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4	ADVISORY COMMISSION
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6	MEETING VIII
7	Held at
8	ELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY
9	700 HEMPSTEAD TURNPIKE
10	ELMONT, NY 11003
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12	FRANCIS X. MORONEY
13	CHAIR
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15	Nassau County Legislature
16	1550 Franklin Avenue
17	Mineola, New York
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19	Wednesday, October 26, 2022
20	6:06 p.m.
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6	JOHN J. REINHARDT
7	MAUREEN FITZGERALD
8	CHRISTOPHER DEVANE
9	ERIC MALLETTE
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12	JARED KASSCHAU
13	ANDRENA WYATT (6:25)
14	JAMES MAGIN, JR.
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10	Amil Virani
11	James Hodges
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14	H. Scottie-Coads
15	Carrie Solages, NC Legislator
16	Henry Boitel
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18	Kevin McKenna
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2	AGENDA
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4	1. Open meeting - Pledge of
5	Allegiance
6	2. Chairman's Statement
7	3. Introduction of the
8	Commissioners
9	4. Public Statement
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2	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Can I ask you all
3	to rise and join me in the Pledge to the
4	flag.
5	(Whereupon, the Pledge of
6	Allegiance was said by all.)
7	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I want to let
8	everybody on the dais know that we're
9	working with live mic's, so if you want
10	to keep your thoughts to yourself, you
11	shouldn't speak into this device. This
12	works full time because the streaming is
13	in the back of the room and they're tied
14	together. Thanks.
15	That said, Michael, could you call
16	the roll.
17	CLERK PULITZER: Thank you,
18	Chairman. Roll call.
19	Commissioner Peter Bee?
20	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Absent.
21	CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner John
22	Reinhardt?
23	COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Here.
24	CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner
25	Maureen Fitzgerald?
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2	COMMISSIONER FITZGERALD: Here.
3	CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner
4	Christopher Devane?
5	COMMISSIONER DEVANE: Here.
6	CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner Eric
7	Mallette?
8	COMMISSIONER MALLETTE: Here.
9	CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner David
10	Mejias?
11	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Here.
12	CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner Jared
13	Kasschau?
14	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Mr. Kasschau
15	is on his way.
16	CLERK PULITZER: Okay. Thank you.
17	Commissioner Andrena Wyatt?
18	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: She's on her
19	way also.
20	CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner James
21	Magin, Jr.?
22	COMMISSIONER MAGIN: Present.
23	CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.
24	Commissioner Michael Pernick?
25	COMMISSIONER PERNICK: I'm here.
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2	CLERK PULITZER: Good. Chairman
3	Frank Moroney?
4	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Present.
5	CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,
6	sir.
7	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Can you all hear
8	us on these microphones?
9	(Whereupon, the audience
10	acknowledged the audio.)
11	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Okay. Many of
12	the same faces are here tonight that have
13	been here before, although I can't see
14	anything over the podium.
15	In any event, I have, over the
16	course of these events as the Chairman,
17	taken the liberty of making some opening
18	statements so that you all can be aware
19	of what we've done and how this is
20	proceeding, and please bear with me those
21	of you who have heard this before.
22	I want to welcome you to the ninth
23	(sic) Hearing of the Temporary
24	Re-Districting Commission. To date, the
25	members of both Republican and Democratic
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delegations have heard from approximately 99 speakers with varying requests to keep various communities together or apart. I trust that the public attendees and those watching this proceeding on the stream will feel free to share their ideas and their desires as far as the maps are concerned. The Commission consists of 11 members with a nonvoting Chair, that's me, appointed by the County Executive. There are five members appointed by the Presiding Officer. They're on my right, your left and five appointed by the Minority Leader, they're on my left, your right. The Commission permits, but does not require public hearings. The prior reapportionments processes established a

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The County Legislature allocated

tradition that permissive hearings take

place seeking public input and this is

the night of those hearings.

\$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
the \$985,000 is set aside to pay for
stenographic services, American Sign
Language interpreters, Creole- and
Spanish-speaking interpreters and other
shared costs of the Commission.
Each delegation divides the balance
of the money to purchase their needed
mapping technology, software, the hiring
experts, counsel and other staff as they
deem necessary to this process.
In developing a map or maps, the
Commission must comply with both the
Federal and State Laws. The proceedings
have to be fair and transparent to the
public.
The transparency is achieved by
significant outreach to the public and
holding the public hearings on any maps
from the districting so that we in the

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2	Commission can have an opportunity to
3	provide you with something that's
4	perfectly legal.
5	Once maps and plans are drawn, there
6	will be an opportunity for the public to
7	see and give an opinion as to the work
8	product. The updated website will have a
9	link once maps are produced and those
10	maps will be placed on that link so they
11	will be accessible to anyone who has the
12	ability to go online.
13	Thereafter, the map or maps are
14	turned over to the Legislature.
15	Likewise, all the transcripts from the
16	public and public comment generated by
17	these hearings will be turned over to the
18	Legislature.
19	In addition, all items not included
20	in the record may also be delivered to
21	the County Legislators. We want to make
22	sure that people who come in late have
23	the ability to have their desires heard.
24	The Full Legislature will conduct
25	public hearings on the submissions by an
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2	appropriate legislative committee, which
3	is the Rules Committee and then the
4	entire Legislation will hold hearings on
5	it and act on those maps or map.
6	The goal of a Temporary Districting
7	Advisory Commission is to have our
8	process complete and its hearings
9	finished so that the Legislature has
10	adequate time to review the submissions
11	and conduct its hearings.
12	The County Legislature may reject,
13	adopt, advise or amend any redistricting
14	plan or plans recommended by the
15	Temporary District Commission or adopt
16	any other redistricting plan as long as
17	it's constitutional and federally
18	approved and meets all the statutory
19	requirements.
20	In an effort to achieve
21	transparency, all of the meetings and
22	hearings will be in public and streamed
23	live over the internet. You can see the
24	cameras in the back. Further, the
25	Commission will stream the hearings and

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2	keep the record open for those people who
3	come in after the work of the hearing is
4	completed. Nonetheless, any
5	correspondence or other mail received
6	after the end date will be included in
7	the material turned over to the
8	Legislature.
9	In preparation for this hearing, a
10	notice of this meeting and others was
11	sent to the following:
12	The Office of the County Executive;
13	all the County Legislators; members of
14	the Minority Commission Delegation;
15	members of the Majority Commission
16	Delegation; Nassau County League of Women
17	Voters; the City of Glen Cove; the City
18	of Long Beach; the Town of Hempstead; the
19	Town of North Hempstead; the Town of
20	Oyster Bay; 22 villages in the Town of
21	Hempstead; 30 villages in the Town of
22	North Hempstead; 16 villages in the Town
23	of Oyster Bay; 55 libraries, including
24	this one we're in tonight; 57 school
25	districts; 67 civic associations; 50

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2	chambers of commerce; and 150 members of
3	news and media outlets that service
4	Nassau County.
5	The commissioners, at their last
6	meeting, agreed among themselves, with
7	the remaining meetings that will be held
8	in the Nassau County Legislature Chambers
9	as follows: The dates that I'm going to
10	give you right now have not yet been
11	approved, but right now they're hold
12	dates so that we can move this thing
13	forward into the part of this process
14	that means the most to you which is the
15	production of maps.
16	After tonight, the Commission's
17	delegations have agreed to have a working
18	session on November 10, 2022. That is
19	designed to start earlier in the day.
20	That is a work session which means that
21	the commissioners will appear at that
22	event. They will then open up their
23	maps. Their respective consultants will
24	describe the maps. We'll go through the
25	processes that they went through. We'll

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2	talk about all the issues relative to
3	those, and then there'll be an exchange
4	between and among the various
5	commissioners. There will be no public
6	comment at that session.
7	After the work session concludes,
8	the maps will be posted on the website,
9	as I stated earlier. There will be an
10	opportunity for the public to have input
11	into those maps. We're planning a hybrid
12	virtual meeting tentatively. It's set
13	for November 14, which is a hold date.
14	We want to see if we can spread it out a
15	little bit more than that. Public
16	comment will be accepted on the content
17	of the map or maps at that particular
18	hearing.
19	A final meeting vote on the map or
20	maps is tentatively set for November 17.
21	Again, we are a little flexible with
22	those things. We're going to see how we
23	can deal with those.
24	At this meeting, the commissioners
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2 J	may recommend a plan or plans to be
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2	forwarded to the full Legislature.
3	Comments from the public will be accepted
4	and this is the date that you need to get
5	your stuff in if you have anything you
6	want to go on the record would be
7	November 30, 2022. That will be after
8	the close of all of the hearings that
9	we've had including the hearings on the
10	maps to that point and that's the
11	juncture at which everything is turned
12	over to the Legislature and they have to
13	hold their hearings and their proceedings
14	at that particular time.
15	With that, Mr. Mejias, I know you
16	have something to add to that.
17	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Thank you,
18	Mr. Chairman. At the outset, I wish to
19	note that the Democratic commissioners
20	have repeatedly expressed our concerns
21	about the deficiencies and the
22	redistricting process so far. Although
23	there has been some progress, we continue
24	to have those concerns.
25	I truly hope that between the work
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2	session on the 10th, we have at least a
3	week for the public to view the maps so
4	that they can comment on them, not just
5	four days and three days after that for a
6	final vote. There's a lot of work being
7	put into these maps. We had discussed
8	having a week between the work session
9	and the public hearing and some more time
10	between that and the vote.
11	Our concern has been that there's
12	been what appears to be an effort to
13	suppress the public participation in
14	these hearings, particularly, in minority
15	communities through inadequate and
16	misleading public notices on the
17	Commission website.
18	The hearing notices have been
19	completely insufficient; for instance,
20	until yesterday, the Commission Home Page
21	contained no notice whatsoever of
22	tonight's hearing in Elmont. Instead it
23	continued to display the notice for the
24	October hearing in Massapequa which
25	already took place a week ago, or where

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2	there's been an issue with language
3	deficiency. Even the updated notice is
4	posted only in English. There's no
5	Spanish language or Creole language
6	notice that appears on the Commission
7	website. Despite the many members of the
8	Elmont community who communicate in these
9	languages, there's been nothing.
10	We have precisely the same issues
11	with Freeport and Hempstead. Nothing has
12	improved despite the notice issue being
13	called repeatedly to the attention of the
14	chair.
15	Our commission took it upon
16	ourselves to create our own flyer for the
17	meeting in all three languages and
18	conduct an outreach to the Elmont
19	community and beyond and has done so for
20	every single meeting.
21	Inaccurate and improper public
22	notices have been a constant problem
23	since the September 8 Commission hearing
24	early in the process. For that hearing,
25	the Commission website and official

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agenda stated the wrong location while the County Legislature website stated the wrong time. One may be an error, maybe even twice, but the pattern of failure to post proper notices suggests that maybe there's something more than negligence that's happening here.

9 We have also posted notices on our 10 own unofficial public shared drive which contains, in one central location, any 11 12 information that we are able to get from 13 members of the public. This is 14 information that my Republican colleagues 15 on the Commission would not agree to put 16 on the public website. So we had to 17 create our own including hearing notices, 18 information on the current maps, 19 information about our meetings, 20 background on the redistricting process, 21 each of the resolutions we've introduced, 22 written submissions from the public, and 23 even reports from our own experts. 24 I want to emphasize that we did 25 disclose -- We have disclosed who we're

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2	using to make our maps and do the
3	analysis to make sure that our maps
4	comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act
5	and then New York State John Lewis Voting
6	Rights Act.
7	So I want to turn to the substance
8	of the redistricting process. There were
9	two key findings that should cause alarm
10	and show the seriousness of the
11	redistricting process and the threat of
12	the current maps:
13	Our first expert is Dr. Daniel
14	Magleby who has determined that the
15	current County Legislative map is in
16	extreme partisan gerrymander which
17	violates New York State Law. Moreover,
18	our demographic expert, Dr. Megan Gall,
19	has made a preliminary determination that
20	there is substantial evidence that the
21	current map and any new map adopted by
22	the county that is similar to the current
23	map violates both the Federal and State
24	Voting Rights Act and illegally dilutes
25	voting rights of members of the minority
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3 What this means: The current maps are completely and legally invalid and 4 5 must be scrapped. We must start fresh 6 with completely new maps and if we do 7 not, the maps we propose to the County 8 Legislature will be illegal and the 9 Commission will violate its duty under 10 the County Charter to propose legally 11 compliant maps. 12 I'd like to turn it over to my 13 colleague, Commissioner Pernick to speak 14 about our experts' findings in more detail so that you can understand better 15 16 what our experts' reports say. 17 COMMISSIONER PERNICK: Thank you 18 very much. Thank you, Commissioner 19 Mejias. 20 So as Commissioner Mejias said the 21 Democratic appointed members to this 22 Commission have done an analyses and 23 contracted several analyses to look at 24 the current map. 25 Now, everyone knows the current map TOP KEY COURT REPORTING, INC. (516) 414-3516 _____20 = 1

2 is going to be changed. It's going to be 3 updated. But it's extremely relevant to 4 the process to understand what is 5 acceptable about the current map, what's 6 unacceptable about the current map and 7 whether it can be used as a starting point. And as Commissioner Mejias said, 8 9 we know as a result of these analyses, 10 that the current map is illegal. It 11 violates numerous provisions of State and 12 Federal Law, and I'll go through those in 13 a minute, and as a result of that, it 14 cannot be used as a starting point. If 15 it is, it will taint any map that we 16 develop and it could be tainted by the 17 same unlawful attributes that are current 18 and present and obvious in the current 19 map. 20 So let me go through what this 21 There have been some big changes means. 22 in New York Law. Since the redistricting 23 process ten years ago, there have been 24 amendments to the Municipal Home Rule Law 25 and one of those amendments makes it

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2 unlawful to draw maps to advantage one 3 political party over the other. It makes it illegal to draw partisan gerrymander, 4 5 and there accepted methodologies for 6 evaluating whether a map is a partisan gerrymander. The most broadly accepted 7 methodology is to do what's called an 8 9 ensemble analysis where you draw random 10 simulations of large numbers of maps and measure how the map that you're looking 11 12 at compares to those random simulations 13 of large numbers of maps. 14 So we had one of the leading experts 15 in the country under these methodologies 16 do an analysis of Nassau County. He 17 generated 10,000 random simulated maps 18 and what did he conclude? He concluded 19 that the current Nassau County map is a 20 more extreme partisan gerrymander and has 21 more Republican advantage built into the 22 map than all 10,000 randomly simulated 23 maps. That is clear cut evidence that 24 the current map is an illegal partisan 25 gerrymander, and if we use the current

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map as a starting point, any map this Commission recommends, any map adopted by the County Legislature would also be tainted by that same unlawful partisan intent.

