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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE WILL HOLD COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024 STARTING AT 1:00 PM AND WILL HOLD A FULL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024 STARTING AT 1:00 PM FOR PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT, AND AT 2:00 PM FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR IN THE PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, 1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MINEOLA, NEW YORK 11501.

FULL LEGISLATIVE SESSION.....1:00 PM

COMMITTEES	TIME
RULES	1:00PM
PUBLIC SAFETY	1:00PM
PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & THE ENVIRONMENT	1:00PM
TOWNS, VILLAGES AND CITIES	1:00PM
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, LABOR AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	1:00PM
PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS	1:00PM
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES	1:00PM
GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND OPERATIONS	1:00PM
MINORITY AFFAIRS	1:00PM
VETERANS	1:00PM
SENIOR AFFAIRS	1:00PM
FINANCE	1:00PM

MICHAEL C. PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature

Dated: March 4, 2024
Mineola, NY

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LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
THIRD MEETING
THIRD MEETING OF 2024
LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR 2:00PM

MINEOLA, NEW YORK
MARCH 25, 2024 1:00PM
PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT 1:00PM

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1. **ORDINANCE NO. 9-2024**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 28-2016, AS AMENDED, CONSTITUTING THE NASSAU COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION ORDINANCE. 59-24(FC)

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 10-2024**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 543-1995, AS AMENDED, WITH RESPECT TO SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN "NON-CONTRACT" EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU. 60-24(OMB)

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 11-2024**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. 46-24(OMB)

4. **ORDINANCE NO. 12-2024**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CORRECTIONAL CENTER. 47-24(OMB)

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 13-2024**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD. 48-24(OMB)

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 14-2024**

AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN NASSAU COUNTY. 50-24(OMB)

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 30-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED *THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF ACORN PONDS AT NORTH HILLS CONDOMINIUM #1 V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, ET AL.*, INDEX NOS. 404248/2021 AND 403912/2022 PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. 51-24(AT)

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 31 -2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED *HOME DEPOT USA, INC. V. COUNTY OF NASSAU*, INDEX NO. 400789/2022 PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. 52-24(AT)

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 32-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED *NORTH SHORE LONG ISLAND JEWISH HEALTH SYSTEM, INC., 600 COMMUNITY LLC AND UNITED BUSINESS MEDIA, INC., A/K/A UNITED BUSINESS MEDIA, INC. V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, ET AL.* INDEX NO. 402643/2011 PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. 54-24(AT)

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 33 -2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE THAT IS FUNDED WITH MONEY RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN'S CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AND WHICH HAS BEEN APPROPRIATED TO FUND CONTRACTS WITH ENTITIES TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ELIGIBLE USE CATEGORIES OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS; PREMIUM PAY; WATER, SEWER AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE; AND EMERGENCY RELIEF FROM NATURAL DISASTERS. 61-24(CE)

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 34-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE ACTIVITY LEAGUE (NCPAL) THAT IS FUNDED WITH MONEY RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN'S CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AND WHICH HAS BEEN APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NCPAL, A QUALIFYING 501(C)(3) NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO MITIGATE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP TO RESPOND TO THE NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. 62-24(CE)

12. **RESOLUTION NO. 35-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH ROSLYN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES. 63-24(CE)

13. **RESOLUTION NO. 36-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF KINGS POINT IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES. 64-24(CE)

14. **RESOLUTION NO. 37-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH BELLMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES. 65-24(CE)

15. **RESOLUTION NO. 38-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF GREAT NECK IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES. 66-24(CE)

16. **RESOLUTION NO. 39-2024**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF CHARLES G. MCQUAIR AS A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 21(D) OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. 57-24(CE)

17. **RESOLUTION NO. 40-2024**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT V. HUGHES, JR. TO THE NASSAU COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION EXTENSION BOARD ("VEEB"). 58-24(CE)

18. **RESOLUTION NO. 41-2024**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE SURETY BOND AND ESCROW DEPOSIT COVERING IMPROVEMENTS ON THE "MAP OF COUNTRY POINTE AT EAST MEADOW CONDOMINIUM" SITUATED IN EAST MEADOW, TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK. 45-24(PW)

19. **RESOLUTION NO. 42-2024**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE CASH ESCROW COVERING IMPROVEMENTS ON THE "MAP OF MARINA POINTE AT EAST ROCKAWAY" SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF EAST ROCKAWAY AND HAMLET OF OCEANSIDE, TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK. 56-24(PW)

20. **RESOLUTION NO. 43-2024**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2024. 49-24(OMB)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Nassau County Executive has executed the following personal service contracts, copies of which are on file with the Office of the Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature. These contracts are listed for informational purposes only.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Island Harvest, LTD.
RE: CDBG 49TH YR. \$24,500.00 ID#CQHI23000060

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Great Neck Senior Center. RE: OF A
Great Neck Senior Center B, C-1 Amend 2. \$25,000.00. ID#CLHS23000070.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Baldwin UFSD.
RE: YDA-Education. \$36,689.00. ID#CQHS23000086.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Village of Stewart
Manor. RE: CDBG 49th Year. \$20,000.00. ID#CQHI23000075.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Nassau Community
College. RE: CDBG. \$150,000.00. ID#CQHI23000066.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Massapequa Union Free School
District. RE: YDA- Education. \$40,539.00. ID#CQHS23000085.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and The Viscardi Service
Center, Inc. RE: CDBG-49th Year Contract. \$75,881.00 ID#CQHI23000041.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Uniondale
Community Land Trust, Inc. RE: HOME 46-03. \$270,000.00. ID#CQHI23000057.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and The Interfaith
Nutrition Network, Inc. RE: CDBG 49th Yr. \$150,000.00. ID#CQHI23000054.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Copay, Inc.
RE: Chemical Dependency. \$682,742.00. ID#CQHS24000001.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Efraim J. Keisari, MD, PLLC.
RE: OMH-AOT-Forensic Psychiatrists. \$15,120.00. ID#CQHS23000082.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Long Beach Reach, Inc.
RE: Chemical Dependency. \$2,527,376.00 ID#CQHS24000003.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Health and K. B. Occupational Therapy P.C.
RE: Preschool Special Education – KB Occupational Therapy. \$0.01. ID# CQHE24000001.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and North Bellmore Union Free School District. RE: YDA- Education \$277,008.00 ID# CQHS23000084.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Village of Mineola. RE: CDBG 46TH YR. \$20,458,10. ID# CLHI23000018.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Nassau County Land Bank. RE: HOME 40 Cruickshank Amendment. \$0.01 ID# CLHI23000021.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Health and Liberty Resources POST, PLLC. RE: Preschool Special Education. \$0.01 ID# CQHE23000011.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and North Hempstead Community Development Agency. RE: CDBG- HOA AMENDMENT. \$0.01 ID# CLHI23000024.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Nassau County Land Bank. RE: HOME 147 HARVARD AMENDMENT. \$0.01 ID# CLHI23000022.

THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
WILL CONVENE THE NEXT
COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 at 1:00PM
AND
FULL LEGISLATURE MEETING ON
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024 AT 2:00PM

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 9 –2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 28-2016, AS AMENDED, CONSTITUTING THE NASSAU COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Legislature enacted Ordinance No. 28-2016, establishing a new comprehensive Nassau County Fire Prevention Ordinance in April 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Fire Prevention Ordinance periodically must be amended to update and clarify certain provisions and to keep pace with changes in building codes and other relevant laws; and

WHEREAS, revisions recently were made to the New York State Uniform Fire and Building Codes necessitating certain changes and updates in the Nassau County Fire Prevention Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Fire Commission has recommended certain amendments to the Nassau County Fire Prevention Ordinance in order to revise the ordinance in accordance with changes in the New York State Uniform Fire and Building Codes, to maintain the Nassau County Fire Prevention Ordinance as a more restrictive law and standard (MRLS), and to improve enforcement measures; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau, as follows:

Section 1. Part II of Ordinance No. 28-2016, as amended, constituting the Nassau County Fire Prevention Ordinance, is hereby amended to read as set forth in Appendix A.

§ 2. This ordinance, including Appendix A, may be modified to allow for the correction of any numerical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said

ordinance without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any Standing Committee of said Legislature if said ordinance is passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature.

§3. It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this ordinance is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

§4. Severability. If any part or provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person, entity or circumstance shall be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to that part, provision or application of this ordinance directly involved in the controversy for which such judgment was rendered and shall not be deemed to affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this ordinance to the application thereof to other persons, entities or circumstances.

§5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 10-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 543-1995, AS AMENDED, WITH RESPECT TO SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN “NON-CONTRACT” EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU

BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau, as follows:

Section 1. Section 3.6 (d) of Ordinance No. 543-1995, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

(d) All termination monies shall be paid by the County in one lump sum. The County will make best efforts to make such termination payments within sixty (60) days of the employee’s termination date; provided, however, that payment to members of the Police Force in the titles of Deputy Commissioner, Chief of Department, Chief of Patrol, Chief of Detectives and Chief of Support (referred to herein collectively as the “Affected Titles”) shall be made as follows:

(1) upon retirement, those members of the Police Force who were in the Affected Titles on December 31, 2007 shall be paid:

a) the total amount that would be owed to them pursuant to the SOA collective bargaining agreement had they retired on December 31, 2007, except that for the Chief of Patrol, Chief of Detectives and Chief of Support, such amount shall be adjusted by any changes to the SOA collective bargaining agreement in effect as of the date of their retirement,

b) such payments shall be made in the manner regarding installments required by the SOA collective bargaining agreement as of the actual date of retirement of the officers in the Affected Titles; provided, however, that members of the Police Force in the Affected Titles as of December

31, 2007 shall not be entitled to payment of termination monies for any time accrued after such date for vacation, sick and personal leave under section 3 of this Ordinance, although they will maintain any accrued leave earned prior to such date; and

(2) upon retirement, those members of the Police Force promoted from a SOA bargaining unit position to one of the Affected Titles on or after January 1, 2008 shall be paid:

a) the total amount that would be owed to them under the SOA contract on the date immediately prior to their promotion to an Affected Title had they retired on such date, except that such amount shall be adjusted by any changes to the SOA collective bargaining agreement in effect as of the date of their actual retirement,

b) such payments shall be made in the manner regarding installments required by the SOA collective bargaining agreement as of the date of actual retirement; provided, however, that such members of the Police Force promoted from an SOA bargaining unit to Affected Titles on or after January 1, 2008 shall not be entitled to payment of termination monies for any time accrued by such members on or after the date of promotion from an SOA bargaining unit position to an Affected Title unit for vacation, sick and personal leave under section 3 of this Ordinance, although they will maintain any accrued leave earned prior to their promotion from an SOA bargaining unit position to an Affected Title.

§ 2. A new subsection (f) is hereby added to section 3.6 of Ordinance 543-1995, as amended, as follows:

(f) With the exception of section 3.6 (e) above, only those employees that are due termination monies at the time of their separation of service and meet the criteria set forth in subparagraph (i) below shall participate in the County's 401(a) plan, provided that the employee's termination date is on or after April 1, 2024.

(i) Participation in the 401(a) plan is mandatory for all full-time employees who are, or will be, fifty-five (55) years old or older in the calendar year in which they separate from service, regardless of their years of service or the amount of termination monies due to be paid.

§ 3. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the constitutionality or validity of the remainder of this ordinance and the applicability of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

§ 4. SEQRA Determination.

It is hereby determined by the Nassau County Legislature, the lead agency, and pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), 8 NYECL section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations (6 NYCRR) and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this Ordinance will not have a significant impact on the environment and that no further environmental review or action is required.

§ 5. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 11 –2024

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Health Department.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated February 23, 2024, addressed to the County Legislature, has recommended the appropriation of such funds not otherwise appropriated; and,

WHEREAS, this supplemental appropriation is within the scope of Section 307 of the County Government Law; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from monies not otherwise appropriated, the following sums of money to the following accounts:

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
302,000	NYS Department of Health	GRT	HE	AA	224,502
		GRT	HE	AB	71,895
		GRT	HE	DD	2,910
		GRT	HE	HH	2,693

§ 2. This ordinance may be modified to allow for the correction of any mathematical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said ordinance without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any Standing Committee of said Legislature if said ordinance is passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature.

§ 3. It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this supplemental appropriation ordinance is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 12 – 2024

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Correctional Center.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated February 23, 2024, addressed to the County Legislature, has recommended the appropriation of such funds not otherwise appropriated; and,

WHEREAS, this supplemental appropriation is within the scope of Section 307 of the County Government Law; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from monies not otherwise appropriated, the following sums of money to the following accounts:

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
179,313	Federal Drug Enforcement Agency	GRT	CC	AA	55,098
		GRT	CC	AB	4,215
		GRT	CC	BB	60,000
		GRT	CC	DD	60,000

§ 2. This ordinance may be modified to allow for the correction of any mathematical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said ordinance without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any Standing Committee of said Legislature if said ordinance is passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature.

§ 3. It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this supplemental appropriation ordinance is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 13 – 2024

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to an appropriation ordinance in connection with the Traffic Safety Board.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated February 23, 2024, addressed to the County Legislature, has recommended the appropriation of such funds not otherwise appropriated; and,

WHEREAS, this supplemental appropriation is within the scope of Section 307 of the County Government Law; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from monies not otherwise appropriated, the following sums of money to the following accounts:

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED TO:</u>			
		<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT. CODE/Index</u>	<u>OBJ. CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> (in dollars)
1,056,500	NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee	GRT	TS	BB	1,000
		GRT	TS	DD	68,050
		GRT	TS	DE	229,800
		GRT	TS	HH	757,650

§ 2. This ordinance may be modified to allow for the correction of any mathematical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said ordinance without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any Standing Committee of said Legislature if said ordinance is passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature.

§ 3. It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this supplemental appropriation ordinance is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

§ 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 14 –2024

AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN NASSAU COUNTY

WHEREAS, Section 1262-e of the New York Tax Law, as amended by Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2020, extends the Local Government Assistance Program in the County of Nassau through the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2024; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau, as follows:

Section 1. For the calendar year 2024, there shall be paid to the several towns and two cities of the County of Nassau pursuant to subdivision a of section 2 of Local Law No. 18-1984 as last amended by Local Law No. 8-2020 and as incorporated in chapter 4 of title 9 of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County, the following sums:

Town of Hempstead	\$52,349,972
Town of Oyster Bay	\$21,069,936
Town of North Hempstead	\$15,222,332
City of Long Beach	\$2,413,297
City of Glen Cove	\$1,763,563

§ 2. The sums set forth in section 1 of this ordinance shall be subject to adjustment on a quarterly basis to reflect the actual sales and use tax revenues received by the County of Nassau from one-third of the three-quarters percent additional rate of such taxes and shall be paid to the cities and towns in four payments, as follows:

- 1st payment – April 30, 2024;
- 2nd payment – July 31, 2024;
- 3rd payment – October 31, 2024; and
- 4th payment – January 31, 2025.

