 when you understand and know what is
25 wrong. Again, remember, the movie on

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2 Netflix, "Thirteen".

3 So I say to you, again, and again.
4 You're hearing all the statistical data
5 and you've probably done your own data.
6 But if you're just here to be a body, why
7 don't you tell them like I told you last
8 time, I don't wanna be on this committee
9 no more. When you talk about how much is
10 going on in the beautiful Village of
11 Hempstead, I got friends there, I know
12 people there, I got family there. But
13 when we talk about money distribution, if
14 you want Hempstead to do even better, cut
15 up the lines right and fair so more can
16 go through the Village of Hempstead that
17 have more African Americans than the
18 whole county.

19 When we talk, we can smile, we can
20 love. But when we're hurting people,
21 look at history. Why does black people
22 and Latinos and other minorities have to
23 keep fighting for what you know is right?
24 Wake up and think about what is right.
25 When you look at your grandchildren and

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2 their nieces and nephews and their
3 friends -- some of you probably have
4 mixed races in your family -- think. And
5 if you don't have to be a part of whoever
6 appointed you, then tell them I'm not
7 doing this no more. It's 2022.

8 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: Mr. Hoge, it
10 seemed like you had a lot you wanted to
11 say to this Commission. I really
12 appreciate your testimony. At our last
13 hearing, there were many speakers who
14 went past three minutes. If there is
15 anything else that you'd like to add, I'm
16 going to invite you right now to continue
17 your comments since we've had other
18 speakers who have gone three minutes.

19 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: They have not
20 gone past there three minutes. I'd love
21 to hear from you. You and I can go out
22 for coffee after this is over. I'd be
23 happy --

24 MR. HOGE: I don't know if you want
25 to drink coffee with me. Let me tell you,

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2 coffee is real strong when it was black.
3 When did it get weak? I love all of you.
4 What's right is right. I don't care if
5 you republican, independent, green party.
6 What's right is right. My only thing is
7 this -- chairman, thank you for the extra
8 ten seconds because people was clapping
9 and laughing and it took my time -- I
10 say to you, please look at the Netflix
11 movie, "Thirteen". I just want all of
12 you, please. It's gonna tell you that
13 black people was considered not even a
14 whole human being. Why are you, just
15 because you are appointed by a friend in
16 the republican party, why would you just
17 do what they want you to do? You
18 represent your family. My father and
19 mother is gone in heaven, but I pray I'm
20 representing them well because they
21 taught me. They were from Alabama and
22 worked in the cotton fields. I thank
23 good for Mrs. Moore who works and did all
24 she did. She is a legend around the
25 world.

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2 Again, please, please do what is
3 right. Don't let your name go down in
4 history as something wrong and being a
5 part of something wrong. You see that
6 now. Of course they want to erase
7 history and get history out of history
8 class.

9 COMMISSIONER BEE: Mr. Hoge, we very
10 much appreciate your comments and we have
11 listened very carefully to what you have
12 to say. I'm sure you'd agree with me in
13 wanting everyone else to also have an
14 opportunity.

15 MR. HOGE: All right. Let me
16 finish. I do want everybody else to
17 hear, but I hope you heard what I said
18 to. Thank you very much. A nice way of
19 cutting me off. Everybody have a good
20 night. I'm James Hoge. If you did like
21 me before and you don't like me now, take
22 that up with God. I love you.

23 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Mr. Hoge, the
24 way the demographics work now and the way
25 the population has changed, there should

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2 be five majority/minority districts out
3 of the 19 in the County Legislature and
4 there is only three. There is only 3/5
5 of the power you should have. It's
6 ironic.

7 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: If I may correct
8 one thing on the record. This is being
9 streamed live. I just want to make that
10 known to you. People at home, if they
11 have a television, they can see this
12 live.

13 That said, Daphne Mullaly.

14 MS. MULLALY: I represent myself. I
15 live in Massapequa. I just want to say
16 I'm happy with my representation, but I
17 certainly do feel for the people who are
18 not happy with their representation.

19 Just a couple of things. I'm a
20 little bit of a political junkie, but I
21 don't follow all of this. I'm very happy
22 for you people to volunteer. I
23 appreciated the volunteering. It's your
24 personal time. I like people to respect
25 that because I volunteer and I know it's

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2 difficult.

3 I was hoping it would have been a
4 little bit of a bipartisan committee. I
5 don't know. It just seems like you're
6 not really working together.

7 I just have a question on the maps.
8 You say that the map now is
9 gerrymandered. The map was made ten
10 years ago, so obviously it's changed.
11 I'm assuming that's why we are hear. To
12 do the redistricting so that it's not
13 gerrymandered. We were told it was done
14 fairly. Everybody seems to come up here
15 and say -- assuming it's not going to be
16 fair. Assuming it's going to be
17 gerrymandered. Assuming that's what's
18 going to be done. I just think we should
19 give the committee a chance to put the
20 maps together. I think we learn from
21 mistake that they did have a
22 gerrymandering and it did go to the
23 courts and it was overturned so there is
24 a process. I think everybody needs to
25 just be respectful of the process.

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2 Like I said, I appreciate your time.
3 Hopefully, everybody will be happy in the
4 end, but everybody will not be happy.

5 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Thank you for
6 your time. The problem is, the process
7 is flawed. If you run for office in a
8 legislative district, you have to
9 petition to get on the ballot.
10 Petitioning starts in February. The
11 Legislature doesn't have to vote on the
12 maps under the law until March. They can
13 vote on the maps at the very last minute
14 which would prevent anybody from bringing
15 a lawsuit that they think is unfair, and
16 ram it down our throats. The problem is
17 the process is completely flawed. As the
18 Charter was written, the time for
19 petitioning the primaries had been moved
20 up, but the charter provisions have not
21 been moved alongside in a parallel
22 manner. That's why when people hear,
23 just trust the process, they're looking
24 at a map that's completely gerrymandered
25 now. They're looking at the

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2 gerrymandered district where the
3 presiding officer who alone controls the
4 entire process and what maps get passed
5 by the legislature. That's why people in
6 this community especially are a little
7 bit skeptical that they're going to be
8 given an equal voice.

9 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Trustee Clariona
10 Griffith.

11 MS. GRIFFITH: I would like to first
12 start off clearing up the last comment.
13 How is this gonna be done fair? First of
14 all, Hempstead, Massapequa; what's fair
15 about that? Roosevelt, Franklin Square;
16 what's fair about that? Uniondale, East
17 Meadow; what's fair about that? Elmont,
18 Rockville Centre; what is fair about
19 that?

20 First of all, let's start off
21 this -- and I thank you to the democratic
22 chair for pointing out certain things. I
23 actually took notes -- that you already
24 give people of -- white people -- more
25 time. Okay. You give us less time,

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2 which is not fair. Then to top it off,
3 you can't even agree right now on the
4 decision about what to do with the map,
5 giving us an opportunity. This is not
6 going to turn out right already, because
7 if we gave you one hour to look at that
8 map, I guarantee you couldn't make a
9 decision on what needs to be done right
10 away. So why is it that you're going to
11 only give us one hour to look at it? Why
12 can't you mail it to our home? Why can't
13 you do Zoom? Why can't you do something
14 where it's going to benefit our community
15 for once?

16 When we talk about ten years, here's
17 ten years for you; where you gonna be?
18 You don't even know. You know why?
19 Because no one knows what happens in ten
20 years. Anybody that have any business
21 knows that it takes five years to develop
22 a business and when you develop a
23 business in five years, ten years later
24 now you actually start to see a profit.
25 So every ten years you turn around and

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2 wait till we start to make our community
3 grow and do certain things and then you
4 take it away from us. That's what you
5 do. You take away every ten years. You
6 come in like this is monopoly and you
7 take away everything that we work hard to
8 put together to put it in your favor.
9 It's not gonna happen anymore. Because
10 we have people here that's tired of
11 what's being done. Ten years from now
12 you don't even know if your kids, and
13 I've said it before, is going to marry my
14 grandson and what's gonna happen? Guess
15 what? They're gonna be sitting in my
16 yard that you now changed and redistrict
17 and have to struggle just like you got us
18 struggling for the last ten years.

