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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE WILL HOLD COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024 STARTING AT 1:00 PM AND WILL HOLD A FULL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE ON MONDAY, JUNE 24, 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: JUNE 3, 2024
Mineola, NY

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LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

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

MINEOLA, NEW YORK
JUNE 24, 2024 1:00PM
PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT 1:00PM

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1. **HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2024**

A LOCAL LAW TO MAINTAIN A SAFE AND FAIR COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS AND ATHLETIC EVENTS.
121-24(CE)

2. **HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2024**

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 2211 OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY IN RELATION TO THE DESIGNATION OF A COUNTY NEWSPAPER
137-24(CE)

3. **HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2024**

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET FOR NASSAU COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2025, AND TO APPROPRIATE REVENUES AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONIES TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE PURPOSES OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION LAW, THE COUNTY LAW, THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. 118-24(NCC)

4. **VOTE ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2024**

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5. **VOTE ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2024**

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6. **VOTE ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2024**

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7. **ORDINANCE NO. 25-2024**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. 115-24(OMB)

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 26-2024**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. 116-24(OMB)

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 27-2024**

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE TO MODIFY CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS. 119-24(OMB)

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 75-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFFS, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED *BRANDON RUSSELL V. COUNTY OF NASSAU*, INDEX NO. 604828/2020, PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. 114-24(AT)

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 76 -2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED *VASQUEZ V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, ET AL.*, INDEX NO. 12893/13 PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. 117-24(AT)

12. **RESOLUTION NO. 77-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFFS, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTIONS ENTITLED *LANGONA V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, ET AL.* INDEX NO. 604559/2017 AND *ANDINO V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, ET AL.* INDEX NO. 605380/2017, PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 123-24(AT)

13. **RESOLUTION NO. 78-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THE HISPANIC COUNSELING CENTER, INC. 108-24(DA)

14. **RESOLUTION NO. 79-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS AND MUSEUMS AT MITCHEL, D/B/A CRADLE OF AVIATION MUSEUM. 111-24(PK)

15.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE GREAT NECK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT 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 SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE GREAT NECK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT, A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO MAKE NECESSARY INVESTMENTS IN SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE. 129-24(CE)

16.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE NASSAU HEALTH CARE CORPORATION 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 SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NASSAU HEALTH CARE CORPORATION, A QUALIFYING SPECIAL- PURPOSE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT 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. 130-24(CE)

17.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE PENINSULA PUBLIC LIBRARY 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 THE PENINSULA PUBLIC LIBRARY, A QUALIFYING SPECIAL PURPOSE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, 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. 131-24(CE)

18.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE GREAT NECK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT 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 SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE GREAT NECK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT, A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO MAKE NECESSARY INVESTMENTS IN SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE. 132-24(CE)

19.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE ALBERTSON HOOK & LADDER, ENGINE & HOSE CO. NO. 1 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 SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ALBERTSON HOOK & LADDER, ENGINE & HOSE CO. NO. 1, A QUALIFYING 501c(3) NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT WILL RESPOND TO THE EFFECTS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. 133-24(CE)

20.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE OYSTER BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. 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 SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OYSTER BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., A QUALIFYING 501c(4) NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT WILL RESPOND TO THE EFFECTS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC 134-24(CE)

21.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE FRANKLIN SQUARE & MUNSON FIRE DISTRICT 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 SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FRANKLIN SQUARE & MUNSON FIRE DISTRICT, A QUALIFYING SPECIAL - PURPOSE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, 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. 135-24(CE)

22.

RESOLUTION NO. 87-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE HICKSVILLE WATER DISTRICT 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 SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE HICKSVILLE WATER DISTRICT, A QUALIFYING SPECIAL-PURPOSE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT 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. 136-24(CE)

23.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-2024

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES DEEMED TO HOLD POLICY- MAKING POSITIONS FOR FILING YEAR 2024 (RELATING TO CALENDAR YEAR 2023) WHO SHALL BE REQUIRED TO FILE ANNUAL STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE §22-4.3 AND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW. 109-24(BE)

24.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. 113-24(HI)

25.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TREASURER TO FURNISH VARIOUS COUNTY OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS WITH A PETTY CASH FUND IN SPECIFIED AMOUNTS. 120-24(CE)

26. **RESOLUTION NO. 91-2024**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. 122-24(OMB)

27. **RESOLUTION NO. 92-2024**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND REQUIRE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET OF THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE FOR THE YEAR 2024. 110-24(LE)

28. **RESOLUTION NO. 93-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD IN RELATION TO THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND USE OF A POLICE BOOTH LOCATED IN HARBOR HILLS PARK. 112-24(PD)

29. **RESOLUTION NO. 94-2024**

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. 124-24(CE)

30. **RESOLUTION NO. 95-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF KENSINGTON IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES. 125-24(CE)

31. **RESOLUTION NO. 96-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH GARDEN CITY PARK WATER/FIRE DISTRICT IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES. 126-24(CE)

32. **RESOLUTION NO. 97-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES. 127-24(CE)

33.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST HEMPSTEAD FIRE DISTRICT IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES. 128-24(CE)

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 City of Long Beach.
RE: CDBG 48th Yr Amendment #1. \$300,000.00. ID#CLHI24000004.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Social Services and The Safe Center LI, Inc.
RE: Domestic Violence Residential Services. \$700,000.00. ID#CLSS24000005.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Budget and Nassau County Bar Association Assigned Counsel. RE: ILS - ACDP HH #1 Amendment. \$ 0.01 ID#CLBU24000002.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Social Services and Forensic Psychology Consulting PLLC. RE: Psychological Evaluations. \$ 0.01 ID#CLSS24000003.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Health and Atlas Search Health Solutions, LLC.
RE: Preschool Special Education – Atlas Search Health Solutions. \$0.01. ID#CQHE24000003.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center. RE: OF A Sid Jacobs East Hills E Amend 4. \$107,549.00. ID#CLHS23000091.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center. RE: OF A Sid Jacobs Herricks E Amend 3. \$162,114.00. ID#CLHS23000092.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Health and Rachel Zaroobaveli. RE: Preschool Special Education. \$0.01. ID#CQHE24000005.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of County Attorney and Sokolof Stern LLP.
RE: Special Counsel (McKenna). \$72,800.00. ID#CQAT24000026.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Long Island Youth Foundation, Inc. RE: CDBG 49th Year Contract. \$40,000.00. ID#CQHI24000009.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Five Towns Community Center, Inc.
RE: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. \$177,823.00. ID#CQHS24000014.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Community Mainstreaming Associates. RE: CDBG 48thYR AMEND #1. \$75,470.16. ID#CLHI24000005.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Gateway Youth Outreach Inc. RE: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. \$338,071.00. ID#CLHS24000001.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Substance Abuse Free Environment. RE: Chemical Dependency. \$237,409.00. ID#CQHS24000007.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Long Island Cares, Inc. RE: ESG 49TH YEAR. \$35,000.00. ID#CQHI23000071.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club at Lincoln House. RE: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT \$42,000.00 ID# CQHS24000015.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and City of Glen Cove. RE: OF A Glen Cove B, C-1, E Amend 4. \$415,000.00 ID# CLHS23000088

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Doubleday Babcock Senior Center Inc. RE: OF A Doubleday LECOB B, C-1 Amend 2. \$243,000.00 ID#CLHS23000077.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Herricks Community Fund. RE: OF A Herricks CF CSE Amend 2. \$87,592.00. ID#CLHS24000017.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Social Services and Community Housing Innovations, Inc. RE: Rental Supplement Program Administrator. \$2,028,294.00 ID#CQSS24000001.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Social Services and The Safe Center LI, Inc. RE: Child Abuse and Neglect. \$768,551.00 ID#CLSS24000011.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and The Rehabilitation Institute, Inc. RE: OMH-Work / Day Training. \$55,461.00. ID#CQHS24000034

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and EAC, Inc. RE: OF A EAC CSI Amend 2. \$24,720.00. ID#CLHS24000013.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and La Fuerza Unida, Inc. RE: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. \$133,866.00. ID#CQHS24000017.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and New Horizon Counseling Center, Inc. RE: OF A New Horizon B, C-1, E Amend 2. \$540,000.00. ID#CLHS23000090.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Long Beach Reach, Inc. RE: Youth Development. \$689,000.00. ID# CLHS24000046.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Human Services and Charles Evans Center.
RE: OMH-COMHPS. \$566,546.00. ID#CQHS24000030.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Public Works and 1001 Realty LLC.
RE: Rent at 1001 Franklin Avenue, Garden City – DA’s Storage Space. \$210,835.86.
ID#CQPW24000006.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Town of Hempstead.
RE: CDBG-48th Yr. Amend # 1. \$800,000.00. ID#CLH24000010.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Inc Village of Westbury. RE: CDBG 48th Yr. Contract Amendment No One. \$726,000.00
ID# CLHI24000009.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Village of Freeport.
RE: CDBG 47th Yr. Amend # 1. \$1,400,000.00. ID#CLHI24000008.

County of Nassau acting on behalf of Housing and Homeless Services and Inc. Village of Manorhaven. RE: CDBG 46th Yr. Amend #1. \$92,205.85. ID#CLHI24000006.

THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
WILL CONVENE THE NEXT
COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024 at 1:00PM
AND
FULL LEGISLATURE MEETING ON
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024 AT 1:00PM

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 24 -2024

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE NASSAU COUNTY BUDGET FOR NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2025, AND TO APPROPRIATE REVENUES AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONIES TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION WITHIN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU FOR THE PURPOSES OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION LAW, THE COUNTY LAW, THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

WHEREAS, in pursuance of subdivision 5-a of section 6304 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the fiscal year for a community college sponsored by a county is to commence on September 1st and end on August 31st in each year, and

WHEREAS, in pursuance of the requirements of the aforesaid provisions of the Education Law, the County Executive of Nassau County submitted and filed with the Nassau County Legislature a proposed budget of the County of Nassau for Nassau Community College for the fiscal year commencing September 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2025 together with his budget message and recommendations relative to the items set forth in said proposed County budget for Nassau Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Legislature, after the filing of said proposed County budget for Nassau Community College, gave due notice pursuant to law of a public hearing to be held on said proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, said hearing has been duly held and this Nassau County Legislature has given consideration and due deliberation to each and all of the items which are set forth in said proposed budget of the County of Nassau for Nassau Community College, as well as the recommendations of the County Executive thereon, and to the statements of all persons who were heard at such hearing; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. The proposed budget of the County of Nassau for Nassau Community College heretofore submitted and filed by the County Executive with the Nassau County Legislature be and the same hereby is approved and adopted as the budget of the County of Nassau for Nassau Community College for the fiscal year commencing September 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2025 in the respective amounts shown opposite the items listed in said budget and as shown under the heading: “2025 Budget” for Nassau Community College for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025 said budget now being on file with the Clerk of the Legislature.

§ 2. The Legislature of Nassau County does hereby appropriate for the requirements of Nassau Community College for the fiscal year commencing September 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2025 the several amounts specified for expenditures as follows:

Proposed Budget

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPERATIONS

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 183,612,090

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION FOR
NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE PURPOSES \$ 183,612,090**

§ 3. The following estimated revenues are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes set forth in the budget of the County of Nassau for Nassau Community College for the fiscal year commencing September 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2025.

Amount of tax levy (pursuant to annual tax levy ordinance to be approved by the Nassau County Legislature at the time of the adoption of the Nassau County budget for 2024) \$ 52,206,883

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 183,612,090

§ 4. There are hereby established regulations relating to the budget of the Community College as follows:

a. The payment of the County's share of the Community College's operating and capital costs as the local sponsor shall be made in conformance with the sponsor's annual budgetary appropriation as contained in this ordinance or as hereafter amended.

b. The payment of all appropriations for the operation, maintenance and capital costs of the Community College shall be made to the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College for expenditure by such Board of Trustees subject to the terms and conditions of such appropriations appearing in this ordinance and to such regulations as may be adopted or hereafter amended by the Nassau County Legislature relating to the custody, deposit, audit and payment of such appropriations as may be deemed necessary to carry out the terms of the budget.

c. The Board of Trustees of the Community College is authorized to elect a treasurer and to establish a bank account or accounts in the name of Nassau Community College depositing therein moneys received or collected by Nassau Community College, including moneys appropriated and paid by the County of Nassau as local sponsor, moneys received from tuition, fees, charges, sales of products and services and from all other sources. The Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College shall authorize the treasurer to pay all proper bills and accounts of Nassau Community College including salaries and wages from funds in the custody of the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College.

d. Nassau Community College is authorized to expend funds consistent with this ordinance pursuant to limited purchase orders, purchase orders, delivery orders, personal service contracts, vendor claim vouchers, revenue refund vouchers, student financial aid refunds and balance sheet vouchers without pre-audit by the Nassau County Comptroller, provided, however, that the Nassau County Comptroller shall retain the right to pre-audit Community College expenditures relative to capital projects.

e. Supplemental appropriations relating to Nassau Community College shall be subject to the approval of the Nassau County Legislature.

f. The County Comptroller shall continue to retain the right to post-audit all operations of Nassau Community College and Nassau Community College's financial records and transactions, including, but not limited to, Nassau Community College's contracts and vendor payments.

g. The capital project plan proposed each year by the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College shall be subject to the approval of the Nassau County Legislature as the local sponsor.

h. The Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College shall direct the Nassau Community College Comptroller to audit accounts maintained at its direction on at least a semi-annual basis and a copy of any report of such accounts of Nassau Community College shall be filed with the Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature and the Nassau County Comptroller within ten days after completion of the report.

i. The Nassau County Legislature reserves the right to amend or rescind any existing regulation pertaining to the budget and to amend or rescind any regulation pertaining to the budget that may hereafter be adopted.

j. The Nassau County Treasurer shall be available to serve as treasurer for Nassau Community College pursuant to the designation of the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College of March 9, 1993.

§ 5. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be incorporated as an addendum to the printed version of the final adopted budget document for Nassau Community College.

§ 6. 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 committee of said Legislature.

§ 7. It is hereby determined pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, its implementing regulations, and section 1611 of the County Government Law of Nassau County that the adoption of this ordinance is a “Type II” Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R, and, accordingly, is a class of actions which do not have a significant effect on the environment and no further review is required. A record of such determination shall be maintained in a file, readily accessible to the public, at the office of the Clerk of the Legislature.

§ 8. This Ordinance shall take effect on September 1, 2024.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 25 – 2024

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to an appropriation ordinance in connection with the Office of Management and Budget.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated June 4, 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:

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<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)
1,075,461	NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services	GRT	BU	DE	1,075,461

§ 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. 26– 2024

AN ORDINANCE supplemental to an appropriation ordinance in connection with the Office of Community Development.

WHEREAS, Nassau County has received certain revenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds have not been otherwise appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated June 4, 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:

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<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)
13,432,154	US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	GRT	HI	AA	780,046
		GRT	HI	AB	425,000
		GRT	HI	BB	1,400
		GRT	HI	DD	20,000
		GRT	HI	DE	12,005,708
		GRT	HI	HH	200,000

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<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)
2,250,807	US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	GRT	HI	AA	175,080
		GRT	HI	AB	50,000
		GRT	HI	DE	2,025,727

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<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)
1,179,293	US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	GRT	HI	AA	68,446
		GRT	HI	AB	20,000
		GRT	HI	DE	1,090,847

§ 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. 27- 2024

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS HERETOFORE MADE TO MODIFY CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain transfers are needed to modify certain departmental budgets; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, by communication dated June 6, 2024, addressed to the County Legislature, has advised that transfers of appropriations heretofore made and a supplemental appropriation are required; and

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

WHEREAS, the said transfers are known as Budget Transfers-Second Quarter as follows:

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	Code	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
From	BU LIT 6000 - 87987	Mgt & Budget – Litigation Fund - Other Suits & Damages	6,000,000.00
	PW SSW 6000 – FF568	Public Works – Sewer & Stormwater Fund – Debt Service Interest	250,000.00
	CC GEN 1000 – AA98Z	Corrections – General Fund – Salaries, Wages & Fees	900,000.00
	BU GEN 1770 – 97998	Mgt & Budget – General Fund – Contingency Reserve	13,262,500.00
		TOTAL	20,412,500.00
To	BU LIT 6000 – DE547	Mgt & Budget – Litigation Fund - Contractual Services	6,000,000.00
	PW SSW 6000 – GG577	Public Works – Sewer & Stormwater Fund – Debt Service Principal	250,000.00

	CC GEN 1000 – DD497	Corrections – General Fund – General Expenses	400,000.00
	CC GEN 2000 – AA97Z	Corrections – General Fund – Salaries, Wages & Fees	500,000.00
	PK GEN 3100 – AA97Z	Parks & Recreation - General Fund – Salaries, Wages & Fees	1,000,000.00
	HE GEN 5400 – PP797	Health Department – General Fund –Pre-school/ Special Education	4,800,000.00
	SS GEN 6100 – SS697	Social Services – General Fund – Recipient Grants	7,462,500.00
		TOTAL	20,412,500.00

and

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

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

Section 1. The County Legislature does also hereby authorize the said transfers of appropriations heretofore made within the budget of the year 2024, as hereinabove set forth;

and

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

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<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)
10,000,000.00	Excess Investment Income	GEN	SS GEN 6100	SS697	6,382,500.00
		GEN	SS GEN 6100	WW847	1,775,000.00
		GEN	SS GEN 7600	TT747	1,812,500.00

<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)
		GEN	SS GEN 2100	DD497	15,000.00
		GEN	SS GEN 3500	DD497	15,000.00

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<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)
7,258,805.00	ARPA Funds	GEN	PW GEN 0320	BB197	5,000,000.00
		GEN	BU GEN 1770	HH597	2,000,000.00
		GEN	MA GEN 1100	DE547	258,805.00

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<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)
27,892,500.00	NYS Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance	GEN	SS GEN 7600	TT747	16,312,500.00
		GEN	SS GEN 6000	SS697	4,000,000.00
		GEN	SS GEN 6000	WW847	1,200,000.00
		GEN	SS GEN 6100	SS697	5,655,000.00
		GEN	SS GEN 6100	WW847	725,000.00

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<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)
7,200,000.00	NYS Dept. of Health	GEN	HE GEN 5400	PP797	7,200,000.00

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<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)
5,000,000.00	ARPA Funds	GEN	BU GEN 1800	L1111	5,000,000.00

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<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)
900,000.00	Cricket Revenue	PDD	PD PDD 2400	AA97Z	900,000.00

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<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)
100,000.00	Cricket Revenue	FCF	FC FCF 1000	DE547	100,000.00

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<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)
5,000,000.00	ARPA Funds	CAR	BU CAR 7800	BB197	5,000,000.00

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<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)
1,250,000.00	Excess Investment Income	SSW	PW SSW 7220	AA97Z	1,250,000.00

§3. 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.

§4. 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.

§5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 75- 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFFS, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED *BRANDON RUSSELL V. COUNTY OF NASSAU*, INDEX NO. 604828/2020, PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

WHEREAS, Brandon Russell (the “Plaintiff”) commenced an action entitled *Brandon Russell v. County of Nassau*, Index No. 604828/2020 against the County of Nassau (the “County”), alleging civil rights causes of action under Section 1983 including assault and battery as well as related claims, and the parties have agreed to settle said action for \$250,000 in full settlement of all possible claims the Plaintiff may have against the County arising from the circumstances upon which the action is based; 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 in the amount set forth above; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be and is hereby authorized and directed to settle the said action in the amount 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 a maximum of \$250,000 as directed by the County Attorney and thereupon delivered to the attorneys for Plaintiffs upon receipt of a Settlement Agreement and Limited Release; 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. 76 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFF, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTION ENTITLED *VASQUEZ V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, ET AL.*, INDEX NO. 12893/13 PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

WHEREAS, Jose A. Vasquez (the “Plaintiff”) commenced an action against the County of Nassau (the “County”), entitled *Vasquez v. County of Nassau, et al.*, Index No. 12893/13, alleging damages arising out of personal injuries resulting from an accident, and the County has agreed to make payment to Plaintiff in the amount of \$750,000 in full settlement of all possible claims Plaintiff may have against the County in the above titled action; 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 in the amount set forth above; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be and is hereby authorized and directed to settle the said action in the amount 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 a maximum of \$750,000 payable as directed by the County Attorney and thereupon delivered to the attorneys for Plaintiff upon receipt of a Settlement Agreement and Limited Release; 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. 77 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIMS OF PLAINTIFFS, AS SET FORTH IN THE ACTIONS ENTITLED *LANGONA V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, ET AL.* INDEX NO. 604559/2017 AND *ANDINO V. COUNTY OF NASSAU, ET AL.* INDEX NO. 605380/2017, PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

WHEREAS, Nicola Langona and Alyssa Andino (the “Plaintiffs”) commenced actions entitled *Langona v. County of Nassau, et al.* Index No. 604559/2017 and *Andino v. County of Nassau, et al.* Index No. 605380/2017 against the County of Nassau (the “County”), alleging personal injuries, and the parties have agreed to settle the *Langona* and *Andino* actions for \$1,000,000 and \$1,750,000, respectively, in full settlement of all possible claims the Plaintiffs may have against the County arising from the circumstances upon which the actions are based; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has caused an investigation and analysis to be made of the said actions and as a result thereof recommends that they be settled in the amount set forth above; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2024, the Nassau County Legislature passed Resolution No. 46-2024 authorizing and directing settlement of the said actions in the amounts indicated above; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2024, Resolution No. 46-2024 officially became a resolution with the approval of the Chief Deputy County Executive, acting for the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, counsel for Plaintiff Alyssa Andino subsequently has requested that the \$1,750,000 settlement amount for the *Andino* action be paid in three (3) separate checks issued to specified payees in accordance with a structured settlement format; and

WHEREAS, such modification of the terms of the previously approved Resolution No. 46-2024 now requires a new resolution superseding Resolution No. 46-2024; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 46-2024 is hereby determined to be rescinded and superseded by this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be and is hereby authorized and directed to settle the aforementioned *Langona* and *Andino* actions in the amounts as indicated above, provided that, if any payment arising from said actions 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 a maximum of \$1,000,000 as directed by the County Attorney and thereupon delivered to the attorneys for Plaintiff Nicola Langona upon receipt of a Settlement Agreement and Limited Release; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue three (3) separate checks totaling to a maximum of \$1,750,000 as follows:

1) a settlement check in the amount of \$320,000.00, payable jointly to Alyssa Andino and Sackstein Sackstein & Lee, LLP;

2) a check in the amount of \$300,000.00 made payable to Pacific Life & Annuity Services, Inc.; and

3) a check in the amount of \$1,130,000.00 made payable to Prudential Assigned Settlement Services Corp.

as directed by the County Attorney and thereupon delivered to the attorneys for Plaintiff Alyssa Andino upon receipt of a Settlement Agreement and Limited Release; 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. 78 – 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THE HISPANIC COUNSELING CENTER, INC.

WHEREAS, the County Department of the District Attorney has received civil forfeiture funds to be utilized pursuant to N.Y. Civil Practice Law, Article 13A, Section 1349; and

WHEREAS, the County Department of the District Attorney is desirous of utilizing a portion of the aforesaid funds to support The Hispanic Counseling Center, Inc. to conduct an educational and counseling program known as the “Batterer’s Intervention Program,” which is designed to change the behavior of perpetrators of domestic violence, increase accountability and protect victims and families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the amendment to the said agreement with The Hispanic Counseling Center, Inc.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 79-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS AND MUSEUMS AT MITCHEL, D/B/A CRADLE OF AVIATION MUSEUM.

WHEREAS, Nassau County (“County”) has received funding from the State of New York pursuant to State Tax Law section 1202-q, and appropriated said funds to the County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums (“Department”) in accordance with said law in order to support programs and activities relevant to the enhancement of tourism in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that funding shall be awarded to Museums at Mitchel, D/B/A Cradle of Aviation Museum, an existing organization located within the County, to undertake a variety of educational programs and events within Nassau County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the agreement with Museums at Mitchel, D/B/A Cradle of Aviation Museum.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 80 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE GREAT NECK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT 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 SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE GREAT NECK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT, A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO MAKE NECESSARY INVESTMENTS IN SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE.

