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10th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR MICHAEL GIANREGORIO

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LEGISLATOR ARNOLD W. DRUCKER

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LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER

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18th Legislative District

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19th Legislative District

MICHAEL PULITZER

Clerk of the Legislature

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2 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Good
3 morning, everyone. We should get started.

4 Legislator Nicks, would you lead us
5 in the Pledge, please?

6 (Whereupon, the Pledge of
7 Allegiance is said.)

8 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay.
9 Thank you. We're going to start. We have
10 a few short presentations that will
11 precede our regular program. And what
12 we're going to do is start with Professor
13 Fran Viskovich and Professor Viskovich
14 runs the ASPIRES Program at the community
15 college, Nassau Community College. The
16 program provides students on the autism
17 spectrum with the tools and skills so
18 that they can lead normal and productive
19 lives. It's a wonderful program. I'm
20 going to invite Professor Viskovich to
21 tell us a bit about the program. We also
22 have two recent graduates who are going
23 to say hi to us today as well. Professor
24 Viskovich.

25 MS. VISKOVICH: Thank you. Good

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2 afternoon. On behalf of the Autism
3 Spectrum Program Initiative for Retention
4 and Educational Success at Nassau
5 Community College, I would like to
6 express our sincere gratitude to Nassau
7 County legislators for your decision to
8 save and reinstate the program during the
9 Covid 19 Pandemic of June of 2020. At a
10 time of great uncertainty, your support
11 ensured that approximately 35 students
12 were able to continue receiving the
13 services and opportunities they needed to
14 pursue their college education. Because
15 of your commitment, these students were
16 able to earn their associate degree,
17 graduate with GPAs of 3.0 or higher and
18 move forward into meaningful employment,
19 or continue their education at four year
20 universities.

21 Today, ASPIRES is proud to maintain
22 a graduate rate of over 90%, a testament
23 to what can be achieved when students are
24 given the support they need to succeed.

25 I have two students with me who were

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2 part of the ASPIRES cohort affected by
3 the program cancellation in 2020. They
4 are the last two students from the group
5 to complete their journey at Nassau
6 Community College. Luke Viskovich
7 graduated May 2025 and Rebecca Bird
8 graduated this May. Both have earned
9 their associate degrees and represent the
10 resilience, determination, and success
11 that your support made possible.

12 Because of your continual investment
13 in ASPIRES. The program has not only
14 survived, but grown. We continue to
15 support college bound individuals with
16 ASD as they pursue education and achieve
17 their goal.

18 I would also like to thank you on a
19 personal level, not only as the director
20 of ASPIRES, but as Luke's mother. I have
21 had the unique privilege of witnessing
22 firsthand, both professionally and
23 personally, the transformative of impact
24 this program has on our students. I have
25 watched students grown academically,

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2 socially, and emotionally gaining the
3 confidence, independence, and skills
4 necessary to achieve their goals and
5 build meaningful futures. The success of
6 Luke, Rebecca, and so many others are a
7 direct reflection of the opportunities
8 your support has made.

9 While I am proud to share the
10 success of our programs, the most
11 meaningful voices are those from the
12 students themselves. At this time, Luke
13 and Rebecca would like to offer a few
14 remarks and personally thank the members,
15 Nassau County legislators, as well as
16 Chris Ostuni, who was also so strong in
17 supporting us, for your support, which
18 helped make their achievements possible.
19 Would you like to go first, Rebecca.

20 MS. BIRD: Hi. Dear Nassau
21 Legislators, my name is Rebecca Bird. I
22 am a proud graduate of Nassau Community
23 College. I want to thank you for bringing
24 back the ASPIRES program in 2020.

25 During the Covid 19 shutdown,

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2 students like me had an incredible,
3 difficult time when the space program was
4 canceled. I lost the guidance, support,
5 and resource I depended on to succeed in
6 college. Because you restored the
7 program, I was able to continue my
8 education and achieve my goal of earning
9 the college degree.

10 Your support made a huge difference
11 in my life and I am truly and grateful.
12 Thank you for believing in students like
13 me and for helping us succeed. The
14 ASPIRES program changed my life. I have
15 made a lifelong friend and gained
16 confidence. Thank you for making my dream
17 of becoming a college graduate come true.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER: Rebecca, your
19 mom is here as well. Why don't you have
20 her come up with you.

21 MS. BIRD: Yes.

22 MRS. BIRD: I wasn't planning on
23 speaking. I just want to thank you all so
24 much (applause).

25 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay, Luke,

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2 you're up.

3 MR. VISKOVICH: Dear members of the
4 Nassau County Legislature, my name is
5 Luke Viskovich. And I would like to
6 express my sincere gratitude for your
7 support of the ASPIRES program of Nassau
8 Community College.

9 When the future of the program was
10 uncertain in 2020, your decision to
11 reinstate and support ASPIRES gave me and
12 many other students the opportunity to
13 continue our education and pursue our
14 goals. Because of your commitment, I was
15 able to complete my studies at NCC and
16 graduate with my associate degree last
17 May.

18 One of the most meaningful
19 experiences of my time at NCC was meeting
20 Rebecca Bird on my first day. Through
21 ASPIRES, we developed a strong friendship
22 that has continued throughout our college
23 journey. Having the support of classmates
24 who understand and encourage one another
25 has made a tremendous difference in my

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2 life. My experience at NCC and in the
3 ASPIRES program has helped me grow
4 academically, socially and personally. It
5 has given me confidence, independence and
6 opportunities that I never imagined
7 possible.

8 I am excited to share that I will be
9 starting a new job this month, an
10 opportunity that represents another step
11 forward in my future. The skills,
12 support, and experiences I gained through
13 ASPIRES helped make this achievement
14 possible.

15 The opportunities I have received
16 through NCC and ASPIRES have truly been
17 life changing. They have opened doors for
18 me, helped me build lasting friendships,
19 and prepared me for the next chapter of
20 my life. I am beyond grateful to the
21 Nassau County Legislature for believing
22 in students like me, and for continuing
23 to support the ASPIRES program, since
24 your investment has changed lives, and
25 I'm proud to be one of the many students

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2 who has benefited from your commitment.

3 Thank you for your support, your
4 belief in our potential, and for making a
5 lasting difference in my life and the
6 lives of so many others.