§ 3. For the calendar year of 2024, there shall be paid to the villages of the County of Nassau pursuant to subdivision d of section 2 of Local Law No. 18-1984 as last amended by Local

Law No. 8-2020 and as incorporated in chapter 4 of title 9 of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County, the following sums:

Atlantic Beach	\$4,503	Baxter Estates	\$2,614
Bayville	\$17,802	Bellerose	\$3,095
Brookville	\$7,753	Cedarhurst	\$19,454
Centre Island	\$1,074	Cove Neck	\$773
East Hills	\$19,216	East Rockaway	\$26,801
East Williston	\$6,978	Farmingdale	\$22,334
Floral Park	\$42,664	Flower Hill	\$12,647
Freeport	\$117,323	Garden City	\$61,395
Great Neck	\$29,402	Great Neck Est.	\$7,888
Great Neck Plaza	\$19,739	Hempstead	\$156,096
Hewlett Bay Park	\$1,303	Hewlett Harbor	\$3,403
Hewlett Neck	\$1,501	Island Park	\$11,339
Kensington	\$3,234	Kings Point	\$14,824
Lake Success	\$7,461	Lattingtown	\$4,962
Laurel Hollow	\$5,118	Lawrence	\$17,963
Lynbrook	\$53,918	Malverne	\$22,582
Manorhaven	\$18,351	Massapequa Park	\$45,136
Matinecock	\$2,234	Mill Neck	\$2,781
Mineola	\$54,873	Munsey Park	\$7,411
Muttontown	\$9,265	New Hyde Park	\$27,059
North Hills	\$14,415	Old Brookville	\$5,329
Old Westbury	\$11,315	Oyster Bay Cove	\$5,975
Plandome	\$3,820	Plandome Hts.	\$2,662
Plandome Manor	\$2,092	Pt. Washington North	\$8,336
Rockville Ctre.	\$68,634	Roslyn	\$7,883
Roslyn Estates	\$3,477	Roslyn Harbor	\$2,815
Russell Gardens	\$2,580	Saddle Rock	\$2,609
Sands Point	\$7,155	Sea Cliff	\$13,354
S. Floral Park	\$4,593	Stewart Manor	\$5,255
Thomaston	\$7,279	Upper Brookville	\$4,712
Valley Stream	\$107,198	Westbury	\$41,851
Williston Park	\$20,026	Woodsburgh	\$2,366

§ 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 30 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED *THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF ACORN PONDS AT NORTH HILLS CONDOMINIUM #1 V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, ET AL.*, INDEX NOS. 404248/2021 AND 403912/2022 PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

WHEREAS, The Board of Managers of Acorn Ponds at North Hills Condominium #1 (the “Petitioner”) commenced actions entitled *The Board of Managers of Acorn Ponds at North Hills Condominium #1 v. County of Nassau, et al.*, Index Nos. 404248/2021 and 403912/2022 against the County of Nassau (the “County”), alleging excessive assessment of Petitioner’s real property, and the County has agreed to make payment to Petitioner estimated in the amount of \$173,237.00, plus interest at a stipulated rate, in full settlement of all possible claims Petitioner may have against the County arising from the alleged excessive assessment; and

WHEREAS, payments are to be made based upon reductions to the assessed value set forth below of Petitioner’s real property, a Class 1 condominium with 154 units located in Roslyn and the Incorporated Village of North Hills, NY (Section 87, Block A, Lots 818UCA-0034 Units 1-15, 17-26, 28-32, 34-48, 50-63, 65-73, 75-83, 85-89, 91-99, 102-113, 115-138, 140-142, 144-153) (hereinafter “Petitioner’s Property”); and

WHEREAS, the reductions of assessed value for Petitioner’s Property are \$0 and \$12,797.00 for the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 tax years, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has caused an investigation and analysis to be made of the said action and as a result thereof recommends that it be settled based on the reduced assessed values as set forth above; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be and is hereby authorized and directed to settle the said action based on the reduced assessed values as indicated above, provided that, if any payment arising from said action is to be made from the proceeds of a borrowing, that a bond ordinance to finance such settlement is adopted by this Legislature and any borrowing pursuant to such bond ordinance is approved by the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority, if such approval is required; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay any refund due and owing based upon the reductions of assessed values for Petitioner's Property, which are \$0 and \$12,797.00 for the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 tax years, respectively; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this settlement is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 31 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED *HOME DEPOT USA, INC. V. COUNTY OF NASSAU*, INDEX NO. 400789/2022 PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

WHEREAS, Home Depot USA, Inc. (the “Petitioner”) commenced an action entitled *Home Depot USA, Inc. v. County of Nassau*, Index No. 400789/2022 against the County of Nassau (the “County”), alleging excessive assessment of Petitioner’s real property, and the County has agreed to make payment to Petitioner estimated in the amount of \$162,881.78, plus interest at a stipulated rate, in full settlement of all possible claims Petitioner may have against the County arising from the alleged excessive assessment; and

WHEREAS, payments are to be made based upon reductions to the assessed value set forth below of Petitioner’s real property, a one-story retail store located at 3350 Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown, NY (Section 51, Block 222, Lot 73) (hereinafter “Petitioner’s Property”); and

WHEREAS, the reductions of assessed value for Petitioner’s Property are \$14,085.00 for the 2018/2019 tax year; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has caused an investigation and analysis to be made of the said action and as a result thereof recommends that it be settled based on the reduced assessed values as set forth above; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be and is hereby authorized and directed to settle the said action based on the reduced assessed values as indicated above, provided that, if any payment arising from said action is to be made from the proceeds of a borrowing, that a bond ordinance to finance such settlement is adopted by this Legislature and any borrowing pursuant to such bond ordinance is approved by the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority, if such approval is required; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay any refund due and owing based upon the reductions of assessed values for Petitioner’s Property, which are \$14,085.00 for the 2018/2019 tax year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this settlement is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED *NORTH SHORE LONG ISLAND JEWISH HEALTH SYSTEM, INC., 600 COMMUNITY LLC AND UNITED BUSINESS MEDIA, INC., A/K/A UNITED BUSINESS MEDIA, INC. V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, ET AL.* INDEX NO. 402643/2011 PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

WHEREAS, Aldrich Management Co., LLC (the “Petitioner”) commenced an action entitled *North Shore Long Island Jewish Health Systems, Inc., 600 Community LLC and United Business Media, Inc., a/k/a United Business Media, Inc. v. County of Nassau, et al.*, Index No. 402643/2011 against the County of Nassau (the “County”), alleging excessive assessment of Petitioner’s real property, and the County has agreed to make payment to Petitioner estimated in the amount of \$1,859,960.31, plus interest at a stipulated rate, in full settlement of all possible claims Petitioner may have against the County arising from the alleged excessive assessment; and

WHEREAS, payments are to be made based upon reductions to the assessed value set forth below of Petitioner’s real property, four-story elevator services office building with a three-story parking structure located at 600 Community Drive, Manhasset, NY (Section 03, Block E, Lot(s) 185, 487-488) (hereinafter “Petitioner’s Property”); and

WHEREAS, the reductions of assessed value for Petitioner’s Property are \$100,149, \$109,618, \$78,448, \$82,998 and \$95,523 for the 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 tax years, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has caused an investigation and analysis to be made of the said action and as a result thereof recommends that it be settled based on the reduced assessed values as set forth above; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be and is hereby authorized and directed to settle the said action based on the reduced assessed values as indicated above, provided that, if any payment arising from said action is to be made from the proceeds of a borrowing, that a bond ordinance to finance such settlement is adopted by this Legislature and any borrowing pursuant to such bond ordinance is approved by the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority, if such approval is required; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay any refund due and owing based upon the reductions of assessed values for Petitioner's Property, which are \$100,149, \$109,618, \$78,448, \$82,998 and \$95,523 for the 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 tax years, respectively; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this settlement is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 33- 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE THAT IS FUNDED WITH MONEY RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN'S CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AND WHICH HAS BEEN APPROPRIATED TO FUND CONTRACTS WITH ENTITIES TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ELIGIBLE USE CATEGORIES OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS; PREMIUM PAY; WATER, SEWER AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE; AND EMERGENCY RELIEF FROM NATURAL DISASTERS.

WHEREAS, the County has received monies from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund that was established pursuant to Subtitle M of Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 6-2024, the Nassau County Legislature appropriated \$15,000,000 of ARP Funds received from the U.S. Treasury to provide immediate and necessary support to eligible recipients impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic under a program titled "Legislative Initiatives"; and

WHEREAS, the legislation establishing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (the "SLFRF") authorizes counties to use such funds, among other things, "to make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure"; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Treasury has published a Final Rule providing guidance further detailing the permissible uses of the SLFRF moneys (the "Final Rule"); and

WHEREAS, section 35.6(e) of the Final Rule, which appears in Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations, provides a list of specific permissible uses of SLFRF funds “to make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure”; and

WHEREAS, these enumerated uses include projects or activities that would be eligible under section 603(c) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1383(c)) or section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Farmingdale owns its local public water system which is operated by the Village’s water department; and

WHEREAS, changes in state regulations that lowered allowable levels of 1,4 Dioxane and other contaminants have forced water suppliers to install or upgrade water treatment systems to remove these and other emerging contaminants; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Farmingdale has embarked on a project estimated to cost approximately \$18 million to improve its treatment systems and has requested County assistance to offset the financial impact on its tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Farmingdale’s project is an allowable use of SLFRF funds pursuant to the Final Rule; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County and its residents to promptly enter into and execute subrecipient agreements authorizing moneys for such purposes so that they can be provided as expeditiously as possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into and execute a subrecipient agreement with the Village of Farmingdale in the amount of \$1,000,000, which will be funded exclusively by SLFRF moneys received by the County under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to be spent in compliance with such legislation, the Final Rule, applicable federal contract provisions, and all other applicable federal law and regulation, and which have been appropriated pursuant to Resolution 6-2024 for the County to enter into agreements for authorized purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such agreement shall be for purposes that are related to responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, shall be in compliance with all applicable payment terms and conditions, reporting, record keeping or other requirements set forth in such agreements, and a separate close-out procedure that will include a reconciliation of the SLFRF moneys provided under any such agreements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such agreement shall not affect County funding that may be provided to such entity under any existing funding agreements, if any; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such subrecipient agreement shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature so that it may be listed at the end of the legislative calendar, as appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to (i) execute any and all agreements and other instruments, ancillary agreements, funding notices, contracts, amendments, and to take such other action as is necessary to effectuate and carry out the receipt and disbursement of such funds in accordance with this resolution; and (ii) suspend

any vendor disclosure requirements as necessary in order to expedite the disbursement of such funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., the proposed action under this Resolution has been determined not to have any significant adverse impacts on the environment and no further review is required.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 34 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE ACTIVITY LEAGUE (NCPAL) THAT IS FUNDED WITH MONEY RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN'S CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AND WHICH HAS BEEN APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NCPAL, A QUALIFYING 501(C)(3) NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO MITIGATE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP TO RESPOND TO THE NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, the County has received monies from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund that was established pursuant to Subtitle M of Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARP"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 6-2024, the Nassau County Legislature appropriated \$15,000,000 of ARP Funds received from the U.S. Treasury to provide immediate and necessary support to eligible recipients impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic under a program titled "Legislative Initiatives"; and

WHEREAS, the legislation establishing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (the "SLFRF") authorizes counties to use such funds, among other things, "to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to individuals, small businesses and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality"; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Treasury has published a Final Rule providing guidance further detailing the permissible uses of the SLFRF moneys (the “Final Rule”); and

WHEREAS, section 35.6(b) of the Final Rule, which appears in Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations, provides a non-exclusive list of specific permissible uses of SLFRF funds to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, these enumerated uses include, among other things, expenditures for responding to the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency for purposes including assistance to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities, including, but not limited to, programs, services, or capital expenditures, including loans or grants to mitigate financial hardship such as declines in revenues or increased costs, or technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, there are not-for-profit organizations and certain other eligible entities that are able to provide and/or are in need of such assistance; and

WHEREAS, such organizations are eligible subrecipients, grantees or beneficiaries of SLFRF funds to provide or to facilitate the provision of such services, programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County and its residents to promptly enter into and execute agreements authorizing SLFRF moneys for such purposes so that they can be provided SLFRF moneys as expeditiously as possible; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has identified subrecipients and beneficiaries to use SLFRF funds in furtherance of eligible programs, services and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Police Activity League (“NCPAL”), a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to prevent delinquency among the County’s youth through social, educational and athletic programs, suffered a negative economic impact as it experienced a reduction in its revenue by as much as \$1.7 million as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in order to expedite the delivery of eligible services and relief, the County Executive, on behalf of the Nassau County Legislature, is hereby seeking authorization to execute a grant agreement with the NCPAL;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into and execute a grant agreement on behalf of the County with the NCPAL in the amount of \$950,000 to allow the NCPAL to recover losses and bolster its capacity to deliver services to Nassau County’s youth, funded exclusively by SLFRF funds received by the County under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to be spent in compliance with such legislation, the Final Rule, applicable federal contract provisions, and all other applicable federal laws and regulations, and which have been appropriated in Resolution 6-2024 for the County to enter into agreements for authorized purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such grant agreement shall be for purposes that are related to responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, shall be in compliance with all applicable payment terms and conditions, reporting, record keeping or other requirements set forth in such agreements, and a separate close-out procedure that will include a reconciliation of the SLFRF moneys provided under any such agreements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such grant agreement shall not affect County funding that may be provided to such not-for-profit organizations and other qualifying entities under any existing funding agreements, if any; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such grant agreement shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature so that it may be listed at the end of the legislative calendar, as appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to (i) execute any and all subrecipient agreements and any other instruments, agreements, ancillary agreements, funding notices, contracts, amendments, and to take such other action as is necessary to effectuate and carry out the receipt and disbursement of such SLFRF moneys in accordance with this Resolution; and (ii) suspend any vendor disclosure requirements as necessary in order to expedite the disbursement of such SLFRF moneys; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., the proposed action under this Resolution has been determined not to have any significant adverse impacts on the environment and no further review is required.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 35- 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH ROSLYN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, Nassau County (“the County”) and Roslyn Union Free School District (“the School District”) are authorized, pursuant to Article 9, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution and Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law (“GML”) to enter into intergovernmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County and the School District to procure and install a 6’ x 8’ prefabricated security booth and related items (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County and the School District believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize intermunicipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement (“Agreement”), a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the Agreement and to execute any and all other instruments, related documents or ancillary agreements and to take such other action as is necessary to effectuate and carry out the intent and purpose of the Agreement; and it is further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County said Project is a “Type II Action” within the meaning of Part 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

RESOLUTION NO. 36- 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF KINGS POINT IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, Nassau County (“the County”) and the Village of Kings Point (“the Village”) are authorized, pursuant to Article 9, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution and Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law (“GML”) to enter into intergovernmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County and the Village to procure and install flashing solar powered LED stop signs and related items (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County and the Village believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize intermunicipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement (“Agreement”), a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the Agreement and to execute any and all other instruments, related documents or ancillary agreements and to take such other action as is necessary to effectuate and carry out the intent and purpose of the Agreement; and it is further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County said Project is a “Type II Action” within the meaning of Part 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

RESOLUTION NO. 37- 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH BELLMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, Nassau County (“the County”) and North Bellmore Public Library (“the Library”) are authorized, pursuant to Article 9, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution and Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law (“GML”) to enter into intergovernmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County and the Library to procure a new sensory nook and related items (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County and the Library believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize intermunicipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement (“Agreement”), a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the Agreement and to execute any and all other instruments, related documents or ancillary agreements and to take such other action as is necessary to effectuate and carry out the intent and purpose of the Agreement; and it is further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County said Project is a “Type II Action” within the meaning of Part 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

RESOLUTION NO. 38- 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF GREAT NECK IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, Nassau County (“the County”) and the Village of Great Neck (“the Village”) are authorized, pursuant to Article 9, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution and Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law (“GML”) to enter into intergovernmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County and the Village to install aluminum benches, trash receptacles and related items (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County and the Village believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize intermunicipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement (“Agreement”), a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the Agreement and to execute any and all other instruments, related documents or ancillary agreements and to take such other action as is necessary to effectuate and carry out the intent and purpose of the Agreement; and it is further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County said Project is a “Type II Action” within the meaning of Part 617.5(c) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 39 -2024

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF CHARLES G. MCQUAIR AS A JUDGE
OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR
THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION
21(D) OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21(d) of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of New York, the Honorable Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Charles G. McQuair as Judge of the District Court for the Fourth Judicial District for a term ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the said appointment of Charles G. McQuair as Judge of the District Court is hereby confirmed, effective immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this appointment is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 40 -2024

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S
APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT V. HUGHES, JR. TO THE NASSAU
COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION EXTENSION BOARD ("VEEB").**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Bruce Blakeman, County Executive, has transmitted to this Legislature written notification of the appointment of Robert V. Hughes, Jr. to replace Angelo Catalano on the Nassau County Vocational Education Extension Board ("VEEB"), pursuant to Section 203 of the Nassau County Charter and Section 1101 of the New York Education Law for a term ending on December 31, 2032; and

WHEREAS, such appointment is subject to confirmation by this Legislature; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, said appointment of Robert V. Hughes, Jr. to serve on the Nassau County Vocational Education Extension Board is hereby confirmed, effective immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this appointment is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment"), and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 41 – 2024

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE SURETY BOND AND ESCROW DEPOSIT COVERING IMPROVEMENTS ON THE “MAP OF COUNTRY POINTE AT EAST MEADOW CONDOMINIUM” SITUATED IN EAST MEADOW, TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK.