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 households, 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, that respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, 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 Great Neck Water Pollution Control District, a component unit of the Town of North Hempstead, whose purpose is to operate a sanitary sewer system that serves more than 25,000 residents living in the villages of Great Neck, Saddle Rock, Kensington, and those parts of Thomaston and Great Neck Plaza east of Middle Neck Road, will make a necessary investment in wastewater infrastructure; 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 Great Neck Water Pollution Control District;

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 Great Neck Water Pollution Control District in the amount of \$85,000 to allow the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District to procure a firm to perform an engineering study, 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 No. 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. 81 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE NASSAU HEALTH CARE CORPORATION 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 SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NASSAU HEALTH CARE CORPORATION, A QUALIFYING SPECIAL-PURPOSE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, 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 money 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 Ordinance No. 63-2021, the Nassau County Legislature appropriated \$10,000,000 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 "Health and Social Services Grant Programs"; 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 households, 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, that respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, 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 money for such purposes so that they can be provided SLFRF money 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 Health Care Corporation, a qualifying special-purpose unit of local government whose purpose is to provide healthcare services and health facilities for the benefit of the residents of the State and the County, including persons in need of healthcare services who lack the ability to pay as required by law, suffered a negative economic impact as it experienced an increase in its expenses by as much as \$1.3 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 Nassau Health Care Corporation;

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 Nassau Health Care Corporation in the amount of \$1,133,721 to allow the Nassau Health Care Corporation to recover expenses and bolster its capacity to deliver healthcare services to residents, 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 Ordinance No. 63-2021 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 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. 82 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE PENINSULA PUBLIC LIBRARY 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 THE PENINSULA PUBLIC LIBRARY, A QUALIFYING SPECIAL-PURPOSE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, 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 households, 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 Peninsula Public Library, a qualifying special-purpose unit of local government, whose purpose is to provide for the educational and recreational needs of their patrons, suffered a negative economic impact as it experienced a reduction in its revenue by as much as \$117 thousand 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 Peninsula Public Library;

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 Peninsula Public Library in the amount of \$34,875 to allow the Peninsula Public Library to recover losses and bolster its capacity to deliver services to its patrons, 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. 83 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE GREAT NECK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT 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 SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE GREAT NECK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT, A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO MAKE NECESSARY INVESTMENTS IN SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE.

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 households, 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, that respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, 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 Great Neck Water Pollution Control District, a component unit of the Town of North Hempstead, whose purpose is to operate a sanitary sewer system that serves more than 25,000 residents living in the villages of Great Neck, Saddle Rock, Kensington, and those parts of Thomaston and Great Neck Plaza east of Middle Neck Road, will make a necessary investment in wastewater infrastructure; 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 Great Neck Water Pollution Control District;

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 Great Neck Water Pollution Control District in the amount of \$640,000 to allow the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District to purchase and install pump station security cameras and construct an environmental laboratory, 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 No. 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. 84 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE ALBERTSON HOOK & LADDER, ENGINE & HOSE CO. NO. 1 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 SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ALBERTSON HOOK & LADDER, ENGINE & HOSE CO. NO. 1, A QUALIFYING 501(C)(3) NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT WILL RESPOND TO THE EFFECTS 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 No. 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 households, 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, that respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, 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 Albertson Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose Co. No. 1, a qualifying 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, whose purpose is to provide around-the-clock protection and emergency rescue response to the Albertson, Searingtown and Roslyn Heights communities, suffered a negative economic impact as it experienced an increase in its expenses by as much as \$209 thousand 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 Albertson Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose Co. No. 1;

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 Albertson Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose Co. No. 1 in the amount of \$209,000 to allow the Albertson Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose Co. No. 1 to recover expenses and bolster its capacity to deliver emergency services, 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 No. 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. 85 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE OYSTER BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. 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 SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OYSTER BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., A QUALIFYING 501(C)(4) NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT WILL RESPOND TO THE EFFECTS 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 households, 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, that respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, 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 Oyster Bay Fire Department, Inc., a qualifying 501(c)(4) not-for-profit organization, whose purpose is to promote the social welfare and well-being of the community via firefighting, fire protection, fire safety, fire education, and emergency medical services, will mitigate against future pandemics through the purchase of an ambulance and associated equipment; 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 Oyster Bay Fire Department, Inc.;

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 Oyster Bay Fire Department, Inc. in the amount of \$350,000 to allow the Oyster Bay Fire Department, Inc. to purchase an ambulance and associated equipment, 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. 86 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE FRANKLIN SQUARE & MUNSON FIRE DISTRICT 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 SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FRANKLIN SQUARE & MUNSON FIRE DISTRICT, A QUALIFYING SPECIAL-PURPOSE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, 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 households, 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, that respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, 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 Franklin Square & Munson Fire District, a qualifying special-purpose unit of local government, whose purpose is to provide fire and other emergency services, including ambulance and emergency healthcare services, to residents within its district, suffered a negative economic impact as it experienced an increase in its expenses by as much as \$475 thousand 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 Franklin Square & Munson Fire District;

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 Franklin Square & Munson Fire District in the amount of \$475,000 to allow the Franklin Square & Munson Fire District to recover expenses and bolster its capacity to deliver emergency services, 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. 87 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH THE HICKSVILLE WATER DISTRICT 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 SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE HICKSVILLE WATER DISTRICT, A QUALIFYING SPECIAL-PURPOSE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, 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 households, 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, that respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, 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 Hicksville Water District, a qualifying special-purpose unit of local government, whose purpose is to provide drinking water for the benefit of the residents and businesses within its district, suffered a negative economic impact as it experienced an increase in its expenses by as much as \$300 thousand 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 Hicksville Water District;

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 Hicksville Water District in the amount of \$300,000 to allow the Hicksville Water District to recover expenses and bolster its capacity to deliver clean drinking water to residents, 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. 88 - 2024

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES DEEMED TO HOLD POLICY-MAKING POSITIONS FOR FILING YEAR 2024 (RELATING TO CALENDAR YEAR 2023) WHO SHALL BE REQUIRED TO FILE ANNUAL STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE §22-4.3 AND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW

WHEREAS, pursuant to Nassau County Administrative Code §22-4.3(4)(b), the Nassau County Board of Ethics is required, annually, to determine the officers and employees of County Departments, Agencies, Boards, Commissions, or Entities who hold policy making positions and to make a list of such officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Nassau County Administrative Code §22-4.3, the Board of Ethics is required to file, and has filed, such a list with the Clerk of the County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, said list does not include certain officers and employees holding titles who are statutorily required to file annual statements of financial disclosure regardless of whether they hold policy making positions pursuant to Nassau County Administrative Code §22-4.3(4)(e); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Nassau County Administrative Code §22-4.3(4)(b), the County Legislature shall adopt a resolution either ratifying or modifying the list submitted by the Board of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has, for filing year 2024 (relating to calendar year 2023) considered the Board of Ethics' memorandum to heads of all the County's Departments, Agencies, Boards, Commissions, or Entities regarding who should be considered a policymaker; and

WHEREAS, the heads of the County's Departments, Agencies, Boards, Commissions, or Entities have provided requested information and the identities of certain officers and employees needed to assist the Board of Ethics in promulgating a list of policymakers, by Department, Agency, Boards, Commission, or Entity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the officers and employees set forth in the list as shown in Appendix A, attached hereto, are hereby deemed to be policymakers required to file an Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, pursuant to the relevant provisions of Nassau County Administrative Code §22-4.3; 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. 89 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Office of Community Development is the overall administrative agent for the Federal Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”), HOME Investment Partnership (“HOME”), and the Emergency Shelter Grant (“ESG”), programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”); and

WHEREAS, each year, Nassau County must submit to HUD an annual plan outlining the proposed use of funds received through such programs; and

WHEREAS, this year, Nassau County will submit to HUD its annual plan for the 50th Program Year CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding; and

WHEREAS, such application for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds is currently on file with the Clerk of the Legislature of Nassau County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, such application for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds be and is hereby authorized by this Legislature to be filed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute any grant agreements or other documentation in relation to receipt of such grant funds.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 90 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TREASURER TO FURNISH VARIOUS COUNTY OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS WITH A PETTY CASH FUND IN SPECIFIED AMOUNTS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1-4.2 of the Nassau County Administrative Code, the County Legislature may authorize the County Treasurer to furnish any officer or department of the County with a petty cash fund, in such amount as the County Legislature may specify by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature, by numerous resolutions, has authorized such petty cash funds to various offices and departments over the past seventy years; and

WHEREAS, over those seventy years, many offices and departments have been reorganized, established, eliminated, merged and/or divided; and

WHEREAS, the established petty cash funds for many offices and departments are out-of-date or misaligned with the current responsibilities and duties of those offices and departments; and

WHEREAS, certain offices and departments no longer require a petty cash fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for petty cash funds to be used solely by the offices and departments for which they are established; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of the County of Nassau be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to establish petty cash funds for the offices and departments listed in Appendix A to this Resolution, and in the amounts specified therein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that petty cash funds are not required for the Office of Housing/Community Development and the Office of Management and Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all previous petty cash resolutions pertaining to the offices and departments listed in Appendix A to this Resolution are hereby rescinded.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 91 - 2024

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

WHEREAS, Section 6-c (2)(b) of the General Municipal Law permits the County to establish capital reserve funds for the financing of all or part of the cost the acquisition of a type of capital improvement or the acquisition of a type of equipment; and

WHEREAS, the County supports establishing a capital reserve fund to provide for the acquisition of vehicles with a period of probable usefulness of less than five (5) years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-c (2)(b) of the General Municipal Law, as amended, there is hereby established a capital reserve fund to be known as the “Capital Reserve Fund” (hereinafter “Reserve Fund”); and be it further

RESOLVED, the purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate money to finance the cost of the acquisition of vehicles with a period of probable usefulness of less than five (5) years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the chief fiscal officer is hereby directed to deposit and secure the money of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The chief fiscal officer may invest the money in the Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of Nassau County. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the money so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Reserve Fund. The chief fiscal officer shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner which maintains the separate identity of the Reserve Fund and shows the date and amount of each sum paid into the fund, interest earned by the fund, capital gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments of the fund,

the amount and date of each withdrawal from the fund and the total assets of the fund, showing cash balance and a schedule of investments, and shall, at the end of each fiscal year, render to the County Legislature a detailed report of the operation and condition of the Reserve Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as otherwise provided by law, expenditures from this Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. No expenditure shall be made from this Reserve Fund without the approval of the County Legislature and such additional actions or proceedings as may be required by Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law or any other law, including a permissive referendum if required by subdivision 4 of Section 6-c; 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. 92 -2024

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND REQUIRE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS MADE WITHIN THE BUDGET OF THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE FOR THE YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, by this Resolution, the Nassau County Legislature shall initiate and approve transfers of appropriations within the budget of the Nassau County Legislature for the year 2024; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature does hereby authorize and require the following transfers of appropriations made within the budget of the Nassau County Legislature for the year 2024;

	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>FROM</u>	LEGEN1500 AA98Z	Appropriated Salaries	\$30,000
	LEGEN2000 DD419	Appropriated General Expenses	\$25,000
	<u>TOTAL</u>		\$55,000
<u>TO</u>	LEGEN1500 DD419	Appropriated General Expenses	\$21,000
	LEGEN2000 DD419	Appropriated General Expenses	\$9,000
	LEGEN2000 AA98Z	Appropriated Salaries	\$25,000
	<u>TOTAL</u>		\$55,000

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 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 (c)(20) 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 significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 93 – 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD IN RELATION TO THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND USE OF A POLICE BOOTH LOCATED IN HARBOR HILLS PARK.

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau (the “County”) and the Town of North Hempstead (the “Town”) are authorized, pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law to enter into inter-governmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Town believe it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of their respective municipalities to authorize inter-municipal cooperation with respect to the mutual covenants set forth in the proposed agreement, on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute said agreement with the Town; 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. 94 - 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 purchase and procure LED street lights 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. 95- 2024

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

WHEREAS, Nassau County (“the County”) and the Village of Kensington (“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 purchase and procure speed radar 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.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 96 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH GARDEN CITY PARK WATER/FIRE DISTRICT IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, Nassau County (“the County”) and the Garden City Park Water/Fire District (“the 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 District to purchase and procure self-contained breather apparatus SCBA and related items (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County and the 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.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 97 - 2024

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

WHEREAS, Nassau County (“the County”) and the Village of East Williston (“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 purchase and procure replacement fence and gate, stairwell gate wall, fire-rated door 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. 98 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST HEMPSTEAD FIRE DISTRICT IN RELATION TO A PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, Nassau County (“the County”) and the West Hempstead Fire District (“the 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 District to purchase and procure a tower ladder truck and related items (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County and the 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.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. -2024

A LOCAL LAW TO MAINTAIN A SAFE AND FAIR COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS AND ATHLETIC EVENTS

WHEREAS, Women and Girls deserve the opportunity to demonstrate their strength, skills, and athletic abilities and to provide them with equal and fair opportunities to obtain recognition and accolades, college scholarships, and the numerous other long-term benefits that result from participating and competing in athletic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, historically, Women and Girls have not received as many of the opportunities emanating from participation in sports as biological males; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a supportive and safe environment is maintained to foster and nurture these opportunities in sports for biological females; and

WHEREAS, Women and Girls hard work, on-field achievements, and athletic futures deserve to be fostered, nurtured, and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, the designation of separate sex-specific athletic teams or sports is necessary to maintain fairness for women's athletic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau is committed to protecting Women's and Girl's rights to compete athletically and to realize the opportunities of participating in a fair sporting competition;

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau as follows:

Section 1. A new Title 90 is added to the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County as follows:

Title 90

Fairness for Women and Girls in Sports

§ 1 Definitions.

For purposes of this local law, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- a. "County" shall mean the County of Nassau;

- b. "Gender" shall mean an individual's biological sex assigned to that individual at birth;
- c. "Male", "Man", or "Boy" shall mean an individual whose gender assigned at birth was male;
- d. "Female", "Woman", or "Girl" shall mean an individual whose gender assigned at birth was female;
- e. "Coed" or "Mixed" shall include both males and females.

§ 2. Any sports leagues, organizations, teams, programs, or sports entities must expressly designate as one of the following based on the biological sex at birth of the team's individual competitors when applying for a use and occupancy permit to utilize Nassau County Parks property for the purposes of organizing a sporting event or competition:

- a. Males, men, or boys; or
- b. Females, women, or girls; or
- c. Coed or mixed, including both males and females.

§ 3. The Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation & Museums shall not issue any permits for the use and occupancy of Nassau County Park property for the purposes of organizing a sporting event or competition that allows athletic teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls to include biological males as competitors.

§ 4. The Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation & Museums may issue permits for the use and occupancy of Nassau County Park's property for the purposes of organizing a sporting event or competition that allows athletic teams or sports for males, men, or boys to include biological females as competitors.

§ 5. A statement of a team's individual competitor's biological sex on the team's individual competitor's official birth certificate is considered to have correctly stated the team's individual competitor's biological sex at birth if the statement was filed at or near the time of the team's individual competitor's birth.

Section 2. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 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 the amendment of the Nassau County Administrative Code in relation to a special revenue fund 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 does not have a significant effect on the environment; and no further review is required.

Section 4. This local law shall take effect immediately.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. - -2024

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 2211 OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY IN RELATION TO THE DESIGNATION OF A COUNTY NEWSPAPER.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision b of Section 2211 of the County Government Law of Nassau County is amended as follows:

b) [The member or members of the Board of Supervisors representing, respectively, the two political parties whose candidate for governor received the highest and next highest number of votes in the county at the last general election at which a governor was chosen, or a majority of such members representing, respectively, each of such political parties,] Upon the recommendation of the County Executive, the County Legislature shall on or before January fifteenth in each year designate in writing a newspaper published daily [and having an average daily paid general circulation of not less than fifty thousand within the county,] to be an official newspaper of the county for the ensuing year or until its successor is designated, and such designation shall be filed with the clerk of the County Legislature. [Board of Supervisors. If there be no member of the Board of Supervisors representing either of such political parties, the designation of an official newspaper which would have been made by such member or members shall be made by the chairman of the county committee of such party in like manner and with like effect as a designation by the members of the Board of Supervisors representing such party.] All notices, other than notices relating to the sale of

property for taxes which shall be published as now or hereafter provided by law, required to be published by this act or otherwise by law, shall be published in the official newspaper designated as provided above and in such other publications as the County [Executive] Legislature may, from time to time, determine unless otherwise provided by the local finance law.

§ 2. A new Subdivision c is added to Section 2211 of the County Government Law of Nassau County as follows:

c) Upon the recommendation of the County Executive, the County Legislature may designate one or more online news media websites as newspapers for the purposes of publications required under local law. Any such online news media website must be dedicated, in whole or in part, to regional news involving Nassau County and its New York metropolitan area neighboring counties.

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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, June 24, 2024

1:21 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 (LEFT APPROX 3:40 pm)

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LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES

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LEGISLATOR PATRICK MULLANEY

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Minority Leader

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LEGISLATOR MICHAEL GIANGREGORIO

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LEGISLATOR C. WILLIAM GAYLOR, III

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TOP COPS:

POLICE OFFICERS:
CRAIG WULFF
EMIL KNIGHT
NICHOLAS ACCARDI

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

SERGEANT CATALANO

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

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- Maile Beatty
- Chris Beatty
- James Rooney
- Ezra Scollo
- Katie Hawkland
- Paula Frome
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- Brian Mays
- Karen Johnson
- Juli Grey-Owens
- Kirsten Fox
- Helena Roderick
- Jennifer Hovestadt-Molloy
- Emma Schultz
- Dolores Corrigaru
- Maria O-Leary
- Marla Alpert
- Dr. Eve Meltzer Krief
- Susan Gottehrer
- Lauren LaMagna
- Ariel Silberman
- Suzanne Kaebnick
- Dave Stern
- Faren Simioff
- Jason Gorman
- Lataya Carter
- Thomas Gaffney
- Mary Purdee
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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: As always, we're going to start with the Pledge of Allegiance, and I see Commissioner Arnold. Commissioner Arnold, would you come up to the podium and lead us, please.

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: My pleasure.

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

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: So, Commissioner, this is your last your last rodeo.

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Yes it is.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: How many years?

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: It'll be 38 in September. So just shy of 38.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thirty eight years. Okay. Anyway, we're going to miss you over here. We certainly will. We've enjoyed working with you for all these years. We wish you lots of luck and success in whatever comes next.

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: I appreciate

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it. It's been a great pleasure to work for this county and work for all of you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay. Thank you.

(Whereupon, a round of applause.)

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: So now we have a one hour period of public comment. I'm sorry, we are going to start with sorry with Top Cops. We'll start off with the PBA, President Shevlin.

MR. SHEVLIN: Good afternoon. On Thursday, June 13, 2024, BSO and the Fourth Precinct were called in to assist Long Beach Police Department when a massive crowd of teenagers formed on the beach. Approximately 2000 teenagers gathered in Long Beach for what was organized on social media as "Senior Cut Day". The teenagers became unruly and refused to leave. Fights then broke out. BSO Officers Wulff and Knight had entered into the City of Long Beach when they

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heard a gunshot. Officers Wulff and Knight immediately exited the vehicle and observed the male lying on the ground who had just been shot in the stomach. Officer Wulff immediately started rendering aid to the victim, while Officer Knight was covering him from other possible gunfire.

While the officers were rendering aid to the victim, approximately seven more gunshots were fired in the direction of the train station. Without hesitation, our officers, joined by Fourth Precinct Officer Accardi, immediately started running towards the direction of the gunfire.

Now I want to stop the story for one second, and I want you to hear that once again. We already have a victim shot. Seven more gunshots, and our police officers ran to those gunshots while everybody else is running away. That's what we are willing to do day in and day out for our communities that we are

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honored to serve and protect. Every single day we go to work, we risk our lives. These officers are nothing short of heroes.

They were able to recover a 40 caliber loaded gun, and they were able to arrest the perpetrator responsible for these shots. Because of their quick response, dedication and bravery, they were able to take a dangerous person off the street.

We are also joined by their families here today. I want everybody to realize this honor, being recognized, it's nice to us, but it means way more to our families because they are the ones who sacrifice every single day we go to work when we're missing sport events, we're missing holidays, weekends, nights, and they do not know that we are coming back. So I want everybody to not just congratulate our heroes, but their families, because they are the real heroes who put up with everything that we

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do every day to make this the greatest
and safest county in the country.

(Whereupon, applause.)

MR. SHEVLIN: The PBA is proud to
honor Officers Wulff, Knight and Accardi
as Legislative Top Cops of June 2024.

FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SMITH:
First Deputy Commissioner Kevin Smith.

So the new social media phenomena is
announcing private parties in public
places in which local town and
governments have not given any kind of
consent, any kind of approval or license,
and most likely have no knowledge that
the event is going to take place at all.
These gatherings can result, as Tommy
just said, in huge mass gatherings of
people which sometimes result in extreme
drug use, alcohol use and random acts of
violence.

Well, the City of Long Beach, as you
have heard, just had one of those
occurrences, and the Nassau County Police
resources were deployed to help our

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brother and sister police officers keep the peace among an overwhelming number of people that occurred at the beach that day.

Now, imagine you're Officer Wulff, Knight and Accardi. You hear a gunshot you get out of your car to zero in on where the shots came from, and what do you discover? A young man shot in the stomach. A stomach wound is pretty serious. It's your training to save lives first. They move in to help the wounded young man -- he's shot in the stomach, as I said -- and also keep an eye on the surrounding area to see if any more gunshots are going to come their way. Additional assistance arrives at the scene. They're able to pass off the wounded person to others, and they hear another several volleys of gunfire in close proximity. They get back in their car and they proceed to an area near the railroad station, and they discover two individuals who are staying in the area,

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despite the fact that everybody else is dispersing. They are confronted and one subject kind of reaches as if he has something on him.

I'll hazard a guess that not many people in this room have been confronted with the situation like this. It takes training, great clarity and focus to be able to deal with an individual who appears armed and is defiant in his actions, and you're making every effort to make this stand off peacefully. Our officers prevailed. A 40 caliber Glock semi-automatic handgun was recovered. That's not a BB gun for sure, folks.

I want to commend these officers possessing the restraint and fortitude needed to end this confrontation in the professional manner in which they did using just the right amount of their exceptional skills to end this confrontation, a confrontation heightened by the lack of respect and contempt these individuals had for the law in the first

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place.

Thank you for letting me display how proud I am of the Police Department and these officers that are here with us today. I'd like to turn around and shake their hands. Thank you very much.

(Whereupon, applause.)

OFFICER WULFF: Good afternoon, I'm Officer Wulff. I'll be speaking on behalf of the three of us.

We're all very honored and wanted to thank all of you for having us here today. It's a big recognition and it means a lot to us. We're very passionate about what we do and it's important to us. So thank you very much.

(Whereupon, applause.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thank you all. Legislator Mullaney.

LEGISLATOR MULLANEY: Thank you, Presiding Officer. I'll be very brief.

Gentlemen, I just want to say, Tommy, to quote you, "without hesitation". In this day and age, it's

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2 very easy to judge each other, especially
3 with social media being as prominent in
4 our lives as it is. Especially being a
5 police officer, the judgment that's
6 passed on you by judge and jury every
7 day, by the people you protect. It's
8 impressive your willingness to still do
9 things such as this. And still protect
10 the people who sometimes actually do the
11 very opposite and attack you. One person
12 rendering aid, another person protecting
13 somebody else while gunfire is still
14 going on. It's upsetting as a Nassau
15 County resident, but it's at least gives
16 me great comfort knowing that it's you
17 guys who are protecting us. So I cannot
18 thank you enough as a legislator, as a
19 resident of Long Beach and as a
20 representative, I thank you three times
21 over. Thank you very much, gentlemen.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: We will
23 invite you up for a picture. But first
24 we're just going to hear from the DAI.
25 Just hang out, guys, and we'll call you

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both up.

DETECTIVE LEVY: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen of this legislature. My name is Thomas Levy, and I'm a detective with the Eighth Squad. Thank you for having us today and honoring the officers and detectives and all the hard work that they do.

We're here to honor Detective Paul Cigna and Detective Mike Neglia for exemplary police work, resulting in an arrest of an individual for an attempted murder charge less than 72 hours after the incident occurred.

On January 13, 2024, Detectives Cigna and Neglia were notified of a shooting that had just occurred in Allen Park in South Farmingdale. The juvenile victim had been shot in the right leg and was rushed to Good Samaritan Hospital. Detective Neglia responded to the hospital and interviewed the 15-year-old victim. The victim stated he was at the park to watch a fight between two other

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teenagers. During the course of the altercation, an unknown individual who appeared to be an adult arrived wearing a ski mask. That individual pulled out a revolver and fired a single shot, striking the victim in the right leg. The shooter jumped into white SUV and fled the location. Detective Cigna responded to the park, where he interviewed eight witnesses and obtained statements from all of them, all having similar accounts of the incident. A description of the shooter was obtained from multiple witnesses, and a prime subject was identified and determined.

Detective Neglia requested license plate readings, and after hours of combing through running plates, was able to identify the getaway vehicle. Additional interviews were conducted of individuals that were in the vehicle, and the shooter was positively identified. Less than 72 hours after the initial shooting, with the assistance of

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2 Probation, the shooter was placed under
3 arrest. During an extensive
4 interrogation, Detective Cigna was able
5 to obtain a statement of admission from
6 the shooter.

7 (Whereupon, applause.)

8 FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SMITH:

9 Thanks again for having us.

10 Detectives Paul Cigna and Michael
11 Neglia are to be commended for more than
12 this case. Their tenacity and painstaking
13 efforts to process the scene, to identify
14 witnesses, speak with the victim, and
15 this all played a part in its
16 72-hour-turnaround of a case that could
17 have gone on much longer had they not
18 persevered and gave the maximum effort,
19 which our detectives do.