19 Every time your turn around you
20 redistrict to be in your favor. It's not
21 in your favor anymore, because the people
22 are speaking, we're gonna keep showing
23 up. Once again, what is fair about
24 Massapequa and Garden City? They are
25 fair. But guess what, when you put

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2 Hempstead in the works, nothing's fair
3 about that. But you keep using our
4 demographic when they're trying to take
5 money from us. That's why you keep us
6 together.

7 Thank you. Have a good evening.
8 To.

9 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you. Noah
10 Burroughs.

11 MR. BURROUGHS: Thank you for the
12 opportunity to speak.

13 I spoke last time. I just want to
14 reiterate I'm speaking to you as an
15 educator and not an elected official.
16 The same thing goes now as I spoke
17 before. Teaching American History I
18 teach children I teach them to see the
19 unseen and hear the unheard. Everybody
20 here tonight, they see what's going on.
21 You can close your eyes and split this
22 podium right down the middle and you can
23 see we're divided and that's pretty
24 unfortunate. It's the course of the
25 nature of this country since the founding

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2 of it. I think it's disheartening.
3 Everyone sees what's going on. It's not
4 -- we know this is gerrymandering. We
5 know this current map you got is designed
6 for us to fail. When I say us, I mean us
7 in minority communities.

8 I teach to see the unseen. Everyone
9 here can see it. It's just not fair. As
10 Mr. Harris spoke earlier, you guys have
11 to come in here and work together and
12 come up with ideas and to work together.
13 Not to have your minds made up and decide
14 what you're gonna do before you even sit
15 at the table. If that's the case, what's
16 the purpose of sitting on the committee
17 when you know you have your mind made up
18 already? With that, I'm done.

19 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you very
20 much. Reginald Benjiman.

21 MR. BENJIMAN: Thank you for the
22 opportunity to speak this evening.

23 My name is Reginald Benjiman. I'm
24 the Executive Director of ABBA Leadership
25 Center. This is a faith-based

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2 organization.

3 I did have a whole lot that I wanted
4 to say, but sitting here today looking at
5 you guys and how you are so divided along
6 the lines, it don't look like -- you
7 can't even get along with each other so I
8 don't think you're gonna be able to do
9 anything to help us.

10 But we are watching you. I'm
11 particularly concerned about my
12 community. Particularly, the Village of
13 Hempstead. We are making great strides
14 there. We have a good population of
15 people. We got good leadership. We
16 don't want you guys to destroy it because
17 you want to put us in a little box.

18 I had a whole lot I wanted to say.
19 I'm just gonna cut it off and say ditto
20 to James Hoge (applause).

21 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: A. Supreme
22 Mathematics.

23 A. SUPREME: I just want to say
24 thank you for the opportunity to speak.
25 I'm here because I believe when they sat

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2 in this seat it was the first commission
3 in 1994, 28 years ago. Twenty eight
4 years ago, they developed the 19
5 legislative districts that we live in
6 now. I want everyone to understand that
7 we the people of Nassau County make this
8 government. We the people need
9 representation. What I want to talk about
10 is basic. There's 42% minorities living
11 in Nassau County without representation.
12 There's 42% of minority people. We need
13 more than just two recognized minority
14 districts. Even there's a third district,
15 it's never been recognized as a minority
16 district. When Solages beat Ciotti, it
17 was still known as a regular district.
18 It was never known as a minority district
19 and there's five or six minority
20 districts in Nassau County. When you do
21 these maps -- and I agree they're
22 gerrymandered maps -- but when you do
23 these maps, consider the areas that did
24 not get representation like Massapequa,
25 Massapequa Park and South Farmingdale and

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2 Hicksville. Let's make sure we give
3 those people representation. The
4 population is changing dramatically in
5 Nassau County.

6 I just want to let you know that 20%
7 of the population now is Hispanic. There
8 is no Hispanic representation on the
9 legislature now. And there's 17% African
10 American. Then the Asians. The Asians
11 don't have representation. The Indians
12 don't have representation. Nassau County
13 is growing and will continue to grow.
14 Let's be real about the growth of Nassau
15 County. Minorities are gonna grow and
16 come to Nassau County because Nassau
17 County has the great beaches. The
18 greatest roadways. The greatest sports
19 entertainment. People are gonna come
20 here so make room for the growth. Make
21 room for the growth, because it's gonna
22 be here. Ten years from now it will
23 probably be 55% minorities.

24 So what we're asking for you to
25 consider those areas that need

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2 representation. The Asian population
3 needs representation. The African
4 American community needs representation.
5 The Caribbean Community has grown so
6 large in the Baldwin area, South Baldwin
7 to Baldwin Harbor that they need
8 representation. Uniondale, Roosevelt and
9 Freeport, we have good representation,
10 but there are more of us that need this.
11 We need to be shown that Nassau Community
12 is not only a white community, but it is
13 a community of diversity. Show that
14 diversity in your map drawing (buzzer).
15 Do not be bias and one sided even though
16 we know 53% white still live here, but
17 that's shrinking rapidly.

18 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you. Doris
19 Sharpe.

20 MS. SHARPE: Good evening. I want
21 Mr. Brewington to speak on my behalf.
22 Everything is rhetorical and repetitive.
23 We don't have the maps. I don't see the
24 purpose of this. The rules and
25 regulations are clear; there's black and

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2 there's white. You'll showing black and
3 white up here clearly to us. I don't
4 know what more there is to say until we
5 get the maps to see what's fair and
6 what's not fair. It's all rhetorical.

7 Thank you. Mr. Brewington is going
8 to take my 2:30.

9 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: If you want Mr.
10 Brewington to join you --

11 COMMISSIONER BEE: Mr. Chairman, may
12 I make a motion that at the request of
13 the speaker, Mr. Brewington be allowed to
14 speak on her behalf.

15 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: All in favor?

17 (Whereupon, all members of
18 the Commission respond in
19 favor.)

20 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Can I get a
21 motion to reset the clock --

22 MR. BREWINGTON: I think there are a
23 number of people that want to yield their
24 time to me. Are there any people that
25 want to?

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2 (Whereupon, members of the
3 audience respond in favor.)

4 MR. BREWINGTON: I will take their
5 time too.

6 COMMISSIONER BEE: We don't have a
7 rule on yielding time.

8 MR. BREWINGTON: You don't have a
9 rule against it, do you? Don't try and
10 play lawyer with me. I watched what you
11 did in the other two communities.

12 COMMISSIONER BEE: What I did?

13 MR. BREWINGTON: No. Yes. You and
14 everybody else: Laddi, daddi, and
15 everybody. I'm not going to allow you to
16 come in here and steamroll over a
17 community that is going to be beset by
18 what you plan to do. You're gonna hear
19 me (pointing).

20 COMMISSIONER BEE: You're pointing
21 to me.

22 MR. BREWINGTON: No. You're going to
23 hear me.

24 COMMISSIONER BEE: I am hearing you.

25 MR. BREWINGTON: And you're gonna

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2 let me speak and you're not gonna
3 interrupt me. The community here has
4 been through decades of abuse. Your
5 approach here -- I'm not even starting my
6 comments. You should be ashamed of
7 yourselves the way you have approached
8 this process thus far. It's supposed to
9 be a process where the people have the
10 opportunity to be fully and fairly heard
11 and to have an opportunity to be involved
12 in a process. This is not a process.
13 This is abuse.

14 And what you have done, Mr.
15 Chairman, all due respect, there is no
16 reason why you have done what you have
17 done in terms of just shoving things down
18 people's throats. This is not democracy,
19 it's autocracy and you need to be ashamed
20 of yourselves the way you're conducting
21 yourselves. I would encourage you to
22 hear the words of James Hoge. I would
23 encourage you to hear the words of Sister
24 Moore. I would encourage you to realize
25 the fact there is a historical precedence

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2 going on right now that you will have to
3 come to grips with at some point.

4 Commissioners, Dr. Moore, Mother
5 Goosby, members of the Assembly -- my
6 assembly, members of the clergy,
7 everybody in this chamber room, needs
8 understand that I'm a resident of Nassau
9 County, born and raised. Came up from
10 Lakeview and road the streets on a
11 bicycle with holes in my sneakers, but
12 because of the fact that there are people
13 in this room today that decide when to
14 stand up and fight when voting rights
15 became important, we have change and
16 brought change here. Goosby versus the
17 Town of Hempstead; NAACP versus the
18 County the Board of Elections; in Suffolk
19 County Montano versus County of Suffolk;
20 in Suffolk County Forlan versus the Town
21 of Islip. Do I need to talk about the
22 victories that we have had to stand up
23 and fight for? And everyone of them
24 because of what people did for me, I had
25 the opportunity to stand in the courtroom

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2 before them and say this community will
3 not be abused anymore.

