

NASSAU COUNTY
TEMPORARY DISTRICTING
ADVISORY COMMISSION

MEETING VII

Held at
ALBANY AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER

214 NORTH ALBANY AVENUE

MASSAPEQUA, NY 11758

FRANCIS X. MORONEY

CHAIR

Nassau County Legislature

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Mineola, New York

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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 (Absent)

ERIC MALLETT

DAVID MEJIAS, VICE CHAIR

JARED KASSCHAU

ANDRENA WYATT

JAMES MAGIN, JR.

MICHAEL PERINICK (absent)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS:

ELISABETTA COSCHIGNANO

RACHEL WHITMORE

BOARD ATTORNEYS:

VINCENT MESSINA, ESQ.

PETER CLINES, ESQ.

CLERK:

MICHAEL PULITZER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

H. Scottie-Coads

Stephanie Chase

Susan Gottehrer

Casey Marlow

Barbara Epstein

AGENDA

1. Open meeting - Pledge of
Allegiance

2. Chairman's Statement

3. Introduction of the
Commissioner's

4. Public Statement

5. Adjourn

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2 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Ladies and
3 gentlemen, we're live. Just so you know,
4 when the streaming is on, which it is
5 now. All these microphones up here are
6 live and cannot be muted. So be careful
7 what you say.

8 If you could all rise and we will
9 pledge allegiance to the flag.

10 (Whereupon, the Pledge of
11 Allegiance was said by all.)

12 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: This is my first
13 time in this building, and it's a lovely
14 building. We thank the Town of Oyster Bay
15 for such a fine facility and letting us
16 use it. Mr. Mejias is happy that he's
17 close to home.

18 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Exactly.

19 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: The rest of us
20 have a long, long drive.

21 That said, there are some
22 housekeeping things we're going to
23 discuss at the end. We have a three
24 minute rule. The problem is that the
25 timekeeper went to the wrong place. He

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2 went to Community Drive over in
3 Manhasset. He's on his way here. So we're
4 going to do the best we can. We've been
5 pretty liberal with the speakers all
6 along anyway, so we'll do that.

7 But we have some things to discuss.
8 We put them at the end of the agenda so
9 that, if you guys want to go home, you're
10 welcome to. If you don't want to go
11 home, you want to stay here, you're
12 welcome to do that also. But once this
13 happens, there's no more testimony. So
14 we're going to give you guys the first
15 shot at this.

16 Casey Marlow, Bethpage.

17 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: If I could
18 just say thanks to the Town of Oyster Bay
19 and the Town of Oyster Bay staff for
20 being here today and allowing us to be
21 here and use this beautiful facility.
22 This was once the 14th Legislative
23 District before the last redistricting,
24 so it's good to be home.

25 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Before you start.

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2 Mr. Marlow, I'm sorry, I always start
3 these things with this little thing that
4 I keep on doing -- Yes, We're going to
5 call the roll. Michael, would you call
6 the roll, please?

7 CLERK PULITZER: Yes. Thank you,
8 Commissioner Peter Bee?

9 COMMISSIONER BEE: Present.

10 CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner John
11 Reinhardt?

12 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Present.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner
14 Maureen Fitzgerald?

15 COMMISSIONER FITZGERALD: Present.

16 CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner
17 Christopher Devane?

18 (Whereupon, no verbal no
19 response).

20 CLERK PULITZER: He's absent.
21 Commissioner Eric Mallette.

22 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Present.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner David
24 Mejias?

25 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Present.

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CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.
Commissioner Jared Kasschau?
COMMISSIONER KASSCHAU: Present.
CLERK PULITZER: Okay. Thank you.
Commissioner Andrena Wyatt?
COMMISSIONER WYATT: Present.
CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner James
Magin, Jr.?
COMMISSIONER MAGIN: Present.
CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner
Michael Pernick?
(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)
CLERK PULITZER: Absent.
Chairman Frank Moroney.
CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Here, but doesn't
vote.
CLERK PULITZER: Right. We have a
quorum, sir.
CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you very
much.
As a supplement, Peter Bee, to my to
my right, is going to keep the time. So
be nice to him.