7 Sincerely, Luke Viskovich, ASPIRES
8 Program Graduate NCC.

9 LEGISLATOR GIANREGORIO: I would
10 just like to say congratulations to the
11 two of you. This program I witnessed
12 firsthand. Thank you for having me at
13 your intern party.

14 This is a testament of what we can
15 achieve when services continue, when
16 support systems continue, and when we
17 make the proper investments. So
18 congratulations to the both of you and
19 congratulations to this remarkable
20 program. You will always have my support.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER: And I understand
22 you have a little presentation. Go ahead
23 please.

24 MS. VISKOVICH: Today, Luke and
25 Rebecca are wearing ASPIRES graduation

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2 sashes. As a symbol of their gratitude
3 and appreciation, they would like to
4 present these sashes to the members of
5 legislature. They do so with heartfelt
6 thanks for believing in them, supporting
7 the ASPIRES program and helping change
8 their lives through the opportunities
9 provided by Nassau Community College.

10 Thank you for your continued
11 commitment to our students and the future
12 of ASPIRES. I cannot thank you enough, as
13 a professor, as a director of the
14 program, and as a mother in this
15 community. Thank you.

16 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I too, just want
17 to congratulate you and I will always
18 support this program. When you had
19 reached out in 2020 and we sent letters
20 and we really made sure the College knew
21 that this program should not be stopped.
22 And I'm glad to see the success that our
23 students have.

24 Rebecca and Luke, I could tell you,
25 you're not only graduates, you are role

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2 models to so many other young people. So
3 thank you so much for coming here today
4 and God bless you all.

5 MS. VISKOVICH: Thank you.

6 MS. BIRD: Thank you.

7 Ms. VISKOVICH: Thank you for giving
8 us your time.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER: Actually, why
10 don't all of you, the two kids and
11 parents both come on up for a moment.
12 We'll take a couple pictures.

13 (Whereupon, photos taken.)

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2 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Moving
3 right along.

4 May was a Jewish History Month --
5 we're just about into June, but that's
6 when the session came out, so we will be
7 observing that today. And we have with us
8 two, two people, one selected each by the
9 majority by a member of the majority
10 minority of people who represent the, the
11 finest in the Jewish community who've
12 done much for the Jewish community and
13 being part of the American experience.

14 We're going to start off with
15 Legislator Drucker and followed by
16 Legislator Pilip.

17 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you very
18 much, Presiding Officer.

19 As the Presiding Officer stated
20 yesterday, concluded Jewish American
21 Heritage Month and having recently
22 returned from a 16 day Jewish Heritage
23 Tour throughout Eastern Europe, including
24 Warsaw, Krakow, Vienna, Prague, Budapest
25 and three concentration camps, my

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2 respect, admiration and honor for those
3 Americans, particularly those from our
4 home, Nassau County, is at an elevated
5 level I never imagined.

6 So it is particularly significant
7 for me to have this opportunity to
8 recognize and honor a man whose
9 achievements and contributions to Jewish
10 heritage, Jewish history, and cultural
11 awareness is more than just impressive.
12 He has made and continues to make a
13 difference in the consciousness and
14 awareness of his community, my community,
15 and all our communities.

16 Bernie Furshpan, a son of two
17 Holocaust survivors who grew up hearing
18 stories about what his parents went
19 through, but it wasn't until later in
20 life when he was able to dedicate his
21 life full time to educate young people
22 about Jewish heritage and history by
23 growing and developing the Holocaust
24 Memorial and Tolerance Center in Glen
25 Cove; leading tours throughout the museum

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2 on a daily basis; building and hosting a
3 podcast at the Center's podcast studio;
4 writing books, traveling throughout our
5 county, giving lectures and showing
6 videos and documentaries he has written
7 and produced to national acclaim. Bernie
8 has become an icon in our community,
9 dedicating his life to the profound and
10 vital discipline of Holocaust education
11 and Jewish tradition. His work has become
12 invaluable.

13 Over the last few years, I have
14 gotten to know Bernie and I am now proud
15 to call him my friend Bernie. Please step
16 up to the podium and be recognized.

17 MR. FURSHPAN: Thank you, Legislator
18 Drucker. Thank you for the beautiful
19 introduction that I wrote. Just kidding
20 (laughter).

21 So good afternoon, members of the
22 Nassau County Legislature, distinguished
23 guests, friends, family. I also have
24 behind me a tremendous amount of support
25 from some executive board members. The

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2 chairman of the board, Alan Mindel,
3 Yolanda Zamka (phonetic), and Meris Fist,
4 and the chairman of my board, my wife,
5 Joanne.

6 I am deeply humbled and moved and
7 honored to be recognized today. And I
8 want to thank Legislator Arnold Drucker
9 for this meaningful recognition. I also
10 want to thank the Legislature for
11 acknowledging not only my work, but the
12 larger story and responsibility behind
13 it.

14 For me, this recognition is deeply
15 personal. I am the son of Holocaust
16 survivors. My parents carried memories no
17 human being should ever have had to
18 endure. Like so many survivors, they
19 rebuilt their lives with courage,
20 dignity, and faith in the future. They
21 gave me a mission. That mission has
22 become my life's work: To preserve
23 memory, educate young people, fight
24 anti-Semitism, and remind people that
25 hate does not begin with violence. It

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2 begins with words, silence, indifference,
3 and a dangerous belief that another human
4 being is somehow less worthy than we are.

5 Through my work with the Holocaust
6 Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau
7 County, through our podcast platform,
8 MTV, through Public Speaking, and the
9 PSA's that I produced in collaboration
10 with Nassau County District Attorney Anne
11 Donnelly and the documentary The Weight
12 of Memory, I have tried to carry my
13 parents story forward. I see it as both
14 an obligation and a moral responsibility
15 to educate today's youth so that they can
16 become better leaders tomorrow,
17 protecting the rights and freedoms of all
18 people.

19 We are living at a time when
20 anti-Semitism is spiking, Division is
21 loud and too many people are retreating
22 into anger, suspicion and blame. That is
23 why this work matters more than ever.

24 I also want to express my gratitude
25 to the Nassau County Legislature for

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2 taking real action to protect houses of
3 worship and the people who enter them.
4 Kudos as well to Legislator Mazi Pilip
5 and all those who supported these
6 important measures. The Religious Safety
7 Act, passed unanimously in 2025, created
8 needed protection around religious sites.
9 The Mask Transparency Act, signed into
10 law in 2024, helps ensure that those who
11 seek to intimidate or target others
12 cannot hide behind the mask.