4 On my wrist I wear a band that says,
5 "Make every vote count" (buzzer). Is
6 somebody gonna yield me their three
7 minutes?

8 (Whereupon, audience members
9 respond in favor.)

10 COMMISSIONER BEE: Can you identify
11 which person?

12 MR. BREWINGTON: Sure. That would
13 be Bishop Harvey.

14 COMMISSIONER BEE: Because we also
15 have slips up here and I just want to
16 make sure we have the right people.

17 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Please continue.

18 MR. BREWINGTON: When we have
19 discord in the house, the house cannot
20 stand. When we have disrespect for one
21 another even to the point of having full
22 voice, the house cannot stand. And when
23 you build a house with a rotten
24 foundation, say it with me, family.

25 (Whereupon, the audience

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2 responds, "the house cannot
3 stand".)

4 MR. BREWINGTON: And that's what
5 we're doing right now.

6 On my wrist there's a bracelet that
7 I wear that states, "every vote counts".
8 That's been something that's been part of
9 everything that I believe we stand for as
10 a democracy. But as a democracy, this is
11 not what we should be looking like.
12 Right now, I am very concerned that as we
13 look and deal with this petty partisan
14 political process, (inaudible). That far
15 too often we are finding ourselves taking
16 a backseat. And in some cases having now
17 seat when it comes to equity and justice.
18 Those are words I haven't heard echoed in
19 this chamber yet.

20 Equity and justice should rule the
21 day. They should be on everyone of your
22 lips to be able to be brought to the
23 people and say we stand for equity, we
24 stand for justice. Instead, we fight
25 saying you can't put information out so

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2 that mothers who are at home and can't
3 even get out of the house, can't figure
4 out what's going on for their
5 grandchildren. Shame on you and shame on
6 the folks that vote against that. Every
7 single one of you.

8 The reality is that Nassau County
9 and the great opportunity before you to
10 give the right starts with starting over.
11 What happened ten years ago was wrong.
12 Simply because you say, well, that's the
13 way things are, doesn't mean that it's
14 right. If that were the case, I'd be
15 right now in a cotton farm and a factory
16 doing something bad or something; you'd
17 have to take me down. Because the reality
18 is that what you have done right now,
19 what you're creating right now is a bad
20 history. The problem is that you're all
21 on notice now. There's no hiding here.
22 Don't think that I'm not paying
23 attention. Don't think that in this
24 situation when I ask you the question:
25 How is it that given the monumental

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2 impact of the shift in the population of
3 racial composition in Nassau County that
4 you only have one hearing scheduled
5 initially in the communities that are
6 most affected?

7 I heard that you changed your mind
8 tonight and I'm all or that. Initially,
9 there were 17 that were proposed and now
10 you're gonna give us three more (buzzer)?
11 You can shut that one off too. Is
12 someone gonna give me their time?

13 (Whereupon, audience member,
14 Selina Henderson, yields time.)

15 MR. BREWINGTON: The corridor does
16 count: Hempstead, Freeport, Roosevelt,
17 Lakeview, Elmont, North Valley Stream and
18 everybody else that makes up the
19 corridor. You cannot make a
20 determination that you're simply gonna
21 give them lip service. Lip service is
22 not enough. Here's a question: If
23 you're in intent is to seek input, and
24 properly and fully educate the most
25 affected communities, how is it that your

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2 website even at this late stage in the
3 redistricting process is not transparent
4 and educational? Education is part of
5 your job. You're supposed to not only
6 hear from us, but you're supposed to give
7 us information. There's not a single
8 map, there's not a single chart, there's
9 not a single piece of information about
10 districts, no lines are drawn. And we,
11 at this point, don't even know what we're
12 talking about and neither do you.

13 The problem is, without that
14 information, no one, not even a PhD can
15 make a determination on what's important
16 right now in this process. We're arguing
17 in space. The space is so vast without
18 any strictures.

19 So here's the problem, with no maps
20 and numbers to relate to the maps not
21 being available for review and analysis,
22 how is it that you expect the public,
23 from plumber to PhD to even come before
24 you and speak to the core matters that
25 are substantive in terms of

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2 representation? Because that's what it
3 is about, representation. Fair. Equal.
4 Proper. Respectful. Democratic.
5 Constitutional. Statutory
6 representation. What you have done thus
7 far defies the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
8 Defies the brand new Voting Rights Act
9 under the State of New York. I can't
10 wait until January 1st. It defies the
11 Constitution; the 13th, 14th, 15th
12 Amendments. We stand here because of
13 those and yet America turned its back and
14 ripped up the check and required the
15 Voting Rights Act of 1965 and you still
16 defy that.

17 What do you expect from the people
18 that have been disenfranchised for so
19 long? You cannot expect me to apologize
20 for the way I fight back. Because when
21 you do and disrespect people, you cannot
22 expect them to pull back and say beat me
23 some more (buzzer). Give me one more
24 three minutes and I'll be done.

25 (Whereupon, Linda Wright,

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2 yields her time.)

3 MR. BREWINGTON: Thank you. I'll be
4 done in three minutes.

5 John Pierce looms large in this
6 room. I mention the name so we don't
7 forget where we came from. They are our
8 ancestors that stand over us right now.
9 They say that you have a responsibility
10 to hear those voices too, to care for
11 your children who very well may end up
12 marrying somebody else's daughter in
13 here. But the impact it has on their
14 families is not for tomorrow, it's for
15 today. Because what you do today sets the
16 history for tomorrow.

17 Home Rule Section 34(4)(e) does say,
18 "districts shall not be drawn to
19 discourage competition or for the purpose
20 of favoring or disfavoring the incumbent
21 or other particular candidates they want
22 to try and lift up". If a partisan map
23 like that one comes out, you can
24 anticipate that every one of you will
25 have to be called to give a deposition.

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2 I want to be clear, this is not a
3 threat. I want to be clear, the world is
4 watching little Nassau County right now.
5 You've got an opportunity to get this
6 right. You have an opportunity not to
7 allow this time to be squandered away.
8 You have an opportunity to make sure that
9 history does not write you down on the
10 wrong side. Do this with a heart of
11 change. Do this with a heart of
12 compromise. Don't do this with a heart
13 of partisanship and racial
14 gerrymandering. Because if you do, if
15 you do, if you do, if you do, if you do,
16 you have been warned (applause).

17 I will submit my written submission
18 for you. I brought 25 copies. I don't
19 like the way it came out after listening
20 to this. I'm gonna write it again.

21 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Mr.
22 Brewington, thank you very much for
23 everything you've done for everybody in
24 Nassau County and Long Island throughout
25 your career; your legal career

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2 especially. You are a gift to us. You
3 certainly have used your talent wisely.
4 Thank you so much.

5 They say as much as you give is as
6 much is expected and you've exceeded
7 expectations. So you started out by
8 talking about lawsuits that have actually
9 been brought to bring justice for people
10 here on Long Island. We use the legal
11 system to bring justice to people, and
12 those in power who want to stop people
13 who are not empowered from getting more
14 power, you rig the system so you can't
15 bring the lawsuit. So now the maps
16 aren't due to be voted on by the
17 Legislature until March 7th, but
18 petitioning starts in February, so at the
19 last minute, the Legislature passes maps,
20 it would significantly hamper your
21 ability to bring a lawsuit because the
22 judge could say it causes too much chaos
23 this election, you're gonna have to wait
24 until the next one.

25 MR. BREWINGTON: Let me stop you.

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2 Mr. Mejias. Mr. Bee, you represented the
3 Village of Garden City, right?

4 COMMISSIONER BEE: At one time we
5 did. Mr. Brewington, I just want to say
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7 MR. BREWINGTON: I just want to
8 answer his question and I will come back
9 to your question.