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2 Welcome to the seventh public
3 hearing of the Temporary Districting
4 Advisory Commission. This is an
5 opportunity for the residents and
6 taxpayers to suggest and tell the
7 commissioners what they want to see in
8 their maps. There will be additional
9 opportunities for the public to have
10 input into the process.

11 To date, the members of both
12 Republican and Democratic delegations
13 have heard from approximately 99 speakers
14 with varying requests for various
15 communities of interest in keeping them
16 together or not keeping them together, as
17 the case may be.

18 I trust the public attendees and
19 those watching the streaming proceedings
20 will feel free to share their ideas and
21 requests that you if you have something
22 to say, please feel free. If you come to
23 your mind tomorrow, send it in to the to
24 the county and it will be posted and
25 shared with all of the members of the

Commission.

The Commission has 11 people with the non-voting chair; that's me. Five were presented by the presiding officer, five by the minority leader and the Commission permits, but does not require public hearings. But the prior the prior reapportionment processes established the tradition that permissive hearings seeking public input should be held.

The County Legislature allocated \$985,000 to fund the work of the commission. The allocation is divided equally between the commissioners appointed by the presiding officer and the commissioners appointed by the minority leader. However, a portion of that money is been set aside for stenographic services. For American Sign Language interpreters in Spanish speaking Spanish speaking interpreters. Each delegation of appointees share is otherwise balanced equally for the purchase of mapping technology, software,

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2 hiring experts, counsel and staff as they
3 may deem necessary. In developing any map
4 or maps, the Commission must comply with
5 both Federal and State law. The
6 proceedings have to be fair and open and
7 transparent to the public. Transparency
8 is achieved by a significant outreach to
9 public and holding public hearings on any
10 maps or plans for redistricting that may
11 be submitted to the County Legislature by
12 these commissioners or others.

13 Once maps or plans are drawn, there
14 will be an opportunity for the public to
15 see and give an opinion as to the work
16 product. We are looking to have full
17 hearing in early in early November at a
18 date yet to be announced, but which has
19 been the subject of some discussion.

20 The updated website will have a link
21 to any and all maps that are presented
22 and will be online as well. Thereafter,
23 any map or maps may be turned over to the
24 legislature, and all the transcripts and
25 public comment that are generated by the

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2 Commission will be submitted to the
3 legislation for its consideration.
4 There's going to be a full record, and
5 the full record is going to be the
6 subject under the control of Clerk of the
7 Legislature, Mike Pulitzer, who's over on
8 my right.

9 The Full Legislature will conduct
10 public hearings on any submissions by the
11 appropriate legislative committee and
12 then for the entire legislature. The goal
13 of the Temporary Districting Advisory
14 Commission is to have our process
15 complete its hearings so that the
16 Legislature has adequate time to review
17 any submissions of maps and conduct its
18 hearings. The County Legislature may
19 reject, adopt, revise or amend any
20 redistricting plan or plans that may be
21 recommended by the Temporary Districting
22 Advisory Commission or adopt any other
23 redistricting plan that meets all the
24 constitutional, federal, and statutory
25 requirements in an effort to achieve

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2 transparency. All meetings and hearings
3 will be in public and streamed live over
4 the internet, and the legislative clerk
5 will preserve those records as well.

6 Further, this commission will stream
7 the hearings and keep a record open for a
8 period of time so that any submissions
9 that you may wish to submit can be
10 included in the record. Nonetheless, once
11 that date has been passed, any
12 correspondence will likewise be
13 transmitted to the full legislature for
14 their consideration as well.

15 In preparation of this hearing,
16 notice of this meeting and others were
17 sent to the following:

18 The Office of the County Executive;
19 all county legislators; members of the
20 Minority Commission Delegation; members
21 of the Majority Commission Delegation;
22 Nassau County League of Women Voters;
23 City of Glen Cove; The City of Long
24 Beach; The Town of Hempstead; The Town of
25 North Hempstead; and the Town of Oyster

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2 Bay; 22 Villages in the Town of
3 Hempstead; 30 villages in the Town of
4 North Hempstead; 16 villages in the Town
5 of Oyster Bay; 55 libraries; 57 school
6 districts; 67 civic associations; 50
7 chambers of commerce; and 100 news and
8 media outlets that serve Nassau County.