20 This whole scenario, to me, is
21 frightening. An orchestrated fight
22 between two schools. Who's -- they're not
23 even remotely near each other, these two
24 schools. It takes place in a public park,
25 a crowd present to witness the event, a

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shot fired by a masked person, a fleeing vehicle and innocent victim. I tell you, tons of investigative tools and techniques were gone through in those 72 hours, countless records and data reviewed to bring a conclusion to this case.

I often said that our detectives possess a dogged determination when it comes to closing a case. This case highlights that effort and determination to get results.

I'm quite sure you're proud of them, just as I am. Thank you for honoring their efforts. They did a great job. And again, I'd like to turn around and shake their hands. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL:

Detectives, would you like to say a word?

DETECTIVE CIGNA: Thank you, all, for having us here. We appreciate the recommendation. We will continue to work our hardest to make Nassau County the safest and best place to work and live.

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Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator Walker.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: First of all, I just want to thank you for what you do day in and day out. And, Commissioner, you said it before, our officers are trained, our detectives are trained, but once again, you went into a situation in a park, something happened. You ended up interviewing the victim who was hurt. But I think of that situation in the park. Kids gathering together, just like in Long Beach, much larger in Long Beach, but here in the park. Many other innocent victims in the park. Children are there with families, moms, grandparents bringing their children. They're playing in the park. And here's a situation where there is a fight. Kids from one school, like you said, not even close; Port Washington and Farmingdale. They meet in the park in Farmingdale. They gather here, they have an altercation and an

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So again, I thank you so much for

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guy or the bad girl and you did. You made

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it happen in a very short span of time.

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We cannot thank you enough for that.

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And I, too, want to thank all our

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that in Long Beach. Again, running into danger to help save someone else and to make sure there were no further victims.

And to your families. God bless. I think of that every day. Many of my dear friends are police officers on every level; SOA, Detectives, PBA, Corrections. I think to myself, their families worry every day when they say goodbye in the morning; are they coming home at night? Thank God you all came home safely. And let's pray that that continues to happen. So God bless you all and thank you for all you do.

And I think Legislator Ferretti would like to say a few words.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you. Thank you, gentlemen, for your continued dedication to our county.

This incident happened in Allen Park, which, as you're aware, is a park that's very, very close to the South Farmingdale residential community. So when this happened, it really, really

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2 caused a lot of concern for many of the
3 residents that live just a stone's throw
4 from where this occurred. It's obviously
5 not a usual event in Allen Park, that
6 this happens. But what you did and the
7 dedication that you showed, what it did
8 was it really gave a sense of security to
9 people in a very, very quick, expeditious
10 way. We can't thank you enough for that.
11 Your hard work, your dedication, it's a
12 reflection on not just you, but our
13 entire police department in Nassau
14 County, under the leadership of Patrick
15 Ryder, the resources that you've been
16 given, everything, it is working, and
17 it's because of you. God bless you and
18 thank you.

19 (Whereupon, applause.)

20 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay we'll
21 invite the PBA up first.

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23 presented and photos taken.)

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Next, we have some points of personal privilege, and we'll start out with Legislator Strauss.

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LEGISLATOR STRAUSS: Good afternoon. It's an honor and an absolute privilege to recognize Village of Mineola resident Sergeant Anthony "Tony" Catalano as my point of personal privilege.

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I've known Tony for many years now. Tony will soon be 104 years old, and he's a World War II veteran. Tony served in the famed Third Army under General Patton as a sergeant. Sergeant Catalano led his soldiers, through some of the fiercest fighting and most brutal terrain and weather conditions in the European theater. He was also part of the group of soldiers that liberated the Dachau Concentration Camp.

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In recent years, Sergeant Catalano has been extremely active, visiting schools, sharing with students and their teachers some of the stories of what he

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Sergeant Catalano, your heroic
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America's armed forces during our deepest
crisis, saved the world from tyranny and
preserved freedom and liberty for
generations to come. To say our entire
nation owes you a tremendous debt of
gratitude is putting it mildly, to say
the least. You're truly a member of the
Greatest Generation.

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Tony, I take great pleasure in
presenting you with the citation, and I
am honored beyond words to be able to
call you a friend.

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SERGEANT CATALANO: Thank you very
much, ex-mayor. I'm so happy everybody
showed up today. I hope you get your
wishes today. I'm sorry to get in this
mood (overcome with emotion). But, I want
to thank everyone for coming today. It

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was a great surprise. I want to thank the
ex-mayor here. Am I right?

LEGISLATOR STRAUSS: You got it.

SERGEANT CATALANO: I got it. I
better shut up before I get in trouble.

Anyway, it was nice being over here.
I enjoyed this place all the time. I've
been in Mineola, 75 years. I've been
living here 75 years, and this was the
best thing in my life. I came here when I
was young. And I'm still here. I'm going
to be 104. I'm trying to please
everybody. I wish everybody the same. Be
happy. We live in a world where we should
live here and be happy with it. But we're
not doing that today. We're having a hard
time. I wish everybody would get
together, because I'd love to see
everybody in good shape. Thank you very
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(Whereupon, applause.)

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

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: Legislator Siela Bynoe.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Carrie A. Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Debra Mule?

LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator C. William Gaylor, III?

LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

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CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.
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
Koslow.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Scott
Strauss is here.

Legislator Arnold Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Rose
Marie Walker?

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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 is absent.

Presiding Officer Howard Kopel?

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: I'm here.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,
sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thank you.
As always, we start off with a period of
public comment. That period goes for one
hour. Each speaker is limited to three
minutes, and we do enforce that. Public
comment, as you know, is not a period
where you get into a back and forth with
legislators. We hear what you have to
say. We're here to listen to what you
have to say. If we don't finish all the
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will listen to the rest of the speakers following the business of the Legislature. So therefore, when you do come up to speak, anyone who tries to go beyond the allotted time, be aware that you're taking time away from someone else and may cause someone else to have to wait several hours.

Next thing I want to tell you is that we have several hearings today and we've got speakers on two of them. One of them relates to the community college, and the other one relates to certain regulations on a law that's going to be considered today for transgender sports. Those speakers will be heard during the hearing for those respective laws.

Now we're going to start out with LaToya Benjamin.

MS. BENJAMIN: Good afternoon. Thank you for having me.

My issue that I'm bringing to the attention is about dog waste being in our environment in the community of Lakeview.

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Legislator Gaylor, who presides over a
Woodfield Road, to please allow us to
have resources of dog waste dispensers.
There's a surplus of people not picking
up after their dogs. On our side blocks,
we have the signs that state that is
against the law to not pick up after
yourself, but on the main street, we
don't have any of that. I would love to
first start with the resource, to have it
available so that people can use what's
to their service and not create this
hazard in our environment. I've also
myself been accused and because I'm in
the business of doggie daycare, I would
not like to be accused any longer of
doing such thing. Because what I do is I
educate and empower individuals with
special needs, and I wouldn't want any of
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100 people who signed from this neighborhood, and I would like to put that on the record (handing).

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay.

Thank you.

Clariona Griffin.

MS. GRIFFIN: Good afternoon everyone. How are you doing? My name is Trustee Clariona Griffin with the Village of Hempstead. Today I'm going to speak on behalf of the trustees that are not here, trustee Kevin Boone and Trustee Noah Burroughs, who's not here.

The reason why I'm coming is because I have here water in front of me. And the reason why I brought the water is because we're asking for your help. And the reason why we're asking for your help is that we all took an oath as elected officials to do the right thing. And we're asking for your help to speak on our behalf, to ask the County Executive to please assist us with the funds that we need to be able to take care of the

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water in the Hempstead Village. This water here, we have no choice. We have to drink it. You have a choice. Because if I offer it to you right now, you can say, you know what? I don't want it. We don't have that choice. We have to drink it. We have to bathe with it. We have to take care of our seniors and our children. So we need to be able to get the funds to be able to take care of the water.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Legislator Bynoe, as well as Legislator David for the effort that they're making. I'm asking that we all join force together as elected official and do the right thing. Give us a choice, because like I said, you don't have to drink this water. You have that choice. But you do have a choice that you can make to do the right thing and speak to the County Executive about enforcing to release the funds so we could put it to be able to get our infrastructure fixed for the water so our residents can

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drink the same water that you're
drinking. Thank you so much.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Doris
Sharpe.

MS. SHARPE: Good afternoon. This
is a new message. You are the
legislators and you all represent all
your communities, and I would expect
you'll to unite as a force of evenly
justice, which each community is not all
about what one person can get over the
other all the time. You need to help each
other and I don't see that happening
right now.

It's not enough, County Executive
Blakeman, you don't give minorities
Juneteenth, but you can spend 10 million
for what matters to you; a celebration.

It's not enough, you publicly
supported a person in New York that
committed vigilantism against one of us.

It's not enough, you go against the
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The Long Island Advocate for Police Accountability created what's called the People's plan -- anyone can look it up -- to make you aware of County Executive issues and Legislators our community have with the police and how to correct them. That is still an issue with you at this time.

Now, the minority community or Village of Hempstead is going through a major transition of water. The Water Department's costing 55 million; my little village, to no fault of ours. We're asked to get rid of dioxane. Along with updating the oldest village in this state. We are part of Nassau. Why have you not responded to our legislators that requested what everyone else has seemed to have gotten? Correct me if I'm wrong. Give us the money allocated for the health of the residents of the Village of Hempstead, like the other communities that have already received theirs.

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My father just died of stomach cancer. We've never had cancer in our family. He did make it to 82; God bless him. But that word cancer comes from where, no one knows. But you can attribute a lot of toxic stuff within the water, within Bethpage, all over, everywhere, that's in our system.

Please have a heart and care enough about the Village of Hempstead minority community. We still fight for everything we got to get. Nothing is given to us. We gotta fight for everything and that is just totally unfair. You want to know why the blacks get angry? You want to know why we have injustice and go out here and do things? Because it seems to take everything from us. We have to fight for every little thing. And this is basic. Y'all got the money there. Ask Blakeman to be fair to everyone here, not just yourselves. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Victoria,
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MS. BUTINSKY: My name is Victoria Butinsky, I'm with the Nassau County District Attorney's Office. I was hired 12 years ago with the intentions of having health insurance vested to me at the ten year mark. Now that has been changed to the 20 year mark, and it affects myself and my family and my coworkers that are also affected by this rule that started within the same time frame.

So at this time, I was hoping that you could find the time to adjust this part of the contract that we received to grandfather us in at the ten year mark. And that's all. I think it would make a big difference in the quality of the employees that you have. I also think that you'll have not such a rush of employees leaving at the 2026 mark when this does take effect. I think you'll have more experienced employees staying maybe 3 or 5 years more, and I think that would benefit the County. That's it.

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Karen
Montallbano.

MS. MANTALLBANO: My name is Karen
Mantallbano and I am the vice president
of the Baldwin Historical Society.

In 2023, we applied for a
Hotel/Motel grant to present summer
concerts and programs in Baldwin. As this
was our first time doing paperwork with
the County, we had trouble and technical
difficulties on our side, and we worked
through with the help of those in Nassau
County, and we are grateful for all their
help and patience. Because of our limited
budget and resources budget, we wanted to
be sure that the funds were granted
before planning. The \$6,000 needed for
the series, which we were granted, would
have wiped out all of the reserves of our
nonprofit historical society. We wanted
to be sure we had money left over to pay
our utilities and insurance. The final
sign off on the agreement was in October,

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Are you

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MS. MONTALLBANO: Mm-hmm.

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay.
Thank you. You'll have to speak with your legislator.

MS. MANTALLBANO: I have spoken with my legislator about this, but --

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: We do not do back and forth at this is, as I said earlier, this is a time where we listen to your comments. Thank you.

MS. MANTALLBANO: You're welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Susan Hansen.

MS. HANSEN: Good afternoon. My name is Sue Hansen. I live in Suffolk County, but my comments extend to all county officials throughout New York State and the country.

Identity, residency and citizenship: These are the eligibility requirements to vote in a federal election. Unfortunately, they are not upheld. If the truth be told, there is virtually no verification and no enforcement of these requirements. Voter registration forms

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2 are available for the taking at all post
3 offices, schools, and government
4 buildings. Individuals are automatically
5 offered a form regardless of whether they
6 are eligible or not when applying for a
7 driver's license, a Social Security card,
8 Medicare, Medicaid, health care, and a
9 myriad of social assistance programs. All
10 that is required is to fill out the form,
11 check a box, and sign your name in a
12 three inch square labeled "Affidavit",
13 period. No photo ID, birth certificate,
14 nothing. Just a form.

15 Congress and state legislators and
16 officials are responsible for this
17 travesty. I have come to the conclusion
18 that the only remedy rests with us. We,
19 the people at the county level. I have a
20 big ask. It is a modest inconvenience,
21 but has the ability to correct and
22 fortify our elections, something Congress
23 and the states have failed to do:

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your local Board of Elections.

2. County Executive Blakeman and fellow legislators demand that the County Board of Elections notify voters who have not provided documentation. Explain that they will be offered a provisional ballot, if requested; however, it will not be counted unless and until documentation is provided before an election is certified.

County officials, prepare to take this to court immediately against the state and local BOE. You have the authority. New York State Code part 6217.5(b) states, "The County Board is responsible for determining whether the applicant meets constitutional and statutory requirements".

I am asking everyone to take a leadership role and support this bold step. No one is coming to fix it. It is up to us. Our elections are a matter of national security. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thank you.

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Sedgewick Easley. Mr. Easley, compliments on that handwriting here.

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MR. EASLEY: Good afternoon

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everybody. I am Sedgewick Easley, as has

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been said. And I stand before you today,

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as a resident, pastor, and concerned

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citizen from the Hempstead community.

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fighting for justice and equality. I'm

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Hempstead has 1,4 dioxane in the water,

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your voices with us, and certainly with
Legislator Bynoe and Legislator Scott
Davis, as they have been working
tirelessly with our community. We need
the necessary funding to address this
crisis, certainly in our community.

As you well know, investing in clean
water infrastructure in Hempstead is an
investment in health, well-being, and the
future of our community and of the county
which you represent. By providing equal
access to clean water, we are not only
fulfilling our obligations as politicians
and as citizens, but we also creating a
more just and equitable society -- a more
just and equitable society for all.

This is a fight for justice. This is
a fight for environmental justice. There
is crimes going on, and whenever you have
crimes where others are not allowed to
have clean drinking water, it's time for
all of us to fight.

So I say to you today, don't just
give us your rhetoric. We are looking for

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2 results. Don't just give us a black
3 concert for Juneteenth, give us some
4 clean water. Thank you.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: LaShawn
6 Lukes.

7 MS. LUKES: Good afternoon. My name
8 is LaShawn Lukes, and I'm the president
9 of the Hempstead Chamber of Commerce and
10 I represent the businesses in the largest
11 village in New York state.

12 Within the village, I am here to
13 address the poor water quality that not
14 only impacts the residents, but it
15 impacts the businesses. The local
16 residents within the village, and the
17 businesses especially serve throughout
18 Nassau County. That means that we prepare
19 food, maybe for your children and for
20 your families as well. We have diversity
21 here, but one thing that we do not have
22 is clean drinking water.

23 We have to think about the future
24 and what the future is in our community.
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in Nassau County. But we have to have unity in Nassau County, especially on the issues that impacts certain sectors. Being separate is not growth. It keeps us behind in history and in time. We need a solution, and the solution is there. The solution, it starts with you working together; Our leadership. Just as I lead over 575 businesses within the Village of Hempstead. I do that with dedication, with hard work, with empathy, and with love.

We have to start with us. I'm saying this has to start with you. We need resources. We're not asking anymore; we need it. When I look at our seniors, when I look at our children, when I look at even me as a 50-year-old-woman, what is the future going to be for me? What is my health going to look like drinking that water? I don't gamble with my life. Don't you gamble with others as well. This has to stop. The division in Nassau County -- I have diversity in my family. We look

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like the Rainbow Coalition, but we love each other. Go home and just think about who you are as a person. Would you want to drink the water that we're drinking in Hempstead?

I'm asking for unity. I'm asking for it now; I'm demanding it. And anything that happens that's going to be on you. Legislator Bynoe and Legislator Scott Davis has been there endlessly trying to help the issues, trying to be our voice, but we have to stand behind them and you have to do what's right. So this is on you. Think about this at home tonight, when drinking water with your family. Would you want to drink the water in Hempstead?

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Ira Salwen.

MR. SALWEN: Good afternoon. My name is Ira Salwen, and I'm the chairman of the Board of Trustees of Congregation B'nai Sholom-Beth David in Rockville Centre. I'm old enough to remember the

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2 bad old days when a political machine ran
3 Nassau County. That's why I'm here today
4 and why we're all here today in this
5 county legislative chamber. Because
6 things had to change in Nassau County.

7 But I've become aware of a situation
8 that makes me wonder whether there really
9 has been any change at all. I'm talking
10 about funding for water treatment
11 upgrades. I understand that leftover
12 Covid funds have already been
13 appropriated to pay for the necessary
14 additions to water treatment in three
15 municipalities, among them Great Neck.
16 Yet a request for funding for a similar
17 project in the Village of Hempstead seems
18 to have gotten nowhere. This, despite the
19 fact that water consumers in Great Neck
20 are probably more able to pay the
21 additional cost than those in Hempstead.
22 Unfortunately, the most significant
23 difference in these funding requests
24 seems to be the party affiliation of the
25 legislator originating the request.

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That's why I wonder whether anything has really changed in Nassau County.

I don't live in Hempstead, so I'm not a Hempstead water consumer, but I remember hearing about the water problems in Flint, Michigan, and wondering, how could this have been allowed to happen? When I heard about this situation right here in my own backyard, I wondered the same thing. So I felt I had to come down here and say something. The people of Hempstead need your help as much as the people in Great Neck, Hicksville and Farmingdale; maybe even more.

As a synagogue leader, it seems appropriate for me to quote from the Book of Genesis. There's a famous question in there. You've all heard it in the original it's: Hashomer achi anochi - Am I my brother's keeper? One would hope that for everyone sitting in this chamber, the answer is, yes. The people of Hempstead need your help to protect their family's health. Therefore, I urge

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2 you to do the right thing. Act now to
3 approve this funding request. Thank you
4 for your time.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Mary
6 Purdee.

7 MS. PURDEE: Good afternoon,
8 everyone. My name is Mary Purdee and I am
9 a resident of the village of Penn State,
10 as well as the senior. I grew up here in
11 Hempstead. My kids grew up here in
12 Hempstead and my grandkids and great
13 grandchildren are growing up here in
14 Hempstead. Of all the residents I'm here
15 to represent, some of the residents that
16 I know from the Village of Hempstead, and
17 I know quite a few people that have died
18 from cancer and have no understanding or
19 no reason why. Now I realize this from
20 our water.

21 Please help us to fight to get clean
22 and healthy water into our village. We
23 need all the support. With the support,
24 we will be able to change our water ASAP.
25 Let's get involved.

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Please note that there will be a petition going around the village. Please sign it so that these signatures can be sent to Albany included with a letter of support with this fight for our lives and one we can win if we choose to live.

Thank you to the Village of Hempstead. And as well as -- I know it's election time and everybody is trying to get their vote in, I would like for the people, for you guys that are representing us, to remember we don't only just drink the water, we wash our food in the water, we wash our bodies in the water, we wash our clothes in the water. And this is very important because I know quite a few people at Hempstead right now that have cancer and why? Who's running this? This is terrible. Our pipes haven't been renewed, and that water tower, which I live right next to, in a hundred years. Why? How can something like this happen in a village that people are supposed to stand up and

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represent? Well, I'm representing our village as well as I'm taking signatures. If I have to walk the whole Hempstead, I am willing to do that to get these signatures, to get us some clean and healthy water. I hope to God that I don't have to do that. Thank you. Get on it and let's all have a wonderful day.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thank you. Thomas Gaffney.

MR. GAFFNEY: Good afternoon everybody.

A couple of years ago, we had a house fire in Elmont in which we had multiple burn victims. Typically they would all have been transported to NUMC, but on this night that didn't happen because when Medcom made the notification, the supervising physician at the hospital advised them that they couldn't handle multiple victims. It wasn't because the facility can't handle it, it's because they didn't have enough staff. Staffing shortages there have been

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a problem for several years, and they are the result of cutbacks and aid from New York State that started six years ago and have been accumulating since.

Now, in recent years, Albany has been awash with Covid money, with tobacco settlement money, with opioid money, and we want to know, why doesn't any of this money come back to our hospital, our safety net hospital that we really need here?

We've been lucky so far that we haven't had any other similar diversions. The hospital administration has been very good at attempting to deal with the staffing issue. They have made progress. I would not say that the issue is resolved, but it is better than it was two years ago.

As a taxpayer here, I'm thrilled to hear that we've had three successive years of budget surpluses. But why do I have to read in the newspaper that Nassau County is sitting on \$90 million of

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We recently had an inspection at the burn center by the Joint Commission. They found a lot of our essential equipment is nearing the end of its useful lifespan, and it's going to need to be replaced. We could use some of that money that the county has been sitting on, and it would take less than 1% of what you've got to put the Burn Center square. But what good does it do to square away, to burn center if we close the hospital?

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Just this Saturday, the newspaper had another doomsday article about the hospital being unsustainable and threatening with its closure. I don't understand how this can happen in a county with the assets that we have. It's unthinkable for us to lose our Burn Center, but it's also unthinkable to lose one of the finest level one trauma centers in the nation, a public safety net hospital, a hospital that has clinics for all kinds of needs that will never be

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addressed by any of the other hospitals, including a veterans clinic, and of course, what happens to the 3700 employees there.

We're talking about burn injuries here. These are unique. When you have a burn injury, you are generally not going into shock. You are usually awake, alert, conscious, and it should be -- excuse me, I always get choked up this part -- You're in a pain you don't ever want to even think about. We have a limited amount of time to get these people (buzzer) -- I'm really sorry.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Just wrap up, please.

MR. GAFFNEY: We need to have the two parties come together on this. We need for you to stop demanding conditions precedent for funding on one side, and on the other side, we need for you to make your appointee more responsive. We need to have questions answered as to why a board meeting has been cut from monthly

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to quarterly. Why can't you go online and get board meeting minutes anymore? What is going on at this hospital? We need to have changes made and we need to have the maid quickly. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: LaToya Carter.

MS. CARTER: Hi, my name is LaToya Carter. I am a resident of Lakeview. I'm here to talk about a couple of issues.

I actually represent and help the community members with concerns, and my first question is about the streetscape project. I am aware that, Mr. Gaylor, you requested a meeting with the community members as to what plans we would like to implement in this project; however, our only community organization that helps the residents, the Lakeview Civic Association, will be going on a hiatus until September. And I know you plan to schedule to start everything in September, so I'd like to know if you can send out a mailer with a survey to the

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residents of Lakeview to see what they would like in the streetscape project. Because, as I said, the Civic will not be able to conduct a meeting between now and then.

Also, I have a question about the Lakeview Peace Garden, which thank you very much for. A Lakeview native Cay Fatimah started a project 20 years, maybe 21 years ago, and her initiative to rename the Peace Garden after Roderick Cockerham. You're not aware of it, okay. Roderick Cockerham was a teenager who was shot and killed in 1989. The community members were not in opposition to this. They were in support of this name change. And we wanted to know how we would be able to go forward with doing that.

The other thing is, I'm not sure if this is for you guys. I don't know if it's for Town or you guys, but there's an issue with the lakes that are running in Lakeview where people who reside on these -- some of them are lakes, some of them

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2 are ponds, some of them are streams --
3 it runs all through Lakeview. And the
4 trees are falling into like a marsh pit,
5 I would say. There's a lot of trash back
6 there. Also, the trees are overgrown and
7 some people's houses are actually sinking
8 into these marsh pits. So I don't know if
9 this is the County that's responsible for
10 this, but residents have been trying to
11 reach out to the County, and people have
12 come out from the County and there's no
13 results. So I wanted to know if there was
14 some kind of project that could be
15 created, some kind of team that could
16 come out and assess all of these
17 locations. I have the addresses for all
18 of them. Thank you, everybody.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay.
20 Thank you. That will conclude public
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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: What we're going to do now is deal with some consent calendar items. These are items that have gone through Committee. The Majority and Minority have agreed that they require no further debate or discussion, and I will call them now:

Item 7, Ordinance 25; Item 8, Ordinance 26; Item 10, Ordinance 75; Item 11, Resolution 76; Item 12, Resolution 77; Item 13, Resolution 78; Item 14, Resolution 79; Item 17, Resolution 82; Item 19, Resolution 84; Item 20, Resolution 85; Item 21, Resolution 86; Item 23, Resolution 88; Item 24, Resolution 89; Item 25, Resolution 90; Item 26, Resolution 91; Item 27, Resolution 92; Item 28, Resolution 93; Item 30, Resolution 95; Item 31, Resolution 96; Item 32, Resolution 97; Item 33, Resolution 98.

There's a motion on that by Legislator Giuffre and seconded by Legislator Bynoe.

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All those in favor of these items
that I've called, 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: Okay.
Those items pass unanimously. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Now we have some non consent calendar items and we will start with a public hearing on proposed Ordinance 24, which is an ordinance to adopt the Nassau County budget for Nassau County Community College for the fiscal year commencing September 1st '24, ending August 31st '25.