WHEREAS, Beechwood East Meadow, LLC (“Applicant”) submitted to the Nassau County Planning Commission (“Commission”), a request for a release of the surety bond and escrow deposit covering public improvements included on the approved subdivision map known as the “Map of Country Pointe at East Meadow Condominium” in East Meadow, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Commission granted Final Subdivision Map approval on June 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the public improvements were secured by Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland by way of a surety bond in the amount of \$1,263,713.81 and cash escrow deposit held by Nassau County in the amount of \$41,145.79; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2022, the Applicant applied for reduction of the surety bond from \$1,263,713.81 to \$318,775.81; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2022, the Nassau County Planning Commission approved the reduction of the surety bond from \$1,263,713.81 to \$318,775.81; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2023, the Applicant applied for the release of the remaining amount on the surety bond in the amount of \$318,775.81 and cash escrow in the amount of \$41,145.79; and

WHEREAS, a final inspection of all bonded improvements for the Map of Country Pointe at East Meadow Condominium subdivision was made by the Nassau County Department of Public Works (“DPW”), and DPW determined that all required public improvements were constructed and completed in accordance with the appropriate County codes, standards and specifications and recommended that the bond and escrow be released; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2024, the Nassau County Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the release of the surety bond and cash escrow; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, by resolution, has recommended that the Principal and Surety on the surety bond in the amount of \$318,775.81 should now be released from further liability thereunder and that the cash escrow deposit in the amount of \$41,145.79, plus interest and less administrative costs, if any, be released to said Principal; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature does hereby consent to and authorize the release of the Principal and Surety on the following Surety Bond and from any further

liability thereunder, and further consents to the release to the Principal of the following Cash Escrow deposit:

<u>Date of Resolution</u>	<u>Plat/location</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Amount of Surety Bond</u>	<u>Cash Escrow Deposit</u>
2/1/2024	“Map of Country Pointe at East Meadow Condominium”: East Meadow	Beechwood East Meadow, LLC	\$318,775.81	\$41,145.79

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 42 – 2024

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE CASH ESCROW COVERING IMPROVEMENTS ON THE “MAP OF MARINA POINTE AT EAST ROCKAWAY” SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF EAST ROCKAWAY AND HAMLET OF OCEANSIDE, TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK.

WHEREAS, Beechwood Atlantic Ave., LLC (“Applicant”) submitted to the Nassau County Planning Commission (“Commission”), a request for a release of the cash escrow deposit covering public improvements included on the approved subdivision map known as the “Map of Marina Pointe at East Rockaway” in the Village of East Rockaway and the Hamlet of Oceanside, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Commission granted Final Subdivision Map approval on February 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, said public improvements were secured by Applicant in the form of a surety bond secured by Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, in the amount of \$1,467,678.33 and Cash Escrow deposit held by Nassau County in the amount of \$47,453.97; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2022, the Applicant applied for release of the Surety Bond in the amount of \$1,467,678.33 and Cash Escrow in the amount of \$47,453.97; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2023, the Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed release of Surety Bond and Cash Escrow; and

WHEREAS, at said hearing, the Commission gave full consideration of the application, testimony, and public comment, if any, presented at the public hearing and inspection report; and

WHEREAS, during the public comment portion of said public hearing, an individual residing at Marina Pointe at East Rockaway spoke and brought to the attention of the Commission that one of the bonded public improvements, a portion of a sidewalk, required remediation; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, by resolution, recommended to the County Legislature that the Surety Bond be released, but that the Cash Escrow continue to be held until that portion of the sidewalk in need of remediation has been repaired and inspected; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature, by Resolution No. 115-2023, dated June 2, 2023, approved the release of Surety Bond in the amount of \$1,467,678.33; and

WHEREAS, the portion of the sidewalk identified as in need of repair has been repaired and certified by the contractor to the satisfaction of the Nassau County DPW Chief Subdivision Inspector who recommended to the Commission that the Cash Escrow in the amount of \$47,453.97 be released; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2024, the Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed release of Cash Escrow; and

WHEREAS, at said hearing, the Commission gave full consideration of the application, testimony, and public comment, if any, presented at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, by resolution, has recommended that the Cash Escrow deposit in the amount of \$47,453.97, plus interest, and less administrative costs, if any, be released to the Principal; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature does hereby consent to and authorize the release of the Cash Escrow deposit in the amount of \$47,453.97, plus interest, and less administrative costs, if any, be released to the Principal:

<u>Date of Resolution</u>	<u>Plat/location</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Amount of Cash Escrow</u>
2/29/2024	“Map of Marina Pointe at East Rockaway”: Village of East Rockaway and Hamlet of Oceanside, Town of Hempstead	Beechwood Atlantic Ave., LLC	\$47,453.97

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 43 – 2024

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS
HERETOFORE MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated February 23, 2024 addressed to the County Legislature, has advised that transfers of appropriations heretofore made have been requested in order to provide funds to meet certain expenditures authorized within the budget for the year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the transfers have been reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the said transfer known as BTCW24000007 is as follows:

BOARD TRANSFER NO. BTCW24000007

	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	HEGRTA491FSA-AB10F	Health Department - Grant Fund – Fringe Benefits	\$ 34,574.00
	HEGRTA491FSA-DD498	Health Department – Grant Fund – General Expenses	\$ 1,995.00
	TOTAL		\$ 36,569.00
TO	HEGRTA491FSA-AA97Z	Health Department - Grant Fund – Salaries, Wages & Fees	\$ 36,569.00
	TOTAL		\$ 36,569.00

and;

WHEREAS, the said transfer known as BTCW24000009 is as follows:

BOARD TRANSFER NO. BTCW24000009

	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	HEGRTC21FED-AA98Z	Health Department - Grant Fund – Salaries, Wages & Fees	\$ 78,142.00
	TOTAL		\$ 78,142.00
TO	HEGRTC21FED-HH597	Health Department - Grant Fund – Indirect Costs	\$ 78,142.00
	TOTAL		\$ 78,142.00

and;

WHEREAS, the said transfer known as BTCW24000010 is as follows:

BOARD TRANSFER NO. BTCW24000010

	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	HEGRTCFY7NYS-AA98Z	Health Department - Grant Fund – Salaries, Wages & Fees	\$ 400.00
	HEGRTCFY7NYS-DD498	Health Department – Grant Fund – General Expenses	\$ 201.00
	TOTAL		\$ 601.00
TO	HEGRTCFY7NYS-AB10F	Health Department - Grant Fund – Fringe Benefits	\$ 601.00
	TOTAL		\$ 601.00

and;

WHEREAS, the said transfers of appropriations are recommended by the County Executive in said communication and are within the scope of Section 307 of the County Government Law of Nassau County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature does hereby authorize the said transfers of appropriations heretofore made within the budget for the year 2024, as hereinabove set forth; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution may be modified to allow for the correction of any mathematical and/or typographical errors subsequent to any approval and adoption of said resolution without the necessity for a vote to be taken by the County Legislature or by the members of any Standing Committee of said Legislature if said resolution is passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of said Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., and Section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County, that this budget transfer is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including

new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”), and, accordingly, is a class of actions which does not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
FULL LEGISLATURE MEETING

HOWARD J. KOPEL, PRESIDING OFFICER

County Executive and Legislative Building
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, March 25, 2024

1:56 p.m.

TAKEN BY: KAREN LORENZO, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

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LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL

Presiding Officer

7th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR THOMAS MCKEVITT

Alternate Presiding Officer

13th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR JOHN FERRETTI, JR.

Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer

15th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR SCOTT DAVIS

1st Legislative District

LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE

2nd Legislative District

LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES

3rd Legislative District

LEGISLATOR PATRICK MULLANEY

4th Legislative District

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LEGISLATOR SETH KASLOW

5th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE

6th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR JOHN J. GIUFFRE

8th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR SCOTT STRAUSS

9th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR MAZI MELESA PILIP

10th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR MICHAEL GIANGREGORIO

12th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR C. WILLIAM GAYLOR, III

14th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR ARNOLD W. DRUCKER

16th Legislative District

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LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER
17th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR SAMANTHA GOETZ
18th Legislative District

LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY
19th Legislative District

MICHAEL PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature

JAMES DARCY, ESQ.
Attorney for Clerk of the Legislature

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TOP COPS:

Det. Frederick Hausmann

Det. Anthony Derasmo

Det. Calamita

Det. Keane

Officer Kyle O'Halloran

Officer Matthew McCready

Officer Marisa Caroselli

Officer Dylan Schoen

Police Medic Joseph Rice

Police Medic Krista Watson

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION:

Denise Ford, Past Nassau County Legislator

Maria Jordan-Awalom, Freeport School District

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

East Meadow High School String Ensemble

Ms. Pellman

Sarah Bano

Adam Kastanos

Arshia Syeda

Alexandra Vazquez

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POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE (Continued):

Eva Kyriakidis

Annabel Yee

Siimone Colas

Azra Demir

Sir David Russell Goldberg, Bellmore Merrick

School

Great Neck South Varsity Fencing Team

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Susanne Kaebnick

Pearl Jacobs

Faren Siminoff

Ariel Silberman

Susan Gottehrer

Meta J. Mereday

Melanie Creps

Gianela Liendo Fuentes

Sister Janet Kinney

David Tellerman

Larry Johnston

Joan Buckley

Jeannine Maynard

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PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED:

James Jacobs

Leonard Caltabiano

David Stern

Cheryl Keshner

Richard Ginsburg

Jason C. Bass

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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 25, 2024

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

- Call to order - Full Legislature
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call
 - Presentations
 - Women's History Month
 - Majority Honoree,
Hon. Denise A. Ford
 - Minority Honoree,
M. Jordan-Awalom
 - Top Cops
 - Police Officers:
Kyle O'Halloran,
Matthew McCready,
Marisa Caroselli and
Dylan Schoen;
 - Police Medics:
Joseph Rice
Krista Watson
 - Points of Personal Privilege
 - Deputy PO McKevitt
Woodland Middle School
Music ensemble
 - Legislator Pilip -
Great Neck South Boys and
Girls Fencing Teams
 - Legislator Koslow -
Sir David R. Goldberg
Calhoun High School
 - Public Comment
 - Call upon Clerk of the Legislature to
make an announcement regarding the Locust
Valley Cemetery Association
 - Clerk of the Legislature Michael
Pulitzer announces: The Locust Valley
Cemetery Association, Inc.
 - Resolution No. 10-24 as to Procedure

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- Appointments
 - Calendar No. 16, Res. No. 39-2024
Charles G. McQuair
 - Calendar No. 17, Res. No. 40-2024
Robert V. Hughes

- Consent Calendar items
 - Items
 - 1. Ordinance No. 9-24
 - 2. Ordinance No. 10-24
 - 3. Ordinance No. 11-24
 - 4. Ordinance No. 12-24
 - 5. Ordinance No. 13-24
 - 6. Ordinance No. 14-24
 - 7. Resolution No. 30-24
 - 8. Resolution No. 31-24
 - 12. Resolution No. 35-24
 - 13. Resolution No. 36-24
 - 14. Resolution No. 37-24
 - 15. Resolution No. 38-24
 - 17. Resolution No. 40-24
 - 18. Resolution No. 41-24
 - 19. Resolution No. 42-24
 - 20. Resolution No. 43-24

- Non-consent calendar items
 - 9. Resolution No. 32-24
Legislator McKevitt recused
Legislator Strauss recused
 - 10. Resolution No. 33-24
 - 11. Resolution No. 34-24

Adjourn

Remaining public comment, if any

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(Prior to start of meeting)

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: We're privileged, from the East Meadow High School String Ensemble under direction of Ms. Nicole Pellman is here to conduct, I think Beethoven's Andante con moto, which is arranged by Bud Caputo. I think he's a little bit after Beethoven at that point. But again, I'm going to thank the students coming here today and please give your attention as they do their performance. Thank you.

(Whereupon, East Meadow High School String Ensemble performs.)

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Again, I want to thank Ms. Pellman and the East Meadow High School String Ensemble. And if I get this correctly, we have Sarah Bano, Adam Kastanos, Arshia Syeda, Alexandra Vazquez, Eva Kyriakidis, Annabel Yee, Siimone Colas and Azra Demir.

Again, thank you very much for gracing us with your presence this

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(Whereupon, official start to meeting.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Welcome, everyone, to this session of the Legislature. As always, we're going to start with the Pledge of Allegiance, and I'll ask the Legislator Scott Strauss, to lead us.

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance is said by all.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thank you. Now, Mr. Pulitzer, would you please call the roll?

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you Presiding Officer.

Deputy Presiding Officer Thomas McKevitt?

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer John Ferretti?

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Alternate Deputy Minority Leader Siela Bynoe?

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Carrie

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A. Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Debra
Mule?

LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator C.
William Gaylor, III?

LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator John
Giuffre?

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: 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?

LEGISLATOR MULLANEY: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Seth

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Koslow?

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Present.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Scott
Strauss?

LEGISLATOR STRAUSS: Present.

CLERK PULITZER: Deputy Minority
Leader Arnold Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Rose
Marie Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Samantha
Goetz?

LEGISLATOR GOETZ: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Michael
Giangregorio?

LEGISLATOR GIANGREGORIO: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader
Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Presiding Officer
Howard Kopel?

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: I am here.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thank you.

This month, as many of you know, is Women's History Month, and in accordance with our custom, we have presentations to make. This year, we were going to have one each for the Majority and Minority. We'll start with the Majority presentation.

We were casting about trying to decide who we were going to designate as our awardee this this year. There's just so many people who are deserving and prominent. And somebody said, well, what about Denise Ford, Legislator Ford, who spent so many years over here at the legislature? She is one of the best people that I know. And I believe that that my colleagues here on both sides of the aisle, who know her and have known her for years, will all enthusiastically agree. She is one of these people who has engaged in public service for many, many years. She's always done it and

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Legislator Gaylor, I'm so proud and

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before you get to speak

LEGISLATOR MULLANEY: Denise, as
your replacement, I'm sure you're tired
of hearing me speak so much, but I
personally can never say enough about
you. As somebody who was from afar, just
one of your constituents for so many
years, I'm sure most people up here know
what you do, what you've done for the
community, not just Nassau County, but
all the way down to the Fourth District.
But finally, the strength and
perseverance that you've shown over not
just the past 20 years, but your lifetime
is truly a testament to the person who
you are. And being tasked with attempting
to fill your shoes, I hope to be half the
woman that you are. So thank you for
everything again (applause).

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Anyone
else?

MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON:
Denise, from across the aisle, but still

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very close. You've been a pleasure to deal with and you've also been someone that's been very reachable. I felt whenever there were issues, especially those that politics should never touch, you were always there to listen and support. And I truly enjoyed working with you. I'm going to say we went to jail together so many times to inspect the jail, but you really your heart was in the right place with all of these items. And it's true, you're not only someone who is respected, but you earn that respect because you're an example of sometimes life does give you some challenges, but you keep going and you could be a great example for so many others. So congratulations. This is a very well deserved honor. We miss you already. When I saw you there before, I didn't even register that you were back. I'm like, oh, she's here. So I'm just so used to seeing you, but it's great to see you again. Don't be a stranger (applause).