9 There will be an additional hearing
10 scheduled for the Elmont Memorial Library
11 on October 26, which is next Wednesday, I
12 believe. With that, Mr. Mejia, is there
13 something you wish to say?

14 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: No, I was here
15 a little bit late, so we could just
16 probably get everything moving today.
17 Okay. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: All right, Casey,
19 you're up.

20 MR. MARLOW: Hi. Thank you for
21 letting me speak today. Mr. Chairman, I'm
22 glad you're feeling better.

23 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.

24 MR. MARLOW: And, yeah, like Mr.
25 Mejias said, we're close to home. I live

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2 in Farmingdale.

3 I just hope that this Commission is
4 doing better in terms of transparency, in
5 terms of its conduct. I know that last
6 time I was in Freeport, it was a bit of a
7 -- there was a kerfuffle to not use
8 strong language. I just hope that at the
9 end of the day, this Commission does its
10 job honorably and honestly and gives a
11 map that Nassau County can be proud of
12 that complies with the new John Lewis
13 Voting Rights Law in New York, as well as
14 any Federal Legislation pertaining to
15 voting rights that hasn't been struck
16 down by the Supreme Court.

17 I know that there's some people that
18 want to talk, and I'm just glad that I
19 can be here. Thanks for all you guys do.
20 Have a great night. Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you very
22 much. Second on the list is Barbara
23 Epstein, League of Women Voters. Good
24 evening, Barbara.

25 MS. EPSTEIN: Good evening, ladies

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2 and gentlemen. My name is Barbara
3 Epstein, and I'm a member of the Nassau
4 County League of Women Voters
5 Redistricting Committee. You've heard
6 this before, but for the public:

7 The League is a nonprofit,
8 nonpartisan organization that encourages
9 informed and active participation in
10 government, works to increase an
11 understanding of major public policy
12 issues and influence public policy
13 through education and advocacy.

14 There is still, unfortunately, no
15 additional information on the website. We
16 hope there would be more put onto the
17 website.

18 The other day, when we were in Glen
19 Cove, you heard that Hicksville is
20 represented by four legislators. That is
21 the worst community affected. But there
22 are seven other communities that have
23 three legislators: East Meadow,
24 Freeport, Hempstead, Oceanside, Rockville
25 Centre, West Hempstead, and Woodmere.

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2 Then we have the five towns, which at one
3 time actually had one legislator. Now
4 they have multiple legislators. You must
5 do better.

6 We are asking residents also to
7 contact Mr. Nicolello who is the
8 presiding officer of the County
9 Legislature and chair of the Rules
10 Committee, which will first vote on the
11 map. We are asking for public hearings
12 before there is a vote on the map. We
13 want you as a commission to plan to have
14 hearings on the map or maps that you are
15 presenting. We suggest the residents go
16 to the next full legislative meeting on
17 October 24th at 1:00 PM and do the same.

18 We'd like to know when you will
19 decide on the date that you might be
20 presenting a map to the public before the
21 legislature. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: By the way,
23 that's one of the items that's going to
24 be at the end of this agenda.

25 MS. EPSTEIN: Okay. Thank you.

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2 COMMISSIONER BEE: Ms. Epstein, I
3 have a quick question for you, if I may.
4 Peter Bee.

5 MS. EPSTEIN: Yes, sir.

6 COMMISSIONER BEE: Is it the
7 League's intention to present a map that
8 it thinks might be the proper map?

9 MS. EPSTEIN: Not at this particular
10 time.

11 COMMISSIONER BEE: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Stephanie Chase.

13 MS. CHASE: Good evening, everyone.

14 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Good evening.