Here's the other thing, we need to measure and evaluate any map that we propose as a commission, under these same methodologies before we make the recommendations, because if we don't, we are at risk of falling into that same trap of passing an illegal map.

So we've offered to do that analysis for any draft maps that anyone else on this commission wants to send us and that offer still stands. We're also on notice. We're on notice that if we don't take these steps, we risk violating these new laws under the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Now I want to turn to our other report. Dr. Megan Gall, a leading expert on demographics, on racially polarized voting, on compliance with the Voting

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2	Rights Act. She looked at our current
3	map from a racial justice perspective.
4	Does the map ensure the communities of
5	color have an equal opportunity to
6	participate and elect candidates of their
7	choice? Based on her analysis, there is
8	substantial evidence that the current map
9	violates the legal standard set out in
10	Federal Law for the Federal Voting Rights
11	Act and in State Law for the brand new
12	John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New
13	York. That means that this current
14	map It's not just mal-apportioned. It
15	doesn't need to be tweaked. It is
16	racially discriminatory. Full stop. We
17	know that. And that means that if we use
18	this current map as a starting point, any
19	map that emerges from the process that's
20	similar to the current map is also
21	racially discriminatory and would very
22	likely violate the Federal and State
23	Voting Rights Act. Full stop. We know
24	this. We have the evidence. It's in the
25	record. We're all on notice.

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2 In doing this analysis, Dr. Gall 3 also looked at what would be possible and what type of map might comply with these 4 5 requirements and the answer is clear. 6 We've had significant growth in 7 communities of color in Nassau County over the last ten years and she's 8 9 confirmed that it is possible, in fact, 10 easy to draw a map with five districts in 11 which black and Latino voters comprise a 12 majority of the citizen voting age 13 population and the voting age population. 14 Five districts where black and Latino 15 voters have an opportunity, an equal 16 opportunity to elect candidates of their 17 choice. And that means that if we, as a commission, only draw a map with four, 18 19 we're probably going to violate the 20 Federal Voting Rights Act. We're 21 probably going to violate the State 22 Voting Rights Act because we know it's 23 possible to draw five. It's not only 24 possible to draw five, it's possible to 25 draw five districts that do a better job

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2	of complying with all of the traditional
3	districting principles than the current
4	map. It's possible to draw five
5	districts where those districts are more
6	compact than the current map. It's
7	possible to draw five districts that
8	don't fracture communities across Nassau
9	County.
10	The current map fractures the
11	Village of Hempstead. The current map
12	fractures the communities of Valley
13	Stream and Elmont; fractures Freeport
14	into four districts; fractures the Five
15	Towns into four districts. We know,
16	based on the preliminary analysis, it
17	doesn't have to be that way. We can draw
18	five majority/minority districts and we
19	can do it while respecting the
20	communities here in Nassau County in a
21	much better way than the current map
22	does.
23	So I think we all agree that the
24	current map needs to be updated, needs to
25	be changed, and I hope that we can all
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2	agree that the current map cannot be used
3	as a starting point. We need to start
4	from scratch and that's the best way to
5	ensure compliance with Federal and State
6	Law because we're on notice that if we
7	don't do that and if we don't learn from
8	the issues with the current map, there's
9	a significant risk that this county is
10	going to be dragged into expensive
11	litigation and a significant risk that
12	communities of color in Nassau County
13	will continue to be under represented and
14	disenfranchised.
15	With that, I'll turn it back to
16	Commissioner Mejias.
17	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Thank you.
18	Since We have expressed our own
19	concerns with the deficiencies and
20	transparencies with regard to the experts
21	the Republicans are using to develop
22	their maps and any data they have
23	collected thus far, the failure to
24	provide for timely publication of draft
25	maps and grossly inadequate information
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2 on the commission website, et cetera; 3 however, redistricting is a technical process in which experts and consultants 4 5 play a critical role. The Democratic 6 delegation strongly believes that the 7 public deserves to know who is doing this important work on behalf of the 8 9 Commission. 10 You heard from the Chairman earlier 11 that there's a nearly million dollar 12 budget for this Commission to do its 13 work. That's why we felt that the 14 taxpayer should know exactly who our 15 demographer is and who our experts are 16 and what they're saying and the data that 17 they used, and we will be providing our 18 maps with what's called a shape file so 19 the public can see overlays of 20 communities, villages, cities, school 21 districts, towns. You can see which 22 communities were kept together, which 23 communities were divided in the 24 redistricting process, and that's an 25 important factor whether or not we're

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going have a map and legislative districts that are compliant with the law.

At the very first hearing of the Commission, Commissioner Pernick proposed a resolution requiring full disclosure. The Democratic Delegation voted for that full disclosure, that resolution, and each of the Republican commissioners voted against it and the measure was defeated.

When we tried to reach an informal agreement on expert transparency, we requested a mutual disclosure of experts and consultants several times and have continually been told that the Republican Delegation does not have any of the experts that we're talking about. They won't tell us who's drawing their map other than that they have hired an attorney for the process who most likely will hire the experts, himself, shielding it from the public under the guise of attorney/client privilege and attorney

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work product, and you'll never know who actually drew the Republican maps and what data they used and how they did it.

While the release of maps is necessary, the Republican commissioners' stance is highly concerning. We have to diligently carry out our most important public responsibility as commissioners; that is to recommend maps to the County Legislature. The primary reason for the Commission, to exist. The Republican delegation seems to have not even begun the process and that would be a grave disservice to the Legislature and the public.

In contrast, the Democratic Delegation has been an open book regarding the people doing the work for us, openly identifying our experts and sharing their preliminary reports with the public so that you can see as they develop their maps and as the process unfolds on the Democratic side of the aisle, you're with us every single step

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2	of the way. We're telling you everything
3	that our experts are telling us. We're
4	an open book.
5	You need to know who is performing
6	these critical functions, the critical
7	function of drawing the maps that will
8	influence how representative government
9	is structured in Nassau County for the
10	next decade.
11	In the last meeting we tentatively
12	set a schedule where we would have a week
13	between the work session and the public
14	hearing to hear from the comments. Now
15	we're it's only going to be four days. I
16	really hope that we can make it a week so
17	people do have a week to digest the maps.
18	One thing that we have constantly heard
19	from the public is that we do want
20	transparency and the public does want to
21	have time to comment on the maps. They
22	want to see the maps that both
23	delegations present. They want to
24	comment on them and they want to know
25	exactly what went into drawing them.

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2 So having said that, I do 3 appreciate -- It seems like we have a lot of people here today and it's been very 4 5 well attended. We're coming sort of to 6 the end of the process, but hopefully it 7 won't be abbreviated so that you can have the input that you need. I want to thank 8 9 all the other commissioners for being 10 here tonight, Mr. Chairman. I want to 11 thank -- I see Chief Deputy County 12 Executive Arthur Walsh is here. He's 13 been at every single meeting front and 14 center from Bruce Blakeman's office. So 15 thank you for coming. We appreciate it. 16 Again, as much as we do fight on 17 every single thing, we also -- there's 18 been a very high level of decorum and 19 respect throughout this process and not 20 making it personal, but the public has 21 been very much been involved and informed 22 and told us that they want to be involved 23 and informed, so thank you. 24 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Mr. Devane? 25 COMMISSIONER DEVANE: Good evening, TOP KEY COURT REPORTING, INC. (516) 414-3516 _____32 =

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2	everybody. My name is Chris Devane. You
3	haven't heard much from me. My mom
4	always taught me, especially, we're here
5	tonight to listen to you; that if you're
6	talking you're not listening. What we
7	try to do is to listen. I just want to
8	tell you than on behalf of the Republican
9	Delegation we've heard from
10	Mr. Pernick, Mr. Mejias as we do before
11	every meeting. I want to tell you that
12	in my background that I was on the Board
13	of Ethics with Mr. Pernick,
14	Mr. Kasschau for two years and we never
15	once looked at each other as either
16	Democrat or Republican. We did perform
17	those duties in a very a-political way,
18	non-political, and we hope to do that
19	again here.
20	I do have experience with
21	Mr. Kasschau. I do have experience with
22	Mr Pernick. I have the utmost respect
23	for them as far as that's concerned.
24	I've known Mr. Mejias probably for about
25	30 years. When I was a young prosecutor,
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2	he was a young defence attorney. I've
3	become a defense attorney and I don't see
4	him in the hallways anymore. He's become
5	a big shot with nicer suits, so I don't
6	see him anymore, but I do have tremendous
7	respect for him, and when I say to him,
8	"How are you doing? How is your family,"
9	I mean it. We don't change when the
10	lights go off.
11	I'm bringing this up for a reason
12	and the reason I'm bringing this up for
13	is that my hand is extended on the
14	Republican side to the Democrats to work
15	together. You haven't heard from us
16	because this is about you. It's not
17	about us.
18	So I know the other members of the
19	Democratic Delegation. I have the utmost
20	respect for them. I've dealt with, as I
21	said, Mr. Pernick, Mr. Kasschau,
22	Mr. Mejias, and I have just as much
23	respect for the Republican Delegation,
24	and I want you to all know that. I have
25	respect for John and Peter and Maureen
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Some things that have been said to this Republican Delegation were probably uncalled for, but we move on. There's no sense in shouting out. You'll all have your time to talk.

But I also want to tell you again this is not about me, but over the last 30 years I've been a criminal defense attorney. That means I've stood up for civil liberties of people of color in Inwood, Lakeview, Hempstead, Long Beach. We'll hear from Mr. Hodges again tonight. I've had many discussions with Mr. Hodges outside the Long Beach City Court about trying to help the community; about what it's like to live in those communities; about the lack of services; about the lack of education, unfortunately; about having your elected officials not listen to you; about lack of opportunities.