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LEGISLATOR WALKER: Denise, although you're not sitting here with us, I'm very blessed because over the past 21 years, because that's when we first met, Denise was running for the Legislature, and I was running for a Town of Oyster Bay councilwoman. We both won those spots, and we both had the 20 years together in public service, whether it was in two different places or together here in the legislature. But, all that you do when everything that's been said about you, there could be so much more. And you're just a wonderful, amazing woman who's given so much of yourself to your community and certainly to the County as a whole, to what you did in your previous job climbing up those telephone poles and making sure we had our phone service and all the wonderful things and sharing our stories as moms and single moms now and grandparents together.

But like I said, we miss you very, very much. We're so proud of you. Proud

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to be our chosen honoree this year at our Women of Distinction. And I am so honored and proud to call you my dear friend. Thank you (applause).

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Denise, in case you ever wondered what it was like to eavesdrop at your own funeral without having to actually go through, you know, the whole dying thing (laughter) Now you know what it's like.

MS. FORD: I'm dying of embarrassment.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Seriously, I'm so happy that you've agreed to do this and to be here with us. And it's just great to see you again. You know, just got to come in more often and just say hello.

MS. FORD: Thank you very much, all of you. And it really is indeed an honor.

I'm thrilled, actually, to be back here to see all of you, but not as a legislator. So, you know, and I have to say that I'm very happy with Pat

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Mullaney, that he is now my representative, that somebody I could call upon and count upon to get things done in our community. And I have to say that I haven't blushed in so many years, and I just feel like my face is on fire right now, and I'm sort of speechless. So I will be very brief.

All of you, when I left, I left a lot of friends. Each and every single one of you, we all have our stories and the fun times and we reveled in the accomplishments that each of us made and we all shared when we had to work on very, very difficult topics and issues, that we found it in ourselves to be able to come together and do what needed to be done. So I have to say that I look at you - and for the new legislators that they didn't have an opportunity to work with, I wish you a great success.

Also, for those that are still here that served with me, I hope that you all get an opportunity to retire after 20

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years so that you really know what it's like when you say, wow, I can't believe how time flies and how many years. Rose, I'm sorry. You still have a long time to go before you get the 20 years with the Legislature.

But it really is indeed an honor. Being a woman that achieved a public service, to be able to be elected to represent my district for so many years, uh, was just an unbelievable experience. I got to make a lot of friends, so many people that I have come in contact with, to be able to have served and to learn about so many issues and so many facets of Nassau County government. Yes, the jail was one. How many times did I go walk through a sewage treatment plant, taking a look at streets, looking at signals. You never knew what the day would bring and where you were going to end up as you had to go out to serve your community.

It was a labor of love. Although I

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miss all of you, I have to say that I'm very happy that I'm not getting those 11:00 calls or the ones that a 5:00 in the morning because, construction, for whatever reason. And you will get it because you still are getting those calls.

To everybody here, I think -- and especially when I look at these young women behind me -- never be afraid to try to achieve what you wanted to. You never know where your life is going to bring you. And sometimes you may be -- and I'm going to take something from what Patrick had said. Sometimes when you you get dealt with lemons, you have to find yourself that you can make lemonade. And even though a lemon can get peeled and it takes away the protective core, you know, you still be able to squeeze something out of it to get that juice. So remember, you always have something inside you that will keep you moving forward. And always remember that no matter what happens, you

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can you can achieve your dreams. And you could really scale the heights of glory, so to speak.

But thank you all. This is indeed an honor. It was always something when I honored somebody here to be have chosen. I really want to thank my caucus for this. And I love you all. And thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Denise, want to come up for a photo?

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: I'd like to call on Legislator Koslow.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Thank you, Presiding Officer.

It's especially relevant as we do this honor today, that there are so many young students here today. And I look at the first two rows and I see all those female students as we're here to celebrate Women's History Month and honor achievements of female leaders, especially those who have been leaders in the face of struggle.

Today, we're honoring a friend of mine, Maria Jordan-Awalom. She is a proud mom from Freeport. She's lived in Freeport most of her life. She got her start advocating on the PTA. Maria, if you could come up to the podium, please (applause).

As I was saying before, Maria got her start advocating as a PTA member. She's been involved with the school board in Freeport, second term as a trustee and

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third year as president of the school board. I sit here with my colleagues, trying to figure out how to run a county. And anybody who's willing to run a school board, gets my vote of confidence, because I would not touch that from anywhere in this world because it's a very difficult job advocating for our kids. But that's what she does. She fights for our children. She fights for her family. She fights for all of us. She fights for social justice. She fights for public education, for athletics for the children. And she represents the Black and Latino communities that she lives and works with, and she fights for resources for them.

Everyone in this room, especially all the young students here and all the women can learn from her and draw on her strength as an example. I'm honored today to present you with this award and humbled that you were able to join us here today. Congratulations, Maria

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(applause).

MS. JORDAN-AWALOM: Thank you.

Thank you for this recognition.

There are many times that I wonder if what we do in our advocacy efforts actually make a difference. The world is a vast and complicated place and the problems we face in our communities can seem far too complex to ever make a dent in.

So I thank the Legislature for this recognition, especially Legislator Kolsow for thinking of me. Every piece of advocacy and involvement in my community is out of the love and respect that I have for Freeport, our school community, and most of all, our future generations. It is with the utmost gratitude that I humbly accept this award on behalf of all the women out there who continue to fight the good fight. So thank you (applause).

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Every month at this time, we are privileged to have a presentation of Top Cops, which is an honor for those police officers and other public first responders who have done exemplary service for the County and its and its residents.

We're going to start with Police Officers Kyle O'Halloran, Matthew McCready, Marisa Carosello and Dylan Shoen and police medics, Joseph Rice and Krista Watson.

MR. RE: Good afternoon. I'm David Re, the second vice president of the Nassau County PBA. Unfortunately, Tommy Shevlin couldn't be here today. But on his behalf and on behalf of all our members, we want to thank the Legislature for its continued support and for honoring the heroic efforts of the police officers who serve the people of Nassau County on a daily basis.

Today, we present to you four officers and two police medics who swift

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response and combined efforts saved the lives of a pregnant mother and her unborn child.

On January 20th, 2024, police officers from the Seventh Precinct received a 911 call for an unconscious pregnant female who wasn't breathing. She was six and a half months pregnant and suffered from cardiomyopathy, which caused her heart to go into fatal arrhythmia. Police officer Kyle O'Halloran was the first on the scene and found her unresponsive and not breathing. She was turning blue and had only a faint pulse. He started CPR immediately and when Officer Matthew McCready arrived, he began to assist. Within minutes, Officers Marissa Caroselli and Dylan Shoen joined the other officers in their efforts. Officer Caroselli quickly attached an AED which advised the officers to shock her, and they did. She began to breathe slightly and the officers continued CPR. When police, medics Joseph Rice and

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2 Krystal Watson arrived, they applied
3 advanced Life Support intervention. The
4 officers never stopped CPR and it
5 continued in the back of the ambulance by
6 Officers Caroselli and Shoen while the
7 medics treated her. She was transported
8 to Good Samaritan Hospital where she
9 arrived breathing and with a strong
10 pulse.

11 Two lives were saved that day
12 because these officers and medics had
13 quick action training and their ability
14 to perform under pressure. And for that,
15 the PBA is proud to present to you
16 Officers O'Halloran, McCready, Caroselli
17 and Shoen as well as Police Medics Rice
18 and Wilson, and we're grateful to you for
19 recognizing them as your Legislative Top
20 Cops for March 2024 (applause). Thank
21 you.

22 COMMISSIONER RYDER: So first I'd
23 like to congratulate Maria, who
24 unfortunately knows my telephone number
25 too well. And again, great partnerships

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2 with our community, which we're always
3 thankful.

4 And Legislator Ford who told me she
5 did not retire Pat, I'm sorry. She's been
6 calling me left and right (laughter).

7 So today, a lot of people don't
8 understand what goes on in this Police
9 Department. We have some of the greatest
10 volunteer firemen in the country that go
11 out there and leave their families at
12 3:00 or 4:00 in the morning as EMTs and
13 EMTs to go out and serve. But we also
14 have the greatest police medics in the
15 country. These guys and gals are as close
16 as they could be to what a surgeon does
17 out there in the field. Their
18 professionalism, their training is above
19 everybody else and they do a great, great
20 job.

21 But these officers that stand also
22 behind me are trained by our police
23 medics. And they go to the fire police
24 academy and they receive a training done
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medics that turn out a great product as they go out in their EMR type training. This is all because of what we in this Department, in this Legislative Body and our County Executive think forward. We're thinking about what is the next step to be better not relying on what we've done. These officers will go back to new training this year, given again at the police fire academy, and that will make them better. Our police medics have gotten new tools where they actually -- a couple of years ago, we talked about they had a drill into a young kid's thigh bone to relieve the pressure and bring down his fever. That doesn't get done too many places in this country. That's what makes this such a great county.

But again, we don't do it without the support. That's why our new police academy and the new training village is being built as we speak. It's because we are forward thinkers, and it's because of the leadership that we have in this

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county. And we just want to say thank you and congratulations to them behind me. Thank you (applause).

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Would any of you like to speak to us?

OFFICER CAROSELLI: Hi, everyone. Thank you for this opportunity. My name is Marissa Caroselli. I'm a police officer with Nassau County, and I'm about to hit my 20th year this summer. So for me, it's a bit of an emotional thing because this is a highlight of my career.

On that day in question, we saved two lives. Two souls were saved. And really, we're just the lucky ones who were there. Anyone who was working those cars that day would have done the same exact thing that we did. We're all very interchangeable because we are trained so heavily and so professionally. And that's the thing that when I live a little bit further east that I really miss and makes me worry, truly. We have a paid professional police force with

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uncompromising morals and with a training that is not matched anywhere else. And our police medics, you don't see that anywhere else. And that is why we are able to respond in such a timely fashion and on that day, every second counted until souls are going to live. And that baby is expected to be born Easter Monday. And that's a true miracle. Thank you (applause).

LEGISLATOR GIANGREGORIO: Today, I have the privilege to honor and extend our deepest appreciation to a few of our extraordinary police officers and police medics. It is sometimes forgotten that in addition to being police officers and making arrests and preventing crimes, they are also the first responders and they save lives.

Recently, the situation unfolded that epitomizes the valor and dedication of these unsung heroes. A call for help came in reporting an unconscious pregnant woman who wasn't breathing. In those

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critical moments, our officers sprang into action without hesitation, and their use of CPR and the AED helped keep the pregnant woman alive until the medics arrived. This allowed our amazing police medics to perform ALS intervention and not just save the life of the pregnant woman, but her unborn child. This swift response, coupled with their unwavering commitment to duty, undoubtedly made all the difference. They demonstrated remarkable professionalism and courage in a situation where every second mattered.

To our esteemed police officers and police medics, I extend my heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the entire community. Your tireless efforts, often performed under challenging circumstances, do not go unnoticed and make profound difference in the lives of those who you protect and serve.

Once again, thank you to our courageous police officers and police medics for your unwavering commitment to

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the duty and for embodying the true essence of heroism. You are the guardians of our safety, and we are immensely grateful for all that you do.

Thank you (applause).

LEGISLATOR PILIP: I also say this, as we celebrating our women's month and as a mother of seven children, I was pregnant six times; the last one twin girls. I know the risk we are taking as a woman when we are going through pregnancy. The fact you were on time and you were able to save the mother's life and the baby's life is just incredible. In Jewish faith is called a mitzvah. The biggest kind human being can do is save people. And you guys keep doing this in Nassau County. And we are so proud of you. And thank you for being there always to protect our residents. God bless you. Thank you (applause).

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Hang out on the side for a moment, we have the detectives.

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MR. BOURGIGNON: On behalf of the Nassau County Detectives Association, I'd like to thank everybody for acknowledging our four detectives: Detective Anthony Derasmo, Detective Fred Hausmann, Detective Ryan Keane, Detective Joe Calamita, who took a very dangerous individual off the streets, who used a firearm and struck a house several times while occupied.

I'm going to pause for a second. I've spoken to quite a few of you already about our detective shortage here in the County. We currently have no letters in to come to the Detective Division. I think we've all agreed that without a robust Detective Division, the County suffers, the citizens suffer. At this point, we're still under 300 detectives. Again, I've sat with some of you. I look forward to sitting with the rest of you. I asked the ones that I've sat with to please share what I've conveyed to you about our issues and problems. I know

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they're long in history. So I'll move on.

On January 9th, 2024, at approximately 11 a.m., Third Squad Detectives Anthony Dersamo and Fred Hausmann became involved in an investigation of an assault with a firearm that occurred in the confines of Hempstead Village. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the perpetrator did fire two rounds from a handgun into a residential location, thankfully missing the occupants of the residence. The perpetrator then fled the location in an unknown direction.

Detective Derasmo and Detective Hausmann worked tirelessly to recover video surveillance from the area, with the assistance and collaboration from the Hempstead Police Department. The detectives were able to quickly identify the perpetrator. Over the course of the next several days, the two detectives, along with the assistance of Detective

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2 Calamita and Detective Keane, worked
3 diligently to locate any additional
4 required media to locate any additional
5 witnesses and video surveillance to
6 further strengthen the prosecution of
7 this violent perpetrator, as well as
8 locate and apprehend this individual.

9 The four detectives, while
10 canvassing, did observe the subject. They
11 did end up chasing the subject and
12 suffered serious injuries. The subject
13 was charged with criminal use of a
14 firearm, second; criminal possession of a
15 weapon, second; criminal possession of a
16 firearm; assault in the second degree;
17 reckless endangerment; resisting arrest;
18 criminal mischief in the third; the
19 perpetrator kicked out a window of a
20 Hempstead police vehicle; as well as an
21 open New York State Family Court warrant.

22 As the president of the DAI, I am
23 proud of these detectives and all my
24 detectives every day for the hard work
25 they do. They are working so much harder

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with so much less. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER RYDER: So as I said earlier, we don't rest on what we've done. We always want to get better. You just heard, we're always trying to improve and get more recruitment into the detective division.

These detectives though today it's about them. It's about what they did that day, chasing down an armed subject that's already shot into a house where innocent people sit by themselves with their families. Supposed to be in a peaceful setting, and somebody blasting rounds into your house.

Detectives do it every single day. They go out on the street, they risk their lives. They don't know if they're going to get to come home to their families. And if you look behind me, there's a bunch of strollers in the back. That shows how young our young detectives are and our young police officers. We are a family. We recognize them as family,

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and we make sure that we work together to get those results that keep all of you safe when you sleep at night. So again, very proud of them and very thankful for the work they've done. Thank you (applause).

DETECTIVE HAUSMANN: To the Nassau County Legislators, on behalf of myself and my colleagues, we would like to thank you for acknowledging us today for all the hard work that we have done.

Even though you only see four of us here today, it's a team effort. It takes the entire squad to do what we do every day. In addition, we would like to thank also the Commissioner, Commissioner Ryder, our CO Lieutenant Dan Stellar, the DAI, everybody who supports us on a daily basis. We're proud to work for the county of Nassau. And we'll continue doing what we do on a daily basis.

Thank you (applause).

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Detectives, great work, my compliments.

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On behalf of myself and Legislator Bynoe, who represent the Village of Hempstead, we would like to compliment you for all the great work that you did in helping to keep the village safe.

This is a great example of how good police work gets results. When you got the call, you came to the location, you identified the situation, you investigated, you got video.