10 That's true in terms of the outcome,
11 but it's not true in terms of bringing
12 the lawsuit. What you're really talking
13 about is the impact that would come
14 particularly in state courts with regard
15 to trying to deal with that election at
16 that time. I don't necessarily run the
17 sprint, I do the long run. The Voting
18 Rights Act and the other statutory
19 requirements that bring us into Federal
20 Court don't allow the political
21 partisanship and the appointed judges we
22 have in State Court to rule the day. We
23 go to a higher court. One that's higher
24 than New York State and then eventually
25 go to the highest court and we stand on

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2 that. There's a community here that is
3 faith based and based on the faith we
4 understand that this battle is not over
5 yet. There are reasons why Fannie Lou's
6 memory stands in my mind. When you ask
7 that question, you're right. For the
8 immediate election the timing is bad.
9 But I tell you what, make the decision
10 that's wrong, the timing is going to be
11 bad no matter what you do.

12 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: But for you to
13 really get immediate relief from a bad
14 decision or bad policy it is going to be
15 significantly hampered by the current
16 calendar. That's why the Democratic
17 Minority submitted legislation to move up
18 the dates.

19 MR. BREWINGTON: Every one of your
20 rules, just so you know, I looked at each
21 one of them by the way. I had a chance
22 to study them. Everyone of them was
23 intended to enhance democracy not stump
24 it up.

25 Mr. Bee?

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2 COMMISSIONER BEE: Mr. Brewington,
3 you and I have dealt with each other
4 professionally for a long time --

5 MR. BREWINGTON: The other side of
6 cases.

7 COMMISSIONER BEE: May I speak?

8 MR. BREWINGTON: Yes, sir.

9 COMMISSIONER BEE: I have always
10 thought of you as not only an excellent
11 attorney, but a person of integrity and a
12 person who does right as God gives you
13 the ability to see right. I thought you
14 thought similarly of me. I would be
15 disappointed to feel otherwise.

16 MR. BREWINGTON: Sir, I'm not here
17 to talk about personalities. Both you
18 and I share a common interest. We are
19 both "Trekkers", we like Star Trek. But
20 one of the things that I know is, when
21 actions defy logic, as Spock tells us,
22 then all truth must come forward.
23 Because there is no greater truth than
24 the logic that follows the truth. I
25 follow the logic that leads me to the

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2 truth. And the truth is that when you
3 vote down a resolution that simply says
4 let's give people more opportunity and
5 information, that is not logical.

6 COMMISSIONER BEE: Thank you for
7 your excellent advocacy.

8 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: Mr.
9 Brewington, from the bottom of my heart I
10 want to thank you for taking time out of
11 your day to join us here. I'm very moved
12 by your testimony and very grateful to
13 have your involvement in this process and
14 your voice here to educate this
15 commission (applause).

16 I have said many times that I
17 believe and I think many people believe
18 that you are Thurgood Marshall of Long
19 Island. Your record backs that up. You
20 have litigated every voting rights case
21 here on Long Island, successfully; it's
22 remarkable. And the service you have
23 provided to this County and to our Island
24 is deeply important.

25 I also understand you have the role

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2 as professor. You teach law schools, you
3 educate members of the community and I
4 would like to ask you to take a few more
5 moments to educate this body;
6 specifically, on the requirements of the
7 Voting Rights Act.

8 As you know, from your wealth of
9 experience litigating cases under Section
10 2 of the Voting Rights Act, there are a
11 variety of requirements. The law
12 requires Courts to evaluate under the
13 totality of the circumstances whether
14 communities of color have less
15 opportunity to participate in the
16 political process and to elect candidates
17 of their choice. I was hoping you could
18 take a moment or two to educate this
19 commission on what that means and educate
20 this commission on the types of evidence
21 that are relevant when courts make that
22 determination.

23 MR. BREWINGTON: Thornburg v. Gingles
24 Supreme Court case. Please write it down
25 if you haven't read it. I encourage you

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2 to write it down.

3 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: We are going
4 to put that up. It's on the drive
5 already. You have that QR Code, you can
6 look up this case.

7 MR. BREWINGTON: If there was an
8 interest in getting educated in this
9 situation, I would encourage folks to
10 take a pen and write it down; Thornburg
11 v. Gingles.

12 In Thornburg v. Gingles the Court
13 made it very clear that under the Senate,
14 the United States Senate put out what are
15 called conditions: The Senate Factors.
16 The Senate Factors were some 12 or 13
17 different subcomponents of what could
18 support a voting rights act case.

19 In the case, Goosby v. Town of
20 Hempstead, the plaintiffs in that case did
21 not prove 13, they proved 23. What they
22 did was they look at things such as
23 housing, school districts, voting
24 records, access to the ballot. They dealt
25 with issues of policing. They dealt with

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2 issues of distribution of monies
3 including HUD funds that are meant for
4 one community and goes someplace else.

5 They look at other issues relating
6 to access to healthcare. I will tell you
7 the numbers from the Corona Virus for the
8 African American and Hispanic community
9 are abysmal. They will make a case in
10 the voting rights claims.

11 So all of those and many more are
12 factors that help to make the fabric of
13 what is evaluated by a court. Not just
14 whether or not a map itself is disruptive
15 to educate the process, but whether or
16 not those communities have systematically
17 and systemically been the deprived of
18 access to full, fair, equal, and
19 equitable representation.

20 That's what we are asking -- no, I'm
21 not asking you, I'm demanding you. That
22 you stop what you're doing. Stop this
23 partisan policy practice and get down to
24 brass tacks. Represent the people
25 whether or not they're black, blue or

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2 polkadot in your work that when you turn
3 something over to the Legislature, you
4 give Mr. Nicoletto -- I gotta get
5 reelected again, whatever his name is --
6 that it's not okay. It's not okay to play
7 games with our children's future.
8 Because that's why we're standing here.
9 That's why Emily Moore worked so hard to
10 her fingers to the nub of the bone. Why
11 Dorothy Goosby stays where she is so we
12 don't lose what we have gained. Stuff
13 just gets stolen from us. Thieves in the
14 night. We're tired of that. Take the
15 headlights off my house.

16 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: Thank you,
17 Mr. Brewington. I very much appreciate
18 how you walked us through all the
19 different categories -- some of the
20 categories of disparities that are
21 relevant. You mentioned housing,
22 policing, income disparities; all these
23 different types of disparities. Could
24 you explain to this commission why it is
25 that all these disparities and all their

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2 areas of life: Unfairness in campaigns,
3 racials appeals in campaigns, other sorts
4 of limitations, barriers to the ballot;
5 how is that relevant and how should that
6 be relevant to us as the Commission when
7 we think about what the maps should look
8 like and how they should draw the lines?

9 MR. BREWINGTON: You are required in
10 the Voting Rights Act to take those into
11 consideration as you do your work. I'm
12 not saying optional. It is a mandate
13 because of the historical references that
14 we deal with that brought us to
15 reconstruction. Because of what took
16 place that caused the need for the 13th,
17 14th and 15th Amendment. We started on
18 an uneven playing field. It remains
19 uneven. As long as you are looking at
20 48% of people of color in Nassau County
21 only having three elective spots on a 19
22 person legislature, it still remains
23 uneven.

24 By the way, I will just answer your
25 question. What it does it it helps to

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2 demonstrate how unfair the processes are
3 that are controlled by the political
4 imaginations that are going on in that
5 district. Because right now, everyone of
6 you know. Every one of you. Some of you
7 might know very personally, that five
8 minority/majority seats are not possible,
9 they are exactly true. You can draw five
10 seats right now. Why? Because I've done
11 it. I'm waiting for you not to do it.
12 I'm waiting. That's not a threat. That's
13 a truism. Please take that back to Mr.
14 Nicoletto as well. Let them step in the
15 caca and then try and wipe it off their
16 shoes.

17 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you, Mr.
18 Brewington and thank you, Counsel. If
19 you don't mind, we have a lot more
20 speakers that want to have an opportunity
21 to talk without cutting you off, please.

22 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: Excuse me,
23 Mr. Chair. I have one final question for
24 Mr. Brewington.

25 Mr. Brewington, you had mentioned

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2 and talked about these Senate Factors
3 that a court would consider whether a map
4 violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights
5 Act. You walked through many of the
6 categories. In your view as the leading
7 Civil Rights lawyer on Long Island, do
8 you believe that there is evidence to
9 satisfy the standard laid out by the
10 Supreme Court case Thornburg v. Gingles,
11 that those Senate factors are present
12 here in Nassau County?

13 MR. BREWINGTON: I don't think so; I
14 know so. As a matter of fact, under the
15 Voting Rights Act, if there is partisan
16 gerrymandering that takes place -- and as
17 I see what's happening, about to happen,
18 I understand where we stay with that as
19 your standard, that map over there,
20 racially gerrymandering is going to
21 elevate the issues.