> So I bring this to the table and I know the rest of the Republican Delegation does as well. I know the

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2 Reverend does that as well. But I also 3 want to tell you as we start this, that no one has a monopoly on good government. 4 5 No one has a monopoly on transparency. 6 No one has a monopoly on what the right 7 thing to do is. And how do we know that? We don't need to go back ten years. We 8 9 have the President of the Elmont Library 10 who's going to speak tonight who had to 11 go to Bath, New York to testify in front 12 of her Special Master, and why did she 13 have to do that? Because the State Democratic Delegation, in a very partisan 14 15 way, tried to jam and gerrymander the 16 legislative districts of the State Senate 17 and of Congress. So we don't have to go 18 back ten years. We can go back six 19 months and see what has happened. And in 20 that case, when they did the maps, ladies 21 and gentlemen, they had experts. They 22 had map makers on their side. Do you 23 know what the Court of Appeals said, six 24 of whom were Democrats? This is so beyond the pale, we have to throw those 25

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2	maps out. This is so over the top that
3	you tried to jam this down because you
4	have a super majority, jam this down
5	everybody's throat and screw Elmont,
6	forgive the expression, in the process,
7	that we're going to throw it out. And
8	the Special Master said to the Democrats,
9	uh-uh. Not your map make maker, not your
10	experts. I don't know what this expert
11	that they have on this side would have
12	thought about what happened six months
13	ago. I don't know if he was involved in
14	that.
15	What I'm saying to you, ladies and
16	gentlemen is no one has a monopoly on
17	this. No one comes to you and says we're
18	squeaky clean. The other side is the
19	problem because that has occurred over
20	the last several meetings.
21	But I say this to you, I know what
22	the pain is. I've represented people,
23	thousands of people in these communities
24	over the last 30 years. I get it. I
25	know what that's like, but no one's ever
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2	said to me well we don't have the
3	possibility of a good education. We
4	don't have the services. No one's ever
5	said to me when I represented them, are
6	you Republican or Democrat? They don't
7	care. They don't care. When you take
8	away their liberty, you take away their
9	future. It's not about Republican or
10	Democrat.
11	So I need to say this before we
12	start that my hand's extended as is the
13	Republican Delegations' hand is extended
14	to the Democrats. You don't have to
15	believe me. Ask Mr. Pernick and
16	Mr. Kasschau. I've worked with them in
17	an a-political way. Ask Mr. Mejias, I
18	practically raised him as an attorney,
19	but ask Mr. Mejias. I can work together
20	with Mr. Mejias and so can the rest of
21	the Republican Delegation.
22	So as much respect as I have for
23	this side of the table (indicating), it
24	exists on this side of the table
25	(indicating) as well. No one has a
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2	monopoly on transparency. No one has a
3	monopoly on non-partisanship.
4	So please keep that in mind as we
5	come up and have these conversations.
6	Mr. Hodges knows what I'm saying is true
7	because over the years, we've had these
8	discussions time and time and time again.
9	I know you're standing up. You'll get
10	your turn, but he knows it's true.
11	Having said that, we want to hear
12	from you. We want to hear your concerns.
13	We want to hear what you have to say
14	because this is about you. Not about us.
15	Not about map makers. Not about experts.
16	It's about you. So let's hear from you.
17	It's 45 minutes already. Thank you.
18	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you, Chris.
19	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: I want to say
20	thank you, Chris. I appreciate the kind
21	words. That case, that Court of Appeals
22	case is Harkenrider v. Hochul. I'll give
23	the cite for you. Maybe you don't have
24	to do that when you go to court, we do.
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2	in that case and how the maps were thrown
3	out is exactly what we're trying to avoid
4	here.
5	Again, this is about you. We're
6	going to hear you and we also should
7	listen to you and what you have to say
8	and that's why we have the transparency
9	that we have we're calling for on our
10	side of the aisle.
11	Thank you.
12	COMMISSIONER PERNICK: I just also
13	want to thank Mr. Devane for his
14	comments. I really enjoyed working with
15	him on the Board of Ethics. I think we
16	had a really positive and collaborative
17	operation. You, me and Jarred, we did
18	really good work. It was never partisan.
19	It was always focused on doing the right
20	thing for the public and it was always
21	transparent. I'm really, really happy to
22	hear you participate, in particular,
23	because I know that you're a good person.
24	I know that you want to do the right
25	thing. I mean that and I'm grateful to
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you for speaking out today.

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There was the one thing on transparency, we've been asking for weeks to know who's drawing your maps. We've disclosed who's drawing ours and we've been asking for weeks, just to know the name of who's drawing your maps. Is that something that you'd be able to share as part of the olive branch, part of the overture?

COMMISSIONER DEVANE: I promise you when we have that information, I will contact each of the Democratic Delegation through our chair, personally.

COMMISSIONER PERNICK: Okay.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: If I may start. I'm going to start with something that Peter Bee says all the time. Peter Bee is in our delegation. He's home sick for the second day in a row and he always says that we will abide by all the rules.

The truism about map making is that all districts are subject to geography, population and context. These are real

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2	limitations and also are subject to State
3	Law and Federal Law. That is our
4	guideline. That is the only book we need
5	to worry about.
6	With that I'll call Mimi Pierre
7	Johnson.
8	MS. PIERRE-JOHNSON: Welcome to
9	Elmont. I'm going to tell you a little
10	story about Elmont. Just imagine what
11	we've just heard now if that happened
12	weeks ago how far we would have been.
13	This beautiful screen would have had a
14	map on it, but, okay.
15	I just want to say thank you for
16	coming to Elmont. I think and it's
17	not because it's my town. I love, love
18	Elmont. What happened ten years ago, I
19	didn't know myself what was happening,
20	but I felt that it was really bad. So I
21	made sure to learn about what happened to
22	us.
23	I don't know if there's anyone form
24	the Five Towns here, but I keep talking
25	about them because I remember how much
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they begged and we shouldn't have to beg for what belongs to us, but they begged not to split up the Five Towns and they begged to keep them together. And so I started to drive around the Five Towns after that just to see what was that community like, and it is not the same as our community, but it's just as beautiful and instead of keeping them together, they took Elmont and put us in Inwood, which not only broke up the Five Towns, but now they put us in that mess that they created. For you to get to the Five Towns, right? If you take the winding road, you're going through Rosedale, the marshes and then you make a left and you go into the Five Towns. Right there already that's a disadvantage to Elmont. The reason why I'm saying that, after ten years -- I was having a discussion with one of my neighbors this morning and she did not realize what happened ten years ago. I talk to other neighbors. They

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didn't realize that on the congressional level that Elmont and Valley Stream was in Queens. Some of my neighbors didn't realize that we had three Senators representing Elmont and when that happened within the redistricting, it doesn't mean that you have more representation. It just simply means that you've been cracked, you've been packed and you have no voice. This past election in 2020, I did not have a choice to vote for a Town Council person and this is what happens. It's not an automatic thing that the map comes out, and then, okay, so another ten years we'll fight it. It's a gradual thing that happens. You wake up one day and you say, "Oh my God." It's almost like you're not being represented because your voice is not as strong. Let me tell you what happened to my little block. In 2013, if you look at

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the local and the legislature, but on my

the Senate map -- I know this is about

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2	side of the street, if you looked at the
3	Senate map, it was Senate 9. Across the
4	street was Senate 7, not like around the
5	corner, down the block, but it was
6	actually across the street, and why did
7	that happen? Because if I put a lawn
8	sign on my lawn, the entire block would
9	have that same sign (buzzer). My
10	neighbors trusted me. If I put a sign on
11	my lawn, this is a good person. Let's
12	vote for that person. So they make sure,
13	at the time, to put myself and the
14	Solages because we became very
15	politically involved in one area. You
16	packed us in a way that we don't have a
17	voice.
18	I look at one of the Nassau County
19	employees right there (indicating).
20	Raise your hand. I'm going to keep it
21	together. He was in High School and he
22	door knocking. He was excited with a
23	bunch of young men. They were doing
24	their civic duties, and they stood in the
25	middle of the street and they were trying

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2	to figure out what was going on because
3	they had a list, but then one side was
4	the 9th and one side was the 7th. That's
5	what was done to Elmont and so many other
6	things.
7	So you've heard me say this before
8	not to separate us, and this is why it's
9	important for you to understand only
10	those of us like Scottie and other people
11	that were here that understands the
12	process. You were asking people to come
13	and speak. What are they speaking on?
14	They don't have a map. They don't
15	understand how politicians and the
16	politics and the party is going to come
17	into this.
18	The olive branch is great, but once
19	that goes before the Legislature, it's a
20	completely different thing. So you are
21	actually the ones that's going to carry
22	our water, which means you're going to be
23	the one that's going to talk to the
24	legislature and say, man, listen. We
25	can't do this. This what happened to
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2 Elmont. This is what happened to this 3 town and that town. You can't do this to these people. You can't. And that's 4 5 going to be where your character and all 6 the beautiful things you just said, 7 that's when that's going to matter 8 because to us, it's just beautiful, 9 pretty words, but we've been through 10 this. They're going to look at us and 11 they're going to say, "Thank you very 12 much, " and they're going to screw us 13 again, and I'm going to use your word. 14 They're going to screw us again, but we're fighting. We understand it now and 15 16 we have awesome attorneys that's ready to 17 fight. Unfortunately, it's, again, our 18 tax dollars. 19 All I want to say is make Elmont 20 whole like the state and the 21 congressional just made us whole again. 22 We have one senator, starting in January. 23 We have one congress person and now it's 24 just up to you for us now. 25 So please, carry our water, be

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2	strong when they're going to say to you,
3	"No, man. This is what we're doing."
4	No. Don't be like the national level.
5	Let's be a model. Elmont, Nassau County,
6	we did it right, and then let the chips
7	fall where they may, but we did it right
8	for the communities of color because
9	we're the one's that's suffering when we
10	don't get the resources that we need.
11	Thank you for the extra time.
12	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.
13	Barbara Epstein.
14	MS. EPSTEIN: Good evening, ladies
15	and gentlemen. My name is Barbara
16	Epstein a member of the Nassau County
17	League of Women Voters Redistricting
18	Committee.
19	You've heard this before, but for
20	the public as well, the League is a
21	non-profit, non-partisan organization
22	that encourages, inform an active
23	participation in government, works to
24	increase understanding of major public
25	policy issues and influence public policy
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Last week you told us about the dates for the proposed map presentation with supporting data on November 10. Now we're hearing about the same date for November 10, but Mr. Moroney you didn't give us a specific time for that hearing which is scheduled you said to be at the Legislature. Do you have time for that?

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: We hadn't agreed upon a time, but we're looking to start in the early afternoon, I believe. Am I correct on that?

COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: I think we're doing 6 o'clock.

> CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Okay, then we're doing it in the evening, but it's a work session.

20 MS. EPSTEIN: I understand, but we 21 can come to the work session.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Right.

23MS. EPSTEIN: Okay. But you don't24have a time yet?

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Six thirty, 6

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COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Just for the record, Commissioner Kasschau is now present.

MS. EPSTEIN: Okay. Thank you. Now, of course, the other dates have been changed from what was presented last week. My question to you is you're now presenting November 14 and November 17, but you said those are tentative. When will that time be determined as to which dates are actually going to be the dates so we can have it on the website and we can tell the people that we represent, the different groups, exactly when those dates will be finalized? CHAIRMAN MORONEY: We don't control

the legislative chamber. So we have to go back and we have to get permission to use it like everybody else does, all the Planning Commissions, all the other commissions, that use it. As soon as we can get a date that spreads out as far as we can, we will have a date for you. You

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2	have the number. Give me a call in a
3	couple of days and we'll have an answer
4	for you.
5	MS. EPSTEIN: Okay, because we're
6	talking two weeks now for the first date
7	which is the November 10 date.
8	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Right.
9	MS. EPSTEIN: All right. Then when
10	will it be publicized on the website and
11	to all the organizations that you spoke
12	about this evening?
13	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: The rules say
14	that we do it seven days ahead of time,
15	but if you want to call early, you can
16	call earlier.
17	MS. EPSTEIN: Is it possible you can
18	give us more than seven days for the
19	community to be aware of what's going on
20	in different organizations? And also
21	when the maps are presented on the 10th,
22	how quickly will all of that information
23	be posted to the website? Will it be the
24	next day?
25	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I'm not sure I
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	MS. EPSTEIN: (Buzzer) well, we're
4	talking about putting the map onto the
5	website.
6	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Right.
7	MS. EPSTEIN: What I'm saying is
8	when will that information be put onto
9	the website?
10	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: That will be put
11	onto the website as soon as the maps are
12	there and I guess they're going to be
13	shrunken down so we can As soon as we
14	can get it up, we'll get it up. I think
15	the link is already on there but there's
16	nothing on it.
17	MS. EPSTEIN: You're right. It says
18	to come.
19	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Right. If we
20	have the data, we can put it on that day
21	or the next day.
22	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: For the work
23	session, I think you have a good point.
24	We should know the dates and time. It
25	should be well publicized, but we should
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2	also have an agenda and whether or not
3	we're going to have the shape files. I
4	think I hope my colleagues agree that
5	we should be allowed to ask each other's
6	consultants and demographers questions
7	about how their map was drawn, if we have
8	any questions. I would like that to part
9	of the agenda as well.
10	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: That goes without
11	saying.
12	MS. EPSTEIN: And we also hope the
13	map or maps that are drawn account for
14	the increased diverse population of
15	communities here in Nassau County. We
16	expect you to increase the number of
17	majority/minority districts.
18	We're asking for more than one
19	proposed public hearing. This is what
20	happened ten years ago for those who were
21	involved ten years ago.
22	We talk about transparency. We ask
23	that you do better. We'll see if you
24	have listened to what the residents of
25	Nassau County have said over the past
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2	several weeks of hearings:
3	- keep districts relatively equal in
4	size to maintain the principle of one
5	person, one vote;
6	- adhere to, as we talked about, the
7	new municipal law;
8	- comply with all Voting Right Acts;
9	- respect communities on interests
10	defined by demographic and geographical
11	characteristics and avoid unnecessarily
12	cutting school districts, villages and
13	towns;
14	- adhere to judicial factors like
15	contiguity and compactus;
16	- follow an incumbent line process.
17	Meaning that the political affiliations
18	and needs of the incumbents don't affect
19	district lines.
20	We are looking forward to seeing the
21	map, maps, I am assuming. Also, how will
22	we know the 900,000 plus dollars you're
23	talking about are going to be spent?
24	Will there be an accounting and how would
25	the public be able to see how the money
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2	is being spent?
3	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: That's a good
4	question. I don't really know the answer
5	to it, but I'm certain that the
6	information would be in the Comptroller's
7	office and that they could generate that
8	for you.
9	MS. EPSTEIN: Thank you very much.
10	I appreciate your time.
11	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.
12	Anthony Bonelli (phonetic).
13	MR. BONELLI: Very brief. My name
14	is Anthony Bonelli. I'm a resident of
15	Nassau County. I live in Valley Stream.
16	I'm a school trustee for Valley Stream
17	District 13. I do not speak for the
18	Board.
19	The current legislative boundary
20	lines negatively impact our minority
21	communities disproportionately and I
22	simply urge the Commission to correct the
23	boundaries to provide more of a
24	legislative representation to these
25	harmed communities.
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2	Thank you.
3	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.
4	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: And thank you
5	for your service on the school board.
6	Michael Turi, T-U-R-I.
7	MR. TURI: Thank you very much. I
8	don't want to be too loud in front of
9	this thing, but do I hear this correct
10	that there are going to be four days at
11	current to review the new map out on the
12	10th discussed by the 14th? Is that
13	right?
14	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: The new map,
15	whatever it is, is going to be seen in
16	its final version sometime thereafter
17	once it comes out of the County
18	Legislature. This is just one step in
19	our process, and we're trying to fix the
20	dates so that we don't have We don't
21	control
22	MR. TURI: But right now we just
23	said it was four days?
24	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: No. We said it
25	was tentative.
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2	MR. TURSI: Okay, well, anything
3	less than two weeks, anything less than
4	enough time for the public to digest the
5	information, like, to have just heard
6	what this gentleman said so eloquently
7	about respect. I'm glad that you respect
8	each other, but doesn't necessarily show
9	respect to these people back here
10	(indicating) to not have enough time to
11	judge something (applause).
12	People choose their legislators.
13	Not the other way around, and not
14	allowing people to see how that would be
15	done in the appropriate amount of time
16	for a reasonable person to develop a
17	response to it is a shame.
18	I'm here to speak on behalf of the
19	Five Towns. I'm so glad that someone
20	brought that up. I am from Woodmere. I
21	got involved in politics about ten years
22	ago and seeing how the Five Towns was
23	ripped apart from one cohesive legislator
24	which included everyone to then be put
25	into four was really something that hurt
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the Five Towns residents. They don't know who to speak to about what, based on where they live.