There's a motion by Legislator Giangregorio and seconded by Legislator Mule.

There's a motion on that by Legislator Giuffre and seconded by Legislator Bynoe.

All those in favor of opening the hearing, please say. "Aye".

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

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: The hearing is now open. Anyone from Nassau Community College here to testify?

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MS. CONZATTI: Good afternoon, legislators. Maria Conzatti, Chief Administrative Officer from Nassau Community College. In front of you for consideration is the budget for the 24-25 year. We look forward again to another good year reevaluating our programs, adding things that the community is asking for, and look forward to serving the community as we have.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any questions from legislators? Legislator Bynoe.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you. Hi. Good day. I am going to support this, but I do have some concerns that relate to the Middle States accreditation.

MS. CONZATTI: Sure.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And some of the changes and consolidations that you're making.

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I actually met with the College, I met with the unions. And I'm going to tell you honestly, I do think that the unions had some really great ideas, and I'd love to see you come together with them at some point where you're able to look at some of the revenue producing ideas that they had. I do really feel strongly about allied health programing, and I do feel that it could help you in the long run. I'd like to see at some point you come back and report to us and give us an idea on how you're moving forward under your suggested plan. I think it's going to be important for us so that we're not driving this college, to which I'm a graduate of, off a cliff. And so be aware that we'll be calling you and asking you to come and give us some updates before we're at a tipping point.

MS. CONZATTI: Happy to do that.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I do hope, really seriously, that you work with your with adjuncts, you work with your full time,

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professors there, to kind of meet in a middle here where everybody can work together for the benefit of sustaining Nassau Community College; I think it's vital to do that. So just leaving you with that. I'm going to support it, but I do have some real concerns.

MS. CONZATTI: Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator Drucker.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you, Presiding Officer. Hello, Maria. How are you today?

MS. CONZATTI: How are you, sir?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Good, good.

So despite these so-called draconian efforts that you are projecting in terms of restructuring the departments and certain cuts, etc., you're still anticipating enrollment growth of 3%; is that correct?

MS. CONZATTI: We do. We're currently up 13% and we are monitoring that. Obviously, we have to wait until bill

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payments happen, normally in the month of August, but we do.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: But despite all that, you're still expecting -- your indications are that there will be an enrollment increase.

MS. CONZATTI: Correct. We are budgeted 3%, sir.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Excellent.

And despite all of these financial constraints, you are not raising tuition.

MS. CONZATTI: We are not.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: That's all I have. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator Koslow.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Good afternoon, Maria. How are you?

MS. CONZATTI: Good afternoon, sir.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: So we've spoken about some of the funding that you're getting. It's my understanding that the \$1.97 million of County support that was offered by the County to avoid a taxing

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tuition increase -- do you know, is that ARPA money? Do you know where that money is coming from?

MS. CONZATTI: I do not, sir.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Is there someone from the Administration who would know? That's here.

MS. CONZATTI: From the County Administration, sir?

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Mr. Leimone, are you available?

MR. LEIMONE: Chris Leimone, for the Administration. I'm sorry. I was outside talking to someone, what was the question?

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: It's our understanding that the County has offered \$1.97 million to the College to avoid a tuition increase. I'm not confirmed, but I want to try and confirm that -- is that money coming from the ARPA funding?

MR. LEIMONE: I do not think so. But I can double check with Budget and get back to you on that.

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LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Can we confirm that sooner than later?

MR. LEIMONE: The tuition assistance. Okay.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: And is there any agreement as to continued funding in that vein, or is that just for a one time funding?

MR. LEIMONE: My understanding is it's for one time presently.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Okay. Thank you. And, Maria, just one other question for you.

MS. CONZATTI: Yes, sir.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: I understand running a school has various ways of accomplishing a certain goal, and it seems to me that the Administration now is focusing on cutting funding or cutting expenses more so than investing in the College to try and increase tuition that way. Has the College or Administration considered what would happen if you invested more as opposed to cutting back,

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or is it just been cut, cut, cut the whole time?

MS. CONZATTI: No. You can't cut, cut, cut; that's not going to work. So what we're looking at is what programs are students responding to. All of our department chair people have comprehensive data packets, including the financials on certain degree programs. What we need to do is look at what the current generation is responding to, what are the needs in the community. So we will be adding programs that students will be responding to and sunseting programs that are not. So it is not cut, cut, cut. That gets us nowhere.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Thank you.

MS. CONZATTI: You're welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator Mule.

LEGISLATOR MULE: Thank you, Presiding Officer.

Hi, Maria. How are you?

MS. CONZATTI: Good.

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LEGISLATOR MULE: So you told

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can you explain that, please?

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MS. CONZATTI: The decrease in

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LEGISLATOR MULE: But that's

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MS. CONZATTI: Other than the past two years, we have gained enrollments in the past two years. But those revenues -- and I'm not sure I'm answering your question, so I'll call my finance people if I have to, Legislator -- but again, the college over a decade has suffered losses in enrollments like many colleges across the country in higher ed. The past two years, our enrollments have been steadily climbing, and we're anticipating that they will be climbing, in effect, this Fall.

LEGISLATOR MULE: No, I get that, um, I'm a former school board member. So I know we look at revenues and then we look at expenditures. And so if you have an increase in the number of people who are coming, they're paying more tuition. So your revenues should be going up. I

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understand expenditures are going up.
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separate that you look at. But the
revenues are being projected as
decreasing even though you're projecting
an increase in --

MS. CONZATTI: In tuition.

LEGISLATOR MULE: No, not tuition
increase in the -- Well, yes, I guess
tuition because, right, more people will
be coming.

MS. CONZATTI: Right. I'm not sure.
I'm going to ask Abel (phonetic) if he
can kind of explain. This way we can get
to the heart of your question.

LEGISLATOR MULE: I appreciate that.
And then in addition to the increase in
revenues with tuition, but you're also
getting the increase in money in funds
from the County, from that one shot that
we were discussing. So really I'm
confused about why the revenues would be
decreasing given all of that.

MR. GUTMAN: Hi. Ted Gutman, Nassau

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Community College.

There are two measures of the revenue for tuition. One, if you look at the Independent Budget Reviews Report is a measure of budget to budget. That is actually going down, but that's as a result of our actual increase in enrollment in 2024. The current year was only about a little less than 1%. We had budgeted for a 3% increase in 2024. So when we budgeted for 2025, we budgeted 3% on that lower projected number, not the budgeted number. So instead of going from budget to budget, we're going from actual to budget.

LEGISLATOR MULE: Okay, so not apples to apples, in other words.

MR. GUTMAN: Yes.

LEGISLATOR MULE: Okay. All right. Thank you. My second question is with regard to fund balance. When we met with you, we talked about the percentage and that you're right now I believe just under 4%. And that Middle States is

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requiring 5% and you know that middle states is coming. Can you help us to understand what the plan is to get it back up so that you don't lose your accreditation?

MR. GUTMAN: I can't speak to Middle States requirement. They might have a recommendation. The recommendation of our Board of Trustees is that we maintain 4% of the prior year's budget in fund balance. We have that now. We are projecting that the fund balance at the end of 2025 be approximately 4% of the prior year's budget. It is projected to be slightly below, but there's a lot of variance that could happen between now and then.

LEGISLATOR MULE: Okay. Because counsel just did come and confirmed that Middle States is 5%. So in order to maintain the accreditation you're going to have to have the 5%.

MS. CONZATTI: Part of the issue with the accrediting body also is, for

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2 us, we do carry the health insurance
3 costs on our books, and that has been an
4 issue for Middle States in general. We
5 just wrote to them because they did write
6 to us and say, you've got all these
7 possible debts, what is this? So we did
8 have a conversation with Middle States
9 directly, and there are a number of
10 community colleges within New York State
11 that do carry it, similar to what we do
12 on our books. That came up in the last
13 accreditation in 2016 as well.

14 LEGISLATOR MULE: Okay. Thank you.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay, we
16 have a few speakers on public comment on
17 on this item.

18 MS. CONZATTI: Thank you.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thank you.

20 Jason Gorman.

21 MR. GORMAN: Hello, everybody. I'm
22 quite inspired by some of the questions
23 that you're asking about our budget. I
24 thank you for your diligence and
25 encourage you to look closely at the

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budget, to look closely at our strategic plan and some of the things that are said in it.

For example, in the strategic plan that was a part of this budget, there were no department mergers. As a person who's been at the college for over 26 years and in the art department, that was discussed at the last meeting, I can tell you that, roughly speaking, and just to put it in simplified terms, there will be 20% support for the students in personnel. We are not just simply gaining a liaison, a chair's assistant, we are losing. We had 18 people, contractual, for the six departments that are merged together as the art department now, now we will have three. To put that in some terms for students, instead of the chairperson, the one and only chairperson representing all of those combined departments being able to spend a half an hour with a student, they will now be able to spend five minutes.

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As far as being conducive to guided pathways, there is no guided pathways. We're hiring a consultant to arrange that for us. I know because I've created guided pathways and there was no infrastructure in place, so these departments will not help that. In fact, prior to the mergers, I had something worked out with two of the departments that we currently have merged, and it went nowhere because we do not have guided pathways.

I do appreciate the time that you spent and you have asked a lot of good questions. I think you should be looking at an enrollment and the revenues brought in. But there is a simple answer. When at the time you are told about our rolling increase, we then cut classes. We did not have an enrollment increase last semester. We went down to a negative number, we had an enrollment decrease. And that's what happens every year. So ask not only the question is what is your

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current enrollment, ask what did it end up being? It was less than flat last semester.

You've heard about four programs to build enrollment. And I appreciate the question on building enrollment. They were animation, web development, game development and something called user experience design. That degree, one of them, was started over two years ago, and the Board of Trustees put a stop to one of the degrees, and it's just been in waiting. So we can't build enrollment with that.

If I could ask one thing: Please ask the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College to allow Dr. Conzatti to do the good work of increasing enrollment by increasing programs and not just cutting. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Faren Siminoff.

MS. SIMINOFF: Good afternoon. My name is Feran Siminoff. I am the

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2 president of the NCCFT, Full Time Faculty
3 Union at the college. I'm not here to
4 speak against approving the budget. I
5 want you to approve the budget. But I am
6 here to ask you for more oversight. To
7 ask, not just now, but throughout the
8 year for questions to look at what's
9 going on at this college.

10 Let's just look at some of the
11 things that they proposed in the budget.
12 They want to increase the current number
13 of administrators from 67 to 76. A decade
14 ago, when we had about 23,000 students,
15 we had 56 administrators. The number of
16 administrators has been increasing
17 steadily over a decade. Has that
18 correlated with more enrollment or
19 success for the college? And the answer
20 is no. Why keep doing what has been
21 failing? The only administrators we
22 actually need is we need a new president
23 who is searched for under the SUNY
24 guidelines; this has not happened. And it
25 would be nice if we had a permanent vice

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2 president of finances. At the college,
3 currently we have something called a
4 consulting acting Vice President of
5 Finance. Honestly, I find that title to
6 be baffling. But the result has been that
7 we get a new vice president of finance,
8 whatever that person's title is, every
9 4.8 months. Is that a recipe for
10 financial success, good stewardship? I
11 would say no.

12 Let me also point out there's a
13 large error in that budget. The budget
14 says, in the fall we will have 413 full
15 time faculty, and that they're going to
16 hire one new full time faculty in
17 2024-2025 to bring us up to 414 full time
18 faculty. Well, there's only going to be
19 390 full time faculty come the fall. And
20 if you add one person to that, math was
21 not my big suit in school, I'm afraid to
22 say, that's 391. I think that falls over
23 20 faculty short. So if they really want
24 to bring us up to 414, they're going to
25 have to add to that number. But it says

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something to you that they don't even know how many full time faculty there are.

And for those of you who are here in June of 2022 (buzzer). Do you want me to end or can I continue?

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: I'm going to let you wrap up, if you don't mind.

MS. SIMINOFF: Let me just remind all of you who were here in 2022. There was a big discussion about vocational. Remember that for some of you, where is where are those vocational programs? They were supposed to be ready for fall of 2022, nothing; 2023, nothing. And I will assure you, come back and see us in fall of 2024, there will still be nothing, but there will be a consulting contract in place for new curriculum, and I'm sure it's going to be a huge waste of probably around \$50,000 down the drain. And if we ever have those phantom plumbers that they keep promising they're going to train, maybe they can unclog the problems

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2 at the college. But what we are hoping
3 that all of you -- and I think you all
4 care about this college and our students
5 -- the County needs this college. We will
6 help bring this county forward in the
7 21st century. We just need some
8 oversight. You can't have a \$200 million
9 budget and have nobody seeing what's
10 going on.

11 So thank you all for your
12 assistance, for your support, and please
13 speak with us over the coming year. Thank
14 you.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thank you.
16 Dave Stern.

17 MR. STERN: I'm Dave Stern on the
18 professor of science at Nassau Community
19 College and vice president for classroom
20 faculty of the Full Time Faculty Union.
21 This is the third year that I've come
22 before the Legislature asking for a more
23 careful review of NCC, of our budget
24 before you prove it.

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2 college has been accelerating its
3 expansion of the number of
4 administrators, also drastically
5 increasing their salaries, while at the
6 same time shrinking the faculty and
7 staff. The end result has been missed
8 targets. When you look at those reports
9 by the Independent Legislative Review,
10 just look at the last three years, like
11 the 3% enrollment that's proposed for
12 this coming year that was proposed last
13 year, we had a half percent decrease in
14 enrollment.

15 It only makes common sense that the
16 greatest interaction between students and
17 faculty are not administrators. I'm sure
18 every legislator here can probably name a
19 faculty member that they had in college,
20 but I wonder if you can name an
21 administrator of the college you went to.

22 Add insult upon injury, the bloated
23 administration has taken unilateral
24 action that has suppressed our
25 enrollment:

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1. Just reducing the full time faculty. In fact, last fall, we didn't have enough faculty to teach courses. They had to cancel courses because they couldn't find faculty.

2. They went to what they call skeleton scheduling, which is rationing the actual courses. We gave less, more than 222 classes less classes this spring than was offered the spring before. What's the result? Our students don't have classes to sign up for, so you wonder why enrollment has not reached that 3% they're promising again.

And instead of harming programs like nursing or supporting expansion like we've raised -- and I thank those legislators that ask those questions about the incentive program that we presented to everyone on the legislature, where we think we can increase enrollment by a lot more than 3%.

Look, Suffolk County has a committee, a higher ed committee that

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2 reviews their community college. What's
3 the result of that? They provide they're
4 providing 2 to 3% increases in their
5 budget every year, their community
6 college's budget. They have plans to
7 expand their nursing program to expand
8 their cyber security program. Not like
9 us. We're decreasing those programs.

10 Middle State's review. This
11 oversight is even more critical this year
12 because, as you know, Middle States is
13 reviewing it. In 2016 (buzzer).

14 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Please
15 wrap up. Thank you.

16 MR. STERN: Thank you.

17 In 2016, we were put on probation
18 because of poor mismanagement of the
19 college. That hasn't changed. Three
20 independent reviews occurred this last
21 spring. All came to conclusions that
22 we're in serious trouble and will be more
23 than happy to provide that update to you.

24 The bottom line is we need you to
25 provide oversight, not just during the

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budget approval process, but throughout the year. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Suzanne Kaebnick.

MS. KAEBNICK: Suzanne Kaebnick. I'm the English Department, and I'm secretary for the Full Time Faculty Union.

Nassau Community College, once prized for its affordable, quality education for its pathway to the middle class, is in crisis: Plummeting enrollment, the elimination of 15 academic departments, draconian cuts to programing and classes, and chronic deficits are threatening its existence. For these reasons, the full time faculty passed a vote of no confidence in its trustees and senior administration this spring. The college's leadership, its senior administration, Board of Trustees must be held responsible. While the Full Time Union calls for an increase in operational funding for targeted academic programs in order to meet student demand,

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2 we do not think a blank check will be
3 helpful. County and state oversight is
4 needed.

5 This past semester, administrators
6 led by Chief Administrative Officer Maria
7 Conzatti, presented conflicting budgets.
8 In some, they forecast massive deficits,
9 while in others no deficits and even
10 surpluses in reserve funds. Despite these
11 inconsistencies, all budgets demonstrate
12 that failing to request additional county
13 funding for operations for 16 years means
14 that, adjusted for inflation, funding has
15 decreased by 30% for our academic
16 programing.

17 This spring, NCC's on campus dining
18 facilities were abruptly closed
19 mid-semester. This is unconscionable on a
20 rather large, isolated campus with about
21 currently 12,000 students plus faculty
22 and staff in need of food.

23 We also learned that NCC had
24 retained an Albany consulting firm to
25 lobby for policies related to casinos and

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gambling. This is money that needs to be spent to its purpose for education.

At the same time, these administrators who have cut programs and academic departments, most of whom are acting, have received massive raises, some as much as 67% over the past two years and are creating new administrative positions despite the precipitous drop in enrollment and faculty positions.

We're asking for investment in academic programing to meet demand, but oversight is also needed. A great county deserves a great community college. Give NCC a chance. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thank you.
Ariel Silberman.

MS. SILBERMAN: Hello, my name is Ariel. I am a proud alumni now of Nassau Community College. I didn't think I would be back here so soon, but the situation demands it, as you were voting on my college's budget.

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but allow me a moment to help you see the people behind the numbers. Merging 21 departments down to six for academic and two nonacademic departments. That is the fact. Now for the people, my fellow humanities majors have been dumbstruck by this attack on our corner of the college. As our CAO just told you, certain programs would go forward and certain ones would be sunset. This is a gentle term for a rough measure. It's no news to me that the humanities are often the first on the chopping block when colleges start spiraling. But I can tell you how the humanities are the building blocks on which I built my intellectual self, and it will take me forward to my future success.

STEM is important. I understand that science and math build the world, and the humanities make them worth living in. The 22 student minimum to have classes run; that is the fact. Let me tell you of the human cost. In my last semester, I lost

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two of my classes I needed with little time before the semester started. It was a mad dash to get alternative classes for my degree, which caused me much distress. And I am far from the only one. My fellow Achilles program member came to me in tears, saying that their graduation was going to be delayed because they could not get the classes they needed to fulfill their degree requirement. Their dreams are delayed because of a selfish policy enacted in spring that never should have happened.

And then there's the cafeteria shuddered. I don't have to tell you the details. You've already been told. That is the fact. I'm a proud volunteer of two years standing at the Nest, the campus food pantry. I know what dignity it gives someone to have a full belly as I've dealt with food insecurity myself. There are students who do not have access to kitchen facilities at home, food deserts, all these things lead them to rely on the

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2 college. Now they have no cafeteria, they
3 don't have food, and they don't have
4 hope. And the biggest thing you can give
5 someone when they're dealing with a
6 multitude of challenges with going to
7 college is hope. Is it really so much to
8 ask that we get a cafeteria back to help
9 our students gain hope? Or give us our
10 classes back? Or what about giving our
11 teachers, who give us everything the
12 dignity of having enough classes so they
13 can teach, and so that we can learn like
14 we deserve to? Thank you.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay.
16 That's our last speaker.

17 Legislator Goetz moves to close the
18 hearing, Legislator Davis seconds the
19 motion.

20 All those in favor of closing the
21 hearing, please say. "Aye".

22 (Whereupon, all members of
23 the Full Legislature respond in
24 favor with, "Aye".)
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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay. That
hearing is closed.

Now on the item which is ordinance
24 of 2024, which is an ordinance to
adopt the Nassau County budget for Nassau
County Community College of the fiscal
year commencing September 1st '24 and
ending August 31st '25.

There's a motion on that by
Legislator Mullaney and seconded by
Legislator Koslow.

We have a question before we vote on
the item.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Yes. Thank you,
Presiding Officer.

It's my understanding that the
Administration has an answer to my
question regarding the ARPA funding and
the \$1.97 million. Thank you, Presiding
Officer.

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MR. PERSICH: Andy Persich,
Management and Budget.

Yes. It's part of the transfer I'll
be presenting on Item 119, which is a
board transfer. It's from the revenue
loss funds that we moved earlier in this
year. We're transferring that money over
as a one time use for the college.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Okay. So just
confirming that is ARPA funding.

MR. PERSICH: It is ARPA funding
that we moved over. Yes.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Thank you.

MR. PERSICH: You got it.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any other
questions?

(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

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(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay.

Item passes unanimously.

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay, now we're on going to have a hearing on proposed local law to maintain the safe and fair competitive environment for women and girls participating in sports and events.

A motion on this hearing is by Legislator Gaylor, seconded by Legislator Kennedy.

Go ahead, please.

MS. LAGRECA: Good afternoon, legislators. My name is Victoria LaGreca. I'm from the Nassau County Attorney's Office here today to present the bill entitled "Fairness for Women and Girls in Sports". This bill would require sports leagues, organizations and teams who play on Nassau County facilities and apply for a permit to use those facilities to designate whether they are a male, female or coed team. The designation would be based on a team member's biological sex at birth.

The purpose of this bill is to

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2 protect women and girls in sports by
3 keeping them safe from injury and
4 ensuring fairness in women's sports. The
5 designation of sex specific sports is
6 necessary to create a level playing field
7 for female athletes who have historically
8 been at a disadvantage. It ensures safety
9 and security among women's sports.

10 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Yes.

11 Legislator Drucker has a question.

12 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you so
13 much. Ms. LaGreca, how are you today?

14 MS. LAGRECA: I'm good. How are you?

15 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Before we
16 do that, I'm told that we didn't vote to
17 open the hearing.

18 All those in favor of opening the
19 hearing, please say. "Aye".

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay.
Sorry. Go on, please.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you. So.
Mr. LaGreca, we're here again a couple of
weeks later. Another round of this.

I'm sure I don't have to ask you if
you're familiar with Section 466.13 of
the New York State Human Rights Law,
correct?

MS. LAGRECA: Correct.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: And you've
researched that law and every
provision in it?

MS. LAGRECA: We have. Yes.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: And would you
agree that the transgender community is
considered a protected class under that
law?

MS. LAGRECA: Under that law, yes.
And we believe that's diametrically

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opposed to Federal law, which protects women.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I didn't ask you that question. I just asked you, are they a protected class?

MS. LAGRECA: Under New York State law, yes.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Okay. So it is your argument that your public policy concerns override the protected class status?

MS. LAGRECA: No.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: How are you attempting to override the protected class status that is afforded constitutionally, federally and statewide in this state and this county?

MS. LAGRECA: Well, women are a protected class under the Federal Constitution, and while New York state law can make those class specifications more specific and more inclusive, they cannot do so at the expense of another protected class, which would be women,

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under the Federal law.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Have you argued this before in the Federal court level?

MS. LAGRECA: We have argued a similar case in Federal court.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: And what was the result of that?

MS. LAGRECA: It was a different circumstance. The judge dismissed the case and said we had no standing. That was a different circumstance, if that's the case you're referring to.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Yes. So your challenge was dismissed.

MS. LAGRECA: I'm sorry. Which challenge?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: You said you argued this before the Federal level, and it was dismissed.

MS. LAGRECA: It wasn't dismissed as the law. The judge ruled we didn't have standing to sue the attorney general.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: And in your evaluation that you think that the

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protected class status of transgender women is diametrically opposed, I believe that was your language, diametrically opposed to the protection of women in general.

MS. LAGRECA: The protection of women under Federal law, yes, in Title IX.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: And what about under 466.13 of the Human Rights Law?

MS. LAGRECA: Well, that's contradicted by Federal law, and Federal law supersedes State law.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Okay. Have there been any challenges to New York State Section 466.13 to advance that argument of yours?

MS. LAGRECA: None that I'm aware of. No.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Because there haven't been any, and no case law either.

In your research for this legislation, I believe the last time you you provided us with four examples of

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girls getting hurt as a result of incidents with transgender girls; is that correct?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So there were four. I think you had one in North Carolina, one in California --

MS. LAGRECA: I didn't bring up one in California, no.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: The West Coast was it, or --

MS. LAGRECA: I don't believe so. Maybe Ontario was what you're thinking of, in Canada, but I didn't bring up one on the West Coast.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: What where were the four incidents that you're referring to?

MS. LAGRECA: Two were in Massachusetts, one was in North Carolina, one was in Ontario, I believe --

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Ontario is another country, obviously. Right?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes, I'm aware of

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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: And, in your research, did you have occasion to interview any medical doctors?

MS. LAGRECA: I have not, no.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So you didn't think it was important to reach out to the medical community to see if they've, in fact, treated girls who perhaps were injured as a result of this?

MS. LAGRECA: It's not about whether I thought it was important or not. You asked me if it was done; it was not done.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Well, did you interview the medical community, in any regard?

MS. LAGRECA: No, I did not.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: How many parents did you reach out to?

MS. LAGRECA: Numerous parents of student athletes.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Really? How many is numerous?

MS. LAGRECA: I would say at least

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ten separate families we've spoken with.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: How about coaches? Teachers?

MS. LAGRECA: I have personally not spoken with any coaches or teachers.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I didn't think so.

This legislation is based on a perceived interpretation of a possible advantage that transgender women will have; isn't that correct? It's a perception. It's not based on fact, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: It is. And there's studies that have been done, and I have a copy of 12 pages that cites 98 scientific studies that have been done; research and information.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Really? You didn't bring that up the last time we were here.