22 So to answer your question,
23 Commissioner Pernick, is absolutely.
24 Just so you know, this stuff isn't done
25 overnight. We evaluate this as time goes

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2 on. When we saw there was an actual
3 change in demographics from 73% non
4 Hispanic White in Nassau County to 58%
5 non Hispanic White in the past census, if
6 you don't take that into consideration
7 and consider the Voting rights Act
8 requires you to know that the communities
9 of color are now busting at the seams,
10 that's troubling. That's troubling. I
11 hope -- no, I pray that you wake up
12 tomorrow morning and the grass will be
13 green, the sun will shine, and you will
14 say, I need to turn over a new leaf and
15 hear the beck and call because this the
16 time. This is the time (applause).

17 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: I would like
18 to make a brief motion first to permit
19 anybody who yielded time to Mr.
20 Brewington to at least have an
21 opportunity to come up and speak. I
22 don't believe that anybody should be
23 denied the right to testify before this
24 Commission just because they wanted to
25 allow Mr. Brewington an extra few

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2 minutes. I would make that motion and
3 ask that my fellow commissioners to join
4 me and at least invite those individuals
5 to say a few words, if they would like
6 to.

7 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: We have their
8 cards here. I believe the Bishop has
9 left. The only other person would be
10 Selina --

11 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: Mr. Chair,
12 there is a motion and a second.

13 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I'm trying to put
14 some substance to your motion, rather
15 than just nice words. Is that okay?
16 Bishop Harvey is not here. Is Selina
17 Hendrickson here?

18 Your motion is that you want her to
19 come up and speak?

20 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: My motion is
21 any of the individuals who yielded time
22 to Mr. Brewington to be permitted to have
23 an opportunity to address this body.

24 COMMISSIONER BEE: May I suggest
25 that after speakers who have not yet been

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2 heard from, either on their own or
3 through Mr. Brewington, after those
4 speakers have been heard, we could
5 return. Anyone who yielded time to Mr.
6 Brewington may then be heard again.

7 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: I'm sorry,
8 Commissioner. I don't understand why this
9 is so complicated. We are saying anybody
10 who submitted a card to be invited to
11 come up and speak. I would ask that we
12 have a roll call vote on this resolution
13 at this time.

14 COMMISSIONER BEE: I'm suggesting an
15 amendment to the motion so that we hear
16 from the people who have not yet spoken
17 first.

18 (Whereupon, commotion from
19 audience.)

20 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Can we have some
21 order, please?

22 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Our
23 relationship status is, it's complicated.

24 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I'm going to make
25 this easier. The people who gave Mr.

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2 Brewington time, could you stand up?

3 (Whereupon, speakers in
4 audience are addressed.)

5 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: You all want to
6 come up and speak?

7 (Whereupon, speakers from
8 the audience reject offer to
9 speak.)

10 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: So there is no
11 need for a motion.

12 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: I will
13 withdraw the motion.

14 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you. Alina
15 Unilov, your turn.

16 MS. UZILOV: Hi, everyone. I
17 honestly think I came to the wrong
18 meeting, but it was very enlightening.

19 I was asked by my community to come
20 to a redistricting meeting.
21 Unfortunately, just like everyone was
22 saying here, there is not enough
23 information online to know where people
24 should go.

25 I come from Roslyn Heights. I moved

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2 here seven years ago from Brooklyn. We
3 are a community called Roslyn Country
4 Club; however, we don't have a country
5 club or any sort of club. We are just
6 called that since 1940's we were named
7 that.

8 Why I'm here, we are concerned. We
9 looked at the redistricting plan and we
10 see that it really affected our little
11 neighborhood of Roslyn Heights. Being
12 established in 1940's, as far as we
13 remember we have never been a part of two
14 districts. The adopted district map
15 shows that now a chunk of our little tiny
16 community will belong to District 1,
17 while a smaller chunk will be District 2.
18 That's particularly unacceptable because
19 it will limit our little community's
20 residents to have a single elected
21 official who can effectively represent
22 our interests.

23 In addition, as per New York State,
24 Article III, IV, and V, State Law
25 requires that the Redistricting

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2 Commission take into consideration and
3 preserve communities of interest, which I
4 think a lot of people here felt that as
5 well.

6 You have failed to take into
7 consideration that we are a community
8 with historical and environmental
9 interests. We share social and
10 historical background. We are not a
11 village. We are not any kind of a
12 township. All we have is this name,
13 Roslyn Country Club, even we don't have
14 anything that establishes that. And now
15 we are being split into two. I'm here to
16 represent our community. I hope this
17 Commission and the Town Commission, the
18 Town of North Hempstead, you guys can
19 talk to them. I hope that it will keep
20 this community of interest in mind when
21 you guys do the legislative
22 redistricting. The division of our
23 community will really affect us.

24 I know the task of map drawing is a
25 difficult one and concerns of all Long

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2 Island communities are important. Every
3 single one that I have heard about here,
4 I feel like I was at a Civil Rights
5 event. I just truly hope that what
6 everyone said here, you guys will do the
7 right thing for all the communities. So
8 I'm here to represent mine and I hope I'm
9 at the right place.

10 I urge you to reassess the map and
11 take action to ensure that our community
12 and all the others that are represented
13 here is not unduly divided. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER BEE: I have a
15 question, if I may. You were talking
16 about a proposed map that proposes to
17 divide your community. I'm not familiar
18 with what map that is.

19 MS. UZILOV: I gave the map to the
20 lady. I printed two maps; the current one
21 and the proposed one.

22 COMMISSIONER BEE: Who has proposed
23 that?

24 MS. UZILOV: It's our town, Town of
25 North Hempstead. So since 1940, we've

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2 been one community. We have never been
3 two districts. We have now been divided
4 and a chunk of our community is going to
5 be District 1 and another is going to
6 District 2 for the Council. I feel like
7 it's the --

8 COMMISSIONER BEE: This is the
9 Commission that will advise the County on
10 --

11 MS. UZILOV: I got confused by the
12 Instagram post that Legislator Arnold
13 Drucker posted.

14 COMMISSIONER BEE: And I'm sure, as
15 you may be aware, that the Town of North
16 Hempstead is the democratically
17 controlled commission that has proposed
18 those maps.

19 MS. UZILOV: Honestly, to be honest,
20 we are very 50/50 community. Fifty
21 percent Democrat, 50% Republican so I'm
22 not going to talk partisan here. I
23 honestly don't want to. I feel that
24 Republicans have done a lot of harm to
25 black communities on Long Island. I'm

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2 here for my community.

3 COMMISSIONER BEE: I would also like
4 to avoid getting into partisan mud
5 slinging. Let's stick with --

6 (Whereupon, commotion from
7 audience.)

8 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Okay. Mayor
9 Wayne Hobbs, Jr. -- Waylan, sorry.

10 MR. HOBBS: Thank you for giving me
11 the opportunity to speak. I understand
12 the wrong name, it's been going on all
13 night. I won't take it personally.

14 I'm here as the Mayor of the largest
15 village, not only in the State of New
16 York, but in the Country. I'm just asking
17 that this temporary committee would hear
18 the concern and the voice of the people
19 and do what's right. When I ran for
20 office, I ran on the promise of making
21 sure we brought resources to our
22 community. The only way I was able to
23 bring resources is when you have the
24 right elected officials that understand
25 the needs of the community and send them

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2 resources. We started fixing roads, our
3 sewer, or infrastructure. So it's
4 important that as we do this, we do
5 what's right for our community.

6 Hempstead is a very diverse
7 community. We have a large population of
8 African American, Latino, we still have
9 our Caucasians, we have Asians that's
10 moving in our community. It's a diverse
11 community. I can understand how
12 innocently someone asked the question,
13 why can't we trust the system of the
14 process, but we felt when we look at the
15 process of this country, what's happening
16 in Mississippi, what's happening in
17 Flynt, Michigan? The process does not
18 always work for our people and so that's
19 why we are passionate to make sure you do
20 the right thing by our people.

21 Thank you (applause).

22 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: H. Scottie
23 Gourdine-Coads.

24 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Mayor, I just
25 want to thank you and the trustees.

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2 You're doing a great job in the Village.
3 As a business owner here in the Village,
4 you're doing incredible. Thank you.