The Woodmere Club is a huge issue in the Five Towns, the threat of the Sixth Town, as they call it. That's in the 4th Legislative District, but most of the people who are going to be affected by that actually live across Broadway or West Broadway in the 7th Legislative District. But the people on the other side of 878 where all the traffic's going to come through for the construction trucks where our legislator in attendance tonight is, in fact, a representative in the 3rd Legislative District, they have a completely different person that they have to speak to about a common set of concerns for a single community.

> I urge this committee to consider recombining the Five Towns together into a single district, five like communities that have a like shared heritage with each other, two shared school districts.

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2	As someone who grew up in Woodmere,
3	we didn't differentiate between the
4	others. It was one large community that
5	I had the pleasure to ride my bike
6	around, but now it doesn't feel that way
7	because it's been so scattered in
8	different directions.
9	I urge you to find a way to join
10	this community and make them whole as
11	they were on the 2003 map (buzzer).
12	Long Beach was connected to
13	Oceanside and Island Park, another
14	combination that seems to make much
15	greater sense than the current snake-like
16	7th and 4th like district that includes
17	it now.
18	Please don't hear and, in fact,
19	listen. Thank you.
20	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.
21	(Whereupon, there was
22	applause.)
23	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Marvin Amazon.
24	MR. AMAZON: First of all, Peter Bee
25	I think it was. You spoke prior to
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2	when Michael Pernick asked you about the
3	names of the people making maps, you said
4	you don't have them. Is that because you
5	don't know who they are or you haven't
6	started the process yet?
7	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: That was
8	Mr. Devane.
9	MR. AMAZON: Oh. Sorry.
10	COMMISSIONER DEVANE: You can call
11	me Peter Bee especially if you don't like
12	my answer.
13	So my understanding in talking with
14	the Republican Delegation is that that is
15	imminent and we're going to pass this
16	information along.
17	MR. AMAZON: Okay. Perfect. And
18	then so this is the last time we're
19	having public comment before the maps are
20	shown, right?
21	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I'm sorry.
22	Before the maps are what?
23	MR. AMAZON: Before the maps are
24	shown to the public.
25	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Yes. This is the
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final one, yes.

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2	iinai one, yes.
3	MR. AMAZON: All right. So I was at
4	the first meeting and I just wanted to
5	make sure I was at this last one as well.
6	At the first meeting Somebody said
7	there was over 100 people that spoke to
8	you guys, prior to this, right? Okay.
9	So the first meeting I was at, the
10	meeting ended at 8:30, around there, and
11	I don't think there were 100 people that
12	spoke. We each get three minutes to
13	speak. If a hundred people speak or have
14	spoken to you already it's about five
15	hours.
16	COMMISSIONER DEVANE: I think we
17	mean in total.
18	MR. AMAZON: Yeah. So the public's
19	only going to get to speak to you one
20	time after the maps are shown, right? So
21	on the 17th or the 14th depending on the
22	dates you choose?
23	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Whatever date it
24	is, that hearing would be open to the
25	public.
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2	MR. AMAZON: And that would be one
3	hearing?
4	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Yes. We've
5	talked about so many different dates, I
6	want to make sure. The second hearing we
7	would have would be the 14th, and that
8	would be for
9	MR. AMAZON: Public comment.
10	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: maps that were
11	released on the 10th.
12	MR. AMAZON: Okay, and then
13	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: To answer your
14	question, that would be the only hearing
15	where the public would -
16	MR. AMAZON: I appreciate that. So
17	I would assume that you would start the
18	meeting a little bit earlier so I'm
19	pretty sure there might be more than 100
20	people who want to speak at the time. So
21	I just want to make sure that you guys
22	are well informed that there might be a
23	lot of people who come to that last
24	meeting and we're not going to be cut
25	short because you have somewhere to be
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during that meeting as well.

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CHAIRMAN MORONEY: We haven't fixed any of those dates yet, and we'll take that under consideration. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: You may be 7 correct in terms of the time, but I think 8 we had said 6 o'clock so people can go 9 after work. Maybe we need to do an 10 afternoon and an evening --

> MR. AMAZON: Or maybe even two meetings as well. That would be very helpful.

> > COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Yes.

MR. AMAZON: All right. Thank you (applause).

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Veronica Renta-Irwin.

19MS. RENTA-IRWIN: Hi. Good evening.20My name is Veronica Renta-Irwin and I am21the current President of the Long Island22Hispanic Bar Association.

23To being I'm going to try to not24stray too far from my comments, but I25definitely have to echo Commissioner

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Mejias' concerns regarding this specific process and the deficiencies with respect to the notice given to the public regarding these hearings.

I've been working with the League of Women Voters, the Hispanic National Bar Association, Latino Justice and PRLDEF in trying to get our community out, our severely impacted community out to these hearings, and I, myself, was not given the exact time and location for this meeting until two days ago.

So although I appreciate sentiment and olive branches, there are certain facts that we cannot escape, and so when Commissioner Mejias talks about the fact that these meetings were not well publicized and the fact that there was conflicting and misleading information given about these hearings, I simply cannot put those facts aside for, you know, sentiment.

> Additionally, the fact of the matter is in order for these hearings to produce

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2	any type of transparency or fairness in
3	the process, it must include public
4	hearings after the maps are introduced.
5	There is no other way to have a
6	meaningful discussion around
7	redistricting or mapping processes unless
8	it's specific to maps.
9	So I'm not really sure how we are
10	all supposed to speak in generalities
11	without being able to actually look at a
12	map and be able to give this Commission,
13	before the maps are given to the
14	Legislature, comments about where those
15	lines are drawn.
16	That having been said, I would like
17	to share some other significant facts
18	with this Commission. In the last ten
19	years the Latino population has grown
20	significantly across the country, in New
21	York State and in Nassau County.
22	Specifically, in the last decade the
23	Latino population in Nassau County has
24	grown over 30% and is standing to now
25	make up 18% of the population. According
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2 to the 2020 census, there are now 52 3 communities on Long Island where Latinos constitute 20% or more of the population, 4 5 which is up from 39, and there are 6 another 11 where Latinos make up between 7 19 and 19.99%. I also want to point out 8 that within that 30% increase in the 9 Latino population, it includes a 16.8% 10 increase in Latinos that are of voting 11 age. 12 Now it's been suggested that the 13 current maps may be reintroduced or used 14 as the basis for the next set of maps 15 that will then be our maps for the next 16 ten years (buzzer). 17 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: If you could wrap 18 it up, I would appreciate it. 19 MS. RENTA-IRWIN: I will do my best. 20 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you. 21 MS. RENTA-IRWIN: I must impress 22 upon this Commission that the old maps 23 did not result in the equitable 24 representation for the Latino community. 25 Given the huge increase in the Latino

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2	population as reflected in the 2020
3	census, it certainly will not be
4	appropriate for the use in the next 10
5	years.
6	I want to remind the Commission that
7	on the state level there is no Latino
8	representation and if we want to include
9	Suffolk County that number goes up by
10	one.
11	On the county level in terms of our
12	County Legislature, there are zero
13	Latinos. There is no Latino
14	representation despite the fact that I've
15	just informed the Commission that in many
16	communities, the Latino population
17	represents nearly one in five residents.
18	The new proposed maps must be drawn
19	to empower the Latino population and
20	ensure a meaningful voice in governing.
21	The research indicates that this
22	Commission has the ability to draw five
23	performing majority/minority districts
24	and it can do that by keeping
25	long-standing communities of interests

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2	together such as Hempstead, Roosevelt,
3	North Valley Stream, Freeport, Westbury,
4	Cedarhurst and even where we all are
5	tonight, Elmont.
6	Once again, I look forward to
7	continuing this conversation once the
8	maps have been released and before they
9	are sent to the County Leg for approval.
10	Thank you.
11	(Whereupon, there was
12	applause.)
13	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.
14	Before I move onto the next speaker, I do
15	want you to let you know that there was
16	no deliberate effort to hide anything as
17	far as the
18	There were some difficulties with
19	the IT system. We had people working on
20	it full time. There are objections,
21	however, by the Democrats that certain
22	things haven't appeared; however, at the
23	end of this process, it's going to happen
24	because they're going to be able to put
25	together a packet of anything they want
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2	to put together and send it over with the
3	official record which is what we're
4	having here, as well as the Republican
5	Delegation doing the same thing. They
6	can do that. That's how it's been done
7	for 30 years.
8	MS. RENTA-IRWIN: And, sir, I
9	appreciate your comment and I don't mean
10	to attack anyone personally, but when I
11	go back to my community, I have to go
12	back to them with the results, with the
13	facts. And so while I appreciate your
14	good intention, and I'm sure that
15	everyone here is trying to do their best,
16	that doesn't negate the result, and the
17	result is confusion and a lack of
18	participation that otherwise could have
19	occurred if there was clarity. Frankly,
20	that can be rectified by having
21	additional public meetings after the maps
22	come out (applause).
23	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Can I ask you a
24	question? You said that you learned of
25	this a couple of days ago?
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MS. RENTA-IRWIN: Yes.

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CHAIRMAN MORONEY: How did -- who --I don't want any names in particular --

MS. RENTA-IRWIN: Yes. I have been coordinating with Cesar Ruiz from Latino Justice PRLDEF who has submitted his comments in writing this evening because he couldn't make the meeting because he couldn't get here from where he is on such short notice, which is an exact example of what I'm talking about, and I actually have his comments here.

14CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Can I ask you a15question?

16MS. RENTA-IRWIN: Please do.17COMMISSIONER MORONEY: Who is your18legislator in Nassau County?

19MS. RENTA-IRWIN: Well, I'm here20speaking on behalf of the Long Island21Hispanic Bar Association.

22 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I understand.
23 MS. RENTA-IRWIN: I am a Nassau
24 County Resident.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: But who is your

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2	legislator?
3	MS. RENTA-IRWIN: Why? I don't know
4	why?
5	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Why? Because
6	we're trying to figure out what district
7	you're in.
8	MS. RENATA-IRWIN: How will that
9	assist the process? How will that help
10	the people that I'm here to represent?
11	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Curiosity.
12	That's all.
13	MS. RENTA-IRWIN: Okay. Well, I
14	appreciate that, but I don't intend
15	any
16	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: A little order
17	here. We're allowed to ask questions
18	too. Treat us like we treat everybody
19	else.
20	MS. RENTA-IRWIN: Absolutely.
21	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: So, please.
22	Thank you very much.
23	MS. RENTA-IRWIN: Thank you.
24	COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Mr. Moroney,
25	if I could just have one second.
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1 2 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Sure. 3 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Just one 4 second. I believe this was the press 5 release put out by you earlier this month dated October 6, 2022. This went to all 6 7 the people that we discussed earlier, the news media, the legislators and all the 8 9 members of the --10 (Whereupon, there was an interruption by Mr. McKenna.) 11 12 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Mr. McKenna, 13 you're going to get your opportunity like 14 you always do. 15 (Whereupon, there was 16 crosstalk.) 17 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: You're out of 18 order, Mr. McKenna. You're out of order 19 twice. Three times. Hands up. 20 (Whereupon, the court 21 reporter is instructed to stop 22 writing during outburst.) 23 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: This was a 24 press release put out on October 6, and 25 it listed the next four meetings at that TOP KEY COURT REPORTING, INC. (516) 414-3516 _____72 =

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2	time:
3	- on October 13, at 6:00 p.m. at the
4	Carolyn Atkinson School in Freeport;
5	- the Glen Cove City Hall Meeting on
6	October 18;
7	- the October 20 meeting at
8	Massapequa Community Center; and
9	- tonight's meeting at the Elmont
10	Memorial Library.
11	I know that this was an effort to
12	try to move forward
13	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: And so there's no
14	misunderstanding, a request was made by
15	the Democratic counsel for a list of all
16	of the people that these were mailed to
17	and they were supplied to They haven't
18	been supplied yet today and there are
19	lists of everybody who received those
20	notices. So that's that.
21	(Whereupon, there was
22	crosstalk.)
23	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Amil Virani.
24	MS. RENTA-IRWIN: Can I just ask a
25	question respectfully?