MS. LAGRECA: I didn't. I'm bringing it up now. Would you like a copy?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I certainly

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MS. LAGRECA: Okay.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: And where did these incidents happen?

MS. LAGRECA: It's not about incidences. So basically what the article goes through, it's 12 pages, it cites to all 98 citations at the end. It is a study basically determining whether or not hormone therapy and hormone replacement has any impact on transgender females, which would be a biological male competing as a female. And the conclusion of the study is that even with hormone therapy, they do still have an advantage over biological women.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: And that's a study that was done?

MS. LAGRECA: Numerous studies and numerous --

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Okay, I'd like to see a copy of those so-called studies.

MS. LAGRECA: Sure.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: You know, the

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2 laws -- I'm a student of history. You
3 know, the laws that were promulgated in
4 Nazi Germany in the 1930s overtly
5 discriminated against Jews because of a
6 purported overriding concern that Jews
7 represented a threat to the stability of
8 the German government, and that Jews
9 possessed an undue influence in the
10 media, financial institutions, etc. But
11 it was done over a manufactured fear and
12 false narrative. Aren't you doing the
13 same thing here? You're creating a false
14 narrative and promulgated based on fear
15 of a perceived advantage.

16 MS. LAGRECA: Absolutely not. And to
17 be compared to Nazis and Nazi Germany is
18 at best extremely insulting.

19 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I hope so.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: I agree.

21 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I hope so. You
22 know, in 1945, though, the New York State
23 Legislature passed the first civil rights
24 law in the country, now known as the
25 Human Rights Law, which 80 years ago

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prohibited discrimination in employment,
housing credit, places of public
accommodation, and only five years ago,
2019, the law was amended to explicitly
add gender identity or expression as a
protected class. It was done for this
particular reason. For this reason alone,
it was done, and I don't know how you can
reconcile that. This legislation is a
clear contravention of the stated law.
And it's beyond me why this County
Executive wants to continue squandering
taxpayer hard earned dollars on legal
fees defending this proposed law. There
are lawsuits ready to be filed if this
law passes and our hard working dollars
are going to be used to defend something
that's going to get overturned in the
courts. The Court already told County
Executive you can't do it because of
procedural reasons, I understand that,
but it's certainly going to be the next
step is going to be you can't do it,
period. And to think that we have to now

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invest taxpayer dollars, millions of dollars, to defend this law, this legislation is beyond me.

And, you know, you have a second argument here which I find really despicable that girls are going to be denied scholarships and perhaps advancement to college based on their sports successes, isn't that a reason that you guys have articulated that they're going to be denied these opportunities?

MS. LAGRECA: Not denied, but that a biological male will have them in their place.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Oh, I see. And is that also is based on data? That scholarships have been denied because transgender women have been successful in getting these scholarships over girls?

MS. LAGRECA: It's not just scholarships, it's places on the podium, trophies, medals and scholarships. And yes, that has been documented as

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happening.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Really? Where
in Nassau County?

MS. LAGRECA: Not in Nassau County.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I didn't think
so.

MS. LAGRECA: That doesn't mean it's
not an issue.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: It's not an
issue in Nassau County, is it?

I'll wrap up. I know there are other
legislators that want to speak.

This is a fatally flawed bill. It's
based on fear and speculation. And again,
you know, I made a reference to Nazi
Germany. Fine. How about McCarthyism in
this country where the doctrine existed
in this country in the 1950s, that people
were fearing that people were there were
communists ready to take over our country
because they expressed different views or
they opposed certain things. This is not
how we govern in this county, in this
state or in this country. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All right.
I just want to add a few things.

First of all, Legislator Drucker, I think that that anytime people start using Nazi comparisons, it cheapens and denigrates the suffering that people had at the hands of the Nazis. I'll leave it at that.

Now, the other thing that I want to point out to everyone over here is that this is not a trans ban in county facilities.

(Whereupon, off the record comment made.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Arnie, do you want to take over? Okay.

It does not ban transgender people from from utilizing Nassau County facilities. It is a very narrowly tailored bill --

(Whereupon, off the record comment from audience.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: I will ask people in the audience to wait until

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2 they're called because the audience will
3 have a chance to speak. We will have
4 public comment following the legislators.

5 It does not do that. What it does
6 is, it bans in only one instance -- and
7 you'll correct me if I'm wrong about that
8 -- and that instance is, where there's a
9 female only sports type of event, it
10 prohibits a biological male from
11 participating in that event.

12 (Whereupon, off the record
13 comment from the public.)

14 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: If people
15 here cannot contain themselves, we will
16 ask them to leave. You will have a chance
17 to speak, and the officers in the back
18 will be very happy to assist anyone who
19 is having trouble containing themselves.

20 Now, as I said, this is a strictly,
21 narrowly tailored bill which bans the
22 biological males from competing in a
23 female only event. They can still
24 compete in mixed teams events, and you
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men's events. We're not talking about weather transgender surgery or anything like that is good or bad. We're not talking about that here. That's not what our job is. So we're strictly talking about, as I said, those those few things.

Legislator Giuffre, you wanted to make some comments.

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Thank you for your presentation.

Legislator Drucker, I know you and I spoke about this the last time we were here two weeks ago. Since that time, on Monday, June 17, 2024, U.S. District Court Judge Danny C. Reeves of the Eastern District of Kentucky, interpreted Title IX so as to block biological males from participating in women's sports and issued an injunction against Biden administration rulemaking that would have allowed biological males to compete in women's sports.

Four days earlier, on Thursday, June 13th, 2024, US District Judge Terry

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Doughty, the Chief Judge of the Western District of Louisiana, wrote that, "protecting biological males as if they were females subverts the purpose of Title IX", and again in that decision, blocked the implementation of the Biden administration rule.

So, I Believe, Deputy County Attorney, when you talked about Federalism and Title IX, were you aware of those cases?

MS. LAGRECA: I was.

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: And so the principle that Title IX, an Act of Congress, overrules New York State law as it is attempting to be interpreted to allow biological males to play female sports is established and not in just one instance, but in at least two. There are seven other lawsuits pending. So I think the administration is on solid legal ground in introducing this bill, and we are on solid legal ground in passing it.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Legislator

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Giuffre, you use an example --

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator
Drucker, please address yourself to the
Chair.

Legislator Ferretti.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you,
Presiding Officer.

Before I comment on the legislation,
I just want to comment on the comment
from a previous legislator comparing and
another legislator on the other side of
the aisle, comparing an initiative by the
first Jewish American county executive to
Nazism. That is a disgrace. Under what
the Presiding Officer said, it's a
disgrace what you just did, and you're
the second legislator on your side of the
aisle that now owes him an apology. Okay,
let's stop the nonsense, okay.

As for the legislation, you can
continue to try to make this into some
kind of opposition towards the trans
community; it's simply not the case. This
legislation -- correct me if I'm wrong,

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Deputy County Attorney -- does it say the word transgender in the legislation?

MS. LAGRECA: It does not.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Okay. Does it preclude biological males, whether they're transgender or not, from playing on County fields in all women's sports?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So would this apply to every biological male on this dais?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Okay. So it does not specifically apply to transgender individuals, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: That's correct.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So let's call it what it is. I know you're trying to rile everybody up in the room. You're trying to tell *Newsday* it's a transgender ban. They'll probably print it, but it's not reality, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: Correct.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Now, can you

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tell me, you spoke of a few instances at the Committee meetings where biological males playing in women's sports had played and injured females, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: And how many instances did you bring up?

MS. LAGRECA: I believe four. And some of those were inclusive of multiple injuries in one game.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Okay. Well, I did some research. I have 20 right here throughout the country. But let's talk about the one with the volleyball. The young lady who was injured.

MS. LAGRECA: Payton McNabb.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Right now, high school volleyball, are the nets the same height for male and female volleyball?

MS. LAGRECA: No. I believe the male nets are six inches higher.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: And in high school, is it true that the average male

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is four inches taller than the average female -- biological male than female?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So that's a pretty big advantage in a biological for a biological male to be playing in a biological female -- four inches taller and the nets are six inches lower.

MS. LAGRECA: It is.

MS. LAGRECA: Right. So maybe that's why that young lady had to have multiple neck surgeries, had a concussion and is still dealing with those injuries today.

MS. LAGRECA: Yes, I agree.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Right. So let's just be clear on what this legislation is. It does not target the trans community, number one. And number two, what it's intended to do is to protect the safety of women and the integrity of their sports; is that correct?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So that's what

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2 we're voting on today. It's a very clear
3 thing. We can try to cloud the subject
4 all we want. That's the reality. And all
5 the County is going to hear today how
6 each member of this Body votes on
7 protecting women, their safety and the
8 integrity of their sports, like this
9 country has been trying to do through
10 Title IX for decades.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator
12 Solages.

13 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you,
14 Chair. Good afternoon. How are you doing
15 today?

16 MS. LAGRECA: Hi. I'm good. How are
17 you?

18 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Nice to see
19 you. Thank you.

20 If you could just please help me
21 understand the practical ramifications of
22 this law. If there is a transgendered man
23 competing amongst women, biological
24 women, and he refuses to leave and not
25 compete, how would the County actually

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enforce this law?

MS. LAGRECA: You said a transgender man. Did you mean a transgender female?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Yes.

MS. LAGRECA: Okay. We have to take it on a case by case basis because obviously each circumstance, each sport, each person is going to be very different. So each hypothetical obviously would have a different answer, but we will explore all our legal options and take what we believe in that scenario would be the appropriate legal action at that time.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: But say, if at that time in place, there isn't an ample amount of time to explore all legal options, and there is a parent who's saying that their daughter is in danger, that she might be hurt by this person who has a clear advantage over them. How would the County protect those young, precious young women?

MS. LAGRECA: I understand, you

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2 meant in the moment. We would again
3 evaluate our options, what we would be
4 able to do in that exact moment. I don't
5 know if it would be appropriate to stop
6 someone from playing in the middle of the
7 game. It may be something that we have to
8 deal with after the fact privately. I
9 can't answer that hypothetical. It would
10 just depend on the scenario.

11 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Would you ask
12 to employ our County's best police force,
13 Nassau County Police Department, to
14 restrain that person from playing?

15 MS. LAGRECA: That's not our
16 intention.

17 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: So how would
18 you actually enforce this law? This very
19 important law that you must pass today.

20 MS. LAGRECA: Again, like I said, we
21 would take every case on a case by case
22 basis. Everything is different. Our
23 intention is not to publicly humiliate
24 anyone. And like I said, it may be that
25 we have to wait till after the fact to

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address it privately.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: So you would allow that athlete to possibly harm persons who biologically cannot protect themselves because they don't have that same advantage in terms of height and physique, and then only after the fact, after that person allows that team to win that competition, or to win that competition, only after the fact you would do something not before.

MS. LAGRECA: I didn't say that. I said we have to evaluate it on a case by case basis. And that may be the case. Every case, every sport, every person is different. So I can't answer that hypothetical. We have to take everything on a case by case basis, evaluate the situation and take action as appropriate.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: But now, based upon the passage of this law, it's reasonable to assume that a parent may call 911 and ask the County Police to restrain that person from competing. Is

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that possible?

MS. LAGRECA: I can't answer what someone may or may not do. People call 911 for all kinds of crazy reasons. I can't answer that.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Understood. I asked you, in that case with this law is is it reasonably likely that this law may cause litigation, those individuals who don't agree with this law to sue Nassau County to prohibit them from enforcing this law. Do you expect lawsuits from this law?

MS. LAGRECA: It's possible.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: It's likely, would you say?

MS. LAGRECA: I would say it's possible.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: It's possible. And you're saying that the principle of this law far outweighs the legal costs that will be borne upon Nassau taxpayers.

MS. LAGRECA: The principle is protecting women from getting seriously

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injured and harm. So, yes; absolutely.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Understood.

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator Walker.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: I know a lot has been said here this afternoon. One thing that someone said in the audience, "well, then they should start a Trans League". I truly believe that is what should take place. Look, I'm a product of of Title IX. When I started playing sports, things were very, very different for women. Games were very, very different. Sports, how they were played were very, very different. And we fought very, very hard over the years to bring us where we are today. My daughters have played and now I have granddaughters that are playing, and my biggest concern is for the health and safety of my granddaughters. It's very easy to get hurt playing any kind of sport, whether you're playing with all women, whether men are playing with all

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2 men, whether it's a coed team, it is very
3 easy for people to get hurt in a sport,
4 but we shouldn't do anything that would
5 lead us to a possible issue because of a
6 trans woman playing that really has so
7 much advantage over the other women on
8 her team. And like I said, I truly
9 believe that we should start a Trans
10 League, and I would hope in the future
11 that just as we work so hard in Title IX
12 to bring women's sports where they are
13 and the opportunities for women where
14 they are, that the same thing would
15 happen for our trans community.

16 My children, myself, we have many,
17 many friends who are trans, who are
18 lesbians, who are gay, and they are part
19 of our communities. They are part of our
20 neighborhood. They're good friends with
21 all of us. But I do not want my daughter
22 playing with someone who could physically
23 hurt her -- or my granddaughter. And I
24 could tell you that if my granddaughter
25 was playing on a team -- because now my

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my daughters are old enough, they're not really playing on organized teams anymore -- but my granddaughters, if they're playing and there was an incident where their coach thought that their team could be hurt because they were playing against someone who could physically hurt them, I would hope that the coach has enough sense to say, look, we're not playing the rest of this game. The police don't have to be called. Other things don't have to happen, but that the coaches themselves would stop a game if they thought their players were going to get hurt. That happens for other reasons also. I do official books for games, and we've had officials stop a game just because of incidences with the with the parents, spectators. They've stopped the game and all those parents had to leave the gym or leave a field because of an incident that was taking place. I would hope that same situation would happen right now that, like I said, that we

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wouldn't have to involve the police and then you have to deal with the matter after.

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But my concern is for the health and safety of, like I said, those women playing, those young girls playing. It might not be right now in Nassau County, but it doesn't mean it's not going to happen. What do we wait for something to happen to say, oh, we should have done something, we should have thought about this before? So that's all I have to say.

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator Mule. Thank you, Presiding officer, I have a question to you. So I have a question for the speaker, but then I have a statement to make. Would now be the appropriate time for that, or would that be as we're getting closer to the voting?

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Whichever you prefer.

LEGISLATOR MULE: Okay. I'll think about it.

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All right. So my question is this -- you cited four injuries, multinational, essentially, because you included Canada. Legislator Ferretti came up with 20. So my question is this: How many girls have been injured by other biological girls in games across the country and in Canada?

MS. LAGRECA: I don't have an exact number.

LEGISLATOR MULE: So I'm wondering how you can make a causal relationship with those four or 20 people to say that this is a phenomenon, a danger. It seems that you're making a leap of logic. It's not a causal relationship, is what I'm saying. So I'm trying to understand how that can be used as a justification for this law.

MS. LAGRECA: Well, it's not a leap. And most of those instances included video. And it was pretty intense injuries that were caused to those specific women. And like I said, I can give you a copy of it too, but there's been a lot of

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research done. Obviously, we all know that biological men have biological advantages over women, and even with hormone suppression therapy, they still retain those advantages over women. So it's not a stretch. It's not a leap. They're stronger, they're faster. It's not a leap at all.

LEGISLATOR MULE: I'm sure that video can be produced of injuries that are sustained by biological girls versus biological girls. So, again, that argument doesn't make sense to me. It just does not.

I'm going to wait to make my comments at the end.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay. But my question then, Legislator Mule, to you would be, how many are okay? How many? In other words, you don't know about too many injuries here that can be proven or how many trophies are unfairly taken away. Maybe it's not that many, but how many are okay?

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LEGISLATOR MULE: So by that logic, Presiding Officer, then we should ban all sports.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: I'm sorry. I just don't follow you.

LEGISLATOR MULE: Because injuries will happen in sports.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: That's not the same logic.

LEGISLATOR MULE: I think it is.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay, we'll leave it at that.

Anybody else? Legislator Davis.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Good afternoon.

MS. LAGRECA: Good afternoon.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: If I understand it correctly, the premise behind this bill is concern for both the issue of safety and fairness for biological girls who participate in sports; is that right?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: I just want to clarify. As we speak today, there hasn't been one instance of a biological male

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participating in a sport in Nassau County with biological females; is that right?

MS. LAGRECA: There had been. Yes. The role of rebels had a biological male on their team.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And what happened?

MS. LAGRECA: What do you mean, what happened?

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Was there a problem? Did somebody get hurt?

MS. LAGRECA: I don't know, I wasn't on the team.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: So what we really have right now is we have a solution waiting for a problem, right?

MS. LAGRECA: I don't agree.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: So what you're saying is you want to be proactive, right?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: You want to address this issue before it emerges, right?

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MS. LAGRECA: It has emerged.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: We're talking about -- we're in the Nassau County Legislature. Our concern right now is here. So that issue has not emerged here. Correct?

MS. LAGRECA: Correct.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And would it be fair to say that this is a very important issue?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes, I believe it is.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Why now? Why now?

MS. LAGRECA: Why should we have to wait until someone gets hurt?

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Well. Why are we picking on low hanging fruit now?

MS. LAGRECA: I'm not picking on anyone, and this bill does not pick on anyone.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Okay, I beg to differ on that issue. So in terms of -- we've agreed that this is an important issue, so in terms of your process in putting together this bill, you would

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agree with me that the bill that's best put together is one that's based on informed information, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: You want to get as much information as you can from all sources as you can, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: Depending on the circumstance.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: You don't want to get it wrong. You want to make sure that you have a diversity of opinion, so you can put that together and come up with a bill that is fair, right?

MS. LAGRECA: Sure.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: In this bill, you said you spoke to parents of biological girls, right?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And you were here about two weeks ago, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: I believe so, yes.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And you and I spoke, right?

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MS. LAGRECA: We did.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And I asked you whether or not you had ever had a round table, right?

MS. LAGRECA: You did.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And when I was referring to that roundtable, I'm referring to having stakeholders from different aspects of the community who would have some impact on this issue, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: So there was never any sit down with anyone in terms of diversity of participants before you put together this bill, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: Not all together. Separately, yes.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Yes. And if we separate it, we have parents, yes?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: We have who else?

MS. LAGRECA: Transgender athletes.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Who else?

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MS. LAGRECA: Caitlyn Jenner.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Oh, no. Besides Caitlyn.

MS. LAGRECA: I don't know why that's funny. Bruce Jenner was potentially the greatest athlete of all time. I'm talking about when she was Bruce.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Did you have Caitlyn Jenner in the room with parents of transgender children?

MS. LAGRECA: No, these meetings were not together. I've said that.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Was there ever a meeting with any medical professionals regarding this issue?

MS. LAGRECA: No.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Was there any study that you based this bill on yourself?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes, there have been numerous studies and research that we've looked at and looked into.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And you would

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agree with me that there's also studies that prove the the opposite point as well, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: Opposite point of what?

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: The opposite point of what you're trying to suggest that participation in and of itself with a biological male playing with biological females is necessarily going to be unfair, and it's necessarily going to cause injuries. You cited 12 studies, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: No, not 12 studies. The study that I read was 12 pages. It has 98 sources.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And what's the point of those sources; what do they say?

MS. LAGRECA: Basically, it's research into if hormone therapy actually is able to change muscle mass, bone density, things of that nature in a transgender female after they've transitioned and taken this therapy. And

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the conclusion is that it doesn't affect that they still retain their advantage.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: That's not a fact, that's an opinion, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: It's an opinion that was come to after numerous studies, research, and --

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: That's an opinion that you've chosen to adopt, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: Based upon the research, yes.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: But there is opinions to the contrary as well, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: I'm sure there are.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: And you chose not to use those opinions, right?

MS. LAGRECA: I don't know. I don't know what they're based on.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: All right. Thank you.

I just want to take this moment to kind of clear the air here. I understand from all of us here that this is a

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divisive issue. And I'm here to tell everyone here that I'm a father, I have a daughter, and I've coached sports. And I understand the necessity of having a level playing field, I do. However, what I have issue with is the process. It seems to me that this important issue that we're talking about is playing politics and we're using this as a divisive issue for political benefit. And what we should be doing, and what we can do is we can lead by example and we can all get together and we can be informed. We can base this bill on a process, on data, on experts in the field by getting everyone together in the same room, so that the fear that everyone has -- it is it is an extreme example. You have somebody who's 6'2", 250 pounds, who goes on the field on the soccer fields and just runs over everyone; I get it. What no one seems to really care about is what about the 5'2", 110 pound transgender who doesn't even get into the game? No one

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2 seems to be care at all about that
3 person.

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5 just take a deep breath. Let's let cooler
6 heads prevail. Let's sit down and try as
7 best we can to divorce ourselves of
8 politics. And if this is such an issue
9 that we have to deal with now instead of
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11 or NUMC or distributing resources in an
12 equitable way, and we really want to do
13 this right now, then let's do it right,
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15 room and see what we come up with. This
16 important issue shouldn't manifest itself
17 like a light switch where it comes from
18 the sky on an executive order, and then
19 it's run through the Legislature when the
20 executive order on procedural basis was
21 rejected, and now the County Executive
22 wants the Legislature to do his bidding.
23 I think we should take this as an
24 opportunity to do the right thing.
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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator
Bynoe.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you, Mr.
Kopel.

I don't think I have anything really
unique to say in this moment, because I
think that my colleagues have done a
really great job in bubbling up the
issues and the questions that are top of
mind of many. But I want I want to do
this for one second. Legislator Davis
started down this road, I'm at a loss why
we would utilize taxpayer dollars for
what we know will be a fight, a legal
fight. We will encumber money that could
instead clean up tainted contaminated
water. That would instead provide homes
for the unhoused. That would instead
provide food for the food insecure. That
would instead, and at times such as this,
bring life back to a dying hospital. A
hospital that is on life support.

We sat here today -- we know that
Nassau University Medical Center is

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2 struggling. Bruce Blakeman's -- I believe
3 it is his theme song, "Let's Get Down to
4 Business". Well, let's get down to
5 business and stop the shenanigans. Let's
6 get down to business. We have too many
7 issues that are too important to too many
8 people to be here today talking about
9 this. Thank you.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator
11 Ferretti.

12 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you,
13 Presiding officer. Just some responses.

14 As it relates to Legislator Mule
15 made some points about, "well, maybe we
16 should end all sports because there are
17 injuries in all sports". To me, this just
18 comes down to and I don't mean this in an
19 offensive way, but it comes down to
20 common sense. You know, my wife and I
21 golf. My wife's much more fit than me, by
22 the way. When we golf, I tee off in a
23 different location than she does. She's a
24 biological female. I'm a biological male.
25 Despite the fact that she does kickboxing

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2 every day and I eat potato chips, I can
3 hit the ball further than her. We go back
4 to the volleyball example, there are just
5 biological advantages, physical
6 advantages that males have. And to say
7 that we should end all sports, you're
8 missing the point. The point is, when
9 biological males play with an all
10 biological female team, there's an unfair
11 biological advantage.

12 Legislator Davis, I think you
13 somewhat mentioned that you want a level
14 playing field. That's what we're trying
15 to do. Again, this is just common sense.
16 The volleyball is another example, the
17 net differential, that exists for a
18 reason. There's a reason that the net is
19 lower.

20 Now, the idea that we that the
21 County Executive or this Body cannot work
22 on this issue and other issues at the
23 same time is not true. We went through
24 this at Committees. The County Executive
25 has many initiatives that he's been

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2 successful on, including most recently, a
3 worldwide cricket tournament, which was
4 quite successful. He's working on many
5 things, as is this Body. We can do
6 multiple pieces of legislation. We talk
7 about how many you want to cite, how many
8 injuries have there been in Nassau County
9 by biological males playing with
10 biological females? Again, is the new
11 standard now that we have to wait. We
12 have to wait for a young woman to be
13 playing volleyball with a biological male
14 and have the volleyball spiked into her
15 face, have multiple neck surgeries,
16 concussions and lifelong injuries. We
17 have to wait for that to act? That's the
18 new standard that we want to have here?
19 I don't. I certainly do not.

20 And lastly, Legislator Bynoe, I have
21 to respond to your comments on NUMC.
22 You're right that NUMC is having
23 financial difficulty, but let's talk
24 about when that started. It started in
25 2018 when the chair of the Health

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Committee in the New York State Senate, Kemp Hannon, lost his election to Kevin Thomas. And since then, each year there has been a reduction of state funding to this state agency of \$80 million a year. That's a fact. That's why the Medical Center is in the dire need that it's in. So let's get down to business in Albany, let's get down to business here, and let's pressure the Majority in the State Senate to restore the funding that they stripped when Kemp Hannon lost in 2018. That's how we're going to fix it. Not by just playing politics, which is what you guys, quite frankly, are doing with NUMC. But we ought to get down to the nitty gritty, which is the state funding to that state agency, which was stripped not by us, but by the Majority in the State Senate when they took over in 2018.

And by the way, Long Island spends more than double the money to New York State then they receive back in aid, okay.