15 MS. EPSTEIN: I just echo what Ms.
16 Epstein said, and I'm just hoping that --
17 you've heard you said 99 people, and if I
18 could remember, I would say 98 people
19 were in one accord. They all wanted
20 transparency, fairness, and honesty. And
21 I'm hoping, I'm really hoping because I'm
22 a little worried. We as people, Democrats
23 and Republicans, we have to do better. We
24 have to care. We really have to care for
25 everyone. Everyone should have a voice,

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2 and don't be so afraid. And we really at
3 this time, we should be together. I mean,
4 you might have a disagreement and
5 everybody does, just like any crazy
6 family, you know? But you come to a
7 common ground that's a fairness and not
8 meanness. And I just sincerely hope that
9 when these lines are drawn, that it's
10 fair and no one has lost their voice. I'm
11 really worried. I'm worried about this
12 and the way the country is going with
13 people all: "I want, I want" and they're
14 grabbing all the good stuff and leaving
15 crumbs for everybody else. That's all. I
16 just hope everything is aboveboard. Thank
17 you.

18 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you very
20 much. H. Scottie-Coads.

21 MS. SCOTTIE-COADS: Good evening,
22 everyone. This is maybe my fourth time
23 before this Commission and my plea is the
24 same. As I look at your faces and you
25 look at me and I somehow feel that I'm

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2 just talking through all of you.

3 We go on the website and we don't
4 see all of what we want to see, and
5 transparency is really key. That's part
6 of the Charter.

7 I don't have a prepared statement. I
8 have what's in my heart tonight. I'm not
9 representing any organization. I
10 represented the NAACP. Sometimes I
11 represent your organization. Sometimes
12 it's you (indicating). Tonight, I
13 represent myself and my community. What I
14 want to see is fairness. You have one
15 more meeting and we haven't seen a map
16 yet. I think it's ridiculous. It's
17 absolutely ridiculous.

18 I live in West Hempstead. I don't
19 live in Massapequa, but I travel around
20 wherever you go to speak my voice and let
21 my voice be heard. We are in troubled
22 times. I worry about fairness because I
23 have some grandchildren. They are little.
24 What's going to happen with them when
25 they grow, when they start growing if

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2 you're not being fair? Our maps are so
3 important.

4 The 2020 Census gave us how the
5 population voted. We don't even see those
6 numbers. I'd like to be able to see how
7 fairly the Census produced it and what
8 you have to go by. I have nothing.

9 Another thing: We have three
10 minority/majority districts in Nassau
11 County. I'd like to see you increase that
12 to five. And you can't say it can't be
13 done because you've shown me no numbers
14 to prove how many people voted, what the
15 population was.

16 I did census for 20 years. I was the
17 coordinator in Nassau County for a major
18 organization, but I haven't seen the
19 numbers. I didn't come to Massapequa to
20 complain. This is what I've said
21 everywhere I went. We got to be fair,
22 transparent, and we need to see (buzzer).

23 It sounds nice when you talk about
24 the numbers of people who came before
25 you, 99 people. Everybody said the same

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2 thing.

3 COMMISSIONER BEE: Three minutes.

4 MS. SCOTTIE-COADS: Everybody want
5 the same thing. And we traveled from West
6 Hempstead to come here tonight to tell
7 you the same thing. We want fairness and
8 we hope to get it. I hope all of you and
9 I have to commend you. I mean, it's not
10 easy for any commission to do the work.
11 But, my God, please give us what we need
12 to hear. Show us what we need to see. No
13 maps, no numbers. What are we talking
14 about? It's not fair to us that we go all
15 over. You got one more meeting. And help
16 us, by God. One more meeting, and you
17 still haven't give us given us any
18 numbers. No maps, no nothing.

19 So again, I don't have a prepared
20 statement, but what I've said before
21 still stands. And I stand today not to
22 make you mad, but to speak truth to
23 power. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Ms. Coads, I've
25 got a question for you.

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MS. SCOTTIE-COADS: What's that?

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: We've heard several times that there's going to be an effort for a fifth minority/majority district, which assumes that there's been a fourth. The question I have for you is in creating that fourth or fifth or both, how would that affect the existing districts one and two, as they exist today? How do you envision that?

MS. SCOTTIE-COADS: I can't answer that. You know why? Because you've shown me no numbers. I don't know, but I do know it was increased from ten years ago. I don't have an exact number. I know it can be done. You may have to make some adjustments here and there, but you shouldn't destroy the three districts. We have to give us two more. Whether you like it or not, the minority/majority are here. We're not going anywhere. And five more districts, five districts, five more would give us eight. That would be great. But five districts is not too much to

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2 ask. I don't know how you would do it
3 because you've shown me nothing. I have
4 no numbers. Can I get the numbers from
5 you?