1 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: No. Amil Virani. 2 3 MS. RENTA-IRWIN: Was that the information that was on the website? 4 5 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Yes. 6 MS. RENTA-IRWIN: All the 7 information was -- I'm sorry if that's 8 what you believe, but it's not true. 9 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: If you have time 10 during the course of your busy day, give 11 me a call and I'll sit down with 12 you --13 (Whereupon, there was 14 crosstalk.) 15 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Just for the 16 record, the notice of this meeting was 17 not on the Redistricting Commission's 18 website. 19 MS. RENTA-IRWIN: So Commissioner 20 Mejias, if we were not provided a copy of 21 that press release --22 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Can we get to the 23 rest of the speakers? 24 (Whereupon, there was 25 crosstalk.) TOP KEY COURT REPORTING, INC. (516) 414-3516 _____74 _

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2	MS. RENTA-IRWIN: and we were
3	interested in coming to this meeting,
4	where would we have found that
5	information?
6	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Can I have some
7	order?
8	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: The only
9	way the public notice of this hearing
10	on the website appeared yesterday. The
11	only way you would know about this is
12	because we've been trying to reach out to
13	community groups. I've called the
14	Justice of PRLDEF myself to let them know
15	what's going on, but there was nothing
16	official about it.
17	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I will invite you
18	to come to the office and we'll go
19	through the case.
20	Amil Virani.
21	MR. VIRANI: Good evening, members
22	of the Commssion. My name is Amil
23	Virani. I'm a resident of Valley Stream.
24	I grew up in the Five Towns and I
25	currently reside in the Hewlett/Woodmere
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1 School District in Valley Stream. 2 3 I'm very concerned about the maps 4 that were adopted ten years ago were 5 repeated in a similar fashion even though 6 I'll be in a different area. 7 There are several points that I'd 8 like to emphasize. First is the need for 9 majority/minority districts. Second is 10 for the need of areas such as Valley 11 Stream and Elmont to be kept together, 12 and lastly is keeping the Five Towns in 13 tact. 14 First, priority needs to be made on 15 keeping and having five minority/majority 16 districts. Newsday had a landmark 17 article about how the Nassau County 18 Assessment System was broken and 19 disproportionately impacted people in 20 minority communities. In fact, according 21 to that 2018 report as shown in Newsday, 22 Elmont and Valley Stream residents were 23 disproportionately impacted with high 24 taxes. Valley Stream residents of School 25 District 30 were also hit by the failed

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2	assessment system as well as the Green
3	Acres Mall PILOT situation in 2017.
4	The bottom line is, several years
5	ago our assessment system was screwed up
6	big time and if there were five
7	majority/minority districts, this would
8	not have happened (applause).
9	Second, currently in Valley Stream
10	we have two different legislators and the
11	lines don't make sense. For instance, as
12	an earlier speaker mentioned, you cannot
13	drive through the 3rd Legislative
14	District, as in you cannot drive or walk.
15	You actually need to take a boat to go
16	through it. And you have North Woodmere
17	in that district which has nothing in
18	common with Valley Stream, Elmont and
19	Inwood. In addition, instead of zoning
20	Valley Stream in one place, Nassau County
21	chose to split it up from the west end to
22	the east end. Valley Stream is the third
23	largest incorporated village in New York
24	State by population. Yet the 6th
25	Legislative District has the east part of

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	Valley Stream and has tossed all of
	Lynbrook into it. This dilutes the power
	of this increasingly diverse community in
	comparison to Lynbrook.
	Valley Stream also has major
	roadways that are controlled by Nassau
	County as well as the assessment system
	that impacts their taxes.
	Valley Streamers have communities,
	such as Elmont, that deserve more than
	one voice, and the population shows that
	which is why we need to keep villages
	together and not dilute their influence.
	Lastly, that the Five Towns needs to
	be kept put together. Right now I live
	in the Hewlett/Woodmere School District
	and we have four legislators which
	dilutes the influence of that singular
	school district, and since
	Hewlett/Woodmere primarily comprised of
	hamlets, we have legislators that only
	represent parts of the school district,
	itself.
	I know I'm out of time, but I just

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2	want to emphasize that I hope that the
3	Commission will adopt fair maps and keep
4	the boundaries of school districts,
5	villages together and account for the
6	changing population of Valley Stream and
7	the need for more majority/minority
8	districts.
9	Thank you (applause).
10	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.
11	James Hodges.
12	MR. HODGES: Hello, commissioners.
13	How are you, Chairman? I'm happy that
14	you're back. I was praying for you, not
15	just because you offered me tea, but
16	because I heard you were sick. So I was
17	sincerely praying for you. Thank God
18	you're back.
19	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.
20	MR. HODGES: To the commissioners
21	and also County Legislator Solages is
22	here and I know that when they usually
23	have a county when they had an elected
24	official, they gave them an opportunity
25	to speak, too. I think he put a slip in,
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but maybe you didn't know.

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3 Anyhow, I must say that you've heard all the statistical data. We talk about 4 5 transparency and monopoly -- that was a 6 great speech, by the way. Great speech. You are a good guy -- but, it means 7 8 nothing if 100 people come and speak if 9 the proof is not in the pudding in what 10 goes on here. That could have been 30 11 years. You could have known Mejias when 12 he was in second grade and you taught him 13 a lot and all of that. You could have 20 14 black friends and, you know, there's a 15 lot of black people here so we gotta say 16 a lot of what we done. We're black 17 people. And I don't say that to be 18 facetious, but I don't think you have to 19 prove who you are. If people know you, 20 they know you. And so, man, you speak, 21 men, you talk and if you don't talk to me 22 after this, like I said, God knows. It's 23 all right. You'll still be an attorney 24 and do what you do and defend people and 25 all of that stuff, but I don't think just

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gotta put forth what we do. I think
everybody should speak. Everybody should
be able to appreciate and, Chairman, I
didn't like the way you did the president
of the thing with your hands, you know,
sit down. She's not a little puppy. You
don't do that. I'm just saying that.

We say it's not being personal, but it's personal when you make decisions that hurt people lives, and I don't know what happened with the young man that was fired and, you know, I was a little extra angry last time because, you know, people back then said, you know, there was black people and white people back when black people was lynched and went through all they went through and said, and, you know, black people only got a chance to vote in 1965, LBJ at the Voters Right Act. And people said if I was living at that time, I would do this. And black people said I would stand up, but yet we see black people agree with some of the

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2	things that go on today. We see some
3	white folks still doing some of the same
4	things, right, hurting people and coming
5	up with different bills that would hurt
6	people and it's not all white people,
7	because sometimes, you know, it's just
8	people doing bad things no matter what
9	color or party you in.
10	So when we look at what goes on
11	here, I say all that is necessary for the
12	triumph of evil is that good people, not
13	good men, do nothing. So we can say all
14	of these nice words and nice things, but
15	four days is not enough and you still
16	don't even know if it's four days
17	(buzzer).
18	So in my conclusion, we need time to
19	look at the maps. We need time and we
20	want to tell you all of the statistical
21	data says there should be five districts.
22	There's no Latino representative.
23	There's no Latino representative in the
24	19 Legislator. You guys hear what's
25	wrong all the time. I pray to God,
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2	listen, a lot of people went through what
3	you went through and they're not here. I
4	thank God for bringing us all through
5	what went through certain things, but God
6	sometimes give us a little signs when we
7	sit down and we think.
8	Chairman, you said you won the
9	Martin Luther King Award. Winning a
10	Martin Luther King Award should represent
11	something because if you receive that
12	award for all you do, let it mean
13	something. If you just received the
14	award because they know you can bring a
15	lot of people to the dinner, then you
16	better give that award back. But I say
17	to you that if you represent Martin
18	Luther King, he worked on behalf of a lot
19	of people. Chairman, you said there's
20	five over there (indicating) and five
21	over there (indicating), but if you rule
22	with them all the time, there's six over
23	there (indicating) and five over here
24	(indicating). So I say to you because
25	you're the leader, do what's right. I

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pray that God touch all of you to do what is right.

Pastor, let's continue to pray -- you ain't going to look at me? Come on. I know you my whole life, Pastor. Don't do me like that. So our fathers are in heaven together both of them were pastors. We know each other a long time. Everybody may not always agree, but we don't have to. Let us respect one another, all right, Pastor. And, welcome; you're filling in.

But one last thing I want to say. You have more time gone than what's left unless it's going to be a miracle and there will be another Mary miracle from the Bible. All of us, we can go tomorrow or whatever -- So in your last 50 years here on earth, all right? Do what is right, Commissioner, please. God is watching you. Just like they replaced you right after you told them you were sick, they will forget everything you said or done as soon as you leave. They

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2	replaced you and got somebody else. So
3	do what's right. They don't care. They
4	just care what you're doing to support
5	their agenda, whoever it is. Please,
6	there's black and Latino and even white
7	folks hurting by the decisions you make.
8	So I love you all. I'm praying for
9	you and I'm pray to God to deal with the
10	soul and the heart and the mind, not the
11	party. I pray that God deal with all of
12	you, all of you.
13	Chairman, lead. Lead. You won the
14	Martin Luther King Award and don't forget
15	you promised me tea (applause).
16	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: All that and a
17	cup of tea. Stephanie Chase.
18	MS. CHASE: Good evening, everyone.
19	I've attended I guess all the meetings
20	but one and still it's the same thing. I
21	thought at the last meeting that we were
22	going to have more time to view the maps,
23	the public, after it was set up. I don't
24	know how to stress how important that is.
25	We need time. Not everybody knows how to
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2	look at a map. We need time to really
3	decipher and see what's what when you
4	come out with it. I hope that it's
5	favorable.
6	You've heard the same thing over and
7	over from everyone. Everyone now has
8	been asking for transparency, fairness,
9	majority/minority. Let's see if we can
10	get it done. I'm really kind of nervous
11	here, because I got a feeling that you're
12	going to go to the legislator and I think
13	all of this is just nothing.
14	Okay. Thank you.
15	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you very
16	much.
17	Maria Jordan-Awalom. Did I
18	pronounce it correctly?
19	MS. JORDAN-AWALOM: Good evening.
20	My name is Maria Jordan-Awalom. I am a
21	Freeport resident and have been following
22	this process along with many others here
23	tonight.
24	We have made our voices heard and
25	will absolutely hold you all and the
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legislator accountable for what results
out of this. We have invested time and
effort in coming to these hearings. I'm
here tonight to make my final plea before
maps are presented to us all.

As a resident of Freeport who is heavily invested in my community and in our children, I cannot understand why Freeport is divided into four legislative districts with one of those legislators representing, what, a park? The surrounding water around the park? I don't even think the legislator knows that she represents Freeport. I don't understand that and neither do many of my neighbors.

18 I want to see my community kept 19 together as much as possible and I can 20 even understand two districts, but four? 21 No wonder we never even hear from the 22 other two. They have a tiny portion of Freeport, don't live in Freeport and are 23 24 not invested in Freeport. 25 Freeport is already heavily

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segregated between north and south Freeport. I understand it is a large village, the second largest in New York State; however, I am pleading with you all to stop the geographical fracturing of our community. This will only continue to dilute our collective voices and strip us of any glimpse of political power people of color are continuing to fight for so hard across this country and region. During the last round of redistricting ten years ago, three majority/minority districts were created; however, these last ten years have seen a huge shift in our demographics, and communities of color continue to grow rapidly across Nassau County. Let's keep in mind that the 2020 census severely undercounted many of our communities, particularly, the Latino one, meaning that our numbers are even bigger than what was reported. Our representation at the County

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2	Legislation needs to mirror what Nassau
3	looks like today and what it will look
4	like in the next decade. If this
5	redistricting process is truly
6	transparent and indicative of our
7	population realities, the new legislative
8	map will have at least five
9	majority/minority districts. Our
10	communities will accept nothing less.
11	Thank you (applause).
12	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you very
13	much.
14	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: I just thought
15	of something. This is a very complicated
16	process, you know, going through this
17	entire thing and the law and the
18	contiguity and the racially polarized
19	voting and whether or not districts are
20	gerrymandering, the consultants that we
21	hire and the hundreds of thousands of
22	dollars that we're spending doing this.
23	Maybe I haven't talked to my
24	delegation about this but maybe what
25	we should do is work with each other and
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present each other our maps two days before November 10 so that maybe we can talk to each other about each other's maps for a couple of days before we do the work session or at least take a look at each other's maps and consultants two days before -- on November 8, on Election Day and I think that would be a very good way for us to work together and I think that would be very collaborative.