13 But I also believe deeply in hope. I
14 have seen students moved by these
15 stories. I have seen power of film,
16 music, education and honest conversation.
17 That tells me humanity is not lost, I
18 have hope. It is simply just needs some
19 reminding of itself.

20 So today I accept this recognition
21 with gratitude and renewed commitment. I
22 accept it in honor of my parents. I
23 accept it in honor of all Holocaust
24 survivors and victims, and I accept it in
25 honor of the educators, volunteers,

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2 community leaders, and students who are
3 doing the steady work of building a more
4 compassionate world. The timing is
5 meaningful.

6 Another airing of The Weight of
7 Memory of which I am the subject of the
8 film, about the important work we do at
9 the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance
10 Center and my personal testimony about my
11 father's Holocaust survival will be
12 featured again on PBS on WLIW channel 21
13 in 2 days on Wednesday night, prime time
14 at 8 p.m.. Please be sure to watch it. It
15 is powerful, compelling, and deeply
16 inspiring.

17 Thank you to the Nassau County
18 Legislature for the honor, the work you
19 do to serve and protect its citizens.
20 Thank you.

21 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Don't go
22 anywhere. We're going to call you up in a
23 minute to come up and take a picture with
24 us.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator

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2 Pilip.

3 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Thank you. Thank
4 you so much. First of all, thank you,
5 Legislator Drucker, for honoring and
6 bringing his name, Bernie's name. And I'm
7 very proud to call you my friend.
8 Bernie, you have done so much to help our
9 Jewish community.

10 One of the things I was a witness to
11 see your movie, A day of Hope, that you
12 took Jewish and non-Jewish people,
13 American people from here to Jerusalem,
14 and to show them through music and art,
15 how you can bring people together instead
16 of hating each other. We can love and
17 live together. That movie was very, very
18 powerful, very, very touching. And
19 everything you have done, even to bring
20 the horrible history of the Jewish
21 community, what your grandparents went
22 through.

23 So behalf of really the entire
24 legislation, I also would like to thank
25 you. Thank you so much. Well deserved.

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2 Now, as we celebrate Jewish Heritage
3 Month, I have the pleasure of honoring a
4 man and a family whose contribution to
5 Jewish life in Nassau County and the
6 country cannot be thanked enough. That
7 man is Mehran Hakimian. Mehran's entire
8 life has been focused on protecting the
9 Jewish community and the state of Israel.
10 He has walked the halls of Congress
11 lobbying for aid for Israel during wars,
12 terror attacks and regional conflicts. He
13 has hosted presidents in his home. He has
14 brought governors, U.S. senators,
15 ambassadors, and leaders of foreign
16 countries to Great Neck to discuss and
17 debate issues that impact the Jewish
18 community. He is a man that gets things
19 done. He is not afraid to speak truth to
20 power.

21 Mehran is a driving force with
22 AIPAC, Stand With Us, Iranian Jewish
23 causes, fundraising for Israel and issues
24 that people never know about but help
25 those in need.

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2 Mehran and his family are part of
3 the strong, diverse foundation of Great
4 Neck. Their leadership and Jewish causes.
5 The Mashhadi community of Iran and the
6 Jewish youth is extraordinary.

7 For me, Mehran, his wife, Arezou,
8 and his family are dear friends. They
9 always stand by my side in the fights I
10 battle against hate. For that, I am truly
11 grateful.

12 Today, Mehran is traveling for
13 business, but his beautiful wife, Arezou,
14 is here and on his behalf. On behalf of
15 Nassau County, I want to present the
16 honor to you, Arezou, for our Jewish
17 warrior, your husband, my friend, and our
18 community leader, Mehran Hakimian.

19 MS. HAKIMAN: Hello, everyone. Thank
20 you so much, everyone. Thank you to the
21 legislators. I don't have anything more
22 to say. Mazi said it all.

23 I'm here on behalf of Mehran. I
24 didn't prepare anything. But I just want
25 to thank you all. And thank you for

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2 honoring and recognizing all of Mehran's
3 amazing work.

4 Mehran left Tehran in 1979 because
5 of the war, because it was no longer safe
6 for the Jewish community to be there. And
7 he migrated to New York and he lived in
8 Queens with his family. Mehran was at the
9 time a middle schooler, and all
10 throughout his teens, he was part of the
11 synagogue youth to encourage all kinds of
12 pro-Israel initiatives.

13 When Mehran and I got married, my
14 father was a very, very big pro-Israel
15 advocate. And when he passed away, Mehran
16 then joined in honor of my father.

17 In November 2008, Mehran joined
18 AIPAC. And as mentioned, he lobbied and
19 he fought, and he did everything possible
20 to make it safe for all of us.

21 Later on, he joined Stand With Us.
22 He traveled to Israel with different
23 congressmen to learn about what life in
24 Israel and how we can become brothers and
25 sisters and help each other out and do

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2 fundraisings here.

3 Mehran believes that as an Iranian,
4 we never had a way to vote. And he
5 strongly, strongly believes in the
6 democratic process of voting. And he
7 makes sure that we are a community of
8 7000 strong in Great Neck.

9 The United Mashadi Jewish community
10 of Great Neck, I'm sure is known. And he
11 makes sure that all of us, if not most of
12 us, get out and get voting and people are
13 registered. And we try to do our part to
14 make it safe here for our kids and for
15 our community.

16 Mehran thinks that we're very, very
17 blessed to live in this country, to live
18 in this city, to live in this community
19 coming from Iran where we were repressed
20 and whatever is going on there, as you
21 all know. And we're very lucky to be in
22 this country and very much appreciated.

23 And he will do everything and
24 anything he can to work with all
25 government officials, whether it's on a

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2 local level or state level or national
3 level. And as Mazi said, he's done
4 tremendous amount of fundraising, and
5 he's met with many different people in
6 the government.

7 So that's about it. I just want to
8 thank him. He's not here. He appreciates
9 it. He thanks each and every one of you
10 to take for taking out the time for doing
11 this. And I'm going to send in videos and
12 pictures and I appreciate it. And I want
13 to thank you all. And I accept this on
14 his behalf. And this is in honor of our
15 parents, and most especially, this is in
16 honor of my four kids and my
17 granddaughter. So thank you, everyone, I
18 appreciate it.