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With regard to water -- again, just responding to your comments -- I think we have to -- when I say "we", you guys have to stop saying that the water is not safe to drink or is contaminated. First of all, first of all, I do drink it, okay. The water that is going through the faucets in Hempstead Village is the same water going through the faucets in Levittown and in Farmingdale. Okay. So we've got to stop. And by saying that it's contaminated and it's not safe to drink, it's disingenuous and it's not safe to do that; it's irresponsible.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Why did we have a special meeting regarding the issue of dioxane 1,4 called by the County Executive and the Health Commissioner if it's not an issue? It's an emerging contaminant, which is now the subject of a study by Yale University where they're actually taking blood samples from residents in the community. They're doing that for a reason.

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LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I'll respond to you, Legislator Davis. Let me be clear, I have no issue with making our water more clean. But the reality is the 1,4 dioxane issue is a new unfunded mandate by New York State to reduce the level of 1,4 dioxane across New York State. Whether you agree that the number has to be reduced or not is not the issue, okay. It's the law. So these villages and water districts have to now install new filtration systems: Farmingdale, Hempstead, Town of Hempstead, etc. They all have to do it. Have they done it yet? I know Farmingdale has not put it in place yet. Levittown is still -- so we're still drinking the water with the same levels as the Village of Hempstead, because those filtration systems are not in place yet.

But the reality is it's an unfunded mandate from New York State. So I'm not opposed. Maybe that's a thing. Maybe we do need a reduction of 1,4 dioxane. I'm

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2 not saying that that's not. But the
3 reality is -- and you can ask the
4 mayor -- the mayor of the Village of
5 Hempstead, who I heard on *News 12*, said
6 the water is safe to drink. He's in the
7 Village of Hempstead, that's what he's
8 saying. So we should not be contradicting
9 that unless we are sure.

10 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: I can speak to
11 the fact that it must be enough of a
12 concern for you that you got \$1 million
13 in ARPA resources to address that issue
14 in your district.

15 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Any time
16 there's an unfunded mandate passed by New
17 York State, where village is out a ton of
18 money. Absolutely, it's a concern for me.
19 They have to put those filtration systems
20 in place whether they're necessary or
21 not. And I'm not saying that they're not.

22 By the way, Farmingdale laid out
23 exactly how much funding they were
24 getting from the State, exactly how much
25 they were getting from the Federal

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Village Hempstead has not done that.

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LEGISLATOR DAVIS: The Village of

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Hempstead has provided an exhaustive list

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Legislator Bynoe and ourselves is our

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fair share, just like you got.

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LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Legislator

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LEGISLATOR DAVIS: We have a very

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very specific details on how that money should be allocated --

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: With all due respect --

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: I'm talking, please. And it really begs the issue, because once we became aware of the fact that you were able to secure \$1 million for your district, it really kind of made us very curious as to how we can get that same set of resources. And we asked specifically for writing on what that process is so that we can comply with that process. That was quite a while ago, and to this day, we've made multiple requests for that money, and we've made multiple approaches to the Administration. And as of today, once we were assured of that, we have not received a single response to any of our inquiries, nor have we received anything at all in writing.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: And the Presiding Officer has made clear on

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multiple occasions that if the bill was put in front of us to allocate that money, that the Majority would support it. But again, and I understand that the Village has indicated the cost of the project, I understand, \$55 million, but they have not indicated how much funding will be provided by the State and the Federal Government. So theoretically, and I'm not saying this is the case, but theoretically, if the State covered the whole thing and we had allocated the 1.7, let's say we allocated that now and the State winds up covering the whole thing, the Feds claw back at 1.7.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: I assure you the State will not be covering that whole, number one.

Number two, I think the larger issue is this: Communication. I've just learned more now from speaking to you about the Administration's position than I have since we started this process. We have received no communication whatsoever

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2 in any form, email, conversation or
3 anything of the like regarding how we can
4 get this money and if there's an issue,
5 how we get around it.

6 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I'm not
7 speaking for the Administration, I'm
8 speaking for myself. But I'm happy to
9 provide any information I have.

10 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: I take you at
11 your word and every legislator here that
12 should this issue come before the Body, I
13 have every confidence that you will vote
14 for it, just like we voted for yours. So
15 I don't think we have any issue with
16 that. The issue for us really is getting
17 it here. And for some reason or another,
18 we're unable to get that.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All right
20 everyone, I think we've beaten this to
21 death and I we think we need to get back
22 to the issue that's before us, not other
23 issues that are not before us right now.
24 Right now we're talking about a specific
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Legislator Koslow.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Thank you,
Presiding Officer.

Good afternoon, Ms. LaGreca.

MS. LAGRECA: Good afternoon.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Good to see you
again. So let me ask a question. This
legislation applies to leagues or teams
that use County facilities, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes. When they apply
for a county facility.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: When they apply
for a permit to use the field.

MS. LAGRECA: Yes.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: And there's a
cost associated with those permits,
right?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Okay. And if
they not willing to affirm that they're
in agreement or within the rules of this
legislation, and they're willing to abide
by the legislation, they won't get the
permit, correct?

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MS. LAGRECA: I'm just not sure what you mean by affirm. You have to check either male, female or coed.

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LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Right. So but they also have to affirm that they're not going to have any transgender athletes playing in that league if it's an all female league, correct?

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MS. LAGRECA: It's a question yes or no. It's not like an affirmation, an official legal affirmation. I just want to make that clear.

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LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: There's no safeguard in place if someone lies on the application, then, correct?

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MS. LAGRECA: In the application process? No, we're relying on them to be truthful in the application.

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LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Okay. So there's no real enforcing there either, correct?

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MS. LAGRECA: In terms of permit application?

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LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Yes.

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MS. LAGRECA: No.

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LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Okay. So let's say I have a a female league that I want to run a female football league and I check yes, it's female only. And then I decide to let transgender females play; what happens?

MS. LAGRECA: So that's similar to the answer I gave before. We would have to evaluate it on a case by case basis.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Let's keep it simple. The County learns that I have trans athletes playing in my league; what happens? Do I lose my permit?

MS. LAGRECA: We'll do an investigation that could potentially be a consequence, but we have to take it on a case by case basis.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Okay, so you have no idea what's actually going to happen.

MS. LAGRECA: It's not that I have no idea. It's that every case is different. And depending on the circumstances, the sport, the individual,

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what's going on, the league, what facility they're using, the circumstances will be different on a case by case basis. So I can't sit here and tell you something because when that actually happens, the result may be something else. We might decide there's another more appropriate action to take at that time. So I can't answer that right now.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Have you spoken to any leagues about this?

MS. LAGRECA: Any leagues --

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: As far as what impact it would have on them.

MS. LAGRECA: As in like the leagues that are only applying to County facilities or leagues in general?

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Volunteering is one of my passions, right. And I'm a volunteer coach for a travel baseball team and we play on County facilities. Did you speak to any of the organizations that play on those fields?

MS. LAGRECA: I believe PAL, yes.

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LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Okay. And was that the only organization you spoke to?

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MS. LAGRECA: To be honest, I don't know. I'm not going to answer that. I don't have the answer for you right now because I was not specifically the person making those phone calls. So I don't want to give you the wrong answer.

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LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Okay? Now you are effectively asking leagues to police themselves by saying yes or no, whether they're transgender or not transgender accepting, correct?

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MS. LAGRECA: On the permit, yes.

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LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Okay. So then why does the County have to step in if it's a league issue?

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MS. LAGRECA: It's not a league issue. It's a County issue because they're playing on our facilities.

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LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: This doesn't apply to village facilities, correct?

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MS. LAGRECA: Correct.

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Town facilities, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: Only county facilities.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Has the County done any sort of investigation or calculation as to what happens if the leagues stop using County facilities, and the amount of money we'll lose on permits?

MS. LAGRECA: I can't answer that right now, I don't know.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Has the league considered what happens if our children are not permitted to go into a County park because their league doesn't let them go?

MS. LAGRECA: I'm confused at your question. Why would children --

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Well, my team plays in Oceanside and my team plays in Eisenhower Park. If we can't play an Eisenhower Park anymore, I don't bring my kids anymore, right?

MS. LAGRECA: Why can't you play in

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Eisenhower Park?

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Well, if my league is not willing to sign off on the application as to your transgender ban, they wouldn't be allowed to play there, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: First of all, it's not a transgender ban. The application --

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Hold on a second. Hold on a second. You're saying that my league cannot have transgender athletes if it's a female league. So they're banned from playing, correct?

MS. LAGRECA: That's not correct. They're not banned from playing. If you simply check the coed box on the permit, you guys are more than welcome to use the facilities.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: So I have a son that plays baseball, and we go to the championship and the other team beats us by 30 runs. We've been undefeated all season long. Come to find out that the other team brought down older players

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from their "A" team that are ineligible to play in our league because they're too old. Their parents lied on their live with the birth certificate and gave a different age, right? How is that different than in this situation where people are playing with different individuals?

MS. LAGRECA: Personally, I think that's also unfair, but I don't know why that's relevant here. We're not talking about different age groups.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: What is the County doing to ensure that these children are not being placed in a situation where they're playing against older players who are bigger and stronger? It's the same concern, isn't it?

MS. LAGRECA: I think it's also a safety concern and fairness concern. I don't think they're the same concern, though.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: So does the

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County get involved in these leagues to make sure it doesn't happen or they stay out of it?

MS. LAGRECA: We have not thus far.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Are you going to?

MS. LAGRECA: I can't answer that right now.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: You're not, are you? You're not.

MS. LAGRECA: I don't know, I can't answer that. I don't know at this point in time. It's not specifically dealing with this legislation, not anything else. I'm here to answer questions regarding that.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: How is it different than a league that allows teams or doesn't -- allows the wrong word. How is it different than leagues that have teams where coaches bring down all their players? How is it different?

MS. LAGRECA: Well, I think personally that's unfair. I don't think

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my opinion is relevant at all, but it is different. But males have biological advantages over females. I'm here to answer questions about the transgender bill. I said bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Anyone else up here? Legislator Giuffre.

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: I believe girls and women are a protected class; is that true?

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: They are.

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: And is that different from bringing in an older ringer, so to speak, into a league?

MS. LAGRECA: Yes.

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Thank you. That's the difference that I noticed.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator Pilip.

LEGISLATOR PILIP: I just want to start by saying this, the transgender community is part of our community. We respect them and we want the best for them. Our concern is the safety and the

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fairness of our girls.

Now, what is really insulting is to hear how you comparing this situation to Nazi Germany. And to be honest, since October 7th we have been seeing the Nazi Germany in our faces where our Jewish community, our Jewish kids being attacked every single day. And unfortunately, I didn't see none of you (indicating) and none of you on this side (indicating) since October 7th, fighting this fight to protect the Jewish community, because this is out of control, and our brothers and sisters from the Jewish community being attacked because they are Jewish, because they are wearing the necklace of the Star of David, or they have yarmulke or any symbol just because they are Jewish. The Jewish community are the one who are fighting for the transgender community and for the lesbian and the entire LGBT community. And I didn't see none of you. For you to come here today and to laugh about this and comparing it

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insulting. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All right.

We'll start with the public input
here. Lauren MaMagna.

Thank you, Victoria. That was a good
job.

MS. LAMAGNA: Good afternoon. My
government name is Lauren LaMagna, but
the roller derby community knows me as
"Pure Panic, Number 53 on Strong Island
Derby Revolution. My pronouns are they/
them. I'm speaking on behalf of Strong
Island Derby Revolution, Suffolk County's
501 C3 nonprofit volunteer run roller
derby league that follows the rules and
guidelines of the Women's Fast Track
Roller Derby Association.

We stand in solidarity with our
fellow Long Island roller derby team,
Long Island Roller Rebels, and all queer
and transgender people across Long Island
and beyond against discrimination and the
harmful, dangerous rhetoric being

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2 perpetuated by our elected governments to
3 remove trans people from public spaces
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5 participating and fully thriving in our
6 society.

7 Trans exclusionary legislation hurts
8 all people. By requiring individuals to
9 prove their gender, they are putting all
10 people at risk for invasive scrutiny and
11 danger if they happen to not fit
12 someone's idea or ideals of that gender.
13 Policing all bodies, particularly the
14 bodies of women and girls, is intrusive,
15 harmful and threatening for transgender
16 and cisgender people alike, as we have
17 seen in the gymnastics community, where
18 such scrutiny exposed young people to
19 abuse and assault by doctors and coaches.

20 Transgender women are women,
21 transgender girls are girls. Transgender
22 women and girls belong in women and girls
23 sports.

24 Roller derby is an incredible sport.
25 It is challenging, competitive,

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aggressive and in my experience, one of the most inclusive sports. People of various genders, including cisgender women, transgender women and gender expansive people, people of various ages, body types and sports experiences have found their place and success in roller derby. In my seven years of playing, I have seen this sport change the lives of so many from improving one's physical health, wellness and fitness, to building the self-confidence and community support needed to leave abusive relationships and marriages. All sports have the potential to make this kind of change, and with transgender people, particularly trans women and girls, experiencing disproportionately higher rates of bullying, discrimination, poor mental and physical health outcomes and violence, having transgender people on the sports teams aligned with their gender not only is the right thing to do, but it creates a stronger and healthier community for

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all of us.

Transgender women and girls belong on our teams, in our public parks and in our communities to be loved, accepted, supported and pushed to be the best athletes and the best people that they can be. Strong Island Derby Revolution urges the Nassau County Legislature not to pass this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Susan Gottehrer.

MS. GOTTEHRER: Good afternoon. My name is Susan Gottehrer. My pronouns are she/her. I'm the director of the Nassau County New York Civil Liberties Liberties Union.

I'm here to talk about the proposed ban on transgender athletes, because that's what it is. This is one of the most symbolically and psychologically violent and cynical policies I've seen come out of this county. This ban separates already vulnerable children and adults out. It puts a bright, negative

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spotlight on them and loudly proclaims:
You are other, you are dangerous, you are
not of us, you are to be feared, and you
are not welcomed here. This is government
sponsored hate, and it demeans and
insidiously divides women by offering us
your protection from our own sisters. No
thank you. The word protection creates
immediate power, defaults of weakness,
threat and superiority of the protector.

Number one, we don't need your
protection from our sisters.

Number two. There's no threat except
from this Legislature.

And number three, your use of the
word protecting in this is a long lost
pathetic manipulative affront to divide
and diminish women, and I urge my sisters
on the Legislature to not buy into it.
Stop using me and our young daughters as
political props. Thank you.

That's the moral argument. In case
that didn't work on you, let's move on to
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evidence and data and looking at outcomes. So the first question: Is this policy going to cause something good to happen? Well, you've shown no evidence or data that it's needed, so I don't think so.

Number two, is this policy going to stop something bad from happening? You mean stopping someone who might be faster or stronger than me showing up on the team? I'm pretty sure nobody was thrilled when Michael Phelps showed up and they had to compete against him. Some children and adults are bigger and stronger than other children and adults. Period. Full stop. I don't think you're understanding what's going on here. This isn't about gender.

Number three, is this policy going to cause harm? Yes. Studies show that this kind of targeting severely impedes the mental health and development of transgender youth. That is not a small thing. Please listen to the question

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again. Is this going to cause harm? The answer is yes.

Finally, let's talk about taxpayer money if none of that worked on you. It is abundantly clear that any attempt to ban trans women and girls from sports is prohibited by gender. If you pass this legislation, the New York Civil Liberties Union will see you in court.

Between 2015 and 2019, this County spent \$55 million on taxpayer's money on lawsuits. I'm sure we don't want to continue that trend, do we? So keep it up because that's going to be under your legislature. This is banning people.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Ms. Gottehrer, you've exceeded your three minutes. So please wrap up.

MS. GOTTEHRER: It shows 115.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: I know, and I'll let you go a little bit further because it was messed up.

MS. GOTTEHRER: Okay, well, I'm wrapping up anyway.

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This is banning people from government property. There's no other way to say that. Let's think very carefully before we do that. We will see you in court. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Dr. Eve Meltzer Krief.

DR. MELTZER KRIEF: My name is Dr. Eve Meltzer Krief. I'm a pediatrician, and I'm here today with the authority to speak on behalf of the nearly 4500 member pediatricians of the New York State American Academy of Pediatrics.

We care for and advocate for our patients every single day; all of our patients. We are privileged to take care of transgender youth from early childhood on up, and I personally consider them to be some of the bravest patients that I have.

All of our patients are currently experiencing a mental health crisis, which is even more pronounced among our transgender youth. About half of

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transgender youth have considered suicide in the past year as they struggle to fit in. Those who are bullied are three times more likely to attempt suicide.

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Participation in extracurricular activities and living in accepting communities reduce this risk. In addition, regular exercise and participation in sports reduce anxiety and depression. The proposed law, which you deliberate here today, effectively eliminates that positive outlet for transgender girls who stand to benefit greatly from the camaraderie, acceptance and physical activity that come with being on a team.

This bill conceived to protect against the hypothetical would hurt actual children. The pre pubertal ones, like the nine year old who wants to play soccer or softball with her friends, or those children who initiated puberty blockers before the onset of puberty and have had no physical advantage, simply by

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2 making these children my patients, the
3 focus of discussion here today, let alone
4 if this bill became law, transgender
5 girls will become further stigmatized and
6 undoubtedly become the target of hateful
7 rhetoric or actions that will place their
8 mental health and physical safety in
9 peril. This is why the American Academy
10 of Pediatrics has joined with all other
11 major health, child welfare and
12 educational organizations to oppose
13 legislation that bans transgender youth
14 from participating in sports.

15 If you, as legislators, truly care
16 about public health and seek ways to
17 allow all our youth to be successful and
18 to thrive, should we not strive to teach
19 our children to be welcoming and
20 inclusive? Rather than finding ways to
21 further exclude and stigmatize already
22 struggling and isolated youth, should we
23 not work to create an atmosphere where
24 more of our transgender youth feel
25 comfortable participating in sports with

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all the benefits that that would provide?

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Marla

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Number five, Caitlyn Jenner competes in women's golf tournaments.

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Now, representatives, why do your kids get unfair advantages? A review of a decade of scientific literature by the Canadian Center for Ethics and Sports found that, "available evidence indicates trans women who have undergone testosterone suppression have no clear biological advantages over cis women in elite sport". They did find that one of the biggest obstacles to fairness is, "financial material resources such as access to infrastructure and equipment,

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nutrition, time to train and higher salaries". Clean water helps too.

So I ask again, why do your kids get unfair advantages? Why aren't you here legislating to subsidize more opportunity for lower income athletes? I bet damn near no one in this room has had a kid lose to a trans kid, but I bet they lost to some kid whose parents pay for private lessons. Kids with parents with economic or political privilege. I'm looking at you, Legislators.

A 2024 study sponsored by the International Olympic Committee found trans women who underwent hormone therapy perform worse than other women in lower body strength, lung function and cardiovascular fitness. But why legislate on stats when the lawyers from the executive office can walk in here with wishy washy, half baked anecdotes to demonize me?

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goals here:

Number one, to get Bruce Blakeman the attention he so desperately yearns for so he can get a little bit closer to sucking Donald Trump's golden teat.

Number two, cruelty to let trans people know they are unwelcome. Republican think tanks decided that after gay marriage, they needed something new to give constituents to fear and hate. But sports and bathrooms are historically, legislatively, always were a concern of politicians and high school bullies have gone to beat up on the marginalized.

Throughout the country, these bans have led to mandatory genital inspections, breaches of medical privacy, and accusing every girl who beats your kid in sports or just has a short haircut of being trans; a crime, apparently. They are banking on the assumption that you will tolerate that cruelty to you and yours if they give you the opportunity to

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be more cruel to someone else. I think the people of Nassau County are better than that.

They also want to tell women and girls, even trained in the most brutal of sport, that they are weak. Is that what you're teaching your daughters?

No matter what they call me, I'm a woman, a tired woman, tired like you, of the same men, the same politicians, the same Republicans telling me what I need, pitting me against other women. I too am tired of these men telling me who I am, what I cannot be, and what I can do with my body. And regardless of what you think of me, regardless of our backgrounds, I see you as my sisters. And on a rhetorical level, this targets and demeans all of us. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Maria O'Leary.

MS. O'LEARY: My name is Maria O'Leary. I'm a lifelong resident of Nassau County. I raised two children in

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the same house I grew up in. I attended East Meadow High School and proudly attended Nassau Community College -- so that was real interesting to hear you talk about that.

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Mr. McKeVitt, I reside in your district and per your website, we apparently attend the same church. In addition to being a lifelong resident, I'm the proud parent of a young adult transgender man. Over the past seven years, I've immersed myself in learning about the transgender experience and the science. You're not looking at an angry advocate. You're looking at a parent, a neighbor, a friend, the woman that you might see in Stop and Shop, or at your kid's soccer game, or sitting next to you in church.

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I still consume information on both sides of the transgender debate from a variety of sources. These issues are complex, and over time it's become increasingly difficult to separate fact

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from fiction.

I'm here today to give you some food and fact for thought regarding Bill 121-24. This bill, as it is written, fails to account for the complexity of the situation. The age of the athlete matters. The stage of the transition matters. The sport they play matters. I think you have failed to do your homework, quite frankly.

Is this really about protecting women and girls, or is it a political ploy? You say you're not anti-trans, you say you're pro-women. I'd like to understand how you demonstrate that. Where is the legislation guaranteeing female county workers equal pay? What policies do you have in place to ensure that women are treated equitably in all aspects of employment in this county? How about enhanced maternity leave? Are you paying your county workers for maternity leave or are you giving them more than 12 weeks?

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But back to this particular legislation. You say it's about safety and fairness. What possible advantage could a six-year-old-trans-girl on a soccer field have? As for safety, she is prepubescent and does not have the benefit of the testosterone you claim poses a safety risk to her peers. She just wants to run around and play soccer. This is why age matters.

In middle school and high school, trans girls are in various stages of puberty as adults. Trans women may or may not have medically transitioned. This is why transition status matters. What organized sports are we talking about? Tennis. Softball. I played in a women's softball league all through my 20s and into my 30s, right here in Nassau County. I met some of my dearest friends in that league. They are the ones I call when life is good. And like today, when it's not. That league was a bar league, which meant that both teams went back to the

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Dolores

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MS. CORRIGARU: Hi, everyone. Good

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afternoon. My name is Dolores. I use

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mom and a grandmother. I've lived and raised my family in Nassau County for over 40 years. I've always felt safe and supported here, especially by moms I've met through the years. I've made lifelong friendships at the local JCC and public schools. I've spent countless hours watching the kids play sports. They also made lifelong friendships with teammates on the fields and courts all over Long Island.

As the children got older, we celebrated as they became who they were meant to be. Bar mitzvahs, birthdays, sweet sixteens. All of our kids, they grew up. Some of them are gay, some are transgender, some are non-binary. We have cisgender children. We have straight children. We've continued to celebrate who they are as young adults. I know that a person's gender identity should have no bearing whatsoever on their rights to participate in any sport, in any Nassau County facility, and wherever else they

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choose to play. This unfounded legislation that Legislators Walker, Goetz and Mazi Pilip are sponsoring has no merit. Ladies, you simply don't have the facts correct. And we see you, Mazi Pilip, supporting women and girls, Jewish women and girls, what about the transgender women and girls? I know many living in your district. We don't protect them?

You should have taken the time to speak with experts and paid attention to the science. And please have conversations with moms of trans kids. Learn something you may not know. We all want the same things for our children.

So one question my friend from the new pride agenda had and I added this: Are trans men are protected in this bill? Because you keep saying biological women. Right? Are we are we including trans men in the bill? Are we protecting them?

New York has a legacy of leading tremendous battles for equality. Many of

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2 us in this room, including myself, fought
3 in Albany to pass gender for years. For
4 years. We have that law protecting our
5 loved ones from harm. I'm here asking you
6 really, like, almost begging you to
7 rethink what you're about to do. We need
8 legislation to protect and uplift our
9 children so they can thrive and grow in a
10 community that holds them tightly because
11 they're precious. Please don't hold them
12 back by voting for the hateful
13 legislation Bruce Blakeman is using to
14 hurt women, children and families in
15 Nassau County for his own political
16 ambitions. Please vote no. Protect all
17 women and girls. Because trans girls are
18 girls and trans women, they are women,
19 and some of the damn finest people in
20 this county.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Emma
22 Schultz.

23 MS. SHULTZ: My name is Emma. My
24 pronouns are she/her, and I'm a trans
25 woman from Nassau who uses County

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2 facilities for sport and exercise. This
3 bill turns places I used to relax and
4 have fun into a battleground of a culture
5 war that's manufactured. Passing this
6 legislation sets a precedent that a
7 County can legislate against trans
8 people, even if it goes against state
9 rights and protections, that it's okay to
10 discriminate against 1% of the population
11 that's already suffering a barrage of
12 over 500 anti-LGBTQ bills across the
13 country. If passed, trans safety will no
14 longer be state to state; it'll be county
15 to county.

16 According to The Trevor Project, the
17 mental health of 86% of trans and
18 non-binary youth was harmed merely by the
19 discussion of bills like this alone. A
20 group wherein one in two have seriously
21 considered suicide in the past year.