I want to take Commissioner Devane's olive branch and extend it even farther and put it to good use and, hopefully, maybe we should have a resolution that we will give each other our maps two days before the 10th. Are you guys okay with that? My side's okay with it.

Can I propose a resolution that we exchange our maps by noon two days prior to the work session, whatever date that may be?

COMMISSIONER PERNICK: It's a good idea. I'll second that.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I think it's a

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2	great idea. Let's keep an open mind to
3	it.
4	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Well, I just
5	proposed a resolution.
6	(Whereupon, there was
7	interruption from the
8	audience.)
9	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: That's why I
10	proposed a resolution and Mr. Pernick
11	seconded it. Can we do that?
12	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: If you would just
13	stay cool for a bit.
14	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: I'm always
15	cool, Chairman.
16	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: That said, it has
17	merit. I think, on the other hand, I
18	don't know where our mapping people are.
19	I couldn't tell you that and until I find
20	that I may very well
21	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: I mean, I'm
22	sure at least a day before you're going
23	to know. Do you want to make it the day
24	before at noon? I mean, that would be
25	fair. I don't know where we are with our
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2	maps either, but I know we're not going
3	to stay up all night drawing a map. It
4	takes a lot of time. There's a lot of
5	effort that goes into it, so
6	COMMISSIONER REINHARDT:
7	Commissioner Mejias, so at this point, as
8	we've said, we have not begun the map
9	drawing process. From what we
10	understand, you've been analyzing the old
11	maps working towards the new maps.
12	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Yes.
13	COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: I don't
14	know how far along you are on developing
15	your maps. Speaking to a couple of my
16	fellow commissioners, I can't commit that
17	we're going to have them available two
18	days before.
19	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: How about a
20	day before?
21	COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: We will
22	make every effort to do that. I think
23	the day before we probably could I
24	would hope that we have them the day
25	before. If we have the maps available or
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2	a working copy of the map available I
3	think we would commit to make every
4	effort to give that to you guys ahead of
5	time.
6	Again, I don't think we can meet
7	before. That's going to violate the Open
8	Meetings Law as we were so concerned
9	about last time.
10	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: So I'll amend
11	my resolution. So why not, like, noon
12	the day before the work session we
13	exchange maps
14	COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Why don't
15	we, rather than a formal official
16	resolution, why don't we do the olive
17	branch thing as we said and we will,
18	leading up to that date, discuss being
19	able to exchange what we have available.
20	If I don't have a fully complete
21	map, I can't commit here now to a legal
22	resolution thing and give you something
23	that I don't have in my hands. I don't
24	know how you can make that commitment.
25	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: I mean, it's a
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complicated process.

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2 3 COMMISSIONER KASSCHAU: I don't want to interject, but there's a motion made 4 5 that's been seconded. Perhaps this 6 discussion should be had during the 7 debate portion of the motion. 8 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: So I'll amend 9 it. So it's noon the day before the work 10 session we will exchange maps. COMMISSIONER PERNICK: I don't know 11 12 if an amended motion requires a second, 13 but if it does, for good measure I'll 14 second. 15 COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Okay. So 16 maybe we should vote on that. Do you 17 guys want to talk about it first? 18 I just thought of this, but I think 19 it's a good idea. 20 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: The sooner 21 we get the maps out the better. 22 COMMISSIONER DEVANE: Assuming the 23 map is done on our side, I think we're in 24 agreement that we give it to you noon the 25 day before.

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2	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Okay. So
3	let's vote on the measurement.
4	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Amended to say
5	that.
6	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Can we
7	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Can we amend it
8	to say that?
9	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: I think what
10	we're doing is committing to having it
11	done at noon the day before. That would
12	be ideal, right? And if we can't, maybe
13	we should move the day.
14	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I understand that
15	but you also understand that if it
16	doesn't happen we're going to spend 45
17	minutes of being told that we violated
18	some resolution and we didn't produce it
19	and there'll be a whole little rebel
20	rousing going on. I think we've got to
21	be specific and the specific
22	recommendation by Mr. Devane I think was
23	a legitimate one. If our maps are ready,
24	we'll give them to you the day before.
25	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: How about we
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1 2 change the work session if they're not 3 ready? We'll move the work session a day back or two days back. 4 5 My point is we're not trying to hide 6 anything. So if I come to you and say 7 it's November 9 at noon. We're not going 8 to be ready until noon tomorrow, maybe we 9 push the work session back a day or two, 10 but the purpose of the resolution is to make sure that the map is actually done 11 12 before the work session. 13 So now we go back to Megan Gall, 14 Dr. Gall, and Dr. Magleby and say you 15 have to be done by noon, November 9 so 16 that we can give the Republicans our maps 17 the day before so they can look at them 18 and have a fair opportunity to -- I don't 19 just want to spring it on you guys at the 20 work session. 21 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I think it's 22 worthwhile, but the motion, as I 23 understand it, is that the Democrats and 24 Republicans will exchange maps by noon 25 the day before.

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2	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Yes.
3	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: That's the
4	motion.
5	COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Again, I'm
6	uncomfortable guaranteeing being able to
7	give you something that I don't have in
8	my hands. So that's my concern.
9	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: That's why
10	we're trying to make it a deadline.
11	COMMISSIONER PERNICK: With respect,
12	we've already guaranteed to make the maps
13	available on November 10. This is
14	advancing it by, what? Twenty-four
15	hours? So there's already that
16	guarantee. It's not a new guarantee, 12
17	hours. That guarantee's already been
18	made. This moves it up a few hours.
19	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Okay.
20	Mr. Pulitzer?
21	COMMISSIONER FITZGERALD: I don't
22	think any of us on either side right now
23	can say exactly when our maps are going
24	to be completed. I think we'd all like
25	to be able to say when they're going to
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2	be completed.
3	(Whereupon, interruption by
4	the audience.)
5	COMMISSIONER FITZGERALD: I don't
6	think they are. You're going to hope to
7	have your maps completed as would we.
8	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: I know as soon
9	as I leave hear I'm going to call my
10	consultant and say I need this thing done
11	by the day before or you're not getting
12	your check.
13	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: All right. Call
14	the roll.
15	CLERK PULITZER: Calling the roll of
16	the commissioners that are present.
17	Commissioner John Reinhardt?
18	COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Just to be
19	clear, the resolution is that maps will
20	be exchanged noon the day before
21	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: The work
22	session.
23	COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Noon the
24	day before the work session. Okay. Yes.
25	Aye.
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2	CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner
3	Maureen Fitzgerald?
4	COMMISSIONER FITZGERALD: Aye.
5	CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner
6	Christopher Devane?
7	COMMISSIONER DEVANE: Yes.
8	CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner Eric
9	Mallette?
10	COMMISSIONER MALLETTE: Aye.
11	CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner David
12	Mejias?
13	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Aye.
14	CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner Jared
15	Kasschau?
16	COMMISSIONER KASSCHAU: Aye.
17	CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner
18	Andrena Wyatt?
19	COMMISSIONER WYATT: Aye.
20	CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.
21	Commissioner James Magin, Jr.?
22	COMMISSIONER MAGIN: Aye.
23	CLERK PULITZER: Commissioner
24	Michael Pernick?
25	COMMISSIONER PERNICK: Aye.
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2	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: All right. We
3	agreed on something.
4	(Whereupon, there was
5	applause.)
6	COMMISSIONER PERNICK: I don't think
7	we need a resolution on this but just to
8	have a clear record, could we agree that
9	when we exchange maps we'll also exchange
10	the data files, that we can look at the
11	map and understand the map. I believe
12	it's called a shape file. Every
13	redistricting consultant uses them. I
14	don't think we need a formal resolution,
15	but is that something that we can all
16	agree to?
17	(Whereupon, there was
18	agreement among the
19	Commission.)
20	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: H. Scottie Coads.
21	MS. COADS: Here I go again. This
22	is about my fourth time testifying and
23	I'm probably going to take it to an area
24	that I probably should not go.
25	I came from that red state of South
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2	Carolina and we had to fight. My parents
3	had to fight so hard during the Civil
4	Rights movement to get anything done.
5	I'm not part of the great migration, too
6	young to have migrated to New York at
7	that time, but when I stand here, and
8	this is my fourth time testifying, and I
9	stand here and I have to hear a James
10	Hodge plead with you to do the right
11	thing. One of the other meetings I had
12	to hear Emily Moore, someone who traveled
13	in this country and out of this country.
14	One who educated our kids and did a whole
15	lot for our community and many others.
16	Mimi spoke tonight and she is out there
17	working like you wouldn't believe to make
18	things happen. Then here we are in 2022.
19	After leaving that red state of South
20	Carolina as a kid and coming to New York
21	for a better life, and in 2022 I'm
22	standing here begging commissioners
23	and y'all are doing a great job. You're
24	doing what you need to do. I imagine
25	that you guys can do more. I know you

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2	can do more but we have to plead and
3	beg for you to do the right thing by all
4	of my people that are sitting in this
5	room, black and brown people. We're sick
6	of it. We're downright sick of it.
7	It's no reason for us to have to
8	testify for anything about a map that we
9	have not even seen yet. It's utterly
10	ridiculous.
11	And then you talk about the million
12	dollars that was allocated to do this
13	job. How much is being paid to the map
14	drawer, or whatever his title is? How
15	much do you pay him? You must have a
16	figure to tell us.
17	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: That's not
18	something within my purview. I don't
19	know I've not seen any contracts. I
20	don't know any of the but you
21	certainly are free to get it. It's a
22	going to be available.
23	(Whereupon, interruption
24	from the audience.)
25	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Excuse the
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interruption.

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You ask for it. I don't have it. I don't know.

MS. COADS: Why don't you have it? Twelve years ago after the 2010 census at the Legislature at one of the meetings, the demographer was there. He actually jumped all over me because I asked him the same question. How much are you being paid? You don't have him in front of you at all, but, yet, he's drawing a map that he does not even know our community.

We are tired. Like I said, coming from the deep south as a little girl and coming to New York and coming to Nassau County, one of the most racist counties in the country, and this is what we have to worry about, what you are going to present to the legislators. I mean, you gotta try to be fair. We worked all our lives, didn't we folks? AUDIENCE: Yeah. MS. COES: We worked all of our

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lives to be counted and to be included in everything. One man lost his job because he spoke truth to power. That doesn't make any sense. Not at all.

Like I said, I didn't have a prepared statement. I like to do a prepared statement because I don't like my words to be mixed or misconstrued. We are really tired. We are going to fight. We are going with the progressives and I'm not representing anybody but myself and my community tonight. We're going wherever we need to go to make sure we're treated fairly. This is not right for us to have to beg you to be fair and transparent with us and to us. It's not good. What you're doing to these people, and forgive me for my back being turned to you because you're first on my list in everything that I do, my community. I know there's some Progressives and

there are some Conservatives. I won't call it party, because that's not what it's about. But if you think you're

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being fair to us, think again because
it's not right. You're not being fair to
the people that's sitting out here.
Mimi, you know it. James, you know it.
Everybody sitting here know that you're
going to take a map to the legislators
that will not count us in any kind of way
because you have the majority.
We're still looking for five more
districts without hurting the three that
we have. How are you going to do it?
Make sure you get that map drawn. He's
getting a lot of money. He's getting a
lot, but he hasn't given you a map yet
that you want to share with us. I can't
say you didn't see it, but you don't want
to share it or you haven't shared it with
us.
Thank you for listening and I am
I didn't even remember to bring my cane
up to make sure I don't fall. It hurts.