19 Thank you.

20 LEGISLATOR PILIP: So thank you.

21 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: I'm John
22 Giuffre, and on behalf of members of the
23 Christian community, I'm Presbyterian
24 actually, please know that I have always
25 stood with and as many Christians have

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2 with the Jewish community, against
3 anti-Semitism, against hate. We will not
4 stay silent. And so we support you. We
5 are with you. And God bless you.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay.

7 Would you both please come up and
8 you can bring your families.

9 (Whereupon, photos taken.)
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2 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay, now we have
3 a period of public comment in which
4 members of the public get to tell us
5 what's on their minds.

6 A few short rules is that public
7 comment is restricted to three minutes
8 per person. No extensions. And if it goes
9 more than an hour we, extend it over to
10 after the Legislature finishes its
11 business. However, it doesn't look like
12 we'll have that issue today.

13 We'll start off with Tim Pendleton.

14 MR. PENDLETON: I'd like to thank the
15 Nassau County Legislature for me coming
16 here to speak today. It's the first time
17 here. I want to talk about the e-bike law
18 that was recently passed with the
19 legislature and the County Executive. I
20 didn't know anything about it.

21 I've been an e-bike rider, a
22 responsible e-bike rider for the last
23 three years. The reason I bought an
24 e-bike was to go to like Ocean Parkway,
25 kind of enjoy the riding. And I found

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2 that with my regular bike, which is a ten
3 speed bike, I was having a hard time
4 going back the opposite direction because
5 all the wind. And so I said to myself
6 three years ago, at my age of being 69,
7 let me get an e-bike. So it'll help me
8 pedal. So my understanding right now is
9 that the you can't use a throttle
10 anymore. So last night I disconnected the
11 throttle and I rode around my
12 neighborhood. And yes, I can do 20mph.
13 But the problem taking the throttle out
14 of the of the formula here is that it's
15 very hard to start the bike because
16 you're fighting the motor. And then once
17 you get up to speed, you can then move
18 along fine more than 20 miles an hour.
19 The difference between Class 1 and Class
20 2 is the throttle; that's it. The bike
21 still does 20 and I find taking the
22 throttle out as a safety issue. Because
23 if I got to get out of a situation very
24 quickly and I need to hit that throttle,
25 I can get out of the situation. But to

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2 take the throttle away and then trying
3 to -- you know, if I'm stop at a traffic
4 light or something like that, and I need
5 to move quick because something's
6 happening, I'm not going to have that.
7 And I think it's very important to have
8 the throttle back.

9 All I'm asking is the legislature to
10 reconsider or maybe do a study to bring
11 back the throttle and have Class 1 and
12 Class. I'm not talking about Class 3. And
13 I'm also not talking about bringing back
14 scooters. I don't have that.

15 I was a volunteer fireman. I'm all
16 about safety constantly. I, you know, I'm
17 reading this flier here that I, that I
18 printed. You know, like riding on
19 sidewalks? No, of course not. Riding in a
20 highway? No. Absolutely not. But it's
21 just that it's just about the
22 functionality of the bike. These bikes
23 are made to have a throttle and that's
24 it. And I'm just asking the legislature,
25 if you look into it again. Thank you.

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2 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you.

3 Next would be Bonnie Garone.

4 MS. GARONE: Good afternoon. I'm here
5 to speak about the sale of the 4H Camp
6 property to the Peconic Land Trust. I'm
7 here as a Nassau County resident and also
8 on behalf of a nonprofit called Camp DPF
9 Alumni, Inc., which has brought together
10 hundreds of camp alumni who are
11 interested in the future of the camp and
12 in assisting it.

13 As I've said when I was here before,
14 we are thrilled that this transaction is
15 finally happening; thrilled that the
16 property will now be preserved; and
17 thrilled that this is being spearheaded
18 by the Peconic Land Trust. We couldn't
19 hope for a better partner. We hope and
20 expect that this sale of the property
21 will pass unanimously because it's long
22 awaited. And we really appreciate the job
23 that the County has done. We especially
24 appreciate that the county carved out in
25 this sale agreement, a provision that

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2 requires the land trust to give a lease
3 to the camp, to the Nassau cooperative
4 extension that runs the camp so that the
5 camp can continue to operate on the
6 property. And we understand the terms of
7 that lease will now be negotiated between
8 the camp and the Land trust, and we will
9 remain interested in that process.

10 Right now, though, what I hope that
11 the county will do is to determine how to
12 share a small portion of the sale
13 proceeds with the camp with Nassau
14 Cooperative Extension. There are several
15 reasons, but the main one is this: The
16 funds to purchase five of the seven
17 parcels that became the property you're
18 voting on today. Those funds came from
19 Cooperative Extension, Cornell
20 Cooperative Extension. They came from
21 Cornell's Camp Contingency Fund. They
22 were purchased back from 1960 to 1970.
23 And where did that money come from, you
24 might ask? Well, back in the 60s, 4H was
25 a tremendously popular program serving

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2 thousands of Nassau County youth. And
3 those youth went to camp. There were
4 three camps that were functioning that
5 were filled all summer and that were
6 profitable, and some of the profits went
7 into the contingency fund and purchased
8 five of those seven parcels, which
9 actually amounted to over 37 acres. 37
10 acres of the 140 acres you're selling
11 today.

12 So we strongly believe that, in
13 fairness, the County should consider
14 sharing part of that profit with Cornell
15 Cooperative Extension. We asked the
16 Administration to look into this, and we
17 ask each of you to please try to convince
18 the Administration that this is the fair
19 and right thing to do. Thank you.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Sean
21 Cirillo.

22 MR. CIRILLO: Good afternoon. I came
23 before this legislature in November to
24 speak about these issues. I came back
25 again in February, and now, months later,

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2 I'm standing here for a third time
3 because absolutely nothing has changed.

4 We still have not released an RFP
5 for the charter mandated master plan, the
6 Safe Streets for All plan or the
7 Transportation Alternatives Plan. Every
8 one of these efforts has been funded for
9 over a year now, yet the county has
10 failed to complete the very first step,
11 releasing an RFP.