22 The mere existence of this bill is
23 harmful even if they don't pass. And
24 worst of all, once a ban like this
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gender affirming care bans, redefinition of sex and gender to further harm an already marginalized community.

I cite statistics because it's personal about suicide. When I was a kid, I grew up closeted. A feminine queer kid in a small religious private school scared to be herself. The bullying I faced in those years was so intense I feared coming to school on a daily basis, especially the locker room where boys were grouped up and uniform belts were used as weapons. I was thrown into the pavement while they laughed and I cried. Women's rights and trans rights go hand in hand. The fight for bodily autonomy, equal pay and fair treatment in the workplace are fights that both cis and trans women share because trans women are women. This bill and those who advocate for it do nothing to protect women. It's purely exclusion for exclusion sake, bullying against 1% of the population.

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this? Inspect girls genitals. Policing womanhood is harmful to all women. Most importantly, sex is not binary. It's so much more. Denying sex diversity denies the existence of intersex people, trans people and people born with chromosomal differences. And yes, cis women can be born x/y chromosomes. Last time one of you made a joke about a woman athlete with a beard, cis women can have beards. It's called PCOS, and 1 in 10 women have it. Even beyond that, judgment without knowledge is harmful.

People in favor of this clearly have not done their research on trans bodies or the effects of gender affirming care. Trans and HRT leads to loss in height and muscle mass, bone density, the development of breasts, and redistribution of fat around the hips like any cis woman has. Heck, my first affirming moment was I couldn't open a pickle jar.

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welcomed on wonderful teams like the Rolling Rebels, go on to make friends, receive affirmation, acceptance and gain the confidence to be themselves. Even just one of those things can mean the difference between a life of love and happiness, and a life cut short.

Trans people are humans too, with hopes, dreams and the desire to be loved and included when so many of us aren't. Hate never wins. Please vote and vote no and protect trans lives in Nassau County and counties across the country.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Jennifer Hovestadt-Molloy.

MS. HOVESTADT-MOLLOY: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is Jennifer Hovestadt-Molloy, and my pronouns are she/her/hers. I am here as a proud parent of two amazing transgender young adults, and as a cisgender woman dedicated to advocating for the rights of all individuals in all spaces, including sports.

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As a mother and an ally, I deeply care about the well-being and fair treatment of every child and adult, regardless of their gender identity. Creating bills and laws that discriminate against trans women not only affects them, it affects all women and girls. The argument that these bills protect cisgender women and girls is fundamentally flawed. If a cisgender girl, a woman is too masculine, too strong or too good, her sex assigned at birth could be questioned.

True protection means ensuring everyone's rights are respected, not excluding or discriminating against a vulnerable group. Real threats to women and girls include sexual harassment, assault and unequal pay, not the inclusion of transgender individuals in sports.

Transgender youth already face high rates of bullying, mental health issues and suicide. Excluding them from sports

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2 and other activities only exacerbates
3 these problems. Inclusive sports
4 environments provide essential benefits
5 such as teamwork, discipline and a sense
6 of belonging, which are crucial for all
7 young people.

8 As a a volunteer crisis counselor
9 for Trevor Project, I have witnessed the
10 pain experienced by young trans people
11 who are not accepted by their families
12 and/or communities. According to Trevor
13 Project, just one affirming adult can
14 reduce the risk of suicide by 40%.
15 Imagine, how being a part of a sports
16 team with peers and an accepting
17 community can change this number.

18 A recent poll shows that 72% of
19 trans individuals fear for their safety
20 in this political environment. There is
21 no valid reason for these bills. There is
22 no substantial evidence that transgender
23 athletes have an unfair advantage. Many
24 factors contribute to athletic
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and dedication.

We have an ethical responsibility to support and uplift all children and adults, fostering an environment of inclusion and respect. I urge everyone to reconsider the harmful impacts of these bills. Let's focus on creating supportive communities that genuinely protect and uplift all individuals, including our transgender friends and family members. Discrimination under the guise of protection is still discrimination. We must stand together to ensure equality, fairness and compassion for all. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Helena Roderick.

DR. RODERICK: Good afternoon. I'm Dr. Helena Roderick, PhD. I'm not an athlete. I'm not a resident of Nassau County. But I have been a supervising psychologist at Northwell Health for more than 20 years. Northwell Health is the largest employer, I believe, in New York

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State and certainly the largest employer here in Long Island.

I'm here in a space that I'm unfamiliar with, speaking to individuals with whom I'm unfamiliar, and I'm doing that on behalf of my team, my colleagues, on behalf of my patients, young and old.

I was trained as a scientist practitioner. That's important here. I take science real seriously. I follow the ethical guidelines that I need to follow as a licensed psychologist in New York State, as someone who's been a member of the American Psychological Association and so on. Hopefully, these are sufficient credentials here. Certainly, know in our in our clinic, we see hundreds of gender diverse people of all ages year in, year out.

So I'm here today to speak about the mental health risks that the trans community faces due to marginalization in society. So I'm not here to say there's anything inherently pathological about

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being trans. I'm talking about marginalization in society.

Our patients are trying to lead safe, authentic lives. Our trans community in Long Island in Nassau County, they are trying to lead safe, authentic lives. You tell us today safety is your priority. I ask you to take that real seriously and think about psychological safety. Other speakers today have also spoken on that issue from the pediatric perspective and so on.

Please know that poor mental health worldwide is probably the most significant predictor of disability. There is so much data to support that. Look at World Health Organization and so forth.

Regular physical exercise is powerful in alleviating depression and anxiety. Membership and participation in organized sports teams can be protective. It indeed contributes to a sense of belonging, a sense of community, and a

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2 sense of connection. Your language is
3 very key when you talk about co-ed teams.
4 I struggle with what that would look like
5 when you have a bunch of little six year
6 old girls who play with Barbies. That's
7 not a co-ed team. That's a team that
8 maybe is gender diverse.

9 So I do ask you, as Nassau County
10 legislators, to hear our voices, to
11 listen to the data, preserve the ability
12 for trans athletes to participate in
13 women's and girls sports at County-owned
14 athletic facilities. Thank you.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Kirsten
16 Fox.

17 DR. FOX: My name is Dr. Kirsten
18 Fox, and I am also a licensed
19 psychologist in the state of New York and
20 a Nassau County community member. I want
21 to express my strong concern regarding
22 this legislation as a mental health
23 professional and an athlete. Even if this
24 bill is sneakily packaged in a way that
25 does not specifically name the trans

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2 community, its impacts are inherently
3 anti-trans and harmful, as there is so
4 much research that shows that trans
5 people benefit from gender affirming
6 care, and community.

7 Mental health is strongly influenced
8 by the conditions in which we live. The
9 minority stress model proposes that forms
10 of systemic oppression, including
11 policies that restrict the rights of
12 gender minorities, have critical impacts
13 to the health and well-being of minority
14 individuals. When a member of a minority
15 group is continuously told they are not
16 welcome over time, these messages can be
17 internalized and manifest as mental
18 health symptoms. I would like each of you
19 to imagine what it would be like to be
20 told over and over, personally and
21 systemically, that you do not belong, and
22 think about how that would impact you.

23 Research overwhelmingly shows that
24 bills and laws that limit access to
25 sports participation, healthcare, and

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school policies have resulted in heightened levels of anxiety, depression and suicide risk among LGBTQ+ youth. A 2024 national survey from The Trevor Project, for example, found 90% of the LGBTQ+ youth that responded said their well-being was negatively impacted due to recent politics.

Lifetime suicide attempt rates in adults are estimated to be between 1.9 and 8.7% in the US, that's any adult. Regarding transgender individuals specifically, research indicates that between 16 and 41% of transgender participants had attempted suicide. Not suicidal thoughts, but actual attempts to end their lives. That is an alarming rate compared to that of the general population. And again, I want to echo what the other psychologist said. It's not because trans people are inherently pathological. It is because of the conditions of society in which they live.

As someone who provides mental

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health treatments, one of my most powerful tools is helping patients locate a sense of belonging within their communities. If you take away the ability of transgender individuals to participate in sports in County facilities, you are taking away a major source of coping for individuals who are already struggling with depression. I predict that suicide rates will increase in gender minority communities as more anti-trans legislation is passed across the country, and I do not want Nassau County to be complicit in this.

I would also like to mention that as a cis woman who plays roller derby, and I am currently covered in bruises from other cis women, I have never been injured by a trans woman, although I play with them regularly. Sports are inherently dangerous. I love how many of you have decided that I need protection in a way that I don't want it. Making an unfounded blanket statement (buzzer) --

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2 I'll wrap up -- disrespects my autonomy,
3 my physical abilities, and my
4 intelligence. Even though as someone with
5 a doctorate, I'm one of those healthcare
6 professionals that should have been
7 consulted regarding the legitimacy of
8 this bill, but were not. Thanks for
9 protecting me. Thank you.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Juli
11 Grey-Owens.

12 MS. OWENS: My name is Juli-Grey
13 Owens, and I'm a longtime transgender
14 community advocate. It is clear that you
15 did not do any kind of investigation into
16 the transgender community and our
17 experiences. From the language of the
18 bill, it is apparent you did no
19 information gathering because your
20 terminology is confused and out of date.
21 We have used the term cisgender a couple
22 of times. It should have been part of the
23 bill. However, let me clarify it for you.
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designation that you were given at birth. So when you are trying to protect people, specifically women and girls, you are specifically talking about cisgender females, just so that you understand. It has nothing to do with sexual orientation. It just simply means that the person matches the designation given at birth.

Now we will talk about the transgender community. They are opposite of that. They do not identify with the designation given to them at birth. That's all it means. It means nothing at all about sexual orientation. It just simply means they don't match the designation.

In your piece of legal work that was put together, you have mixed gender with biological sex. I have heard terminology that hasn't been used for over 20 years. So it is apparent, no matter what anyone says, that this is all about the transgender community.

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You state that transgender girls and women can simply play with the boys. Do you really believe that? Do any of you have a daughter? I raised one. By forcing trans girls to play with boys, do the boys want the girls to play with them? And the answer is usually, "no". And so what happens is, is that the girl now faces bullying and harassment on their own team, or deciding it's just not worth it and I'll quit the sport and just not be bothered. That's what you're going to do.

Let me give you a second scenario. You wrap yourself in the protective cloak of a so-called mission to protect cisgender girls and women. Please understand the moment that you pass this legislation, be prepared for those you call biological women and biological girls to be attacked at athletic events because they look like a boy, or because someone thinks that a person in that question could not possibly be that

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athletic as a girl. There are cases
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Are you prepared to provide a private
space at every athletic event? So the
Athletic League officials and umpires
check the genitals of each player before
the game starts? Are you aware of the
fact that our young people, when they
transition prior to puberty, they are
given medication and hormone blockers
that do not give them the power of a
male? They assume all cisgender female
characteristics. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Karin
Johnson. Do we have a Karin Johnson here?

(Whereupon, no response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Erica
mays. Erica mays.

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Jonadan
Anin Burger.

MR. BURGER: Two weeks later and I'm
back. I'm happy the speaker got my name

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right this time, so kudos.

I'm going to review something that I reviewed two weeks ago. One is not a particular gender because they feel like they are, but one may feel like a particular gender because they are. This is an important distinction. I still say net six inches higher or not, me and all my testosterone at five foot five here, if Olympic athlete April Ross spiked a volleyball in my face, I'm going to the E.R. at NUMC, or otherwise.

We've heard spoken, every person is different and it didn't come from our speakers. That's true in athletics, too. You have to compensate for a lot of things. There's more hormones out there than testosterone.

I may be more agreeable with you than you think. I am not for men being on women's sports teams. There seems to be some terminology convolution, as Juli Grey just pointed out. There were instances referenced of trans women

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they don't have to be you to help you.

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You don't have to be a trans woman, a trans person, a parent of a trans individual to help trans people. Do the right thing. One is not a particular gender because they feel they are. They feel they are because they are. And as the sergeant who defended our freedom to be here and have this conversation in all of his concision and great wisdom said earlier, let's be together and be happy.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Amanda Urena.

MS. URENA: Hi, my name is Amanda Urena. I use they/them pronouns. I grew up on Long Island and played sports as a kid. I've experienced firsthand the physicality and intensity of sports. Once while I was playing roller derby, I broke my ankle when a cisgendered woman who was two times my size fell on me. But I didn't go home and try to get people who were bigger than me banned from the sport. That would be a little bit much. I instead, decided to learn from my

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experience, focused on getting stronger. And I'm still playing that sport five years later. This is the spirit of sports: Resilience, growth and inclusivity.

Personally, my mental health has dramatically worsened as these bans have been brought forward by a paternalistic administration. I'm 33 years old and I've heard time and time again that my generation and younger grew up getting handouts and trophies for just showing up. Yet we're sitting here belittling young cisgender women today by saying that they must be protected by paternalistic measures so that they don't get second place.

Those advocating for this ban often claim it's about protecting women, but let's examine that claim. If they genuinely cared about the safety and well-being of women, they would be building coalitions of women's sports teams to address real safety concerns.

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They would be enacting and advocating for tougher laws around gun control. What are you doing about domestic violence? They should be addressing the water issue in Hempstead and high cancer rates on Long Island. Something deeply personal to me as a person who lived in West Hempstead, who was diagnosed with breast cancer when I was only 28.

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Recently, *Newsday* reported that the Long Island Railroad crime rate has hit an 18 year high. Shortly after this first trans ban was introduced, a white man on the Long Island Railroad felt emboldened to verbally abuse and threaten physical assault to myself and my partner because we are visibly queer. That could be related, I don't know. Let's throw in horrifyingly Long Island schools are paying out of their butts over \$36 million in sexual abuse lawsuits. The lasting scars of sexual abuse on children are far more costly and devastating than the imagined threat of transgender women

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2 in sports. Instead of targeting the
3 transgender population, let's focus on
4 the real issues at hand. Let's address
5 the environmental hazards affecting the
6 water supply. Let's tackle the systemic
7 issues in our education system and public
8 safety. Thank you.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Paula
10 Frome.

11 MS. FROME: Good afternoon. My name
12 is Paula Frome. I stand here as a
13 constituent and a leader with Bend the
14 Arc: Jewish Action, Long Island. We are
15 a Jewish progressive group working for
16 equality and inclusion for all. Our
17 Jewish values teach us to cherish and
18 support our transgender siblings. In
19 fact, even in the Talmud, the rabbis
20 recognized that there are more than two
21 genders. I think they recognize six. We
22 recognize that all people are created
23 Tzelem Elohim, in the image of God, and
24 the importance of respect for individual
25 dignity, whatever the gender

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2 identification of the person is. Trans
3 girls wanting to play sports and be a
4 part of a team is not a problem.

5 Creating the solution looking for a
6 problem is not only bad governance, it is
7 cruel and discriminatory. I am here today
8 to call on you, the elected
9 representatives of the people of Nassau
10 County, to use your positions of power to
11 focus on what the actual problems are in
12 our county, such as the imminent failure
13 of NUMC; the consequent \$100 million hole
14 that it's going to blow in the budget.
15 The degradation of NCC, once one of the
16 best community colleges in America, and
17 an entree into the middle class for many,
18 which you heard about problems of lack of
19 oversight from here; the lack of
20 affordable housing; and the unfairness of
21 our assessment system. I am sure that the
22 people of Nassau County did not elect you
23 to engage in a competition to see whose
24 level of cruelty will get them on Fox
25 News. They did not elect you to

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2 discriminate against children already at
3 risk, or to turn a blind eye to Bruce
4 Blackman's dangerous personal militia, in
5 what we were just told a couple of hours
6 ago, is the safest county in the nation.
7 They elected you to solve their real
8 problems. Vote no on this disgusting ban
9 and do your real jobs.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Katie
11 Hawkland.

12 MS. HAWKLAND: Hello. I'm Katie
13 Hawkland, Organizing Director of the Long
14 Island Progressive Coalition. Hello
15 again. My pronouns are they/them.

16 I'm here today to speak on Nassau
17 County Executive Bruce Blakeman's sports
18 ban, again. Both this bill and the
19 preceding attempted executive order are
20 framed as protecting girls. Protecting
21 them from who? Again, if you want to
22 protect women and girls, there are plenty
23 of good options for our society to
24 improve upon. Speakers who have preceded
25 me have provided you with lots of great

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ideas for how to work on that, where to work on that, where to start. So many great ideas. There's plenty to do.

However, the law that is proposed here, does not make, will not make women or girls safer. If we need to measure whether this bill would spare women and girls injuries, we would need to look at the rate of injuries of various sorts that happen when women and girls are playing sports against other women and girls, versus the rate of injuries to women and girls when playing against trans girls and trans women. Let's drop the biological males line. Boys and men who identify as men, again, cisgender boys are already playing on the teams they want to play on. This bill is about trans girls and trans women.

So the question again, everyone's covered a lot of things I was going to cover already. So I'll say, in a past life, I worked at the Developmental Linguistics Lab at the Graduate Center,

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CUNY Graduate Center, so I have some experience on designing experiments. Experimental design is one of those things I'm good at. So if we're going to study this, do we have the rate of injuries to cisgender girls and cisgender women playing against trans or nonbinary girls and women? Do we have that data? Has that data been compared relative to control conditions of cisgender women and girls playing against other cisgender women and girls, or playing in cisgender men and boys? Do we have those data? Do we have those controls. Again, seeing cisgender women and girls playing against trans girls, trans women versus playing against cis men and boys versus, say, playing against cis women. Do we have those comparisons on deck? Because we need to have them to actually evaluate whether this bill makes any sense, or whether we're building a bill on the back of a future picked incidence that someone found on YouTube or other news sites. Do

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we actually have real data as to how much harm women and girls, cisgender women and girls are being exposed to by playing with people who are gender ambiguous?

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Again, I'm five, eight and three quarters and 350 pounds. I'm the size of a regular guy, and I have a uterus and I've hurt other people with uteruses while playing sports myself in the past. I've been hurt by them. You don't magically make everyone safer by just not letting trans women and girls play, to be clear. I don't think we have enough data to move forward on any of this, but who am I? Bye, ya'll. Have a great day.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Ezra Scollo.

MR. EZRA: My name is Ezra Scollo. I'm here as a transgender man and a taxpaying resident of East Meadow. I just want to make it clear that this trans ban, which is what it is, is a waste of time for you all, for us, and a waste of Nassau County dollars. I do not

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need my taxes paying for legal fees from all the lawsuits that the County will lose. I need my taxes paying for clean water and I need my taxes paying for NUMC, which is right around the block from my house. That's the first hospital I'm going to.

Mr. Blakeman is clearly trying to rally his fascist base because he wants to run for higher office. That is not what I pay taxes for. I don't pay my taxes for Mr. Blakeman's campaign.

I was a high school cheerleader who was seriously injured by a cisgender girl in practice. It was no one's fault. Cheerleading is the most dangerous sport for women. If you're so concerned about injuries for female athletes, you would know that cheerleading does not have the same safety requirements or funding as other sports, and you would legislate on that.

This ban impacts all girls as was mentioned. If a cis girl is too tall, too

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muscular, too fast, or too good at her sport, she will be subject to investigation and harassment. I would like to know how you plan on proving that a child is trans. Are you going to have police inspect the child's genitals before or during the game? Will Mr. Blakeman or Mr. Yellow tie up here be doing the inspections themselves? If I had a child, I would protect them from all of the men supporting this bill, including the one right in front of me who's not paying attention, and Mr. Blakeman, because they seem to have an unhealthy obsession with children's genitals.

Lastly, I want to let all the men in this room know that real men do not attack children. Real men stand up and do what's right. I don't need a penis to know that a real man stands up for justice and seeks the truth. Real men vote, "No".

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: James

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Rooney.

MR. ROONE: Good afternoon. My name is James Rooney. I am a resident of Nassau County, a concerned citizen. As a disclaimer, I am not trans, but I speak in support of those who are whom I love.

I'd like you to imagine a scenario for me. You celebrate the birth of your new son. He's happy, healthy, no issues to speak of. During these formative years, you notice clues. Certain things that seemed off. These clues started to compound and compound until one day, that that day he says, "Mommy, Daddy, I'm not a boy. I am a girl." You have your convictions, but you want to be there for your child. I've seen this many times in many families with parents who hold traditional values. You agree on a name change. You get now "her" hair the way "she" wants. Everything you can do to make your child happy.

Then another day comes. Your daughter comes up to you and asks to try

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out for sports, whether it be football, basketball, soccer, what have you. And now imagine your responses. You will have to tell your child, no. She would come back with the questions kids always ask. Why? Did I not clean my room well enough? Are my grades not high enough? What am I doing wrong? Now, I'm not a child psychologist. Far from it. However, I know one thing about kids. They are terrible at deductive reasoning. They can't take existing theories and hypotheses and come up with specific conclusions. But kids use inductive reasoning taking what they see around them and creating narratives without any outside evidence. So you tell them they can't try out because they're very presence is a threat to women's sports. You would tell them this because I know all of you are honest people, and this is the listed purpose of the bill you are about to pass to Executive Blakeman's desk today. Your daughter will use that

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2 inductive reasoning to conclude that
3 there is something wrong with them. They
4 are defective, maybe even subhuman. Don't
5 do this to our children. Because we are
6 watching. Nassau County is watching. And
7 most importantly, God is watching. Thank
8 you.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Chris
10 Beatty.

11 MR. BEATTY: Good afternoon. At the
12 June 10th Committee hearing regarding
13 Local Law 121-24, I was relieved by the
14 fact that Legislator Drucker and several
15 courageous members of this community,
16 many of whom are here today, spoke out
17 against the proposed legislation. Unlike
18 Legislator Drucker and these community
19 members who brought logic, empathy, and
20 sense to the dialog, members of the
21 majority have done the opposite. Their
22 rhetoric is filled with logical fallacy,
23 conjecture, and wanton ignorance. This
24 legislation is an attempt to galvanize
25 those who hate and are looking for a

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scapegoat in transgender kids, nothing more. "The transgender girls you target are not dangerous. They are just kids who want to play a game in a safe and supportive environment, free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, and bullying". I'm quoting, by the way, the New York State Dignity for All Students Act. This law mandates that schools provide a safe and supportive environment for all children.

I am a proud father of a non-binary transgender person. I'm also a proud teacher of students from all walks of life. It is my job to educate and protect all children. If I spoke about transgender kids the way the majority of this legislature does, I would be fired. Clearly, there is no such law to prevent you from attacking and bullying defenseless children.

I would also like to point out that the International Olympic Committee recently updated their policy regarding

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transgender athletes. It states,
"measures should be put in place to make
sporting environments and facilities
welcoming to people of all gender
identities". It goes on to say, "that no
athlete should be precluded from
competing or excluded from competition on
the exclusive ground of an unverified,
alleged, or perceived unfair competitive
advantage due to their sex variations,
physical appearance, and or transgender
status". Clearly, these local politicians
think that they know better than the
governing body of the highest level of
athletic competition in the world.

By bringing forth this proposed law,
The Nassau County Legislature has created
a conflict out of thin air. The girls you
say you want to protect, and the
transgender girls you are trying to
vilify are on the same team. Your actions
today matter. Do you want to teach your
kids to hate their neighbor or to love
them? I implore those of you who are

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planning to vote for this law to
reconsider. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Maile
Beatty.

MS. BEATTY: My name is Miley Beatty
and I am the proud mother of a non-binary
transgender person. They are not here
today because of the negative impact this
legislation has on their mental health
and well-being.

I strongly oppose this transgender
ban. Although it purports to protect
women and girls, it is an attempt to
illegally discriminate against one of the
more vulnerable subsets of that
population: Transgender women and girls.
This legislation is clearly not about
safety and fairness. This proposed law is
a despicable political maneuver at the
expense of transgender American children.
They deserve your protection, not your
vitriol or baseless claims and attacks.

This proposed law implies that
transgender women and girls are

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dangerous. This law invokes fear and hatred to demonize young student athletes. These are kids you're talking about. They are someone's daughter. They are my child.

In your last legislative session on this topic, one of you referred to a high school girl as a bearded man. Can you imagine how that would make your teenage daughter feel? Adolescence is hard enough when you are cisgender. Using these fear mongering tactics, you vilify transgender individuals and you dehumanize them. And why would anyone want to dehumanize them? So that you can overlook their capacity to suffer and as such, justify your egregious and illegal actions. We have seen this tactic throughout history. Hatred and fear have been used to justify discrimination, the denial of natural and civil rights, and genocide.

This discriminatory law may pass today, but it doesn't have to. I urge you to please align yourself with the right

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side of history and oppose this local law. There is an extremist contingent in this country that pushes misinformation about trans individuals for political gain, but we don't need to pave the way for this kind of hatred in Nassau County.

Please do not cause further harm to this population. Instead, I urge you to support policies that promote equality without exception for all. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Naomi Spellen.

MS. SPELLEN: Hello, my name is Naomi Spellen. I basically came here to wing it. This was a last minute thing for me. I was at school earlier taking a test, my last test. So hopefully I get to graduate.

But what I want to talk to you about is that I'm an ally. I know people who are trans. And I'm Christian. I go to a Catholic school. I just want to say that God teaches us to love one another. And this bill is just hatred. We don't have

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to support who they are -- we have to support them, but you have to agree with what they want. What you need to do is just show them that you love and appreciate them, because they're going through something that none of us can experience. They probably have it the hardest.