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My community's hurting and we want

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2	top of your game. Most of the people in
3	here will be with you, whatever you
4	decide to do.
5	Thank you and have a good evening.
6	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you very
7	much.
8	Legislator Carrie Solages.
9	MR. SOLAGES: Good evening to the
10	esteem panel here tonight of
11	commissioners, Reverend Pastor. You
12	allow Democrats like me to speak at your
13	church. I know you're a fair man. Thank
14	you very much. Good evening everyone.
15	My name is Carrie Solages, Nassau
16	County Legislator for this great
17	district, the 3rd Legislative District.
18	Forgive me for my back to the crowd. I'm
19	asking everyone here tonight to not do
20	just, you know, the Democrat thing.
21	Don't do the Republican thing. Do the
22	right thing. Please do the right thing.
23	I thank the library, this great
24	library that's here. Amil before talked
25	about how at this library, this room,
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1 2 it's a coincidence, that we held large 3 tax rebates workshops where homeowners all across this district and all across 4 5 Nassau County came here and shared 6 information where they saw who was paying 7 more taxes and were with lawyers 8 providing free pro bono services so that 9 they could grieve their taxes. It's 10 because this community was allowed to 11 remain as one. 12 Look at that word community. That 13 word community has common unity. It was 14 about the common unity of this community 15 that extended from Queens going westward 16 that allowed us to purchase homes and 17 accomplish the American dream, and to 18 have that divided by political lines that 19 showed no compromise is truly an 20 injustice. This is about saving our 21 democracy. 22 So I'm asking you to please produce 23 a map, not just the day you release it 24 but the process. It must be fair and 25 transparent. It must adhere to Federal

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2 and State laws and of course to our great 3 John Lewis Voting Rights Bill that we all care about, but also we keep in mind that 4 5 we have overlapping districts. I have 6 had the greatest opportunities the past 7 ten years to serve as a public servant for this community. Mothers, fathers, 8 9 parents allowed me to solve and address 10 some of their issues, and I had a chance 11 to work with other special districts, and 12 I saw that by having legislative district 13 or special district that did not overlap 14 that was not consistent. It really 15 determined whether or not people would 16 get help. 17 What you're doing here is more than 18 producing a map of political advantage. 19 You're determining whether or not people 20 will get help. This is about government 21 and I love government, but we cannot have 22 government affected by lines that pack 23 and crack communities. 24 So I'm asking you to please create a 25 fair process and a fair map that does not

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2	end up in a lawsuit as we saw recently.
3	We cannot allow voter confusion. We
4	must promote voter engagement and
5	participation. We cannot allow a process
6	that will result in a lawsuit that will
7	be costly to county and state.
8	This library is a special place.
9	Here, we united as one community whether
10	it be to save (inaudible) Elmont High
11	School or whether it was to address
12	concerns of the UBS Arena or for tax
13	grievances. That's because we're here in
14	one community. Even having Elmont
15	divided amongst two different legislators
16	has created confusion, a lack of
17	participation and has been a loss for our
18	democracy.
19	The outdated funding formula that we
20	see on federal levels, state levels that
21	don't reflect what needs the communities
22	have or what funding they deserve or they
23	can apply for is also determined by the
24	maps that we will set out to draw. This
25	is about who, what, when, where, how and
	10 about who, what, when, where, new and
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2	we have the right to know how these
3	rights these maps are made.
4	The census recently revealed that
5	there are growing populations from the
6	Haitian community, the Hispanic community
7	and we must make sure that these maps
8	reflect that growing change. We must
9	respect the cultural growth of our
10	communities and the economic growth.
11	I must say that if we had the
12	possibility of having three
13	minority/majority legislative districts
14	ten years ago, I know we could do better
15	now ten years from that. We have the
16	possibility of having five
17	minority/majority districts that would
18	truly reflect the beauty of this great
19	diverse melting pot that we have here in
20	Nassau County, and anything else than
21	that would be a lie.
22	We must allow the community to have
23	enough time to digest this information.
24	We need more than two meetings after
25	these maps are released. If nothing is
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2	wrong with this map or the process by
3	which we use to produce these maps, then
4	make it subject to the public inspection.
5	I'm asking you, please, don't do the
6	Democratic thing or the Republican thing.
7	Do the right thing.
8	Thank you very much (applause).
9	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.
10	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Thank you,
11	Legislator Solages, and that reminds us
12	to thank the library staff and the
13	library trustees for allowing us to use
14	this great place. Thank you guys in the
15	back for helping us out. We really do
16	appreciate it. Thank you.
17	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Henry Boitel.
18	MR. BOITEL: I'm not Henry
19	Boitel, Rockville Centre. I'm not going
20	to talk tonight about how Rockville
21	Centre, which has less than the
22	population of one legislative district is
23	gerrymandered into three legislative
24	districts. I'm sure that you're going to
25	consider that very carefully and do
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something about it.

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3	This whole question of redistricting
4	relates to population numbers, maps and
5	communities of interest. A number of
6	weeks ago, I went to look at the website
7	of this Commission, Nassau County
8	Redistricting Commission, and I have to
9	say I was pleasantly surprised. There it
10	was; maps, numbers, communities of
11	interest. Then I realized I was
12	mistaken. It was Nassau County, Florida.
13	That bastion of forwarding-looking voter
14	protection. I go there now, weeks later,
15	not a map to be seen. Not a figure to be
16	seen. I'm not talking about what
17	everybody was clapping about before the
18	idea that at the last minute you're going
19	to show your cards to each other in some
20	way. I'm talking about the resource
21	material that we, in the community ought
22	to have available to us. What are the
23	numbers that presently exist? How do
24	they differ from the numbers that existed
25	ten years ago? The kinds of stuff that

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2	you people have a million dollars to
3	produce information on and so far not a
4	speck of such information is on your
5	website.
6	Now, is that what the legislature
7	intended when they gave you a million
8	dollars and appointed you to this
9	position?
10	My point is this, you still have
11	some time. Have some respect for these
12	communities. Put information up on the
13	website which will show what the basic
14	facts are.
15	Now, I'll grant you there are some
16	people, candidly, who think that the
17	whole question of redistricting is one of
18	how can we rig things so that our side is
19	going to come out on top? But from the
20	community's perspective, that's not what
21	we expect of you. We expect of you to
22	fairly review the facts and figures and
23	to let us look over your shoulder and see
24	what those facts and figures are so that
25	when we come up here, we can speak

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2	intelligently about not just pie in the
3	sky but about how the facts what the
4	various possibilities are.
5	In any event, thank you (applause).
6	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Tamar
7	Paoli-Bailey? Did I get that right?
8	MS. PAOLI-BAILEY: You got the
9	Bailey part. My name is Tamara
10	Paoli-Bailey.
11	I am from Elmont and I'm a little
12	bit nervous, I'm not going to lie. I am
13	not on the side of Republicans or
14	Democrats. I am on the side of the
15	people. I'm not favorable to any of you,
16	because Democrats and Republicans are
17	both guilty of the redistricting, the
18	packing and the cracking.
19	Ten years ago when I was a college
20	student and the district was split up
21	here in Elmont, you have to understand
22	the climate of the area. When I first
23	moved to Elmont in the '90's, it was
24	majority white and then I, personally,
25	saw a great white flight which is when
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black people start moving into a neighborhood, white people get scared and move further east. So by the time I reached college, the neighborhood was majority black and Democrats started to get to get into office, but we also had Republicans in office as well, which I think is good. You should have Democrats and -- well, you shouldn't have any party, but anyway -- Democrats and Republicans representing an area instead of making it easier for one party.

When we were split up, it went more to one party than the other which makes politicians not work as hard as if they have something to fight for because they know their area is going to vote for them which creates a laziness.

The Elmont and Valley Stream in particular, needs to stay together because we have cultural similarities. We're different in the sense that we are on the Nassau County/Queens border and it's a different mentality. We're kind

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2	of one foot in the city, one foot in Long
3	Island. Also, Elmont and the Sewanhaka
4	School District, which Elmont is a part
5	of, consist of Franklin Square, New Hyde
6	Park, Stuart Manor and so if our district
7	gets split up, which it did, we don't
8	have fair representation within our
9	school district which is already
10	segregated, which was found segregated in
11	1987. You can look up the archives in
12	the New York Times. With Long Island
13	already having a history where red lining
14	was created here, and Long Island having
15	a history of slavery. One in ten Long
16	Islanders during the time of slavery
17	actually owned a slave, enslaved
18	Africans. Often times on Long Island,
19	communities of I don't like to say
20	minor because no one is minor
21	Communities of the global majority often
22	get told what to do and don't have a seat
23	at the table, and it is unfair (buzzer).
24	So I ask that when you fix your map
25	that you think about not only what you

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2	guys want to do that is bearable to you
3	but also the people, and also
4	understanding the dynamics of a
5	neighborhood like Elmont where I'm so
6	sorry. If you can just give me 30 more
7	seconds a neighborhood like Elmont
8	where I've looked at every school in
9	Long Island. The high school, in
10	particular, is the most predominantly
11	black high school on Long Island. It
12	also has a great education system which
13	is unique, unfortunately, and the only
14	area you can actually compare it to is
15	Maryland if you look it up.
16	So we want fair representation
17	because we're not just, you know,
18	struggling here, but we also are middle
19	class, upper middle class majority
20	global majority people in this
21	neighborhood as well. So put that into
22	consideration as well.
23	Sorry. I'm nervous. I had a lot of
24	things to say and I just want to say one
25	more thing. Black and brown, stop
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2	separating that because you can be black
3	and Latino because the majority of
4	enslaved people went to Latin countries
5	and when you separate black and Latinos,
6	it's There's white Latinos. There's
7	black Latinos, and black Latinos need to
8	have a voice as well when you're thinking
9	about representation. Haitians are, by
10	definition, Latino. So there is Latino
11	representation and the more we start
12	thinking about those things and being
13	inclusive of communities, the less things
14	like this will happen.
15	Thank you (applause).
16	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you very
17	much.
18	Kevin McKenna. Here's your shot.
19	MR. MCKENNA: What do you mean by
20	that?
21	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: It's your
22	turn. That's what that means.
23	MR. MCKENNA: Kevin McKenna. I just
24	had a conversation the other day with the
25	attorney for the Clerk of the Nassau
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2	County Legislature. I sent in a FOIL
3	request to get the financial information
4	as to how much Ms. Coschignano and
5	Ms. Whitmore over here or Mrs. Whitmore,
6	I should say, are getting from this
7	Committee. I got back an acknowledgement
8	from the attorney for the Nassau County
9	Legislature that his department is
10	responsible for providing the salaries
11	and the accounting of the money that was
12	allocated to this committee. So for you,
13	Mr. Moroney, with all due respect
14	(Whereupon, there was a
15	phone interruption.)
16	MR. MCKENNA: Somebody's trying to
17	interrupt my live stream for you to
18	say that we should go to the Nassau
19	County Comptroller who might know where
20	the money's going, just so you know, I
21	went to the Comptroller initially and was
22	told it's the Nassau County Clerk, that's
23	Mr. Pulitzer, the Clerk of the Nassau
24	County Legislature. He has to know how
25	much money how you're spending this
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money. So I'm just letting you know that.

Now, what I would like to know is I 4 5 would like to know why the Committee 6 hasn't taken part of the money and done a 7 mailer to all the residents in Nassau 8 County educating them about what 9 redistricting is, the importance of it, 10 but more importantly, why haven't you 11 sent out a mailing to all the residents 12 telling everybody when the meetings were 13 going to be taking place going forward? 14 With all due respect, I'm sincerely 15 asking you that question. CHAIRMAN MORONEY: We just didn't do 16 17 it because we sent it to the media. We 18 trusted them, like you. You're in the 19 media, right? We trusted them to tell us 20 what was going on. 21 MR. MCKENNA: Trusted who? 22 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Media. 23 MR. MCKENNA: The media? That's my 24 second question. My second question is, 25 and I'm going to FOIL this tomorrow so

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2	don't lie to me.
3	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Please. Be my
4	guest.
5	MR. MCKENNA: Have you notified,
6	Mr. Pulitzer, it's your responsibility as
7	the Clerk of the Nassau County
8	Legislature, did alert the media to the
9	fact that this meeting is taking place
10	because I don't see any News 12 here or
11	any Newsday. Did you alert the media to
12	the meeting tonight in writing?
13	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I'll answer that
14	for him because I signed off on that.
15	Yes, they were notified.
16	MR. MCKENNA: They were notified?
17	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Yes. They were.
18	MR. MCKENNA: Could you specifically
19	tell me who "they" is? Which media?
20	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: There's 150 of
21	them. I don't have the list. FOIL that
22	too.
23	MR. MCKENNA: Did you notify Newsday
24	(buzzer)?
25	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Yes. They're on
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2	the list.
3	MR. MCKENNA: No, no. They're on
4	the list, but did you notify them?
5	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Yes. They're on
6	the list.
7	MR. MCKENNA: Okay.
8	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Do you understand
9	that?
10	MR. MCKENNA: Let me just in and
11	I'd like to kind of apologize to you for
12	earlier
13	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: By the way, your
14	time is up.
15	MR. MCKENNA: Yes, I know but you
16	gave others extra time. Listen just
17	because I'm a white guy, just because I'm
18	a white guy doesn't mean that I get cut
19	short when you let people of color speak
20	for an extra few minutes, and I happen to
21	have a black grandson, okay?
22	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: I'm like in
23	shock right now. I can't even believe
24	what I'm hearing. I mean, you can talk
25	as long as you want, but I'm going to use
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1 2 this time more efficiently and go to the 3 bathroom. MR. MCKENNA: What I would like to 4 5 know is, I would like to know who decided 6 how much money the Executive Co-Directors 7 got for sitting here? I'd like to know 8 and everybody would like to know who 9 decided how much salary they got for 10 sitting here taking notes? Who decided 11 that? 12 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: We did. 13 MR. MCKENNA: Okay. So you do know 14 where the money has gone. 15 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I'm sorry. Your 16 logic escapes me. 17 MR. MCKENNA: Well you said before 18 that you have no idea how the money was 19 spent. You said that. 20 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: But you're asking 21 a specific question now. That's 22 different than where the money goes. You 23 have to keep your stream of consciousness 24 in logic. You have to ask a question I 25 can understand.