12 There are two reasons for these
13 failures. First, a former county
14 executive who was sitting in federal
15 prison at this exact moment, decided to
16 consolidate our planning department into
17 public works as a short sighted budgeting
18 trick. We are now the only regional
19 county without a standalone planning
20 department, and that is glaringly
21 obvious. We continue to live with the
22 consequences of a decision made by
23 someone who clearly couldn't make good
24 decisions. Why has there been no effort
25 to reverse this consolidation? Because of

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2 this, we cannot complete basic planning
3 activities that neighboring counties
4 accomplish routinely. Counties across our
5 region are planning for growth, updating
6 transportation networks, pursuing grants,
7 and implementing projects. Nassau County
8 cannot even release the contracts needed
9 to begin planning. Why is a county with a
10 \$4 billion budget operated this way?

11 Second is the refusal of the current
12 administration to properly staff our
13 workforce. For example, the Traffic
14 Engineering Division is operating at 50%
15 of the recommended staffing level. For a
16 county with our assets, the Federal
17 Highway Administration recommends a
18 minimum of 16 engineers; we have eight.
19 That's why traffic continues to worsen
20 and our roads look like Baghdad's during
21 the height of the Iraq war.

22 With the buyout package the county
23 has authorized. There's clearly no plan
24 to fix these staffing problems. These
25 failures are coming at a particularly bad

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2 time. Residents are struggling with the
3 cost of transportation. Gas approaching
4 \$5 per gallon. Auto insurance rates
5 continue to rise. The average new vehicle
6 now costs over \$50,000. More people than
7 ever need affordable alternatives to
8 driving everywhere for every trip.
9 Instead of expanding transportation
10 options, our planning division, not
11 department like we should have, has done
12 virtually nothing. Worse, Nassau County
13 has chosen to ban one of the most
14 practical and affordable transportation
15 options available today, e-mobility
16 devices.

17 What makes that decision even more
18 frustrating is that this legislature
19 previously funded a shared mobility
20 management plan. Taxpayers spent
21 approximately \$164,000 on that effort,
22 and the final plan was never published. A
23 plan specifically intended to address the
24 rapid growth of e-bikes, scooters and
25 other shared mobility options simply

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2 disappeared while the county moved ahead
3 with restrictions instead.

4 What exactly is going on here? Why
5 can similar counties like Suffolk and
6 Westchester plan, implement and evaluate
7 transportation improvements, while Nassau
8 County struggles to perform the most
9 basic planning functions? Why are funded
10 projects sitting idle? Why are key
11 departments woefully understaffed? Why
12 are critical plans years and in some
13 cases, decades behind schedule? What is
14 the Legislature doing to fix this? What
15 are the Planning and Public Works
16 committees doing? Because this is now the
17 third time I've stood here raising these
18 exact concerns. And from the outside
19 looking in, it appears things are only
20 getting worse.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Clolery?

22 MR. CLOLERY: Hi, everyone. I just
23 heard from my colleague that things are
24 getting worse on the island, I have to
25 agree with them. As a member of the TAC,

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2 which I'm grateful for the opportunity to
3 try and serve the traveling public. This
4 disgusts me. I mean, what is going on?
5 What exactly in the 12 pits of hell is
6 going on here? We really want to go back
7 to the Stone age as far as transportation
8 is concerned with horse and buggy?
9 Because we can't maintain our roads, we
10 can't have a proper bus system.

11 Look, you guys may think I'm a pain
12 in the freaking rear. But you know what?
13 I'm an honorable pain in the rear. I'm
14 looking at our county system, and it's
15 getting worse. I'm just going to be
16 blunt -- am I boring you, sir? Thank you.
17 We as a county should do something about
18 this.

19 We're entering some -- well, I'm not
20 exactly overfond of e-bikes. I know there
21 are responsible riders, and I will
22 commend them to it. It's just that I'm
23 just concerned about the whole e-bike
24 thing. I mean, I'm a bike rider anyway.

25 Anyway, as I was saying, we as a

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2 county need to improve our transportation
3 system. Whatever it is holding us back,
4 it needs to go away, like five
5 generations ago. You get what I'm trying
6 to say? Thank you.

7 PRESIDING OFFICER: Meta Mereday.

8 MS. MEREDAY: Since I only have three
9 minutes, I'll try to do the best I can.

10 Today is national say something nice
11 day. So I'm always willing to say
12 something nice to our law enforcement,
13 public safety officials who do a Yeoman's
14 job with increasing lack of sensitivity
15 to their specific needs.

16 As it pertains also to our veterans
17 and hearing the presentations earlier for
18 the young people, I welcome their
19 Achievements, but I just find it
20 interesting that people that are sitting
21 before me say all these statements about,
22 you know, we heard your issues, we fought
23 to keep your program and your funding in
24 place during Covid, but you didn't hear
25 the voices of others. Others that look

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2 like me. Child care workers, those
3 independent businesses that are lacking
4 the certifications and resources,
5 including our veteran businesses.

6 Staff is leaving the county, as was
7 previously noted. They're not being
8 replaced despite the report you got the
9 first of the month when many of us
10 couldn't get here because we were snowed
11 in because of the lack of coordination
12 between the Town and the County. But
13 folks don't want to be like New York
14 City. I had a better chance getting
15 through to my office in Queens, because
16 what New York City did is they mobilized
17 the local residents. They helped small
18 businesses to help themselves, to get
19 out, to dig out. We don't do that here.

20 Also, there was issue about, yes, we
21 have a divisive scenario in our country
22 today, fostered by the hate-filled
23 messaging that continues to permeate from
24 the federal government, not necessarily
25 the government, but the alleged leader of

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2 our federal government.

3 But let me just again, from a
4 research and journalism standpoint, make
5 it clear Black or African American people
6 face the highest number of racially
7 motivated hate crimes. Bias motivated
8 violence is directed largely at people of
9 color and Native Americans. And when
10 there was an issue that faced the Haitian
11 community, those of you who sat before me
12 were silent. You were silent. Okay. So
13 let's just take that into consideration.
14 If you're going to be selectively
15 supportive that you should not be sitting
16 before me.

17 Our veterans are struggling. They're
18 suffering. But you still wear your flag
19 pin and you attend the parades. But what
20 are we doing about those that are
21 committing suicide at higher rates,
22 including our law enforcement officials?
23 What are you doing about the families
24 that are now being broken apart because
25 of one person's ego? What are you doing?