6 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Soon as I get
7 them, you can have them.

8 MS. SCOTTIE-COADS: You mean to tell
9 me you're deciding on things and you
10 don't even have numbers?

11 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I don't mean to
12 tell you that or anything other than what
13 I told you. I am asking you a question
14 based upon your background and knowledge
15 with the NAACP in particular, as to --

16 MS. SCOTTIE-COADS: You remember,
17 huh?

18 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I do. We've both
19 been around a long time. Been blessed to
20 be there. That said, I'm just trying to
21 figure out these -- for example, Mr.
22 Pernick, who's not here tonight, likes to
23 say that we have to start from scratch.
24 Start from scratch means we do away with
25 one, two and three as they currently

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2 exist, I would think; otherwise, it's not
3 starting from scratch. And I'm trying to
4 wrap my mind around what could possibly
5 be a way of doing it. Give some thought
6 to it. You know, I'm not asking you to
7 answer that question. Give some thoughts
8 and please come back to us and let us
9 know what your thoughts are. And
10 meanwhile, we'll try to get those numbers
11 and get them to you. I got your address
12 and we'll get it to you, and your phone
13 number if it comes in quick enough.

14 MS. SCOTTIE-COADS: Okay. And I also
15 requested to be added to your list for
16 any changes or any update on anything. I
17 haven't gotten anything so far.

18 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Okay. Well, we
19 certainly put you on the on the mailing
20 list.

21 MS. SCOTTIE-COADS: Oh, okay. All
22 right.

23 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you. Thank
24 you.

25 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: So we did

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2 create a Google drive that has -- we
3 submitted a report from Dr. Daniel
4 Magleby and Dr. Magen Gall on partisan
5 gerrymandering and racially polarized
6 voting. So that's on our Google Drive.
7 That lays out that given the numbers here
8 in Nassau County, especially how the
9 demographics have changed. I mean, for
10 instance, just by one example, there's a
11 quarter of a million more Hispanics in
12 Nassau County than there were ten years
13 ago, these reports do address the fact
14 that there can be five districts where
15 communities of color can elect candidates
16 of their choice. So we'll give you the
17 Google drive or we'll give you the QR
18 code and you go on the drive, which is
19 something that the Democratic caucus
20 members created because we can't get it
21 on the website. So we figured we'd just
22 do it ourselves and make it easier for
23 you.

24 MS. SCOTTIE-COADS: Okay. I
25 appreciate that. I appreciate that so

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2 much. Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.

5 Susan, I'm never going to be able to
6 figure out how you pronounce your last
7 name, and I apologize.

8 MS. GOTTEHRER: Thank you. Susan
9 Gottehrer with the Nassau County, New
10 York Civil Liberties Union.

11 I do have a couple of questions. I
12 know this is comment time, but I do have
13 some questions. The process, once you
14 release the maps, is it going to be the
15 Nassau County Legislature that holds
16 hearings for the public after that point?
17 Or will it be you?

18 COMMISSIONER KASSCHAU: We've been
19 consistent in asking and we've had
20 several votes on the issue, and I don't
21 want to revisit it again this evening.
22 Hopefully, we'll have discussions about
23 this later on this evening, I think, as
24 the Chairman had alluded to earlier. But
25 I believe the Commission, at least with

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2 respect to the Democratic commissioners,
3 would really enjoy the opportunity to
4 have an opportunity for the public to
5 review whatever maps that this Body
6 produces.

7 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Bearing in mind
8 that no matter what it produces, may or
9 may not make it past the County
10 Legislature, because --

11 MS. GOTTEHRER: I understand that.
12 My concern is that you haven't put out a
13 schedule yet -- and you said you're going
14 to address that tonight -- that there is
15 sufficient amount of hearings after the
16 maps are presented for people to study
17 them and for people to come in and
18 comment on them with all the data that
19 that was referred to here, right? We're
20 talking about the underlying data, all of
21 your reasons for your analysis about the
22 justifications for the way the maps were
23 drawn as well.