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2	MR. MCKENNA: Okay. Mr. Moroney,
3	let me ask you this very important
4	question
5	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: All right.
6	MR. MCKENNA: Don't be nervous.
7	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I'm not nervous.
8	MR. MCKENNA: Nine hundred and
9	eighty-five thousand dollars of taxpayer
10	money was provided to this committee to
11	basically have, I don't know, seven, ten
12	meetings and hear the same thing over and
13	over and over again. In my opinion it's
14	a total waste of money. Let me just
15	finish.
16	Why, if you're truly working in the
17	spirit of transparency as Mr. Devane said
18	before and I have to take
19	(Whereupon, the alarm
20	sounded.)
21	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: That's six
22	minutes. Can you wrap it up now?
23	MR. MCKENNA: I'll wrap it up. I'll
24	wrap it up. I'll wrap it up.
25	He said before that there's no
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2	favoritism. That's inaccurate because
3	you guys have the majority, but In the
4	spirit of transparency, why didn't you
5	and Mr. Mejias and both sides of the
6	committee, why didn't you come to a
7	decision of hiring let me take it
8	back. Why didn't you ask an independent
9	person, an independent person separate
10	from you and him to pick a consulting
11	firm, one consulting firm and have that
12	one consulting firm that you both agree
13	on draw the maps? Why are you wasting
14	taxpayers' money having them hire a firm
15	and you guys hiring a firm? Why didn't
16	you hire one firm? Answer that question.
17	Please.
18	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: It's not the way
19	the law says. We each get to buy our own
20	things and our own people. We did
21	exactly what the law says.
22	MR. MCKENNA: But you said you
23	wanted to work in the spirit of
24	transparency. Don't you think that it
25	would have made sense
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CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Could you wrap it up please?

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MR. MCKENNA: Yes. I'll wrap it up. Don't you think that it would make sense to have one consulting firm? Don't you think it would make sense to have one firm that you both are happy with to come up with these maps? Don't you think that that would make more sense?

11 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Let me put it to 12 you this way, there's a lawsuit pending 13 against the one consultant that the 14 Democrats hired in the Town of North 15 Hempstead, and now they're hiring 16 multiple law firms because there's a 17 conflict of interest right now that's 18 been challenged. So the answer to your 19 question why do each side get the money? 20 First of all --21 MR. MCKENNA: That's not my 22 question. My question is specifically --23 you're a very smart man, okay?

24 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Can you wrap it 25 up please?

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2	MR. MCKENNA: Listen to me
3	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I'm tolerant too
4	but you're really testing me.
5	MR. MCKENNA: Listen to me please.
6	Listen, I'm a taxpayer
7	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Good. So am I.
8	MR. MCKENNA: and I have a right
9	to ask this question.
10	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Go ahead.
11	MR. MCKENNA: But you're not
12	answering my question. Why won't you
13	hire one firm that represents both sides
14	to come up with the maps? One firm. Why
15	do you need to have them hire a firm and
16	you guys hire a firm? Why can't you hire
17	one firm?
18	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: That's not the
19	way the law sets it up.
20	MR. MCKENNA: Where's the law?
21	Where does it say that?
22	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I'm not going to
23	waste any more of their time and my time.
24	MR. MCKENNA: Would you like to hear
25	the answer to this question? They want
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2	to hear the answer to the question. What
3	law says that you can't hire one firm?
4	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: It's a county
5	law, by the way. It's a county law and
6	it says, if I might, that people get
7	chosen by
8	MR. MCKENNA: Democrats, do you
9	think it would make sense to hire one
10	firm?
11	COMMISSIONER KASSCHAU: Mr. McKenna,
12	just to short circuit this whole thing,
13	how many times have you seen us agree on
14	something?
15	MR. MCKENNA: Couple of times.
16	COMMISSIONER KASSCHAU: I mean, we
17	would never be able to agree on an expert
18	so let's just shut this down because
19	we're going nowhere quickly.
20	MR. MCKENNA: Well, I totally
21	disagree with what you just said.
22	COMMISSIONER KASSCHAU:
23	Respectfully, okay. That's fine.
24	MR. MCKENNA: The fact is
25	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: We can go into
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2	the whole, like, school of rock and what
3	the two-party system is about and you
4	have one side that believes this and the
5	other side that believes that and there's
6	a fundamental tension between them and
7	hopefully we come up with a resolution
8	between the two that the people can live
9	with. They represent the Republican side
10	(indicating). We represent the
11	Democratic side, whatever that means. It
12	doesn't matter. This is not a government
13	class.
14	We know that there's two parties and
15	they don't always agree, and not agreeing
16	sometimes comes up with a good result.
17	MR. MCKENNA: You haven't agreed on
18	99% of everything for the last
19	month-and-a-half.
20	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: I can tell you
21	there's one thing we do agree on,
22	Mr. McKenna.
23	MR. MCKENNA: What is that?
24	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Is that your
25	time is up.
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2	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: From this point
3	forward, hands off.
4	(Whereupon, court reporter
5	again instructed to stop
6	writing.)
7	MS. MONTGOMERY: Hi. Good evening.
8	My name is Malani Montgomery. I've been
9	a resident of Lakeview for 25 years,
10	basically, all my life. It's imperative
11	that I'm not sure if you guys know what a
12	hamlet is, but if you do, that's great.
13	You should know what it is.
14	We have multiple towns and villages
15	within Nassau County, but Lakeview is a
16	hamlet. A hamlet is a small, basically,
17	a small plot of land that's smaller than
18	a village or a town. So I'm asking that
19	you keep Lakeview together. We are a
20	small community of minorities and it is
21	imperative that we are kept together. We
22	have to fight each and every time for the
23	things that we need, for the community
24	residents who like to use our park,
25	library and whatever that needs to be

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done. We have to work ten times hard each and every single time.

So by dividing us will only make it harder for us to get the things that we need to get done. So besides Lakeview, not only Lakeview, but all the other towns and villages in Nassau County, it's imperative that you do the right thing for a fair redistricting so that way we can get things done that benefits us. It's not to benefit you but to benefit the people who live in these areas.

So do the right thing, and I'm sure all of us have been in school some way where we were taught by educators, teachers, and one thing that was given besides our everyday class work that we had to do our homework and we had to abide by the deadlines. So you have to abide by the deadlines. In order to pass the class to get to pass, but also to -if you don't abide, you get a zero and that was the end of it. There was no second chances. And so we're not looking

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2	for a second chance. We're looking for a
3	fair representation.
4	Thank you.
5	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you very
6	much.
7	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: Thank you
8	Ms. Montgomery. Appreciate you coming
9	down. Thanks.
10	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Matthew
11	Pasternak. Come on up.
12	MR. PASTERNAK: Hello. Good
13	evening. My name is Matthew Pasternak.
14	Let me explain myself. I've been coming
15	to these hearings since about the
16	beginning and I think only the Long Beach
17	one's the only one I missed. I decided
18	to come to these hearings because I want
19	to really learn about the redistricting
20	process. I really wanted to learn how it
21	happens at a macro and micro level and
22	what the process is about. This has
23	really been a first class education.
24	I can tell you that there really
25	isn't too much I think I can add,
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2	personally, and that's one of the reasons
3	why I've been hesitant to speak about
4	this, but I like history and I like to
5	look at history as our guideline. Again,
6	it may not go into the testimony. It may
7	not go into the record, but I'm not sure
8	if any of you ever read this is a
9	20-year-old book Master of the Senate,
10	the story of Lyndon Johnson's rise and I
11	think about the story of Monica Wallace
12	and if you can hear the story, it will
13	make sense.
14	Monica Wallace was the prototype of
15	the old south. She was someone who grew
16	up in segregated Alabama that Ms. Coads
17	eluded to, someone who had been denied
18	services, the basic decency, the right to
19	vote. Even if you read Cara's words it
20	was even, if I remember correctly from
21	the paragraph, it was even hard to take
22	her garbage out because there were two
23	sets of trash collectors that would take
24	the garbage and they would ignore
25	residents and communities of color. They
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used the story in the book of her trying
to register to vote. Again, you see the
story of her trying to register with the
poll tax, with literacy tests and you
really see the segregation and the
hardship.
Even though that was 67 years ago,

you know, there's still a lot of lessons we learn from that. I'm also thought about it. I'm also a political science major, I was in high school, and my professor gave me this quote that stuck with me. It's really not that hard to draw a map when you come down to it. There are a lot technologies. We have the Peters map, Peters projection, which everyone says, takes different samples. It says whether they're segregated or they're biased in some way. And we have the Marcadia (phonetic) Method which are ways we can non-partisanally [sic] draw these maps that are really beneficial. But what does take courage, I think,

is the political will. What I'm seeing

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in this room is really a lack thereof. There's really been a clear message sent here tonight, at every meeting, and I think at the meetings previously. Do the right thing. There's a way to make a map that's fair, equitable and is incumbent to all Nassau County.

We live in a county of 1.2 million people. We're one of the wealthiest, largest suburban counties in the country, and I think the fact that we're having these arguments (buzzer), these petty arguments over how to make a map just speaks to how broken the system really is. I think it would be a big surprise if tomorrow they've gone to a room, came up with a fair map and did something that was equitable and fair for the county. I think that's a story Nassau County would really be proud of, and I think it shows how we can personally lead the nation.

> I thank you for all your time and testimony. I don't envy the work you guys have to do.

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2	Thank you.
3	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you
4	(applause).
5	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Michael Stinely.
6	Did I get it right?
7	MR. STEINKE: Good evening. My name
8	is Michael Steinke. I'm a life-long
9	resident of Valley Stream and, therefore,
10	a life-long resident of Nassau County.
11	What I've seen in my life, I retired
12	after 30 years in law enforcement and one
13	thing that I can assure you, that I can
14	guarantee you, if we were to flip a real
15	estate agent, wire him up, within a month
16	he'd come back with about 100 indictments
17	for the Fair Housing Act, the Fair
18	Housing Laws. The simple fact is that
19	we're talking about redistricting here,
20	drawing maps. The maps have been drawn a
21	long time ago, and everybody's in on it.
22	So, ma'am, if you're looking for fairness
23	and you're talking to politicians in
24	Nassau County, you're barking way up the
25	wrong tree.
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The Democrats, they box you into these communities because they can get these votes and the Republicans get to maintain their all white enclaves and they get their votes, and everybody knows where everybody votes and it's wrong. Everybody's saying I want minority representation on the council. I want this, I want that. What is that

representation getting you and what are you giving up for it? You're giving up the right to live where you want to live. You're giving up the right to have your children go to the school you want them to go to. You're giving up the right to live the life the way you want to live it.

So forget this redistricting that they're talking about. Redistrict everything. Redistrict the people. I'm 60 years old. I never thought we'd still be talking about minority communities in Nassau County, but here we are. It shouldn't be. Everybody should be living

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2	everywhere happily together. Don't even
3	bother with these guys. They're all in
4	on it together. Nobody's representing
5	you. It's time we represent ourselves.
6	Okay? All right. Have a good night
7	(applause).
8	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Milagros Vicente.
9	MS. VICENTE: Good evening,
10	everyone. My name is Milagros Vicente.
11	I'm a North Valley Stream resident. I'm
12	also the President of the Nassau County
13	Hispanic Advisory Board. I come here
14	today to echo the sentiments of my
15	community.
16	There's clearly no justification why
17	communities of color have been
18	gerrymandered. It is important that we
19	create five minority/majority districts.
20	Why? Because you can. We must keep
21	communities like Freeport together and we
22	must keep Elmont and Valley Stream
23	together.
24	From the 2010 census, 195,000 of
25	Latinos were registered in the census.
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In 2020, 256,000 Latinos were registered which shows a 31% increase. We know when communities are divided it affects resources. It affects equal representation. For the past 12 years, there hasn't been equal representation especially for Latino communities. Now let's focus on Elmont and Valley Stream. Why we must keep them together? Valley Stream has 27.4% of white, blacks, 26.9% and Hispanics, 22.5%. Another fact that you need to know about Valley Stream, we have four different school districts. Many individuals don't know that. We are one of three districts that have a central district. So we have four different school districts in Valley Stream. I mention this so that you have further reasons to keep Elmont and Valley Stream together and draw lines where we 23 can at least have an opportunity to gain a Latino representative, have equal representation for Elmont and Valley

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2	Stream.			
3	I finish my statement by reminding			
4	everyone that our voices is only			
5	impactful when we vote. So please take			
6	advantage of early voting. Thank			
7	you(applause).			
8	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.			
9	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: That begins on			
10	Saturday, by the way. Saturday begins			
11	early voting.			
12	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: There are no more			
13	speakers registered.			
14	I need a motion to adjourn.			
15	COMMISSIONER MEJIAS: So moved.			
16	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Second?			
17	COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Second.			
18	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: All in favor?			
19	(Whereupon, all Commission			
20	members joined the motion by			
21	saying, "aye.")			
22	CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Get home safe,			
23	everybody.			
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9	within and for the State of New York, do			
10	hereby certify that the within is a true			
11	and accurate transcript.			
12	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto			
13	set my hand this 26th day of October,			
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