Secondly, one of the most important parts of what you did and which is, as you know, very good police work is you collaborated and you collaborated with the Village of Hempstead Police and got additional information. Once you got that information, you were then able to disseminate that information within the Detective Squad. And but for that, the detectives who are also here and being honored today wouldn't be aware of what happened. And the fact that they were able to -- this wasn't random, that you actually knew who you were looking for,

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you recognize them. And then when trouble
came, you didn't run from it; you ran to
it. And that's what good police work is
all about. It's about doing your work,
investigating, collaborating. Well done.

Thank you (applause).

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Next,
Legislator Pilip has a point of personal
privilege and the Great Neck South Boys
and Girls Fencing Team. Boys and girls,
you want to come up to the podium?

LEGISLATOR PILIP: Thank you,
Presiding Officer.

Today, I am honored to be able to
celebrate a remarkable achievement in the
sport of fencing. It is with great pride
and joy that we extend our heartfelt
congratulations to Great Neck South Boys
and Girls Fencing Teams for their
outstanding performance and for achieving
the impressive title of Long Island
Champions. What makes this victory even
more amazing is that it marks the first
time in the history of our school that
both teams have achieved this
accomplishment in the same season. This
victory is a testament to the unwavering
dedication, hard work and sheer
determination exhibited by each member of
both teams. These athletes have

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demonstrated incredible commitment to their sport. Their pursuit of excellence has led to this momentous victory, and they have showcased the true spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship along the way.

To the coaches, whose guidance and expertise have been instrumental in shaping these athletes into champions, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your tireless efforts and unwavering support have been invaluable and nurturing their talents and fostering a culture of excellence within the teams.

To the parents, families and friends who have stood by these athletes through every victory and defeat, we thank you for your encouragement and support. Your role in nurturing their passion for fencing and cheering them on from the sidelines has played a significant part in this success.

On behalf of the entire Great Neck community, I extend my warmest congratulations to the Boys and Girls

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2 Fencing Teams for their remarkable
3 accomplishment. You have made us very
4 proud and your legacy will forever be
5 carved in school history. Here is to many
6 more victories and achievements in the
7 near future. Go Rebles. Very proud of you
8 (applause). Coaches or boys and girls,
9 you want to say a few words from your
10 experience?

11 MS. SAGEVICK: Thank you very much.
12 I'm Coach Sagevick.

13 Thank you for taking the time to
14 acknowledge these hardworking, dedicated,
15 talented young athletes. These athletes
16 have spent countless hours practicing and
17 honing their skills. Not only are they
18 outstanding athletes, they are also
19 academics earning scholar athletes this
20 year.

21 This year stands out because this
22 group of phenomenal athletes and students
23 have won Long Island championships.
24 Winning this award does not come from one
25 touch or one bout or one win in the

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season. To win this award means everyone has contributed over the course of the entire season. It is a team's success. I just want to share how proud I am of these athletes, and I look forward to what they have to do in the future (applause).

MR. BARAVARIAN: Good afternoon everyone. My name is Joshua Baravarian. I'm the boy's head coach.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is with immense pride and honor that I stand here before you today to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our Great Neck South Varsity Fencing Team. In fencing, physical prowess intertwines with mental agility, setting it apart from traditional sports. It is a dance of blades where split second decisions define victory or defeat. At its peak, fencing is a strategic ballet with precise footwork, graceful lunges, and masterful parries honed through hours of meticulous training. Fencers are not just

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2 athletes, but strategists anticipating
3 their opponents next move like a grand
4 chess master demanding unwavering,
5 unwavering focus, lightning fast
6 reflexes, and a deep understanding of the
7 psychological dynamics at play.

8 Our high achieving fencing team has
9 navigated this complex landscape with
10 finesse and determination. In winning
11 both the Nassau County and Long Island
12 championships, they've made history. No
13 other Nassau County school has ever had
14 both these teams capture this elusive
15 prize. For the boys team, this is their
16 third county championship in four years
17 and their second Long Island
18 Championship.

19 For the ladies, while this is their
20 sixth consecutive Nassau County
21 Championship, this is their first Long
22 Island Championship also, and marks the
23 first time in Nassau County women's
24 history that a Nassau County team has won
25 Long Island's. They have both represented

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2 not just themselves, but our entire
3 district, proving that greatness is
4 achieved not through isolation, but
5 through shared effort and unwavering
6 support.

7 As we revel in their triumphs, is
8 crucial to recognize their sacrifices and
9 dedication and hard work that's fueled
10 their journey. While our student athletes
11 have reached new heights on the fencing
12 strip this season, they've also
13 demonstrated remarkable achievements in
14 the classroom. With an outstanding 94% of
15 our team earning the scholar athlete
16 distinction, they collectively maintain a
17 cumulative 95 grade point average. This
18 is a testament to their commitment to
19 both athletic and academic success within
20 one of the nation's top school districts.

21 Our high school fencing team has not
22 just won championships, they've etched
23 their names into our school's history,
24 inspiring future generations.

25 Thank you (applause).

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LEGISLATOR PILIP: Thank you so much. I have a citations to give each one of you. I will meet you in the back of that room. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: For our next point of privilege. Legislator Koslow.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Thank you, Presiding Officer.

I'm going to ask David Russell Goldberg to come to the podium, please.

I requested this point of privilege to bestow further honor on an exemplar of humanitarianism in the Bellmore Merrick schools community, Calhoun social studies teacher David Russell Goldberg.

Mr. Goldberg, or I guess I should call you Sir Goldberg, was recently knighted by the Parte Guelfa, a Florentine Order dating back to 1266. The party is a storied society, receiving its official approval from Pope Clement IV. It was founded by Knights of Florence, who freed their capital of Tuscany. In

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the 16th century, the Grand Duke of Tuscany established that the mission of the Parte Guelfa was to preserve the world. Originally only for Italians, the order recently began to allow among its ranks knights and dames of all nationalities and religions.

As part of as part of the knighthood ceremony, Sir Goldberg went on a march to the Basilica di Santa Croce, where Dante and Michelangelo are buried.

Sir Goldberg has led a life of humanitarianism, advocating for environmental preservation and for peace in order to earn his knighthood. He has enriched the minds and souls of his students as a social studies teacher bringing his passion for peace to the classroom.

In a special class called voices of the past, he's taught students about human rights abuses, from the Rwandan genocide to the Holocaust, and how to lead lives that abhor hatred and

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violence. As a knight of the Parte Guelfa, he must further his long standing commitment to humanitarianism.

I am humbled to give Sir Goldberg this recognition, won with less grandeur than his investiture, but a recognition that I hope inspires the people of Nassau County to lead a life worthy of knighthood. Congratulations (applause).

SIR GOLDBERG: Thank you very much, Legislator Koslow and the entire Nassau County Legislature. I'm deeply honored for this tremendous recognition.

The Parte Guelfa, the Organization that knighted me in Europe with 26 other extraordinary people, are committed to sustainable development and to making a difference in the lives of others so we leave this world a better place for those who come behind us. It is a charge that I give to my students every day, right here in Nassau County, and is a charge that I have to honor all of my colleagues in Bellmore Merrick Central High School

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District, who also challenged their students to that cause.

I want to thank you all very much, and I want you to know that I am deeply honored.

Thank you very much (applause).

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: What we have now is a period of public comment. The period of public comment will last one hour. Exactly one hour. Please note, everyone, that comments are limited to three minutes. If you try to go over the three minutes, just know that you're eating into other people's time. If there are any slips that are left over following the expiration of that hour, you will be heard after we finish the regularly scheduled business of the Legislature.

Also know that the public comment period is not one for questions and answers. We are here to listen to your concerns. We will hear your concerns. And if you wish to actually discuss this with your legislator, by all means contact her or him in their office and I'm sure everyone will be very happy to talk with you.

Let's start now with Jason Bass.

MR. BASS: Good afternoon, Nassau

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Legislature. My name is Jason Bass and I'm currently a resident of 99 Randall, a co-op located in Freeport, New York.

I'm present today to bring your awareness to structural damage throughout the property and the loss of heat during the past couple of months. My grievance is when I, or residents reach out to our local government, located in Freeport or even Nassau County, we are told no one can take in our complaint. In turn, this makes it difficult on residents, unlike residents in New York City, to seek a resolution. Fortunately for me, my legislator at the time, Debra Mule, did provide assistance. I would like to extend my gratitude at this time in front of her colleagues. It took a heroic effort for that resolution, or to start the process for that resolution of getting our building inspected, which still has scaffolding erected.

Nevertheless, I believe a resident should not have to call their legislator.

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They should be able to reach out to their municipality, Department of Buildings, and place of complaint and prompt an investigation by inspectors like New York City has.

I encourage reforms in which residents can place complaints to their local Department of Buildings. Buildings must submit an engineering report every decade with their local municipality. Repairs have to be timely rather than at the board's discretion. These reforms have taken place in Florida due to the collapse that was evident in their condominiums. There has been a lot of reforms there and other places.

I want to thank you for your time. If you have any questions, let me know. Again, my name is Jason Bass, and I'm a resident at 99 Randall located in Freeport, New York.

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thank you.

Richard Ginsburg.

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MR. GINSBURG: Good afternoon. I am Professor Richard Ginsburg, the current chair of the Theater and Dance Department at Nassau Community College, in its 60th year in helping students find their dreams.

Years ago, I took my son to Philadelphia Constitutional Hall, and I said, look at these eyeglasses that are sitting on the table there. And I pointed to the green table in front of Hamilton's table. And I said, Max, that was your great, great, great grandfather's eyeglasses when he signed the Declaration of Independence. I was incredibly impressed; he was not. He was six.

I further thought about Roger Sherman and Benjamin Franklin. And Franklin said in 1776, we would either hang together or we will hang separately. And I have a fear of reprisal here, but I need to speak in state some truths. Nassau Community College is the gem of the county and the state educational

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system, or so it had been. I started teaching in 1984. That's 40 years ago. And another lesson about math is that a cup of coffee in 2008 was \$2.44. Today on campus, it's \$5.95. So even if you use the new math, that's doubled. And the college budget from the County for our students education has increased since 2008. It seems that my son and daughter's education, both who attended Nassau Community College, should at least be the balanced with the increased metric of the cost of a cup of coffee. We can only polish this gem of Nassau if we pay for the Polish.

There is now a misguided process at the table at Nassau Community College to combine 29 departments into six. We will lose accreditation, our future students and over 100 disciplines without true oversight. We need these working programs in Nassau. No school in the entire New York State system has only six departments, not one. The Administration

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has told us it's not a cost savings measure. Then why do it? Please stop this madness. Can only eight of you do the job that you're representing? How about four who should be voted off the office? Who should be voted off the island?

One of our current students, Jessica Nunez, was just featured in *Newsday* last month. And she is the Northeast award winning performer in the music theater and now headed to Washington for the Kennedy Center Scholarship Competition. This past December, alumnus Billy Crystal was awarded the Kennedy Center Honor for the Performing Arts. She is our gem. She is your gem. Thousands of professionals have learned their first skills at Nassau Community College. I am being forced to step down from chair as are 24 other chairs (buzzer).

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Please conclude.

MR. GINSBURG: With no financial gain for the college and a death to all

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of our students future education. Please polish the gem. Because if we do not hang together, we will hang separately. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Cheryl Keshner.

MS. KESHNER: Good afternoon. My name is Cheryl Keshner. I am a Nassau County resident. A community advocate who has worked for years defending Long Island's underserved communities. And I work as a senior paralegal and community advocate with the Empire Justice Center specializing in public benefits issues. I also coordinate the Long Island Language Advocates Coalition, which works to protect the rights of our limited English proficient community members.

Recently, I received a mailer from County Executive Blakeman which contained inflammatory and hateful rhetoric about immigrants. The flyer stated, "so long as I am your county executive, Nassau will never become a sanctuary county or spend

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our tax dollars on services for non-citizens". He further insinuated that any expenditure spent on immigrants who erroneously claimed were all entering the country illegally, would steal money from our local schools and other essential services. Incredibly, this came right on the heels of his executive order targeting the transgender community. The county executive seems more intent on sowing division for his own political gain than on uniting our county and learning the facts. Long Island is made up of a diversity of immigrants of varying statuses who contribute significantly to our economy and our culture. Many immigrants are not yet citizens due to a complex and backlogged immigration system. Some are legal permanent residents. Others are dreamers who came here as young children. Some are recipients of humanitarian parole due to crises in their home countries, and still others may be in the process of adjusting

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2 their status as victims of domestic
3 violence or human trafficking. And let's
4 not forget that many immigrant workers,
5 both undocumented and undocumented, kept
6 us alive by manufacturing and harvesting
7 food, delivering essential goods, and
8 caring for our poor and infirm residents
9 during the Covid pandemic.

10 The County has a legal obligation to
11 serve all people equally without
12 discriminating against them, to ensure
13 that all children are provided with an
14 education, regardless of status, that all
15 people can receive assistance from the
16 Police, the Fire Department, the
17 Department of Health and from the
18 Department of Social Services in a
19 crisis. This divisive rhetoric will only
20 further drive our marginalized
21 communities into the shadows and
22 destabilize them.

23 We have seen where anti-immigrant
24 rhetoric by county officials has led in
25 the past, where in Suffolk County,

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2 xenophobic comments made by a former
3 county executive contributed to the death
4 of Marcelo Lucero and Ecuadorian
5 immigrant, and to several several attacks
6 on immigrant day laborers. This led to an
7 investigation by the US Department of
8 Justice, revealing a pattern of bias by
9 the county police department and
10 resulting in years of costly litigation.

11 It is hypocritical that Nassau
12 County recently launched a campaign
13 calling on people to report hate crimes,
14 when in fact the County Executive is
15 inciting hate and driving a wedge between
16 county agencies and the people they are
17 supposed to serve.

18 The County Legislature needs to take
19 a stand in support of all our community
20 members and prohibit the use of our tax
21 dollars on hateful county propaganda. We
22 stand united against these attacks and
23 ask that you join us in standing up
24 against hate and making sure that all of
25 our community members feel welcome and

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protected. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: David Stern.

DR. STERN: My name is Dr. David Stern. I'm a full professor teaching physical sciences at Nassau Community College. I'm also the classroom vice president for the NCC Federation of Teachers, the union representing the full time faculty.

We ask the County Legislature to investigate the dire situation at NCC, which seriously jeopardizes the college's accreditation. Acting College leader Maria Conzatti and Jerry Kornbluth have been misleading you regarding the state of the college. You don't need to take our word for it, but we ask you to examine the information and data independently.

Last June, I spoke to the Legislature and informed you that the college did not have a current strategic plan as required by our middle state's

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2 accreditation. Acting College leader
3 Maria Conzatti followed my statement by
4 making the knowingly misleading statement
5 that the College, in fact, had a plan and
6 will provide it to the Legislature. That
7 plan was never supplied because it was
8 not approved by our BOT until just last
9 month. And this approved plan is very
10 incomplete. It's missing perhaps the most
11 important section that should be in a
12 strategic plan of a higher education
13 institution, and that's providing key
14 performance indicators and how they will
15 be assessed. The plan also includes a
16 diversity sub plan that several years out
17 of date. In fact, it has affirmative
18 action vice president that left the
19 college over two years ago.

20 Amazingly, missing from the
21 strategic plan that was approved last
22 month, acting college leader Maria
23 Conzatti's major plan to dismantle the
24 college by eliminating 24 of the 30
25 academic departments with only six mega

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2 departments to manage over 80 degrees and
3 certificates.

4 Just to note, the smallest community
5 college in New York state, Canton, which
6 has less than a thousand students --
7 Nassau Community College has over 11,000
8 students -- has more than ten
9 departments, and those departments
10 include separate nursing departments,
11 science, math, English, etc.. Her plan is
12 to have six mega departments that have no
13 direction.

14 The strategic plan highlights: The
15 highlight of it is Guided Pathways as the
16 major goal of the plan. Guided pathways
17 is supposed to give more direct direction
18 to our students to succeed. By lumping
19 all these departments into six mega
20 departments, it's antithetical to this
21 goal. The plan will result in a loss of
22 accreditation for degrees that require
23 that the department chair have expertise
24 in that area.