5 MS. GOURDINE-COADS: So
6 Commissioners, we meet again. No maps.
7 This is your third hearing and we still
8 don't see any maps. What we see is very
9 gerrymandered.

10 I'm gonna get right to the point.
11 My name is H. Scottie Gourdine-Coads. I
12 was chair for NAACP in New York State.
13 What do we want? What we want is to have
14 individuals elected or already in place
15 with the fight to protect our community,
16 representatives that we can trust that's
17 gonna fight for us. Fred and many of the
18 other speakers said already what I will
19 be saying. I should just ditto
20 everything.

21 I'm gonna get right to the
22 gerrymandering part of all of this. You
23 can't seem to draw lines that would be
24 fair to every community especially my
25 black and brown community. So I'm

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2 concerned about that. The gerrymandering
3 part, Commissioners, and I speak to all
4 of you, we have three minority/majority
5 communities. Everything has increased.
6 The population has gone up and we know
7 that we're entitled -- we feel we're
8 entitled to more districts. I would say
9 a minimum of five. That was said already
10 by Mr. Brewington and I think Mr. Hoge
11 spoke about it. The population was
12 53,891 in 2010; the 2010 census revealed
13 that. By 2019, we had 55,113. Population
14 has increased to 59,169 (buzzer). I took
15 three minutes already?

16 (Whereupon, audience member,
17 Casey Marlero, yields his
18 time.)

19 MS. GOURDINE-COADS: I would then
20 request that we have more districts and I
21 would say to the audience here, although
22 my back is turned to you, be diligent
23 with all of the dates that we have to
24 show up to show these people that we're
25 not playing. We're for real. We fought

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2 too hard to make sure that we get counted
3 in every aspect of government. So we
4 should make sure we show up. There are
5 only five or six meeting places. We have
6 19 districts, but yet we only get allowed
7 five or six places that our voices can be
8 heard. Our senior citizens are the
9 forgotten people.

10 You see this young man (indicating)?
11 He stood with me at the hearing in
12 Mineola. He was an infant in a stroller
13 when we testified before. Of course, it
14 meant nothing to any of you, but now he
15 is the vice president of Youth Council of
16 the Lakeview Branch of the NAACP
17 (applause). That's right.

18 So I say to you, commissioners, I
19 agree with the person who said it looks
20 like you can't get it together. So if
21 you can't get it together, how you gonna
22 get it for us? You gotta do better.
23 We're tired.

24 You know, the Voting Rights Act of
25 1965 was chopped away June 23, 2013.

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2 Some of the same people who are against
3 it now, voted in 2006 (sic) to reinstate
4 it. Why do we have to fight for
5 everything that we get and accomplish.
6 We have to fight.

7 I said to you, you gotta get it
8 together. We're not playing. We're gonna
9 show up wherever we have to. If we have
10 to go to that special place in Mineola,
11 we will pack the room too. We're ready.
12 We're ready to fight.

13 Thank you and have a good evening.

14 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Meta Mereday.

15 COMMISSIONER WYATT: I just want to
16 say that I remember ten years ago, you
17 said to this young man when he was in the
18 stroller. I was on that side with you, if
19 you recall and with Mr. Brewington. I
20 just want to thank you both for keeping
21 up the good feet for people in our
22 community. Fighting for fairness and
23 justice. I want to thank you both for
24 that.

25 MS. GOURDINE-COADS: Thank you for

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2 that.

3 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Ms. Mereday?

4 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday.

5 Let's see. JP Morgan Chase CEO,
6 Jamie Dimon, was recently out here on
7 Long Island and he said, America's first
8 suburb, which is Long Island, is sadly to
9 his way of thinking, America's most
10 segregated suburb and it continues to
11 have toxic implications. That's coming
12 from Corporate America today.

13 I'm proud to be in a state where we
14 have a Voting Right's Law, John R. Lewis.
15 It saddens me that our US Senate did not
16 step up to the plate for its own former
17 member. And lying in the battle field
18 for civil rights, I stand on his
19 shoulders. As Mr. Brewington said, thank
20 you, Fannie Lou Hamer, I stand on her
21 shoulders. I stand on the shoulders of
22 the former representative from the state
23 of Texas, Barbara Jordan, who said is
24 this not America?

25 Again, I was at that first meeting.

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2 I was there with Scottie and with that
3 young man ten years ago when we had high
4 hopes and great expectations and they
5 were dashed. I was at the meeting in
6 August when I said to this body, I have
7 no confidence in this process whatsoever.
8 It will be rubber stamped.

9 I'm not going to waste too much more
10 time with that discussion, but it was
11 obvious that I should come to this
12 hearing because we will be going to
13 court, it is a give in. We already know
14 this.

15 But as many have said more
16 eloquently than I, we are ready. We are
17 waiting. We will be there. My concern
18 again, since I hope that more residents
19 were here, because this, again, is not
20 the group that makes the decision. You
21 need to be at the Nassau County
22 Legislature on a regular basis, every two
23 weeks, because they're still going to be
24 deciding a basic 3.4 billion dollar
25 budget that will impact our communities.

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2 That's where you need to be.

3 My concern is that this body is
4 going to present a bias gerrymandered
5 package that the Nassau County
6 Legislature, with the presiding officer
7 that was so eloquently outlined by Mr.
8 Mejias, is going to vote for that
9 package. Not in January, but in
10 November. They're gonna make it easy for
11 themselves. We're not gonna have an
12 opportunity to review the map. You think
13 you have not time here? Trust me. You
14 will have no time. So you need to step up
15 now. You need to be in their face now
16 and you need to let it be known now that
17 we're not gonna settle for a crap map.
18 We're not going to settle for
19 gerrymandering and business as usual.

20 So for those of us who have other
21 things that we have to do, caregiving,
22 advocating, we have to get back on the
23 battlefield because, finally, as John,
24 the former Senator from the state of
25 Georgia said, nothing can stop the power

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2 of a committed and determined people to
3 make a difference in our society. Why?
4 Because human beings are the most dynamic
5 link to be divine on the planet with God
6 on our side. No justice, no peace.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Kevin McKenna.

9 MR. MCKENNA: I'm Kevin McKenna.
10 I'm a community advocate here in Nassau
11 County. I'm also the founder of Nassau
12 County NY News. You want to know
13 everything that these folks over here
14 don't want you to know, just go on Nassau
15 County NY News on Facebook. I have been
16 working the last two weeks to get the
17 meeting dates out and I've made some
18 accomplishments with the Clerk of the
19 Nassau County Legislature, Michael
20 Pulitzer. But it's clear to me that
21 Michael Pulitzer is being obstructed by
22 whoever he needs to go to get the
23 information put on the website. Okay.

24 Sir, first of all, I want to thank
25 the democrats. I'm choking saying this

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2 right now, but I want to thank you for
3 everything that you're trying to do. In
4 the second meeting that took place, there
5 was a recommendation by a resident that
6 autobiographies be put up about all of
7 you. I know who most of you are
8 (indicating) and now I know who most of
9 you are. All of your information, your
10 background, is going to be posted on
11 Nassau County NY News. These people here
12 (indicating), on the left side, they were
13 put here by the Republican party to
14 protect the power, as we said before.
15 They are not going to represent any of
16 you. They have too much at risk. That
17 woman right there, Ms. Fitzgerald, her
18 family is employed in the Town of Oyster
19 Bay. There are four family members that
20 make over 1 million dollars a year, your
21 family. Why don't you, if you don't
22 mind, I'm going to relinquish my time.
23 Why don't we start and just tell the
24 folks the name of the town that you live
25 in and let's just go across. What town

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2 do you live in? Would you mind saying
3 the town?

4 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: This is for you
5 to speak. Not for us.

6 MR. MCKENNA: Let me tell you right
7 now, sir. You and I -- I came to know
8 you on the phone the other day when you
9 returned my phone call. Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: When you hung up
11 on me?

12 MR. MCKENNA: I'm gonna tell the
13 folks right now --

14 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Is that the phone
15 message when you hung up on me?

16 MR. MCKENNA: Let me speak.

17 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Is that the phone
18 message where you hung up on me?

19 MR. MCKENNA: Let me speak, please.

20 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Okay.