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2 You're remaining silent, and we're paying
3 these taxes, and you're paying your
4 friends and relatives in that \$4.4
5 billion budget. And those of us that live
6 in communities like Baldwin, Uniondale
7 and Roosevelt have to pass by sewage
8 programs that we don't even hear about.
9 It wouldn't happen in Great Neck. Highly
10 doubt it. Thank you. I'm done.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay, now,
12 before we go into the Full Legislature,
13 we have a few Rules items which we need
14 to consider first. We'll do that, and
15 then I'll put the Rules into recess
16 because we've got some contracts which
17 will follow the Full Legislature. So the
18 other members who are not on the Rules
19 Committee can leave.

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21 (Whereupon, recess for
22 Rules, 2:16 p.m.)
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2 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: So now,
3 Mr. Pulitzer, would you call the roll for
4 the Legislature?

5 CLERK PULITZER: Presiding Officer
6 Howard Kopel?

7 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Here.

8 CLERK PULITZER: Deputy Presiding
9 Officer Thomas McKevitt?

10 DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER MCKEVITT:
11 Here.

12 CLERK PULITZER: Alternate Deputy
13 Presiding Officer Michael Giangregorio?

14 LEGISLATOR GIANGREGORIO: Here.

15 CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader
16 Legislator Delia Deriggi-Whitton?

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

18 CLERK PULITZER: Deputy Minority
19 Leader Legislator Arnold Drucker?

20 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

21 CLERK PULITZER: Alternate Deputy
22 Minority Legislator Debbie Mule?

23 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

24 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Carrie A.
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LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Cynthia
Nunez?

LEGISLATOR NUNEZ: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator John
Giuffre?

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Olena
Nicks?

LEGISLATOR NICKS: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Viviana
Russell?

LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Mazi
Pilip?

LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Scott
Davis?

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Present.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James
Kennedy?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Patrick
Mullaney?

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LEGISLATOR MULLANEY: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Scott
Strauss absent.

Legislator Kayla Knight?

LEGISLATOR KNIGHT: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Samantha
Goetz?

LEGISLATOR GOETZ: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Rose
Marie Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,
sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you. Now we
have a motion to suspend the Rules made
by Deputy Presiding Officer McKevitt,
seconded by Minority Leader
DeRiggi-Whitton.

All those in favor, say aye.

(Whereupon, all members
respond in favor.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: The Rules are

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2 suspended.

3 We have a number of items that have
4 previously gone through committees and
5 concerning which the Majority and
6 Minority agree that there is no further
7 debate or discussion required and we'll
8 vote on those together.

9 Those are:

10 Calendar 1, Ordinance 23.

11 Calendar 2, Ordinance 24.

12 Calendar 3, Ordinance 25.

13 Calendar 4, Ordinance 26.

14 Calendar 5, Ordinance 27.

15 Calendar 7, Ordinance 29.

16 Calendar 8, Resolution 51.

17 Calendar 9, Resolution 52.

18 Calendar 10, Resolution 53.

19 Calendar 11, Resolution 54.

20 Calendar 12, Resolution 55.

21 Calendar 13, Resolution 56.

22 Calendar 14, Resolution 57.

23 Calendar 15, resolution 58.

24 Calendar 16, resolution 59.

25 Calendar 17, Resolution 60.

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Calendar 18, Resolution 61.
Calendar 19, Resolution 62.
Calendar 20, Resolution 63.
Calendar 21, Resolution 64.
Calendar 22, Resolution 65.
Calendar 23, Resolution 66.
Calendar 24, Resolution 67.
Calendar 25, Resolution 68.
Calendar 26, Resolution 69.
Calendar 27, Resolution 70.
Calendar 28, Resolution 71.
Calendar 29, Resolution 72.
Calendar 30, Resolution 73.

Motion by Deputy Presiding Officer
McKevitt, seconded by Minority Leader
DeRiggi-Whitton.

All those in favor say aye.

(Whereupon, all members
respond in favor.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

LEGISLATOR NUNEZ: Presiding Officer,
if I can just make a quick statement in
regards to the Calendar specifically.

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2 PRESIDING OFFICER: Oh, sure. Why
3 don't you go ahead.

4 LEGISLATOR NUNEZ: Thank you very
5 much.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER: Oh, wait a
7 minute. With regard to these items or
8 generally?

9 LEGISLATOR NUNEZ: With regards to
10 the calendar and an item on the calendar.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER: I meant the
12 consent items.

13 LEGISLATOR NUNEZ: Yes.

14 RESIDING OFFICER: Yes, that's what
15 I'm asking. Well then, go ahead.

16 LEGISLATOR NUNEZ: Thank you very
17 much.

18 I speak today on an issue that
19 doesn't care about political parties or
20 lay out lines. The rising cost of living
21 for Nassau County families. Every day,
22 our constituents are making tough choices
23 at the grocery store on their utility
24 bills and right now, at the gas pump. As
25 the sponsor of the gas tax holiday bill,

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2 my goal has always been to find a
3 practical, immediate way we can work
4 together to ease the financial burden.
5 This isn't a Partizan issue, it's a
6 people issue. I know everyone in this
7 chamber cares deeply about the financial
8 well-being of our residents. While I
9 respect that there may be different
10 perspectives on how we get there, I
11 believe the best way to serve our
12 community is to have an open,
13 constructive discussion.

14 I respectfully ask my colleagues in
15 the majority to bring this bill to the
16 floor for a vote. Let's collaborate.
17 Let's debate the merits and let's work
18 across the aisle to show Nassau County
19 residents that their legislature is
20 united in finding ways to save them
21 money. Thank you.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER: Legislator Nunez,
23 I asked you if this was with respect to
24 the consent items. It was not.

25 All those in favor of these consent

items, please say aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

(Whereupon, all members
respond in favor.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items passed
18 to 0.

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2 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Next item
3 is calendar Item 6, which is an ordinance
4 supplemental to the annual appropriations
5 ordinance. The transfer appropriations
6 heretofore made to reconcile the County's
7 financial records for 2025 and authorize
8 the transfer of appropriations made
9 within budget year 2026.

10 Motion by Deputy Presiding Officer
11 McKevitt. Seconded by Minority Leader
12 DeRiggi-Whitton.

13 LEGISLATOR MULE: Presiding Officer,
14 before the vote, I'd like to speak about
15 this, please.

16 PRESIDING OFFICER: About this? Of
17 course. Andy, you're going to speak. All
18 right. Why don't we let Mr. Persich speak
19 first, and then you'll say what you need
20 to say.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Andy, go
22 ahead. Please.