25 Such loss of accreditation is going

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to include nursing, mortuary science,
many of the allied health areas.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Please
conclude.

DR. STERN: These careers are in
high demand in Nassau County. As you
already heard, these mergers into six
giant departments will not save the
college money. And Maria has said that to
the faculty several times. We know that
each one of you have expressed support
for Nassau Community College, and we
appreciate that.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Sir, you
are taking time from other people.

DR. STERN: I'm just letting you
know, we need your action to investigate
what's going on at the community college.
We trust you share a belief that a great
county deserves a great community
college, and we put our faith in your
desire to do that. Thank you (applause).

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Leonard
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MR. CALTABIANO: Good afternoon.

My name is Lenny Caltabiano. I am the chief executive officer of Kids Therapy Services. I am also a licensed psychologist and a certified school psychologist in New York State.

I'm here again today to follow up on the urgent matter regarding the need for increased rates for preschoolers with disability, increased rates for those providers that service those children.

I want to first thank all the legislators that have reached out and have shown genuine support for this initiative for increased rates. Just to remind you, it's been over 25 years since these providers have had increased rates.

Today, I come to you with a petition which which was started about a month ago and today has nearly 2500 signatures. I have included a copy of this petition, which I will submit, which was conducted through Change.org. I suggest you go to the Change.org website. I included the

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2 the QR code here as well, and you can see
3 also see the comments. The petition is
4 presented in the order in the dates in
5 which people have signed the petition.
6 Please note that these signatures include
7 parents, providers, school district
8 personnel and other concerned residents.

9 It should be further noted that it
10 is not just residents from Nassau County
11 that signed the petition. There are a few
12 reasons for this: One, providers, for
13 example, often come from other counties,
14 namely Suffolk County, to provide
15 services to Nassau County children and
16 vice versa. To this extent, we will also
17 be presenting this petition to the
18 Suffolk County Legislature as well.

19 It is critical that we continue to
20 push to increase these rates for the
21 providers. We are now fast approaching
22 April 2024. The clock is certainly
23 ticking, and with each passing month, the
24 ability to operate a preschool,
25 therapeutic and educational service

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2 program is becoming more bleak. It cannot
3 be emphasized enough that the increase
4 has to be impactful. It has to be
5 impactful enough for the providers to
6 return to this field and to remain in
7 this field. Thank you.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: James B.
9 Jacobs.

10 MR. J. JACOBS: Good morning,
11 Presiding Officer Kopel.

12 I appreciate you calling me, sir. I
13 saw two articles in *Newsday* about the
14 deputy sheriff application. And my
15 question of inquiry and curiosity is that
16 would the County Legislature have
17 accountability over the deputy sheriff
18 militia that County Executive Blakeman
19 wants to form? And my second question is
20 that if he does deploy them, would there
21 be checks and balance by the County
22 Legislature to make sure that the
23 particular deputy sheriff -- I call them
24 militia, because they want these people
25 be armed -- that there'd be a checks and

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2 balances for them not to be abusive to
3 when they're serving or protecting the
4 public when an emergency happens. I just
5 need point of clarification. And I know
6 it's not answer point, but as a concerned
7 shareholder and a community resident in
8 Uniondale, I just want to make sure.
9 Because I'm a big fan of the Nassau
10 Police Department, I think they're
11 excellent in the First Precinct. But when
12 you have another layer of deputy
13 sheriffs, they may not be totally trained
14 out there with no firearms, I just make
15 sure that my community is being protected
16 by qualified people. It was in *Newsday*
17 Sunday, the application. And I'm not sure
18 which day, on Thursday, they had the
19 information about deputy sheriffs being
20 appointed under control of County
21 Executive Blakeman. So I just need that
22 particular information from one point of
23 clarification. So thank you.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Mr.
25 Jacobs, I would encourage you to contact

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- you've got an excellent legislator --

MR. J. JACOBS: She is too, but she's one person. And your collective body my understanding --

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: But this is not a Q&A, so I would encourage you to contact her office. And I am confident that you'll get the information you need.

MR. J. JACOBS: But all I'm asking, as the County Legislative Body that you're also supposed to be the checks and balance with the County Executive. That's my understanding that when the County Executive does something, he has to run things by you collectively as a group. You say I can speak, my piece. This is me, just sharing my thoughts.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Yes.

MR. J. JACOBS: Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All right. Thank you.

Jeannine Maynard.

MS. MAYNARD: Good afternoon. I'm Jeannine Maynard. I co-facilitate the

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Greater Uniondale Area Action Coalition,
and I'm also vice president with The Land
Trust. I have three points to make.

First, I'm here to remind our
request that it's Uniondale, not EGC,
Title 90 legislation moved to the
Legislative Calendar.

And as a new point of fact, it is
not new. But it is something that I'm
asking for you to pay attention to. Is
that on the Nassau County website, the
Clerk of the Legislature's page, on the
home page of the Nassau County Clerk, the
maps are incorrect. The Legislative
district map is offensive and out of date
with information. And the Legislative
District Two map is wrong and offensive
as a proposed district. They are both
dated February 26th, 2013. I'm asking for
the County to correct these points of
reference in its website, and bring the
County Clerk up to date. Thank you. It's
another reason why we need this
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The second thing I want to mention is that I've been really deeply upset going through Eisenhower Park with the temporary stadium impact. I've seen a lot of smoke belching in the area, and the scale and scope of the build is totally different from what any resident that I have spoken with expected. I'm asking for a moratorium on new structure building in the park until we can really come to terms about public notice on the intent and scope of such things. And also, we need a full environmental review process for the stages of impact, because this is a stage of build that's going to look different than the end stage. And the kinds of degradation to our park is just horrible. It's really frightening.

We also want to remove the eco incentives from the notices about buildings and placing buildings in the park, because they seem to promote a particular politician rather than the well-being of entire Nassau County.

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That's not the intention of our parks.
And if our parks are overbuilt, that's a
deep loss.

The last is to thank the
Legislature. It made a notice public
notice for its award to the Uniondale
Community Land Trust through their home
funds. And we are in process of doing a
sustainable, affordable build at 478
Uniondale Avenue. We appreciate that
support and we'll continue to do good
work because of it. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thank you.
Joan Buckley.

MS. BUCKLEY: Hello. Thank you very
much for giving me this opportunity. I
hadn't planned on speaking, so I'm sure
I'm going to be under the three minutes.

My name is Joan Buckley. I'm one of
the faculty at Nassau Community College.
I'm presently chairperson of the
Department of Nursing. I started my
career at Nassau in 1971 as a student.
I've attended East Meadow High schools.

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I'm definitely born and bred in Nassau County, so I do owe all of you for many of the things that I give my thanks for.

My concern as chair and an alumni of the Nassau Program nursing is that monetary issues are starting to really show a change that's really not going to be reversible if it's not really awarded some kind of attention now.

I started teaching at Nassau 2008. There were 32 full time faculty for nursing. I'm chair now, and we are fortunate if we have 12 healthy faculty because things happen for 12 courses. This year alone, we limited our adjuncts and reduced it by 44 positions. We realized there's budgets and believe me, in healthcare, money is always an issue. Taking care of every patient, you want to make sure that they're getting what they deserve for what they can afford, and what the hospital can afford to give them. But this is becoming really serious, and my concern is I get closer

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2 to retirement is that the program won't
3 be able to sustain itself. And any of you
4 that have been in any of our hospital
5 systems in Nassau County know that if you
6 have a Nassau nurse, you have a dedicated
7 professional.

8 So that's all I wanted to say. And
9 thank you for giving me this opportunity.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Larry
11 Johnston.

12 MR. JOHNSTON: Good afternoon. My
13 name is Larry Johnston, and I'm one of
14 the owners of New York Therapy Placement
15 Services. NYTPS has been servicing
16 special needs children on Long Island
17 since 1996 in Nassau County. We have been
18 before you in the past to articulate our
19 concerns regarding the fact that
20 reimbursement rates for preschool
21 services have not been adjusted in almost
22 three decades. I'm not here to go over
23 everything exactly, but to re-engage you.

24 Outside of a few legislators present
25 today, many before you have not shown any

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2 interest in this topic. E-mails that we
3 have sent directly to you have been
4 ignored. No doubt you receive numerous
5 e-mails every day, but as a vendor who
6 has done business with the County for
7 almost three decades faithfully and is
8 attempting to articulate to each of you
9 the seriousness of this topic, then to be
10 ignored as eye opening. My goal this week
11 is to once again attempt to make contact
12 with your offices to try and schedule a
13 meeting.

14 Legislator Walker, we certainly are
15 willing to meet with you and your health
16 committee to discuss this issue.

17 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton, we would
18 welcome discussing our concerns with you
19 and would love to see this be one of your
20 caucus's agenda items.

21 And finally, Presiding Officer
22 Kopel, we realize that this issue will
23 get no traction without some supportive
24 input from you.

25 As you can see, I want to engage

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2 each of you regardless of your political
3 affiliation, as I strongly believe that
4 this is a bipartisan issue. These
5 children have no political affiliation.
6 Their only concern through their parents
7 is to be given the same opportunities
8 that children who don't have special
9 needs have, but the opportunities can
10 only happen with additional services
11 given to them. This is not only a moral
12 and ethical issue, but a legally mandated
13 issue on your part.

14 Parents are more engaged than ever
15 in the outcomes of their children with a
16 special needs or not. Keeping these rates
17 purposely and artificially low for almost
18 30 years unnecessarily puts Nassau County
19 at a dangerous level of legal exposure.
20 Each of you has a fiduciary
21 responsibility to make sure that the
22 county's cost structures are implemented
23 in a manner that limits that exposure.

24 In a recent *Newsday* article that
25 brought forth this issue, the County

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Executive's Office mentioned that this should be a state issue and implied cost shifting. While that is certainly up for debate, until that happens, Nassau County is solely responsible for the administering of this program.

The same issue is also being brought simultaneously to Suffolk County Legislative Body and the County Executive's Office. There, though, we have had significant direct interaction, unlike here. Even with their reimbursement rate, 12% higher than Nassau, they have recognized the difficulties of providing services with antiquated rates.

In conclusion, the Nassau County Legislature has a similar history to the preschool program. For 20 years, the Legislature never received a raise. In 2015, it recognized that this low salary, coupled with tremendous responsibilities, limited number of people who would be willing to serve in this capacity. That

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2 year, this Body voted themselves a
3 significant raise along with future
4 yearly increases based on a CPI. If the
5 Legislature is to be consistent in their
6 thought process, then it should follow
7 the same pattern for preschool
8 reimbursement rates as it did their
9 salaries.

10 Thank you very much.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: David
12 Tellerman.

13 MR. TELLERMAN: Hello, my name is
14 David Tellerman. I am the director at
15 New York Therapy. We've been to the
16 Legislature meeting two times in the past
17 few months to inform you of the crisis
18 that preschool special education is in.
19 In attendance at these meetings were
20 agencies, providers, parents and school
21 districts.

22 As a reminder, special needs
23 preschool children receive services of
24 speech, occupational and physical
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A recent survey of school districts found that there are hundreds, if not thousands, of children not receiving their services. The number one reason for this is that Nassau County reimbursement rates are the lowest of the 62 counties in the state. Providers are not willing to work for these rates that have not changed in 27 years. Yes, you heard that correctly 27 years.

Since that time we attended the Legislature meeting, we have been fortunate enough to be able to meet and speak with several concerned legislators that fully understand the crisis and ultimately want to help right this wrong. Thank you to all that we met with. Children need to receive the legally mandated special education services.

This past February 11th news, they had a full page article that spoke to the crisis at preschool special education is facing in Nassau County. Some highlighted quotes from this article are:

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- "The ability to provide legally mandated therapies to young children with developmental delays in Nassau County has hit a financial crisis mode".

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- "Providers of preschool related services say Nassau rates are amongst the lowest in the state and are calling on county lawmakers to increase funding through Nassau Health Department".

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- "It's almost impossible to hire therapists, said Susan Lubrano. To watch children not get the services is really sad".

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- Here's a quote from an editorial follow up that *Newsday* did. "The County has failed to provide the necessary tools and funds to help prepare our children, and the County Health Department is in dire need of funds to rectify the situation".

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Unfortunately, we are facing the same crisis in Suffolk County. We have met with the Deputy County Executive and they fully recognize the significant

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2 problem. They continue to follow up with
3 us on the progress of getting this rate
4 changed.

5 As I mentioned, we've been here two
6 times previously, met with several
7 legislators, one on one, and have yet to
8 have received the meeting that we had
9 requested. We request a meeting with
10 County Executive Bruce Blakeman in order
11 to make an immediate change in the
12 reimbursement rates.

13 Please help these preschoolers with
14 disabilities receive their legally
15 mandated services. And I have a copy for
16 each of you of the *Newsday* article, and
17 I'll give that to you now (handing).

18 Thank you everybody.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thank you.
20 Please hand it to the Clerk.

21 Sister Janet Kinney.

22 SISTER KINNEY: Good afternoon,
23 members of the County Legislature. My
24 name is Sister Janet Kinney. I'm a
25 member of the Sisters of Saint Joseph,

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and I am the director of the Long Island Immigration Clinic.

I am also speaking here today because of my great concern regarding the recent public statements from the Nassau County Executive and other members of his office in speeches, news releases, and in mailings regarding persons who are immigrants, and most specifically comments about those seeking asylum in our country. These statements are inaccurate as well as divisive in their rhetoric. And merely perpetuate the negative stereotypes about the members of our immigrant communities here on Long Island.

I have seen firsthand the conditions that these individuals and families have been fleeing from. I have heard their stories when they come to the clinic seeking help with their asylum applications. These persons are not criminals, yet they are frightened and very fearful, coming long distances with

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2 little more than the clothes on their
3 backs and very few possessions fleeing
4 horrific, horrific situations of
5 persecution and violence. They would not
6 be making these long treks for weeks and
7 months on foot, if the conditions in
8 their home countries were different.

9 I keep hearing the phrase, "they are
10 not legal or illegal", and these are not
11 correct terms. Once they demonstrate to
12 officials at the border a credible fear
13 of peril preventing them from returning
14 to their countries, they have a legal
15 right protected in U.S. Immigration Law
16 to make their case for asylum before an
17 immigration judge.

18 It has been stated again and again
19 that we are not a sanctuary county here.
20 And point of fact, the number of persons
21 seeking asylum and coming to this county
22 is not significantly higher than years
23 past. Buses are not coming in droves from
24 New York City over populating our
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Point of fact, these individuals are not using public benefits because they are not entitled to receive them. They want to work care for themselves and their families. They're the backbone of so many of our industries here, filling jobs others don't want. And most of these people are not necessarily undocumented. They are, in fact, paying taxes and contributing to our economy.

So first, let's get our facts straight. But secondly, most importantly, let's sit down together to find solutions and not perpetuate soundbites that fuel discord and animosity about people that you do not have the full knowledge of their situations. We are a nation of immigrants, called to treat everyone with dignity and respect. We would truly welcome a conversation with you further about this.

Thank you for your time and attention.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Gianela

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Liendo Fuentes.

MS. FUENTES: Hello. Good afternoon, Nassau County Legislature. My name is Gianela Liendo Fuentes. I'm a licensed social worker in the state of New York, and I also work as a social worker at CARECEN (Central American Refugee Center). I appreciate the time to speak in front of you.

With Sister Janet's comments, I also am here in representation of the population that we serve here on Long Island.

I grew up on Long Island, and as much as you are here in this room, I identify myself as an immigrant, not from this country originally. And I came here as a child and faced a lot of the same barriers and systemic imbalances and inequalities that exist on Long Island.

I went to Brentwood High School, graduated along with a lot of fellow peers who today are doctors, lawyers, great contributing members of society and

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some who are not. That's just the way life is, right.