21 MR. MCKENNA: Let me speak, please.
22 This is my time.

23 The last meeting at the City of Glen
24 Cove was canceled the day before the
25 meeting. I want you all to know this,

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2 folks. People were going to the City of
3 Glen Cove for the last meeting and the
4 day before the meeting, at the last
5 minute, the meeting got canceled. I
6 called up City Hall and I got a person
7 from Glen Cove City Hall on the phone and
8 I told them that they should be concerned
9 that people might still be coming to the
10 City of Glen Cove because the meeting
11 just got canceled. And you called me
12 back and you had no idea who you were
13 calling back and I got you on the phone
14 and I tried to explain to you the
15 problems with (buzzer) the website. You
16 know what he said to me? This man right
17 here said to me, I am not getting in the
18 weeds with you. I don't want to know what
19 the problems are with the website.
20 That's what that man that's in charge of
21 this committee told me on the telephone.
22 All right. You said to me --

23 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: And that's when
24 you hung up.

25 MR. MCKENNA: You're not getting

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2 into the weeds. Didn't you say that?

3 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: That's when you
4 hung up.

5 MR. MCKENNA: Didn't you say that?
6 Didn't you say to me that you're not
7 getting in the weeds? Didn't you say
8 that on the phone.

9 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I will not
10 elevate you higher than you think you
11 are.

12 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Sir, you are the
13 most arrogant, corrupt individual that I
14 have met in Nassau County after that
15 conversation that we had on the
16 telephone. You are not here to represent
17 these people. You are here to represent
18 the Republican party. They put you here
19 to obstruct this process and these folks
20 over here (indicating), are you allowed
21 to speak. Do you talk? Do you talk?
22 Ms. Fitzgerald, do you ever talk? Do you
23 have a brain. You don't return phone
24 calls, e-mails for the Town of Oyster
25 Bay. You are the highest paid

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2 commissioner in the Town of Oyster Bay
3 and you do not return phone calls and
4 e-mails so why are you volunteering your
5 time here, when you're not doing your job
6 at the Town of Oyster Bay. Who are you.

7 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: All right.
8 When you go to law school, they teach you
9 if you use that facts of the law to
10 attack a person -- the facts of the law
11 are clearly on our side here. What Ms.
12 Fitzgerald's family does or doesn't do
13 for a living is irrelevant. I don't
14 thing, personally, I'm sorry, sir, this
15 is not a place to personally -- this is
16 not a forum to personally attack people
17 on this Commission regardless of their
18 party. We are better than that. The
19 facts of the law are on our side. Take it
20 down a notch and let's not bring people's
21 families into this discussion.

22 MR. MCKENNA: I have a question for
23 the Chairman.

24 Mr. Chairman, you have the names of
25 the committee people hidden on the

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2 website, which I found and now I'm gonna
3 post it. Why don't you put your
4 biographies next to your names so we know
5 who is representing us? Why don't you do
6 that?

7 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Please finish.

8 MR. MCKENNA: Would you do that?

9 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: No.

10 MR. MCKENNA: Why not?

11 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Please finish.

12 MR. MCKENNA: At the last meeting,
13 you came this (indicating) close to
14 saying -- I don't think you realize that
15 I have that on video. You actually said
16 at the last meeting that we're gonna
17 listen to you, but we're probably not
18 going to redraw any districts. You said
19 that right out of your mouth. You are
20 nothing but somebody to obstruct this
21 process and you and every one of you, if
22 we --

23 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Please finish up.
24 There are other speakers that want to
25 speak.

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2 MR. MCKENNA: If we want this to
3 happen, every one of you need to be
4 removed from this committee. Every one
5 of you. There's not chance this is gonna
6 get done fair with any of you on this
7 committee. I suggest that you all resign
8 and put people on this committee that are
9 gonna do the right thing, because it's
10 not you.

11 Thank you very much (applause).

12 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Lyndell Senior.

13 MR. SENIOR: I'm not gonna take
14 three minutes.

15 I do know that when I worked at my
16 job and I had a presentation and I didn't
17 have a power point or the information for
18 that presentation, I'd probably be
19 looking for another job. The fact that
20 we're talking about redistricting and
21 about a map and how it's gonna affect our
22 lives for the next ten years and not have
23 that information to provide for the
24 public, is despicable.

25 The second thing is that you're

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2 gonna be affecting a lot of communities.
3 When you redistrict the county and when
4 you put communities of colors and you
5 split them up, the thing is that you're
6 talking about money. If you have large
7 community and you're able to go to them,
8 you're going to have to be responsible to
9 them. However, if you split them up, you
10 really don't have to be responsible.

11 I live in Lakeview and I
12 (inaudible). If there was 50,000 over
13 there, you're gonna want to be committed
14 to those people and you're gonna hold
15 them accountable. I just feel that if you
16 split up these communities, you're not
17 gonna really be committed to them. I
18 think it is unfortunate that communities
19 of color are going to be disenfranchised.

20 That's all I have to say.

21 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Kiana Abbady.

22 MS. ABBADY: Good evening,
23 Commission. I sent a letter to the
24 committee during the first hearing. I
25 will try differentiate my language.

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2 First thing I want to point out is
3 there is only one door that's open to get
4 into the building. Not only is that a
5 fire hazard, we've already closed off
6 access again. In addition to switching
7 the dates, switching the locations,
8 telling folks at the last minute when
9 this information is happening, when this
10 information is available, when they can
11 come to speak about the districting,
12 we've already flubbed that part.

13 I also want to uplift that it's
14 2022, I am 29 years old. I would like to
15 think I am one of the very few tech savvy
16 individuals. I had the hardest time
17 using Nassau County's website about this
18 Commission. I included that in my
19 letter. When you had that meeting in
20 Mineola, that's when I sent that letter.
21 Today, during this meeting, it took me
22 ten minutes, ten minutes, and not for
23 nothing, my phone is real shitty. It
24 took me ten minutes to get to the
25 Commission's website to find individuals

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2 names. I don't even know if all of you
3 have e-mails. When I sent my first
4 letter, I was a part of a thread in which
5 some of the commissioners didn't have
6 accurate e-mails so I can't even
7 accurately communicate to you what my
8 concerns are. And there's a nice
9 guarantee I got a nice response that my
10 letter would be shared, but quite
11 frankly, after the exchange that I just
12 watched between a very clear motion being
13 made. We understood what the motion was.
14 What happened? But I'm supposed to trust
15 you redraw my district? Absolutely not.
16 Absolutely not. I will not allow you mess
17 up again.

18 Apparently, it already happened 10
19 years ago. Like I said, I'm 29 years
20 old. I have done the research myself.
21 The City -- Long Island likes to talk a
22 whole bunch a mess about The City -- they
23 had numerous meetings about redistricting
24 last year. Last year. I was able to get
25 more information about how Queens, where

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2 my cousins live, how Bronx, how Brooklyn
3 is going to be affected by redistricting,
4 last year. Now I'm coming to a meeting
5 in September to discuss maps that have
6 not been presented to the public and to
7 be voted on, supposedly, maybe in March.
8 Unacceptable, disgraceful, an
9 embarrassment.

10 I can only imagine that there are a
11 bunch of legal minds. But let me tell
12 you something, having a legal mind does
13 not mean that you have a heart. It is
14 very clear there is a little bit of love
15 missing in this commission. It is very
16 clear that there is a little bit too much
17 of the legal jargon being thrown around
18 and that's how you guys get stuck in the
19 weeds. That's how ya'll mess up
20 (buzzer). My time is up.

21 But the woman that was here from
22 Massapequa, I really wish she had the
23 courage to stay and sit with us and hear
24 a little bit more about why we're upset.
25 That's the other problem we have in this

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2 county. We know we are segregated. We
3 know there's a problem. You like to
4 pretend redistricting will not affect our
5 schools, our housing, our environment.
6 We had *Newsday* do an Op Ed two years ago
7 about how housing was a problem. Those
8 housing decisions, housing policies, are
9 made at the legislature. Tonight there
10 were supposed to be three other meetings
11 in the Village and the Town. How is our
12 community supposed to represent ourselves
13 when you told us last week that there was
14 supposed to be a meeting in which our
15 district could be changed.

16 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Kiana, Could you
17 just wrap it up please?

18 MS. ABBADY: Of course.

19 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.

20 MS. ABBADY: As I was saying, we
21 have a lack of representation. I'm 29
22 years old. My community is not here.
23 When I say my community I don't just mean
24 the black community, I don't just mean
25 women, I mean 29 year olds. I mean

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2 millennials. The next largest voting
3 block of Nassau County. I am the next
4 person that's going to be here and I have
5 not had the opportunity to get my
6 community to come out. I don't
7 understand why there's not a virtual
8 option. Even if there were virtual
9 options, they suck currently.