24 COMMISSIONER KASSCHAU: Yeah, it's a
25 complex process. So not only do we want

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2 the lay public to be able to review the
3 maps, but we also want experts, or others
4 who want to do analysis with respect to
5 the maps, to have that time to go through
6 them carefully, because this is an
7 absolutely incredibly important part of
8 the next ten years in Nassau County.

9 MS. GOTTEHRER: Yeah. One of my
10 concerns is -- that's why I'm asking if
11 you guys are going to do it or if the
12 Legislature is going to do it, because I
13 know the committee meetings are scheduled
14 for November 7th, the Full Leg (sic) is
15 scheduled for late November, as is usual
16 for Nassau County. Their meetings are at
17 1:00 in the afternoon. And so I just want
18 to put that out there for you. I don't
19 know if they're going to be doing those
20 hearings after or if you guys are going
21 to be doing those hearings. So I think
22 that's really something very important to
23 remember, and that there are a number of
24 hearings and there's a good amount of
25 time to examine the maps. So that's

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2 number one.

3 I just also wanted to ask you
4 preemptively if you're ready for
5 interpreters, Haitian, Creole, when you
6 go into Elmont next week.

7 Also wondering where all the
8 postings that you said, although the
9 dates have been put out and you listed
10 all these libraries and everything else,
11 was that done language accessibly for
12 everybody in Nassau County? So that's
13 another question for you.

14 And then I just sort of want to
15 remind the data that we're talking about
16 --

17 COMMISSIONER BEE: Three minutes.

18 MS. GOTTEHRER: The public should
19 have adequate information to evaluate the
20 proposed maps, which includes the
21 underlying data used to draw the maps and
22 your justifications for their decisions.
23 It means providing the data after the
24 proposed maps are presented, and it means
25 the Commission should release shape files

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2 and block equivalency files with any
3 draft of any map. So thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you. Do we
5 have any more registered speakers,
6 Michael?

7 CLERK PULITZER: Not at the moment,
8 sir.

9 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Okay. Why don't
10 we take a few minutes and then move on to
11 the second piece of this?

12 COMMISSIONER BEE: Are you declaring
13 a brief recess?

14 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Yes. A brief
15 recess.

16 (Whereupon, a brief recess
17 is taken from 6:35 p.m. to 7:12
18 p.m.)

19 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I understand
20 during the recess that some people came
21 in. I don't know who we missed. Anyone
22 that came in after we went downstairs,
23 does anyone wish to speak?

24 (Whereupon, no verbal
25 response.)

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CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Okay. Thank you.

Each member of the Democratic and Republican Delegations have come to an understanding with respect to how we're going to proceed going forward.

COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Yes, I think we the November 10th would be a work session where both delegations would present a map by experts to the public. And they will talk through the map and each side will explain to the public exactly what work was done to get to the map that they drew at that point.

And tentatively, because we do have to make sure that our delegations can make it as well, on the 16th, we'd have a public hearing where the public would comment on the maps themselves. They would have had nearly a week to look at them. And there will be further time between November 16th and November 29th for members of the public to issue and submit written comment to the Commission. Correct?

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2 COMMISSIONER BEE: Yes,
3 Commissioner. I think we both also
4 agreed, just as you said a moment ago, we
5 have to make sure our respective members
6 can make it. We have to make sure that
7 the mapmakers can make it. It is a mutual
8 joint goal to follow that schedule.

9 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Yes. We're
10 trying to make this work, and if our if
11 our experts can't be here, they would
12 appear remotely. We are thinking about
13 doing this at the Legislature, which
14 probably would be the best way to do it
15 and has the best facilities to have these
16 meetings with the ultimate goal to have a
17 meeting on the 29th for the Commission to
18 vote on the maps that we would be sending
19 to the Legislature.

20 Again, these meeting dates are
21 tentative right now. But it is expanding
22 the hearing schedule, giving the
23 opportunity to the public to to have some
24 input into the maps themselves. And we
25 will be checking with our delegations to

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2 make sure that the dates work for them as
3 well.