Also, I graduated from Stony Brook University, a very diverse college. And not to get into tokenization because my story is not unique, but I do want to share that with you, because County Executive Blackman's comments have been very hurtful and perpetuate a stereotype that in the media has been used to demonize and provide a lot of hateful rhetoric towards immigrants, towards migrants, towards people, human beings who come here for the same opportunities that I have been granted, that I have been given.

America is very well known for opportunities, and arguably that is what I have received here, but not without having to defend who I am and the people that I serve, the people that we serve, here on Long Island, specifically.

I want to believe that Executive Blakeman recognizes his own ancestry and

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knows that immigrants are very vital to this society, to the world, to America.

So I don't have too much prepared, but I did want to put this on on record and have a paper trail that we are here and I, myself, an immigrant, am ready and willing to serve everybody who comes here.

I'd like to appreciate your time again. And thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Melanie Creps.

MS. CREPS: Good afternoon, Legislators. I know it's been a long meeting. I think we're all getting a little bit tired. If you have to stand, it's fine. But I'm just going to count you as a cheerleader with my squad. So go ahead and stand up and I'll be good with it.

I'd like to start with a question for each of you. Please think of an immigrant that, you know, maybe it's a friend, a colleague, a neighbor. Maybe

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it's someone in this room. I want you to think of that immigrant, and I want you to consider the mailer that Mr. Blakeman sent out and how that person that you know felt when they received that, what they thought and what they felt in that moment.

The reality is that the anti-immigrant language in that mailer attacks not only non-citizens, but every citizen on Long Island. This hateful language falsely vilifies those who are coming to our region, desperate and looking for hope and looking for opportunity.

We've seen time and time again that this type of anti-immigrant rhetoric, like Executive Blakeman, stirs up xenophobia in our communities. And because of that hateful language, it can make your neighbor, your friend, your colleague fear for themselves. If a person's feeling stressed already about personal finances, about the economy at

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2 large, about taxes, and they receive that
3 mailer, they now have words that will
4 cause them, perhaps to fall victim to the
5 false narrative that immigrants are a
6 reason for their fears. They may begin to
7 despise someone who looks different or
8 sounds different than they are, because
9 they're looking for someone to blame for
10 their fears and their hardships.

11 And while that mailer tried to
12 express a desire to protect the economy,
13 tried to protect our tax dollars, in
14 reality it's blatantly misinformed.
15 Immigrants are key to keeping our economy
16 strong. They provide a statistically
17 higher economic output than the US born
18 in this region. They also are providing
19 key staffing to industries across our
20 region that are grossly understaffed.

21 In short, if the half million
22 immigrants across Long Island were to
23 leave, our economy would crumble. If
24 you're concerned about your tax dollars
25 being used, I encourage you to inform

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2 yourself and recognize the economic value
3 that immigrants are bringing to this
4 region, and don't believe the lie that
5 they're draining our tax dollars, when in
6 fact they're doing the opposite.

7 And if you're here truly because you
8 care about our community, then please
9 take time to consider those immigrant
10 friends, neighbors, colleagues who
11 received that mailer and stand with us
12 against that hateful rhetoric.

13 Thank you.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Suzanne
15 Kaebnick.

16 MS. KAEBNICK: My name is Suzanne
17 Kaebnick. I'm the NCC FT secretary and a
18 professor in the English Department. I'm
19 going to focus right now on the losses in
20 academic programming and student support
21 that particularly the English Department
22 has suffered, and programs that have been
23 merged into it.

24 For example, Nassau Community
25 College used to have a Reading and

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2 Developmental Education Department. It
3 was merged into English. It no longer
4 has any support for coordinating its
5 classes.

6 There used to be a Language
7 Immersion Program at Nassau Community
8 College. This served all of Nassau
9 County. It closed its classes at the end
10 of the 2023 semester. And on top of that,
11 coordination of the ESL writing programs
12 was cut this spring, and there is no
13 support for ESL in terms of speaking and
14 reading now, this semester.

15 We've seen cuts in support for our,
16 AA degree in English, our AA Creative
17 Writing degree, and for Coordinating
18 Learning Communities and Gateway
19 Pairings, which is a signature part of
20 the Administration's strategic plan and
21 which are supposed to sort of fill in for
22 the lack of the developmental education.

23 We've suffered the cuts for the
24 coordination of our English/Writing
25 Program and Placement. That coordinator

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2 is in charge of all the placement for
3 both developmental and composition
4 courses and first year composition.

5 We lost support for assessment of
6 our courses. There's no release time for
7 coordinating multidisciplinary programs
8 include women's history, women's studies.
9 We were we were not able to have a
10 Women's History Month at Nassau Community
11 College this year.

12 There is no support for coordinating
13 the Honors Program in terms of release
14 time. The Nassau Review and International
15 journal that provided an opportunity for
16 applied learning for our students, is now
17 closed. We had to quit that because there
18 was no administrative support for it.

19 We lost administrative support for
20 the Long Island Writers Project. I
21 believe that has ended. There's nobody
22 working on it now at the college.

23 At the same time as all these
24 losses, the college has spent millions of
25 dollars on athletic programming, hundreds

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of thousands of dollars on outside counsel, and decided to spend a multi million dollars SUNY grant for a non-existent HVAC program that's not begun yet.

Proposed mergers include moving philosophy and communications into English (buzzer).

I'll wrap up. Some of you have attended NCC or have family members who have attended. Now more than ever, this generation of students that have suffered from the pandemic need NCC and I hope that you will do all you can to keep NCC as a low cost public higher education option in Nassau County for the future.

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Susan Gottehrer.

MS. GOTTEHRER: Good afternoon. My name is Susan Gottehrer. I am the director of the Nassau County New York Civil Liberties Union. I'm here today to discuss county Executive Blackman's

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recent comments demonizing and ostracizing noncitizens in Nassau County. I'm directing comments to the Legislature to remind you that you are not an extension of the Executive Branch. We still have separation of powers in Nassau County and that in addition to laws, Nassau County must follow, you and the Executive Branch of becoming the face of an unwelcoming, hostile place to live.

If you haven't noticed, Bruce Blakeman is on a media tour and it seems he is running for vice president. He is using several vulnerable communities, such as immigrant communities, as his personal punching bag and political launching pad. And you should make it clear to him that you will not tolerate making anyone feel unwelcome in this county, or be dehumanized and demonized because it might get him onto New York City TV shows.

And there are laws about children being able to attend school, and about

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sick people being able to get medical care. And I really have to wonder how much Mr. Blakeman really does care about protecting Nassau County wallets, as he says he does, from the way he spends his time.

I sat here this afternoon listening to preschool budget problems, Nassau Community College, and we know we have 1000 other budget problems in this county. It is virtually impossible for someone to pay rent in Nassau County if they have a single income. Maybe he would like to spend his time on those kinds of issues, instead of chasing ghost issues that really have not been a problem here.

What I do know is that our budget numbers in Nassau County reflect our values. The amount of money we spend on the criminal justice system is exorbitant, but the amount of money we spend to make sure that people have jobs, housing, and opportunity, all the things that keep people out of the criminal

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justice system, is minimal. So if Bruce Blakeman was really outraged by our poor wallets, maybe he'd like to spend more time in helping us all survive and thrive than in pointing his finger at vulnerable communities and tell us that they are the problem. They are why we are struggling. They must be erased and prohibited. Very clever, Mr. Blakeman. Don't look at me, he says. Look at these people, for they are to blame for your problems in life. They are to blame. This is cynical and cruel politics. And I'm looking to the Nassau County Legislature to make sure that Nassau County is a welcoming place.

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Ariel Silberman.

MS. SILBERMAN: Good afternoon. My name is Ariel, and I'm a student at Nassau Community College. It was a pleasure to recently run into an alumni of NCC from one of the first graduating classes. Speaking to her, it became

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evident that we shared a unique bond, one which quietly exists among a considerable portion of the county. We stand as a living testament to the greatness that this college sparks in its students.

I know what the statistics are for neurodivergent students both starting and completing college education. I also know that the wonderful individuals behind me and back at the college helped me beat those odds. One of my professors once said, if you can't bet on yourself, who else is going to? It is precisely that belief in myself that brings me here to you today, in hopes that you understand what a predicament we are in.

A policy was put in place this semester that is wreaking havoc at NCC. This ill advised policy states that the class will not run without 22 students or more. This led to a widespread cancellation of many classes, including two of mine. This endangers students graduating on time, and limits the

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diversity of classes offered to both enrich the student experience and fulfill degree requirements.

As an honor student, one of the benefits of smaller class sizes, which helps retention. Now the honors program is in jeopardy because of this rule put into place as a cost cutting measure. This hurts students with sudden cancellations and a lack of courses to both instruct and nurture flourishing minds. This did not have to occur, as our Chief Acting Officer Conzatti has been before you twice now and is not asked for proper funding for us. As a first gen college student who got their start at Nassau, she should know better than most how important it is we are financially supported.

Another program that will struggle as a result of this policy is the Achilles Program for twice exceptional students, of which I am the proud president. Achilles students are high

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2 potential gifted students with learning
3 disabilities and as such, flourish under
4 particular instruction. Our Achilles
5 trained professors are excellent at this,
6 but the 22 student minimum rule puts this
7 in danger. How can our advisors put us in
8 the proper classes if they're constantly
9 under threat of being canceled? How will
10 we make it to graduation if we can't get
11 the classes we need? This is not equal
12 education that is devoted to education
13 for every student. This is a cynical and
14 calculated bid to destroy the college for
15 profitable gain.

16 Community colleges are the great
17 equalizers of education. Students who are
18 not afforded much opportunity elsewhere
19 go through its doors to have a chance. I
20 took a chance on Nassau and its
21 instructors took a chance on me. I am
22 living proof that late bloomers still
23 bloom, just in their own time. Nassau is
24 my heart. It is my home. Please do not be
25 silent witnesses to its destruction. And

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please don't listen to the Admin who are filling you with lies. Listen to the students. That is where your loyalty should be.

Thank you.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Faren Siminoff.

DR. SIMINOFF: Good late afternoon. I am Dr. Faren Siminoff. I am first and foremost an educator. And secondly, I am proud to be the president of the NCC FT. I represent not only the full time instructional faculty, but our counselors, our advisors, our librarians, our technologists, our technical assistance who work in English, math and science labs and our dedicated professional faculty in the Bursar's, the Registrar's and other offices that serve the college and our students. We are the college's human infrastructure. We are the first line of contact of services that our students, your students, the students of this county receive.

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As some of you may know by now, the full time faculty has overwhelmingly passed a vote of no confidence against the Board of Trustees, against CAO Maria Conzatti and its senior administration. It's not a vote that we took lightly, but we took it because as dedicated as we are to this college, its mission, its students and this county, we need to get the message out that the College is in trouble, and we can't wait until the College's mission simply collapses.

I'm not going to repeat a lot of the things now that our students and our faculty have said, but I want you to know that this county needs this college. We serve the County. We help grow your demographics. And we all know the county has a demographic problem. Your population is really pretty flat. Our students stay, they stay, they live in the county. And they are your future nurses, your future teachers, your future accountants, your future detectives, and

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2 a whole range of professionals that this
3 county needs. The College is not being
4 well served by its current administration
5 or its Board of trustees. We ask you that
6 you meet with us, you listen to what we
7 have to say. We don't just give opinions,
8 we back it up with data. We back it up
9 with facts. Please, for the sake of our
10 students and our students who need us
11 even more.

12 As we all know, the pandemic has
13 been very, very hard on students and we
14 have an entire generation of students
15 that need a place like Nassau Community
16 College, where they find dedicated
17 faculty to serve them and to guide them
18 into a prosperous future. Thank you.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Pearl
20 Jacobs.

21 MS. JACOBS: Good afternoon. Pearl
22 Jacobs, president of the Nostrand Garden
23 Civic Association in Uniondale.

24 My shirt today says, "Minority
25 Communities Don't Matter", and I don't

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take that lightly. I don't wear my shirts lightly.

I want to first thank you, Legislator Bynoe, for overseeing the Jerusalem Avenue road repairs. It's concerning that we had to engage our Nassau County legislator just to have our roads repaired correctly, and other Nassau County communities, road repairs are done professionally the first time. This is the second time that we had to engage our legislators to have them go over work that should have been done correctly the first time.

I have here Anthony D'Esposito selected funding: Baldwin, \$1.2 million; Long beach, \$2.5 million; Freeport, \$330,000; Town of Hempstead, over \$2 million; Oceanside, \$750,000; Rockville Centre, \$241,000; Island Park, \$600,000; Lynbrook \$406,000; and the Five Towns \$3.6 million; Uniondale, nothing; Roosevelt, nothing; Lakeview, nothing. This is racial injustice. I'm going to

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call it what it is: Racial injustice. Like I said, I do not wear my t-shirts, lightly. I mean, what I say and I say what I mean. This is racial injustice. He is there to represent all constituents of District 4; yet, he selectively excludes Uniondale, Roosevelt and Lakeview Majority/Minority communities.

So I then say if minority communities are not represented, they're not invested in and they're ignored, then we should not be paying taxes. This clearly screams taxation without representation.

When President Obama was running for president, he was maligned. He was criticized. He was called all sorts of unmentionable names. But he said, I don't care what you say. If I'm elected, I don't care who doesn't vote for me, but I will represent every American. And that's what he did. Even though he was disrespected more than any other president from the beginning of the

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United States of America. For our communities to be excluded, disenfranchised, disinvested, this is racial injustice. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thank you, Meta Mereday. Come up and wrap it up for us.

MS. MEREDAY: Nice to see other voices being lifted in this chamber. Unfortunately, too often it falls on deaf ears.

Good afternoon. And in the spirit of Women's History Month, even though I'm still trying to figure out who ordains what month for whom. I do know the history of Black History Month or initially Negro History Month, or African American History Month. But the history that pertains to people of color, particularly African Americans, is not a pretty history.

I stand here again looking for some answers in a county that has a \$4.1 billion budget, but the majority of those

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who pay the taxes are not represented. There seems to be a fear here. I don't know what it is of because folks are spending money like it's water, and our water quality is one of the worst in the country. Again, what are we doing here in 2024?

Recently, the FBI reported the most biased in hate crimes: 29% anti-black; 17% religious orientation; 16.8% sexual orientation. We need to do better here in Nassau County. Even though we're touting that we're one of the safest counties in the country, it's not safe for somebody who looks like me for a number of reasons. I have been profiled myself, but as a black woman, if I decide to have a baby, I'm three times more likely to die in infant mortality, along with my child. Something's wrong with that situation.

I sit here in a county where we tout the number of veterans that we have; yet, and still, you designate \$15 million on American Rescue Plan funding: \$1 million

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is going to Farmingdale; \$1.7 million is going to PAL. I've been before this Body to try to get funding for the plagued NUMC, which houses our very hard working Veteran Services Agency --

And I like the fact that the presiding officer can sneak a meal, but residents can't bring any food or liquid into the chamber. But it's all good. Do what you gotta do.

-- But our Veteran Services Agency is struggling and something that represents a double wide in either location. But I'm sure our Veterans Day, you're all going to have your little lapel pin on. And now that Covid is over, you can get back to having the parades and the pancake breakfasts, and they continue to suffer, dying at 44 per day, 44 per day. And the VA boasts that 50% of those veterans that are committing suicide have not gotten to the VA. Why is that? Where are they going? They're not getting help, and they sure as heck are

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not getting help here in Nassau County.
What is the fear in this county. When you
can't verify your Inspector General who
is doing such a great job? But when a
Democrat got elected, you needed to have
one. When the Republican got elected, all
of a sudden you don't need one and the
money is going out the window (buzzer).