23 MR. PERSICH: Good afternoon. Andy
24 Persich, Office of Management and Budget.

25 The item 122-26 is the close of the

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2 year, year end board transfers and a
3 couple of moves that we're making in
4 2026. It's a recurring event that we do
5 annually. It's to close the books of
6 records out so we can ensure our
7 financial statements. We'll be short of
8 it. The County finished with a surplus in
9 2025, and we're just reallocating some of
10 the resources that we planned on using
11 back into the reserve. So this item is
12 before you. I'm here to answer any
13 questions that you may have.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER: All right.
15 Legislator Mule.

16 LEGISLATOR MULE: Yes. Thank you.

17 Andy, I know that this also includes
18 monies for the VSIP. When this first came
19 up, of course we all supported it. We
20 still do, but I specifically asked for
21 information regarding backfilling
22 positions and asked for continuing
23 updates on that. To date we have not
24 gotten any, so we would definitely
25 appreciate getting that information

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2 because we need to make sure it's our
3 responsibility to make sure that
4 different departments have the necessary
5 personnel to make sure that they are able
6 to function properly.

7 MR. PERSICH: I will say this, we've
8 prioritized some of the stuff we've done.
9 The areas that we first focused on were
10 public safety, DPW, DSS, and a couple
11 other areas. And we're working through
12 that right now, and we're backfilling as
13 we go along promoting, trying to set the
14 structure in place. But we will get your
15 reports if you need it. We do monthly
16 reports that show the ins and outs of
17 what's going on, so we can get that.

18 LEGISLATOR MULE: We would absolutely
19 like to see those monthly reports.

20 MR. PERSICH: You got.

21 LEGISLATOR MULE: It. Thank you.

22 MR. PERSICH: No problem.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER: Legislator
24 Russell.

25 LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: Yes. I didn't

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2 hear any mention of 2026 fundings. I just
3 want to make sure that it's clear that
4 this is also 2026 funding. Correct?

5 PRESIDING OFFICER: I'm sorry. Ask
6 Mr. Persich and he'll be happy.

7 LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: The hotel/motel.

8 MR. PERSICH: It's included in this
9 item two is one big bundled item. That's
10 what it is. Okay. It's in there with a
11 bunch of other -- it's got transactions
12 for '25 and '26.

13 LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: 26. Okay. I just
14 want to make sure that's clear on the
15 record.

16 Mr. Persich: Yes.

17 LEGISLATOR RUSSELL: And then also,
18 I just wanted to note you know, we're
19 going to vote in favor of we're looking
20 to vote in favor of this budget transfer
21 because it includes a Voluntary
22 Separation Incentive Program which
23 provides for our hardworking county
24 employees. But at the same time, I'd be
25 remiss if I did not address another

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2 component of this transfer, which is the
3 allocation of the hotel/motel tax
4 funding. These dollars have long
5 supported cultural, arts, tourism and
6 initiatives that enrich our communities
7 across Nassau County and strengthen our
8 local economy. It is our sincere hope
9 that these funds will be distributed
10 fairly and equitably among all
11 legislative districts, consistent with
12 the long standing practice that has been
13 followed by every county executive prior
14 to this administration. And
15 unfortunately, we have seen a troubling
16 departure from that tradition, and
17 worthwhile cultural arts programs have
18 not been funded. So our residents across
19 Nassau County contribute to the success
20 of Nassau County, and they all deserve
21 access to the opportunities, programs,
22 and cultural resources these funds
23 support, regardless of where they live or
24 who represents them.

25 I urge this administration to return

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2 to this principle of fairness and and
3 ensure that hotel/motel funding serves
4 every community equally.

5 For those reasons, while we have
6 concerns about how certain funds may
7 ultimately be allocated, I will vote yes
8 on this transfer to ensure that the
9 county employees receive compensation
10 that they have earned and deserve.

11 However, let me be clear, it remains our
12 firm expectation that the administration
13 will proceed with processing the 2026
14 hotel hotel motel applications that were
15 listed in the correspondence that were
16 previously sent, and ensure approval not
17 only for the second quarter, but the
18 third and fourth quarters going forward.
19 And regrettably, we've been forced into
20 negotiations over a process that should
21 be fundamentally part of governance for
22 Nassau County. Thank you.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Anyone
24 else? Yes. Minority leader.

25 MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON:

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2 Thank you, Howard.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER: Then Legislator
4 Nicks.

5 MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON: Oh,
6 okay. Actually, no.

7 LEGISLATOR NICKS: I just have a
8 really quick statement, which is, you
9 know, we're really pleased to see that
10 the administration ultimately did the
11 right thing by putting back the opioid
12 funding back into that fund, and we are
13 really happy that that money is going to
14 be able to go to the use that it was
15 intended for. So, you know, we're happy
16 to really move this forward. Thank you.

17 MR. PERSICH: Thank you.

18 MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi,
19 Andy. We know that I've known you a long
20 time and we have I truly do respect you.
21 I just want to mention a couple things,
22 though, that I was a little concerned
23 about. Number one, we did have on the
24 record three times that the opioid
25 interest wouldn't be transferred. And

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2 then we were told it wasn't actually
3 transferred yet. We do have copies of the
4 same information that you have. So we saw
5 that it was transferred and transferred
6 back. And this goes beyond, I understand
7 your position, and I know it's not easy,
8 but we also, all 19 of us really need to
9 be able to rely on your testimony. If
10 something's not transferred, you know, we
11 need to know that that's really accurate.
12 Not that it was transferred. As a
13 Legislature, it's not fair to us to rely
14 on you and then have that information.
15 And I am glad that the opioid money is
16 returned. I would like to start to see it
17 be used. There are so many families that
18 were so upset about the opioid interest
19 being taken out. And now they're hoping
20 that it does move forward.

21 As far as the hotel/motel, I know
22 last time we were able to hold off the
23 transfer because it was by itself, and
24 now it's with VSIP, which I understand
25 how that works, but I understand that

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2 Chris Leimone is willing to come up to
3 put it on the record that he will also do
4 all that he can to expedite our requests,
5 as the charter says we're entitled to.