10 I don't understand why these
11 commissions are not being held at
12 colleges where more people can attend.
13 Where there is more space. Where we can
14 get the next generation of voters to
15 participate. Because I will tell you
16 something, both sides love to talk about
17 the next generation, but you do
18 absolutely nothing to get us here. You
19 do absolutely nothing and it's
20 embarrassing. It's a waste of time.

21 Now we're gonna go to court wasting
22 taxpayer dollars. You know what you're
23 doing is wrong. You know what you're
24 doing is wrong, but you would rather
25 waste money, because apparently you'll

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2 got it. Let's be honest, if you were
3 paying for this yourselves individually
4 as commissioners, you'd have been done
5 and you would've been done correctly.
6 'Cause you don't want that bill on your
7 heads, and now instead, you're putting on
8 ours. That is not fair. Get it
9 together, ya'll. Most of you are twice
10 my age. I should not have to talk to my
11 elders like this. Do better (applause).

12 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you very
13 much.

14 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: The County
15 does control the Nassau County Community
16 College, so maybe we should have a
17 meeting so we can engage younger people.
18 You know what the problem is when you
19 gerrymander districts and people think
20 the system is rigged, they don't want to
21 participate. That's part of the problem
22 we have here. With a lack of
23 transparency, people don't believe the
24 system works for them. They think this
25 is all rigged and it probably is, quite

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2 frankly. So the districts that are
3 gerrymandered, that's why young people
4 don't think they can make a difference by
5 voting because they think it's already
6 been rigged. Maybe we should have a
7 meeting at Nassau Community College to
8 get your generation out.

9 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Maryellen Kreye.

10 MS. KREYE: I would just like to
11 commend that young lady for her passion.
12 It gives me great hope for the future
13 (applause).

14 I just wanted to say that this is
15 the second hearing that I've attended and
16 what I hear is that people want unity. I
17 come from Uniondale, which is all about
18 unity and working together. It is
19 terribly important to us for that unity
20 to be kept. We do not want to see the
21 districts for our villages and hamlets to
22 be separated, and we do not want to see
23 any mythical, mystical beasts when they
24 look at the map and realize that that
25 represents their districts. It's

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2 extraordinarily important. I think you
3 have a civic responsibility, and I hope
4 that you are taking it more seriously
5 than it appears. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you. Mimi
7 Pierre Johnson.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Good evening. My name
9 is Mimi Pierre Johnson from Elmont. I am
10 so happy that Fred Brewington was here.
11 He taught me how to fight in a way that
12 all the way back in New York, we were
13 able to bring Elmont and Valley Stream
14 back to Nassau County.

15 Here's a little story, ten years,
16 those of us in Elmont realized that we
17 weren't being taken care of like most of
18 the other affluent areas on Long Island,
19 so we decided we were gonna run for
20 office, we were gonna engage participate
21 in our civic duties. I was rewarded by
22 having two election districts on my
23 street. If you look up Crystal Street in
24 Elmont, you have Senate 7 on one side and
25 Senate 7-9 on the other side. Just like

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2 right now, we had a commission. We had
3 the Leg. Peter was there. So many
4 others that are no longer with us. We
5 told our story. We were all there. We
6 were a little bit older now, but I am a
7 little bit wiser. You're gonna look at
8 me, you're gonna smile, and you're gonna
9 say thank you.

10 You're probably don't understand the
11 map I just gave you, but let me tell you,
12 the little short one that's compact,
13 that's how it was before they bamboozled
14 us and gave us the snake that you see on
15 the second half. So what the reward was
16 for us to get involved in politics and
17 our civic duty was to crack us. Crack
18 Elmont before they get much smarter.
19 Pack them into an area so that they don't
20 have a voice. On the state level, give
21 them three senators; on the congressional
22 level, stick them in Queens; on the leg
23 (sic), send them to Far Rockaway. Even
24 those in the Five Towns, begged. They
25 begged, please don't separate us, but

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2 they did. They cracked the Five Towns
3 and packed all the black people together,
4 put all the Jewish people together and
5 made us into enemies. You know what
6 happens when you do that? You have to
7 fight your elected officials for what you
8 need on your side and what they need on
9 their side. So when you now have to
10 fight for your school district, for
11 resources, that elected official -- I'm
12 gonna run out of time, just give me a
13 little bit, this is ten years.

14 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Just finish up,
15 if you can. Okay.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Sure. When you do
17 that, my district, our black and brown
18 districts, close your eyes, open them up,
19 you can tell the difference between
20 Manhasset, Garden City, Floral Park,
21 Stewart Manor. You know why, they don't
22 have to fight like us. They show up, they
23 vote and they tell you, this is what we
24 want, and they get it. But us, we don't
25 get that. You talk about what happened to

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2 us ten years ago? Do you know we did not
3 have a choice in our Council in that
4 district. We only had one person to vote
5 for. One. And it wasn't a Democrat. Not
6 that the Democrats are perfect either.
7 The Republicans sued the democrats
8 because the maps were wrong. It's like we
9 have to fight for every little thing.
10 Every little thing.

11 I'm gonna say to you guys, you're
12 not elected officials, right? You were
13 appointed by the elected officials. You
14 were elected by the parties. All of you,
15 whether it was a Democrat or Republican,
16 they chose you to sit up there and listen
17 and then when you give it to them,
18 they're gonna look at us, hear us, and
19 they're not gonna do anything. They're
20 not. You're not.

21 But we're wiser and we have people
22 like Fred Brewington. We have the Gen-Zs.
23 Read up on what's happening in Elmont
24 with the Gen-Zs. We're not standing for
25 it anymore. Our work in the 2020 Census,

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2 we raised the response by 10% in Elmont
3 and Valley Stream so that we have enough
4 of a population to give us more
5 districts. That population increase is
6 not for any elected official to use to
7 stay their power. It is for us to have
8 more of a voice in our government. It is
9 for us to pay our taxes and get the
10 resources that we need, no matter what
11 color, what zip code we are in. It's
12 time for Long Island to shed the most
13 segregated, racist place to live. It's
14 time for you to shed that. I'm going to
15 be a little optimistic. Let it be you.
16 Let it be you that said to the country,
17 we are gonna look at everyone equally.
18 Equal.

19 We know it's a lot. It's probably
20 not gonna happen, but perhaps you could
21 think about it. What's gonna happen to
22 all of the elected officials that are not
23 standing for our rights?

24 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.

25 Sanjeer Jindal.

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2 MR. JINDAL: Thank you so very much
3 for all the commissioners and we, the
4 audience, that be in depression for last
5 ten years and we don't want to be in
6 depression for next ten years.

7 I ask you as commissioners appointed
8 by the parties, to look at the district
9 maps. I think it's very funny drawn.
10 It's a very fancy name, gerrymandering.
11 And that fancy word does not belong in
12 democracy either. What democracy stand
13 for? I think the largest democracy in
14 the world to the oldest democracy
15 (inaudible). What democracy stand for?
16 When we say freedom and justice for all;
17 is that true? That we just say it or is
18 it really happening?

19 What democracy mean is let the
20 people elect their leaders. That is what
21 democracy means. It's not the leaders
22 that choose, this pocket is mine, that
23 pocket is yours. It is not gonna happen
24 like that. That time is gone. Now God
25 is watching you guys. It's a fair share

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2 for everyone. We are looking that you
3 are going to do your part, that's why if
4 you look at District 2, it is like snakes
5 on the roads. Come on. Please do the
6 justice with the people. Let's not live
7 by the zip codes that we use and send our
8 kids to school by the zip codes. Please
9 do you due diligence and let the district
10 be drawn in a fair share for everyone.
11 Do the justice as God gives you the power
12 to do that. Thank you so very much.

13 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you very
14 much.

15 That concludes the comments from the
16 public. With that, motion to adjourn.

17 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: All in favor.

19 (Whereupon, all Commission
20 members respond in favor with,
21 Aye.)

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23 (Whereupon, the above matter
24 is adjourned, 8:40 p.m.)
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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 : SS.:
COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public for and
within the State of New York, do hereby
certify:

That the above is a correct transcription
of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this 5th day of October, 2022.

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