Nassau County spending money like
water. You're going to hear it here,
3/25/24, the things you are spending my
money on are going to come back to bite
you, but unfortunately, it's going to
bite us more. And the fight against
diversity, equity and inclusion that
those on the Majority party think is
going to impact me? Trust me. Again,
those who are going to be impacted are
your wives, your daughters, your
girlfriends, your granddaughters. White
women are the ones who are going to be
impacted the most. Not women of color.
You know what? We shall still thrive. We
should still survive, because that's our

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Mr. Pulitzer, you have an announcement to make?

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you. Sir.

The Locust Valley Cemetery Association has presented an application to take by deed and to set aside for cemetery purposes certain land situations in the Incorporated Village of Lattingtown, Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, State of New York.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay. Now we're going to consider Resolution 10-24 is the procedure, which is a resolution.

MS. MEREDAY: So so I'm done, right.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Well, you had four minutes. Everyone else had three. Yes. You're done.

MS. MEREDAY: Really? Other people went over three minutes. But it's all good. I can see how this year is going. And it's all right.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Resolution directing the Clerk of the Legislature to

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publish a notice of hearing on the application by the Locust Valley Cemetery Association, to be held May 20th, 2024. That motion is made by a Deputy Presiding Officer McKevitt, seconded by Legislator Siela Bynoe.

Any debate and discussion on that?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All right.

All those in favor, please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Full Legislature respond in favor with, "Aye".)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: That item passes unanimously.

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Now we have several appointments to consider. Calendar 16, Resolution 39-2024, a resolution confirming the appointment by the County Executive of Charles G. McQuair as a judge of the District Court of the County of Nassau for the Fourth Judicial District, pursuant to Section 21(D) of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of New York.

That motion is made by Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Mr. Ferretti, and it is seconded by Legislator Scott Davis.

Sir, you'd like to make a statement, yes.

MR. MCQUAIR: I'm Charles McQuair. I want to thank the County Executive and the Legislature for this appointment.

As a city attorney and coming up the ranks all those years, I'm especially humbled that I'm getting this appointment. I want to thank my wife and my family for supporting me.

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Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thank you.

Are there any?

MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi, Charlie, I want to congratulate you and Ida on becoming judge. I've known you. I think, God, before you were a high school grad, I think. Anyway, congratulations. And you've worked hard. It's a tough job, but I'm sure you'll be up to it.

MR. MCQUAIR: Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Anyone else?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Hearing none. All those in favor of this item, please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Full Legislature respond in favor with, "Aye".)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any opposed?

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: That item
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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Calendar
17. Resolution confirming the County
Executive's appointment of Robert Hughes
to the Nassau County Vocational Education
Extension Board.

Motioned by Ms. Walker, seconded by
Mr. Giangregorio.

MR. HUGHES: Good afternoon.

I've met quite a few of you before,
but for those who don't know me, Bobby
Hughes, lifelong Nassau County resident.
I am currently in my 45th year as a
active member of the East Meadow
Volunteer Fire Department, where I served
as Chief of Department from 1997 to 1998.
I am very recently retired as the chief
instructor of the Nassau County Fire
Service Academy and I also served on the
Nassau County Fire Commission from 2014
to 2020.

I would just like to take this
opportunity to thank the County Executive
and all of the members of the Legislature
for this opportunity.

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Thank you.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Bobby, there's probably no one better qualified for this position. So I want to congratulate you for your retirement. We're not letting you get away that easy.

Again, thank you for your service. And thank you for the service you're going to continue to give to the people of the County.

MR. HUGHES: Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All right. Anyone else? Yes.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Tom said it best, but I just want to congratulate you, too. Certainly enjoy your retirement, although we're keeping you very, very busy.

For everyone, Bobby's also very involved and leads our Fire Department Pipers with the County. So thank you for that, too, and all you do. I could tell you on Saint Patrick's Day, I don't think

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their day ended till late at night
because they tried to cover every place
that they were invited to, and they were
invited to many. So I thank you for that.
You were at many, many different places
throughout the county and you made it
work, and you always looked happy and
smiling. And I thank you for that. And
congratulations.

MR. HUGHES: Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thank you.

All those in favor of this
appointment, please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of
the Full Legislature respond in
favor with, "Aye".)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: That item
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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: We're going to skip over to Ordinance 11-2024, which is supplemental to the annual appropriation in connection with the Health Department.

That motion is made by Mr. Drucker, seconded by Ms. Goetz.

MS. DESIMONE: Hi. Good afternoon. Health Department, Ann DeSimone.

Item 46-24 is a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$302,000 for the Immunization Action Plan. This is year two of a five year grant funded through the New York State Department of Health. This grant promotes the importance of immunization for all ages and staff work with healthcare providers to improve immunization coverage rates.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any questions? Any debate?

MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON:
Thanks, Howard.

Hi. I guess basically because of the recent news with the possible outbreak,

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or at least one case of the measles, we were just wondering if the \$302,000, is any of that specifically allocated towards either education or any other kind of compliance?

MS. DESIMONE: Yes, it certainly is. We do education for the healthcare providers as well as the families. We go in and do audits, we check vaccination records of pediatricians and adult providers for immunizations. It's a very large education piece with the providers.

MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON: So you do a campaign for that?

MS. DESIMONE: We do 36 visits a year with different healthcare providers. After the audit of the records, we do a very large education piece with the providers to make sure they get their patients in on time and vaccinated.

MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON: All right. I guess you're keeping a close eye. And so far there's only one case from what I understand. I was just

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reading a little bit about how one case can, you know, can trigger 12 to 18 cases very easily.

MS. DESIMONE: Yes. It's a very easily transmitted disease. And we're watching it very closely.

MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON: All right. We just wanted to put that on the record. I appreciate it.

MS. DESIMONE: Thank you.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: It relates to this in some ways. We had many people here talking about many people coming into this country that we're really not documenting. How can we address that as a Health Department? Because many of them are coming from countries that have no vaccinations whatsoever. I'm sure it's very difficult for you to have any kind of keeping track of that at all.

MS. DESIMONE: It's very difficult. The best thing that can happen is when they go into school, they need a vaccine record. They need to have vaccines;

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otherwise, they should not be in school. That's the New York State requirement that children need to be vaccinated when they're in school. So we do pick them up that way. When the parents register them or their guardians register them for school, we make sure they're immunized.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: And is there a certain timeframe or can they absolutely not enter school without those vaccinations?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: They have to be in processes. There's a couple of different rules. It's a little tricky to go over all of them. But if they're not attempting to get appointments for vaccines, they need to be excluded in school. They can't be in school.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Okay. Thank you and good luck.

MS. DESIMONE: Thank you.

LEGISLATOR PILIP: Thank you, Rose. It is a good point really, but kind of a little late. If you are waiting for them

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to come to school and if we are worrying about this disease, I think something has to be a little bit early before the coming to school. If we want to prevent anything, is that the way?

MS. DESIMONE: If they're born here in the United States, we get them very early. Even if the moms come from other countries, we get the kids vaccinated very quickly. But if we don't know about them, that's the problem. We don't know about some of them until they register for school.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay then.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: And that goes for all our private schools also?

MS. DESIMONE: They all have to follow the New York State rule to be vaccinated to be in school.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Okay. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Hi.

Quick question: Are we using wastewater treatment surveillance in order to determine.

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MS. DESIMONE: They are using wastewater surveillance. I don't know enough about the wastewater surveillance program to speak about that, but I can certainly get your questions answered. They are doing wastewater surveillance.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: They are.

MS. DESIMONE: Yes. They have to put requests in to New York State to assist with that. We do have other wastewater programs coming that we're working on.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So by way of carrying back a request, I would ask that you verify that those requests have been made to the State and ask how regularly that type of surveillance would be done and how regularly we get those kind of reports to our Health Department.

MS. DESIMONE: Commissioner Gelman already put in the requests for wastewater surveillance.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: For the measles?

MS. DESIMONE: Yes.

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LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Okay. Do you know how long that takes or any of that? Can you just let us know that?

MS. DESIMONE: That I'm not sure of. I can get those answers for you. Sure.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you.

MS. DESIMONE: You're welcome.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And again, the frequency of the surveillance information and when it's provided.

MS. DESIMONE: I will certainly get that for you.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I appreciate you.

MS. DESIMONE: I believe it will be broken down as far as zip code too.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All those in favor of this Item 11-2024, please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Full Legislature respond in favor with, "Aye".)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any opposed?

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: That item
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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Now we have a number of consent items for which the Majority and Minority. They have gone through committees, fully explored and no further debate or discussion is required. And those items are:

Item 2, Ordinance 10; Item 4, Ordinance 12; Item 5, Ordinance 13; Item 6, Ordinance 14; Item 7, Resolution 30; Item 8, Resolution 31; Item 18, Resolution 41; Item 19, Resolution 42; Item 20, Resolution 43.

Motion on those items is made by Mr. Solages. Seconded by Mr. Kennedy.

All those in favor of those item, please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Full Legislature respond in favor with, "Aye".)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Those

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items are unanimous.

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3 Resolution 32 of 24. Let the record
4 indicated Deputy Presiding Officer
5 McKevitt and Legislator Strauss are
6 recusing themselves and absenting
7 themselves from the chamber and will not
8 take part in any debate or discussion on
9 the item.

10 (Whereupon, Legislator
11 McKevitt and Legislator Struass
12 leave the Chambers.)

13 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: This item
14 is a resolution authorizing County
15 Attorney to compromise and settle the
16 claims in action entitled North Shore,
17 Long Island Jewish Health Systems 600
18 Community, LLC and United Business Media,
19 aka United Business Media versus the
20 County of Nassau, et al pursuant to the
21 County Law, County Government of Nassau
22 County and the Nassau County
23 Administrative Code.

24 Motion by Mr. Mullaney and is
25 seconded by Mr. Gaylor.

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Any debate or discussion?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All those
in favor of this item, please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of
the Full Legislature respond in
favor with, "Aye".)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: That item
is unanimous.

Would you invite back, please.

(Whereupon, Legislators
McKevitt and Strauss return to
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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Next is
Item 1, Ordinance 9-2024, which amends
28-2016 constituting the Nassau County
Fire Prevention Ordinance.

We have a motion by Mr. Koslow and
seconded by Mr. Giangregorio.

Any questions or debate?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All those
in favor of this item, please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of
the Full Legislature respond in
favor with, "Aye".)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: That item
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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Number 10, Resolution 33, and 11, which is Resolution 34.

Number 10 authorizes County Executive to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Village of Farmingdale. Funded by money received by the County under the American Rescue Plan's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, which has been appropriated to fund contracts with entities to provide services that will comply with the eligible use categories of public health, Negative economic impact, premium pay, water, sewer, broadband infrastructure and emergency relief from natural disasters.

Number 11 authorizes a grant agreement on the behalf of the County with the Nassau County Police Activity League, also funded by ARPA. PAL is a not for profit qualifying 501 C-3 for purpose of providing funds to mitigate financial hardship and to respond to the negative

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impacts of the public health emergency caused by the Covid 19 pandemic.

Motion is by Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Ferretti and Legislator Kennedy.

Any questions? Any debate or discussion?

Yes.

MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON:

Thank you, Presiding Officer. Um, the minority caucus plans on supporting both of these initiatives, and we are hopeful that we are going to have some role in determining how the 15 million designated for the legislative projects or wish lists, our asks would be considered.

Again, we will support these. But this Covid money is basically federal tax money. Everyone pays it. Every resident of Nassau County pays taxes. And I really hope that as we're supporting your initiatives, that you also understand the importance of having funding like this be

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spread out throughout the entire county.

Again, I would have been very happy to have it divided by 1/19, which would have made it easier, but unfortunately, that wasn't what happened. So at this point, we're just saying we are going to support you. But I hope that we are also considered.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Anyone else?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All those in favor of those items, please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Full Legislature respond in favor with, "Aye".)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Those items are unanimous.

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Calendar 12, Resolution 35; Calendar 13, Resolution 36; Calendar 14, Resolution 37; and Calendar 15, Resolution 38; all of which are resolutions authorizing the County Executive to execute Inter Municipal Agreements with respectfully the Roslyn Union Free School District, Village of Kings Point, North Bellmore Public Library, and the Village of Great Neck in relation to various projects for purchase of goods and services.

Motion will be made by Minority Leader DeRiggi-Whitton, seconded by Legislator Giuffre.

Any debate or discussion?

Yes.

MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON:

It's me again.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Same message?

MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON:

Basically. But it's even a little more detailed with this.

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CRPs are really a vital tool for improving quality of life for our communities. It's always been part of the capital plan, which we all voted for. Right now, we are going to support these CRPs. This is going to add to the four we supported last month. It was also documented that last year, I believe less than 25% of the CRP funding was spent on the Minority districts. It's something, again, that have a real issue with. I think something should be beyond politics. I myself have I believe it's nine CRPs that are pending, all for first responders that haven't seen the light of day yet. I'm hopeful now that they might, but it's hard to explain to your fire districts that they're not able to get their turnout gear because of politics. And I think it's making us all look bad. So I hope there's a real effort from the Administration to do this.

There's also, what we've noticed is CRPs that have been pending for a year

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2 and a half, almost two years are now
3 being passed because the lines have
4 changed and they're now represented by
5 the Majority rather than the Minority. So
6 the work was done by the Minority. The
7 the funds were provided by the Minority.
8 Unfortunately, now the lines are drawn,
9 it's the only time that it's being
10 passed.

11 Again, I'm reaching out -- basically
12 it's a moral ask. I don't have any --
13 although this money is divided equally,
14 we still don't have much say as to what
15 gets called, obviously. And I have to
16 basically rely on the morals and the
17 ethics of our government to make sure
18 that every first responder, especially a
19 school district, whatever we're asking
20 for, is respected and considered because,
21 you know, it's important that not only
22 certain fire districts or firehouse or
23 police or EMS are given these funds
24 because it's really intended for all 19.

25 I know I'm probably naive after 13

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2 years, but I'm hoping that things are
3 going to change and that again, I'm
4 asking for the support of the Majority.
5 You might not have full control, but I
6 think if you made mention of this, the
7 issue could be addressed and hopefully
8 all of our fire departments and EMS and
9 schools could receive the funding that
10 they're entitled to.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Anyone
12 else?

13 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Just to amplify
14 our Minority Leader's point.

15 It's gratifying when our
16 constituents and organizations in our
17 respective districts solicit our support
18 for projects that are deemed worthy for
19 the whole community to enjoy. And when we
20 file them and they languish and sit idly
21 for sometimes years, we'd rather be able
22 to go back to our constituents and these
23 organizations and say, here's a nice big
24 fat check. But instead we are relegated
25 to telling them, well, we I filed it, but

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2 it's sitting in the Legislature not
3 moving. Yes, it's a feeble excuse on our
4 part, but I think it's emblematic of the
5 dysfunction of the whole Legislature when
6 we can't work together to get things done
7 fairly. And so we're also hoping that you
8 recognize that it's not just a moral
9 request. It's something that benefits all
10 of us as a Legislative Body to look like
11 we work together to get things done for
12 the benefit of everybody. And so we're
13 hopeful that things will improve in that
14 end.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: So let me
16 just say to the Minority, we don't want
17 to hold any of them up. And as a matter
18 of fact, the minute these CRPs come down
19 to us, I can tell you that I believe
20 every single one of us will vote in favor
21 of it. As soon as it comes here, we'll
22 vote for it.

23 MINORITY LEADER DERIGGI-WHITTON: We
24 appreciate it. We know what the holdup
25 is.

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Also just history for the new people. This this isn't what normally would happen in past administration. Just to be clear. Nothing's perfect. Nothing happens as quick as we'd like, but they were much more fair.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All those in favor of those items, please say, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of the Full Legislature respond in favor with, "Aye".)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Those items are unanimous.

Legislator Mule moves to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Giuffre.

All those in favor of adjourning?

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(Whereupon, all members of
the Full Legislature present
respond in favor with, "Aye.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any
opposed to adjourning?

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(Whereupon, public members
wants to make additional public
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I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public
for and within the State of New York, do
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That the above is a correct
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
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