6 MR. LEIMONE: Chris Leimone for the
7 Administration.

8 Yes, we will process and approve
9 hotel/motel requests from the Minority,
10 the Majority going forward.

11 Just to correct the record on some
12 of the things that might have been said
13 in terms of hotel/motel. Sometimes the
14 delays are not necessarily an
15 administrative delay or anything being
16 delayed on our end. Sometimes you know,
17 the entities that are receiving the funds
18 either do not register as vendor, do not
19 submit disclosure forms. So it's
20 important to put that on the record. So
21 we will process them and approve them.
22 But we also need those forms to be
23 completed.

24 MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON: We
25 will absolutely do our end. And again we

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2 understand there are some delays. But as
3 was apparent with the CRPs, once you get
4 to about 72 to 2, you know, it's hard to
5 believe. It's just that our group is not,
6 you know, conforming. We don't have to go
7 through this again. But the bottom line
8 is we just want to represent 40% of
9 Nassau County the same way that the other
10 60% is represented or close thereto.

11 MR. LEIMONE: Okay. Yeah. These
12 agreements are ready to go. Again, we
13 should all do some things to reach out to
14 the entities to make sure that all their
15 forms are completed and they're
16 registered as vendors, so that we can
17 move these forward as quickly as
18 possible. We're ready to go on the
19 administration's end. Thank you.

20 MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
21 appreciate that, Chris. And I want to
22 just take a minute to say that we met
23 with the County Executive. You know, I
24 understand now he does want to pass the
25 capital plan and pass bonding. We

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2 understand all that. I thought it was a
3 constructive meeting. Let's hope.
4 Seriously, I know both of you are in
5 difficult situations. I totally get it.
6 But I want you both to know that we're
7 hopeful that things start to change
8 because you have to represent the entire
9 county regardless of, of a Democrat or
10 Republican being the legislator. So we
11 appreciate your assistance with that.

12 MR. LEIMONE: Okay.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER: Legislator
14 Giuffre.

15 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: So, Andy, I just
16 want to acknowledge and thank you. When
17 you have for the work that you've done,
18 we heard about a budget surplus that's
19 part of the transfer. And I know you've
20 worked hard to manage the finances and
21 you have a part in that. And so thank you
22 for that and keep up the good work.

23 MR. PERSICH: Thank you, Legislator.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER: All those in
25 favor of this item, say aye.

(Whereupon, all members
respond in favor.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: That is
unanimous. 18 to 0.

I understand that there's a an
emergency item coming down the pike, but
since we don't have it yet what I'm going
to do is put the Full Legislature into
recess. And while we're waiting why don't
we just go ahead and reconvene Rules and
finish, Finish off these contracts.

(Whereupon, off the record
discussion.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: There's
one more item that we can do with the
Full Legislature.

Calendar item 31, a resolution to
appoint Ryan Sakowicz to the Board of
Directors, Nassau County Local Economic
Assistance and Financing Corporation.

Motion by Deputy Presiding Officer
McKevitt, seconded by Minority Leader

DeRiggi-Whitton.

And we've heard the statements before. Any further? All right. All those in favor of this appointment, say aye.

(Whereupon, all members respond in favor.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: Opposed? Okay. That is unanimous.

Now. I'll put the Full Legislature into recess and reconvene Rules.

(Whereupon, recess.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: First, we have two items to establish an emergency and then to vote on the two items.

Emergency Resolution Clerk Items 125 and 126 of 26. Which is a resolution declaring an emergency for immediate action upon a resolution to authorize transfer of appropriations for the budget year 2026; and.

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2 A resolution authorizing the county
3 executive to execute an an. I'm a with
4 the Village of Valley Stream in relation
5 to a project to provide funding for the
6 purchase of goods and services.

7 Now we need 13 votes to establish
8 the emergency. All those in favor of
9 establishing the emergency for these two
10 items, say aye.

11 (Whereupon, all members
12 respond in favor.)

13 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Are there
14 any opposed?

15 (Whereupon, all members
16 respond in favor.)

17 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay. The
18 emergency is established. The vote is
19 unanimous.

20 Now on the items themselves; 125. Of
21 26, which is a transfer of appropriations
22 for the budget year 2026. Any debate or
23 discussion on this item?

24 (Whereupon, no response.)

25 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All right.

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2 All those in favor of this item, say aye.

3 (Whereupon, all members
4 respond in favor.)

5 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any
6 opposed?

7 (Whereupon, no response.)

8 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay. That
9 item passes unanimously.

10 And 126, which once again is
11 relation to authorizing a contract for
12 the Village of Valley Stream.

13 And are there any, any debate or
14 discussion on this item?

15 (Whereupon, no response.)

16 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All right.
17 All those in favor of this item, say aye.

18 (Whereupon, all members
19 respond in favor.)

20 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: I that
21 item also passes unanimously.

22 Deputy Presiding Officer McKevitt
23 moves to adjourn.

24 LEGISLATOR NUNEZ: So, Presiding
25 Officer, before we recess it, I wanted

1
2 to -- I promise it's right in regards to
3 this, I promise you.

4 I just wanted to actually thank my
5 colleagues in the Legislature and thank
6 you for supporting my hometown of Valley
7 Stream. I'm proud of the bipartisan
8 effort that this County Legislature has
9 put together to get this over the finish
10 line. On behalf of my constituents, I'm
11 extremely thankful.

12 I caution all municipalities,
13 specifically the Administration and the
14 Incorporated Village of Valley Stream, to
15 always prioritize people over politics
16 and not to allow the bureaucratic tape to
17 get in the way of that.

18 So I thank this entire legislative
19 body for moving this forward. Thank you,
20 sir. This was for a front loader snowplow
21 for our district. And after the winter,
22 we just came across and the historic
23 snowstorms, I'm extremely grateful for
24 it.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Got it.

1
2 Okay. I had my office in Valley Stream
3 for many years. So it's a --

4 LEGISLATOR NUNEZ: Yeah. So you know
5 what we went through.

6 In the same breath that I, ask for
7 this body to work together. I do want to
8 acknowledge when we do work together. So
9 thank you.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Got it.
11 Okay, so we are not going to adjourn. I
12 am putting this Legislature into recess
13 because we will have to consider certain
14 items as part of the part of this
15 meeting, and they're not quite ready yet.

16 Okay, so we are in recess and you
17 are all free.

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19 (Whereupon, Full Legislature is in
20 recess.)
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C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF NEW YORK)

: SS.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU)

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 1st day of June 2026.

Karen Lorenzo

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