4 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: We also have to
5 reserve that these dates in the
6 Legislature, but I'm pretty sure that
7 they're open.

8 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Are we going
9 to publish the maps after the work
10 session?

11 COMMISSIONER BEE: I don't think
12 there's been a decision reached on that,
13 but at least we've come this far
14 bipartisanly.

15 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Yes.

16 (Whereupon, the following
17 questions were asked from the
18 public without coming up to
19 microphone to speak.)

20 MS. SCOTTIE-COADS: Do we know who
21 will be drawing the maps?

22 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: The experts
23 that we submitted reports from already,
24 Dr. Magleby and Dr. Gall, will be working
25 on that for us.

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2 MS. GOTTEHRER: Can you make sure
3 that it's not 1 o'clock in the afternoon
4 at the Legislature, please?

5 COMMISSIONER BEE: I think we had
6 conversation that it was more likely than
7 not it would be an evening session, and I
8 think that again is a goal. We're not
9 carving it in stone. These are our plans.
10 We will see whether or not the plans can
11 happen.

12 MS. CHASE: And you're thinking
13 again this is November 16th?

14 COMMISSIONER BEE: The three dates
15 where November 10, November 16 and
16 November 29.

17 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: And again,
18 those are tentative, though. They could
19 change depending on what the schedules of
20 the other commissioners are.

21 MS. GOTTEHRER: So that's one public
22 meeting for the public to come in and
23 comment on what you presented, correct?

24 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Yes. But there
25 will be almost two weeks for the public

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2 to submit written comments to the map,
3 hopefully it will be put up --

4 MS. GOTTEHRER: It will be put up on
5 the website like everything else is
6 getting put on the website. Because you
7 guys can't agree (steps up to
8 microphone). Can you do me a favor? Can
9 you tell me why the things that are on
10 here are not on the website?

11 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: I'm sorry. If
12 you could say for the record what you're
13 talking about on the on the Democratic --

14 MS. GOTTEHRER: What the Democratic
15 side has put out in a Google form that
16 the public doesn't really know how to get
17 to. Can you explain to us why you are
18 against having this stuff on the website?

19 COMMISSIONER BEE: I think we
20 previously commented that a lot of
21 material has gone on the website, and we
22 appreciate your comments as to what else
23 should go on the on the website and we
24 will certainly be taking that into
25 consideration.

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2 MS. GOTTEHRER: Can you tell me why
3 it's not up there now and why people --
4 I'm going to have to go on Facebook and
5 put this up tomorrow. This is not
6 necessary. Can you tell me why you're
7 against whatever is in here going public
8 on your website?

9 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Number one, I
10 don't have any idea what's in the thing
11 you're pointing at.

12 MS. GOTTEHRER: Okay. Well --

13 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: May I finish?

14 MS. GOTTEHRER: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Secondly, that's
16 that's a document that was prepared by
17 the by the Democratic Delegation.
18 Perfectly legitimate for them to do it,
19 but they have not submitted it to us to
20 put it on the website. So there's your
21 answer.

22 MS. GOTTEHRER: They haven't asked
23 the Clerk of the Legislature to put
24 information on the website that hasn't
25 made it to the website.

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2 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: That's your
3 question, not mine.

4 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: I think the
5 reason that we did the Google drive was
6 because we asked for it to be put on the
7 website and it wasn't -- the Clerk of the
8 Legislature.

9 MS. GOTTEHRER: Okay, thank you. Do
10 you have any reason why you can share
11 with us why it wasn't put on the website
12 what they requested be put on the
13 website?

14 COMMISSIONER BEE: Nothing beyond
15 what we've already said.

16 MS. GOTTEHRER: Which is not a lot.
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: That being said,
19 is there a motion to adjourn?

20 COMMISSIONER BEE: Moved.

21 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Seconded.

22 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: All in favor?

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

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Passed. Please
drive safe and get home safely. Thank
you.

COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Thank you for
coming. And again, thanks to the staff
here at the Town for making themselves
available, our court reporter and our
interpreters and our sign interpreters.
Thank you.

(Whereupon, above matter
concludes, 7:16 p.m.)

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COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public
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That the above is a correct
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
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2022.

Karen Lorenzo

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