Trans suicide rates are extremely high for no reason. We should love them. They don't deserve this hate.

Sports have always been my thing. I would say that I'm an athlete. I do track and field. I'm a shy kid. And doing sports, it helps. It helps you emotionally, mentally. I've made some of my best friends with sports, and it's important to. Just include people because sports is not just about the destination. It's not about winning that award. It's the journey. It's the people that you make and you meet. And I've met some of the most incredible people. My best friends are trans. To see them stress

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over this bill, it hurts them. And it's
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people. People deserve to be loved, no
matter who they are. We need to support
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I know that I'm just a 16-year-old
teenager. What are you going to do?
You're probably not even going to listen
to me. But it's just important to love.
And there's also a study showing that the
estrogen and testosterone in trans women
are about the same as a regular woman. I
play sports, and I have given -- I played
wrestling and I've given girls black
eyes. I've given boys black eyes. I broke
someone's arm. Do not doubt my ability. I
am stronger than most girls and I know
this. I could deadlift like 200 pounds.
Do not do anything.

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Listen to me when I say this hurts
people. We are taught to love one
another, and this is not love. This is
hate. You just have to love. And this
bill is truly just hate. It's so

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2 disgusting to see because this is not how
3 we're taught. This is not how we're
4 supposed to do anything.

5 And if you think that this is
6 helping someone, it's not. It's
7 disgusting. You have to realize that. You
8 have to relook this. You have to relook
9 this. Because at the end of the day, you
10 represent all of us. That is what a
11 government does. And you're representing
12 all of us. No one here -- everybody here
13 has spoke out against this bill.

14 Everybody who spoke out against this
15 bill. No one has spoken for this bill.
16 And it's disgusting. You need to realize.
17 You need to realize that this hurts
18 people. If people die, it's on you.
19 People killing themselves, suicide. It's
20 on you. Remember that.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: That
22 concludes the public comment.

23 I think Legislator Mule wanted to
24 say something.

25 LEGISLATOR MULE: Thank you,

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Presiding Officer. Yeah. Just before you call for the vote, I just wanted to make a statement.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: That's precisely what I'm about to do, so go ahead.

LEGISLATOR MULE: Okay. Thank you.

I am offended by this legislation. I'm offended legislatively because it's providing a solution to a non-existent problem. I'm offended governmentally because we know that this is not going to stand up to legal scrutiny. I'm offended as a taxpayer, because I know that the millions of dollars that are going to be spent on lawsuits would have been better spent on so many things that so many people have brought up. I'm going to add one more: Our aging infrastructure. I'm offended as an ally of the LGBTQ+ community because this is Pride Month and this bill is being introduced during Pride Month. That hurts me. That really hurts. We should be passing legislation

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that's going to help the community that's honored by Pride.

To sum up, this is a bill that doesn't solve any existing problem, that is blatantly illegal, that will waste millions of dollars in legal fees, money which could be used to solve other problems. It's an embarrassment and I will be voting no. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator Davis and then Legislator Koslow.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Thank you.

I just want to clarify the basis for my opposition to this bill. This bill is essentially like doing surgery with a sledgehammer. One of the issues -- my main issue with this legislation or proposed local law is that it did not take into account a diversity of opinions. We heard from Dr. Krieff, we heard from Dr. Roderick, we heard from Dr. Fox, we heard from Juli Grey, we heard from members of the community that this affects. And if we really wanted to

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2 address an issue that doesn't seem to be
3 an issue, it would best be done with
4 everyone sitting together and coming up
5 with common sense legislation to try and
6 address this. What this is, and it's
7 abundantly clear, is that this is merely
8 weaponizing an issue, and the only people
9 who are going to suffer from it are
10 members of the trans community.

11 So if we truly want to address this
12 issue, now's not the time. How we've done
13 it is not the time. The way we've done it
14 is not correct. Get everyone, all the
15 stakeholders at the table, a round table.
16 Come up with a consensus and work
17 together.

18 LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: So I've sat on
19 this dais for the last six months, and we
20 have heard about real issues, issues that
21 we should be dealing with, issues that
22 our constituents are complaining about.
23 Legislator Walker talked about health and
24 safety concerns, and yet we have opioid
25 money that we're not spending. We have

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ARPA money requests that have been ignored. We talked about the water in Hempstead. We have CRP requests from legislators who have been ignored that haven't been fulfilled. We have a detective shortage for our great police department. We have a community college that needs assistance and a hospital that needs a miracle. But instead, we're spending all this time today fighting about a blatantly illegal legislation, which is about an issue not affecting Nassau County. No one has cited any examples in New York State, let alone Nassau County, of why we need to legislate on this issue. We're essentially being asked to vote on whether or not the County should spend money defending another lawsuit. This is another manufactured issue by Bruce Blakeman's Administration much like the militia. It's a resolution or a solution to a problem that doesn't exist.

But here's the problem I have with

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all of this. We are here on this day as to serve our constituents, the constituents that elected us. They elected us to make a better Nassau County for us, for our children, for our children's children. But instead, the Administration and the Majority are wasting time and resources on issues not relevant to Nassau County residents. Why aren't we voting on ARPA funding requests that the Minority has put in? Why aren't we voting on CRP funding requests? Why aren't we spending the opioid money we need, or we have rather, to save Nassau residents who are actually impacted by the opioid crisis? What about negotiating the Capital Plan? How about the five new legislators that are sitting here have access to some funds so we can benefit our own constituents? Yes, that's right. 25% of the legislators sitting on this dais do not have access to capital funding because the Administration refuses to negotiate a Capital Plan.

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Instead, we're sitting here arguing about this.

The Administration cares more about these manufactured issues than they do about actually helping Nassau County residents. This is not a Nassau County issue. I wonder who on this dais, if anyone, would have ever brought this legislation forth if it wasn't for Bruce Blakeman's executive order that failed. How many of you have received emails or complaints or concerns from your constituents before Bruce Blakeman made this an issue. I submit that none of you have and none of you can show me that you have.

This is not the will of the people that we are arguing about. This is the will of Bruce Blakeman. Let's stop wasting time and actually be a government that's for the people. I refuse to support these shenanigans, and that's why I have to vote no on this legislation. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator Drucker.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you, Presiding Officer. Very briefly, I just want to qualify or explain. My reference to Nazi Germany earlier today is my own personal fear and concern, especially with the rise of anti-Semitism in this country. And we may we must be hyper vigilant, in my opinion, against the underlying themes and movements steeped in perceived fear of unfair advantage or influence. That's my point. We have to be hyper vigilant. I have to be hyper vigilant.

I take offense. Legislator Pilip, I have respect for you. I attend an event at least once a week in support of Israel and their fight against HAMAS. So to say, we're not interested, I'm there at least once a week attending these events.

My colleagues on the right may have profound differences with me and the rest of us on this issue, but as a legislator

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and as a lawyer, I take comfort in the rule of law, and I have no doubt that we will prove that to be true in this case. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Presiding Officer.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Go on, Legislator.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you, Presiding Officer. I will also be voting a resounding no when it comes to this illegal piece of legislation.

We as legislators have to do more to protect the integrity of this Body. We began this hearing or this day by thanking Ken Arnold, the Commissioner of Public Works, a person who we have worked with a lot to, for example, change roads to make them safer for children, boys and girls. But not just based upon his testimony, but based upon traffic studies, studies that were done in an empirical scientific fashion. We heard countless testimony here today from

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2 doctors, people who rely upon scientific
3 information in order to make empirical
4 decisions. We are not relying upon any
5 sound, logical information to make a
6 decision today in favor of this piece of
7 legislation.

8 For those who are voting in favor of
9 this legislation, you're only really
10 doing it because Bruce Blakeman asked you
11 to do it. You didn't do it really because
12 you saw the fear in the eyes of young
13 people who don't want to be hurt by other
14 athletes who may have superior powers
15 over them.

16 Then I heard another Legislator say,
17 hey, we should start a Trans League.
18 Under the same definition, we could find
19 logic to start a Negro League where we
20 separate those who are athletes based on
21 race. We heard just as much justification
22 here today to create a Negro league
23 because a perceived fear or perceived
24 superior ability of certain individuals.
25 And, you know, I both know that's not

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scientific. You will regret to make this vote. You are undermining the integrity of this Body.

I understand that it is the political thing to do in this year in which you want to express your rage against the Biden Administration, or you want to support Project 2025, in which you have to protect the integrity of family and the definition of a man and a woman. I understand that. I understand that for political reasons. But when it comes to this Body that is based upon logic, law and science, you are making an incorrect decision.

Furthermore, I have heard and have, as an attorney, represented many people from our community who are trans who tell me that when the sun goes down, they fear to walk the streets. That men and women, of all -- men in particular -- feel the need to attack them at night, which is why they feel the need to have a weapon to protect themselves. You are increasing

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the marginalization, the depression, the fear that they will live in.

At the end of the day, I don't expect you to be an attorney, but the bottom line basic understanding of Constitutional law is that the government shall not engage in discrimination of others. Like it or not, this will happen with this law. We will spend countless money, taxpayer money in fighting, defending this law when that money can go to all of the many needs that we described here today.

We cannot vote in favor of this law. I understand that you have to do this because Bruce asked you to. But I'm asking you to do the right thing and vote against this law like I will. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All right.

I'm going to -- Legislator Drucker, I respect you, and I know that you attend Jewish events and so forth, but I'm going to say again, comparing things that we

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2 don't like or anyone doesn't like to
3 actions of the Nazis or the Ku Klux Klan,
4 or those types of groups which were
5 responsible for perpetrating some of the
6 worst crimes in human history is just a
7 mistake. It just cheapens the sacrifice
8 suffered by people who are attacked by
9 those people.

10 Legislator Giuffre.

11 LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: So I speak for
12 the Majority in the regard to, we don't
13 hate anyone. I've made note of your
14 comments. I understand your disagreement
15 with this bill; I do. And I've heard
16 everything that my colleagues on the
17 other side have said. What I have not
18 heard from anybody is any explanation as
19 to how Title IX is violated in any way by
20 this law. What I have not heard is, I
21 have not heard anything about how the
22 fact that Title IX supersedes New York
23 law in this particular instance as it
24 relates to women's sports. I haven't
25 heard that argument. It has not been

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2 presented here by anybody. And so, I will
3 be voting in favor of the law. I believe
4 that the court challenges will be
5 defeated, and I believe that the
6 Constitution and Title IX will prevail.
7 Thank you.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator
9 Ferretti.

10 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you,
11 Presiding Officer.

12 Legislator Drucker, I appreciate
13 your comments somewhat explaining what
14 you were referring to when comparing this
15 legislation to Nazi Germany. But, I just
16 have to reiterate, this isn't the first
17 time a member of the Minority has
18 compared a proposal to Nazi Germany by
19 this Administration in this Legislature
20 to Nazi Germany. I take personal offense
21 to it. I don't know how far the
22 comparison goes. Do those who vote for it
23 in favor of it, are they Nazis? Are the
24 or the more than 70% of Nassau residents
25 who agree with this legislation, are they

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Nazis? So I appreciate your explanation, but I really think an apology is necessary to the County Executive and anyone who supports this.

Now, with regard to -- I respect all of you, but with all due respect to you, nobody tells me how to vote. Nobody tells me what legislation to sponsor. We have minds of our own, and I can tell you right now that we are not doing the bidding of the County Executive. What we're doing is protecting women. We feel that this bill protects women, their safety and the integrity of their sporting events. That's what this vote is about. Whether you believe that biological males should be able to play with all women sports teams on County fields or not.

I agree with Legislator Giuffre. Nobody wants to respond to the Title IX argument. Nobody wants to comment on that. They want to hide behind New York State Law, which is superseded by the

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Federal Law. We all know that, many of us are attorneys. The Federal Law prevails over State Law, so don't hide behind that. Tell these people. Do you support biological males playing in all women's sports or not? Don't hide behind the legal issue. Because the truth of the matter is, the Federal Law prevails, and we all know that. So I will be voting in favor. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: In fairness, Legislator Ferretti is talking about a Legislator who's not here and not able to defend herself. Yes. The comment about comparing Nazis and Bruce Blakeman was the comment about that Minority Leader DeRiggi- Whitton made.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: No, no.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: He said there were two people. And that's a misstatement because she was quoting one of her constituents and repeating what the constituent said. She never referred to Bruce Blakeman as a Nazi. She was

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repeating what a constituent said. So you're misapplying or misstating what she said in order to make it look like it's worse than it actually is, which is consistent with this whole legislation. But neither here nor there, that's not what happened there, and that's not what's happening here either today.

Legislator Drucker didn't compare Bruce Blakeman to a Nazi, but he's saying the actions are very similar to what happened in Nazi Germany. So don't make it like we're attacking Bruce Blakeman, and he deserves an apology for something that we're not doing.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I disagree with you.

That being said, the young lady who spoke a few minutes ago. The 16 year old. First of all, great job. It you took courage to come up here and speak. So thank you for doing that. But you mentioned that nobody here spoke in favor of the legislation. You know what? Around

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the country, if people speak out in favor of bills like this, they're called Nazis. That's why they're not here. We've got to stop doing that. Let's have a debate on the issues.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator Geotz moves to close the hearing, Legislator Giuffre seconds.

All those in favor of closing the hearing, 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: Okay. The hearing is closed unanimously.

Now we're going to take a vote. On the item, which is a local law to maintain a safe and competitive environment for women and girls participating in sports and athletic

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Motion on that by Legislator Pilip
and seconded by Legislator Kennedy.

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

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Aye.

LEGISLATOR MULLANEY: Aye.

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Aye.

LEGISLATOR STRAUSS: Aye.

LEGISLATOR PILIP: Aye.

LEGISLATOR GIANGREGORIO: Aye.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Aye.

LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Aye.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Aye.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Aye.

LEGISLATOR GOETZ: Aye.

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Those
opposed?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Nay.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Nay.

LEGISLATOR MULE: Nay.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Nay.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Nay.

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: The Item
passes by a vote of 12 to 5.

(Whereupon, a brief recess
is taken, 5:18-5:30 p.m.)

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: The next item is a local law to amend Section 2211 of the County Government Law of Nassau County in relation to the designation of a County newspaper.

Motion to open the hearing made by Deputy Presiding Officer McKevitt, seconded by Alternate Presiding Officer Ferretti.

All those in favor of opening the hearing, 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: There hearing is open.

Do we have anybody here? Chris.

MR. LEIMONE: Chris Leimone from the Administration.

Clerk Item 137-24 is a proposed

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local law amending Section 2211 of the charter to provide for a more.

Appropriate method of designating an official paper for the purpose of advertising items, including public notices.

As was discussed at the Committee meeting, we had to amend this item to clarify the involvement of the County Executive and the designation process. As amended, this item provides that the County Executive make a recommendation by January 6th, subject to the approval of the County Legislature for an official paper. Thereafter, the County Legislature, by January 15th must designate a paper. The designation will be filed with the Clerk of the County Legislature.

Also under this amendment, upon the recommendation of the County Executive, again subject to legislative approval, the Legislature may designate one or more online news media websites as a

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newspapers for publication purposes.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All right.
Yes, Mr. Drucker.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Presiding
Officer, I promise to be extremely brief,
because I know we're all getting tired,
myself included. But I would just say
that I appreciate the Administration
making the adjustment to change "shall"
to "may", in terms of the language here.
But it's still, no matter how hard you're
going to try, you can't change the fact
that this law, this proposed law,
represents a curtailment of the
Legislature, because under the under New
York State County law, Section 214, this
particular aspect of governance is the
sole power of the County Legislature.
Now what you're doing is you're injecting
and inserting the County Executive into
the process. So no matter how much you
tweak the wording to say "may" recommend
instead of "shall" recommend, it's still
fatally flawed. It's a violation, it's a

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contravention of county law. We do not need to insert the County Executive into this process whatsoever. So on behalf of our caucus, this is how we stand. I'm not sure if anyone else on my side wants to say anything.

MR. LEIMONE: If I may respond.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Yes. I was going to ask you, Mr. Leimone.

MR. LEIMONE: Yeah. It's the position -- we've looked at this. The County Attorney's Office has looked at this. It's not a curtailment. It is a recommendation subject to legislative approval.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: And the Legislature can reject and pick their own paper.

MR. LEIMONE: Correct. Correct. And pick your own paper. It's a non-binding recommendation.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: But we all know how that's going to turn out, Chris. I mean, we look at here, we look at the

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2 composition of the Legislature. So in
3 effect, no matter how you slice and dice
4 it, you're inserting the County Executive
5 in a process that statutorily, he's not
6 supposed to be involved in.

7 MR. LEIMONE: Well, just to say
8 something in terms of the County
9 Executive in terms of -- the official
10 newspaper is designated by the
11 Legislature, and that's still going to be
12 the case now, like the Presiding Officer
13 said. And in addition, other departments
14 that fall under the jurisdiction of the
15 County Executive also put notices in the
16 official newspaper. You have the Planning
17 Department puts its notices in there; DPW
18 for its bids and other items, notice of
19 bids; Procurement and Purchasing, just to
20 name a few. So I just wanted to point
21 that out that there is a joint process
22 sort to speak. Again, it's subject to
23 the Legislature --

24 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: It's not joint
25 now. As of right now, the statute does

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not make it a joint process. It's a process solely within the ambit of the Legislature. And that's a change. And that's something that's not correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any other questions from legislators?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any public comment?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay. Motion to close the hearing made by Legislator Gaylor, seconded by Legislator Mullaney.

All those in favor of closing the hearing, please so indicate by saying. "Aye".

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

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any opposed?

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(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: The hearing is closed.

Now, to vote on the law. Local law to amend Section 2211 of the county government law in Nassau County in relation to the designation of a County newspaper.

There's a motion Legislator Kennedy and seconded by Legislator Strauss.

All those in favor of this item, please so indicate by saying. "Aye".

(Whereupon, brief off the record discussion.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Apparently there's an amendment. Amendment in the nature of a substitution, which clarifies the involvement of the County Executive in the designation process.

Motion on the amendment by Legislator Giangregorio, seconded by Legislator Pilip.

All those in favor of the amendment,

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please so indicate by saying, "Aye".

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

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any
opposed?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Nay.

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: That is
unanimous. No, not unanimous?

(Whereupon, off record
discussion.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay. So
it is 12 to five. That was your
amendment. Okay.

Now, on the item. Motion by
Legislator Giangregorio and seconded by
Legislator Strauss. The item as amended.
All those in favor, please say, "Aye".

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Aye.

LEGISLATOR MULLANEY: Aye.

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Aye.

LEGISLATOR STRAUSS: Aye.

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LEGISLATOR PILIP: Aye.

LEGISLATOR GIANGREGORIO: Aye.

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Aye.

LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Aye.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Aye.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Aye.

LEGISLATOR GOETZ: Aye.

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: And

opposed?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Nay.

LEGISLATOR MULE: Nay.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Nay.

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Nay.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Nay.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Next item is Ordinance 27, which is supplemental to the annual appropriation to transfer appropriations hereby made to advise certain departmental budgets.

Moved by Legislator Walker and seconded by Legislator Solages.

Andy.

MR. PERSICH: Good afternoon. Andy Persich Office of Management and Budget. This is a quarterly board transfer to cover some shortages and supplementally appropriate some monies in certain areas. A couple of the highlighted Items in a Safety Net area and in the Early Intervention area, we've seen some uptick in case loads. And also as it relates to some of the fee increases we gave to the service providers, we're seeing that, which is, we get some State aid on that. And the TANF and Safety Net Program, we get some reimbursement from that.

In addition, we're supplementally appropriating some of the revenue we

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2 received from Cricket to cover some of
3 the expenses and the Police Department
4 and some small movements in Debt Service.

5 In addition, we're setting up a
6 Capital Reserve to cover some of the
7 expenses that NIFA had taken away from us
8 for vehicles that the County was going to
9 bond for but can't, so it needs to use
10 cash. So we're setting that up.

11 In addition, we're also funding some
12 of the, as I stated earlier, the one time
13 payment to Nassau Community College is
14 coming out of that from the ARPA funds.

15 And then we have some movement
16 within the Litigation Fund for outside
17 counsel fees.

18 Here to answer any questions.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any
20 questions? Legislator Drucker.

21 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you.
22 Thank you, Presiding Officer.

23 One quick question. Andy, thanks for
24 sticking with us all these hours.

25 MR. PERSICH: Not a problem,

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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Could you provide us with details on the board transfer within the Litigation Fund, the \$6 million on the contractual line. Can you just tell us specifically what the \$6 million is going to be used for?

MR. PERSICH: Yeah, we're going to use it for defense work on some of the significant claims out there that we've been managing pretty good. The defense verdicts have been coming in our favor, as we are mostly the defendant in that. But we're using outside counsel to handle some of the cases which have significant, I will say, significant liability if we lost. I can't get into case specifics, but we're using outside counsel to defend them.

And I will give some of a good news story that will be out there. That we've driven down the litigation liability and the County because we've been paying and defending claims better, which has become

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a good news for us because our liability is not growing, because we'll be able to settle and do other things with the monies we have there. It's predominantly we're using outside counsel to cover some of the heavier cases.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: You can't tell us about specifically.

MR. PERSICH: I can't give you the specific who's being paid that money. I think it's just an estimate right now, but we will be getting the bills in forthcoming for those which will have to come to you. If there's a contract being amended, it will have to come to you for approval.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So that was my next question. Thank you. As long as you come back before us.

MR. PERSICH: It's got to come back to you because all the contracts --

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you, Andy.

MR. PERSICH: Thank you.

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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 is
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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Calendar numbers 15, 16, 18, 22, Resolutions 80, 81, 83, and 87, which are agreements funded by ARPA, monies received by Nassau County, and they're resolutions authorizing the County Executive to enter agreements on behalf of the County with for 15, and 18, the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District; 16 is the Nassau Health Care Corporation; 22 is the Hicksville Water District.

Motion by Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Ferretti.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: I just like to be heard on this issue.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Let me let me finish the motion, and then you'll be heard, of course.

Seconded by Legislator Mule.

Yes, Legislator Davis.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: I know we're getting to the end of the day, and I'll just try and be as brief as I can

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regarding this particular issue.

Earlier today, we had a number of speakers from the Village of Hempstead, as well as Rockville Centre, for that matter, come out and speak about the issue of receiving ARPA funding for the Village of Hempstead. When this initial legislative initiative came forth, we were appropriated \$15 million, and that was in January. And I remember specifically speaking and asking whether or not that money would be allocated proportion 1/19 a piece and there was an indication that it would not, but that maybe, perhaps I could get even more depending on what it was. And here we are now at nearly the end of June, and there has been of that \$15 million, \$4 million has been appropriated for the Majority. The Minority caucus has asked for \$3 million and it hasn't even made it to Rules. Let me finish.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Of course.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: So we're talking

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2 4 million to zero. Our CRPs, 14 for the
3 Majority, zero for the Minority. And I'm
4 just looking at that. I can't go back to
5 my district and provide any reasonable
6 explanation for that. And when it comes
7 to that \$4 million that was allocated --
8 and by the way, I don't hold this against
9 my fellow legislators in the Majority.
10 You're doing your job and you're doing it
11 well. And if I were in your position, I
12 would be doing the same thing. But I have
13 to call truth to power here. And it's a
14 terrible optic that of that \$4 million,
15 \$2 million of those dollars were for
16 water. And what's really instructive
17 about all of that is some language in the
18 resolution. I'm not picking on you,
19 Legislator Ferretti. But I'm just looking
20 at the language in the resolution, and it
21 indicates that:

22 "Whereas, changes in State
23 regulations that lowered allowable levels
24 of 1,4 dioxane and other contaminants
25 have forced water suppliers to install or

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2 upgrade water treatment to remove these
3 and other emerging contaminants, and;

4 Whereas, the Village of Farmingdale
5 has embarked on a project estimated to
6 cost approximately \$18 million to improve
7 its treatment systems and has requested
8 county assistance to offset the financial
9 impact on its tax base".

10 We're asking for the same thing.
11 We're asking for the same treatment. We
12 have asked for a written and transparent
13 method of obtaining these funds. We were
14 assured that we would be given it. We're
15 in June we have not received it. We have
16 written letters. We have made phone
17 calls. We have done everything we
18 possibly can to access these resources in
19 the same fashion that the Majority has.
20 And to date, we have received no response
21 at all.

22 Now, Legislator Ferretti, I actually
23 appreciate that you informed me about
24 what may or may not be an issue from the
25 administrative standpoint, but it

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2 shouldn't be coming to us here. And if
3 the Administration were truly concerned
4 about this issue, they should have
5 responded to our numerous requests and
6 provided guidance. And if the issue
7 really is that they're concerned about
8 getting a clawback on \$1.7 million,
9 because somehow or another, the Federal
10 government and the State are going to
11 foot the bill on a \$55 million project, I
12 think it's worth the risk. It's worth the
13 risk for the issue, and the issue here is
14 a universal issue. It's an issue that
15 transcends politics. It's an issue that
16 transcends districts. It's clean water.
17 It's a basic, necessary right for
18 everyone.

19 We have spent or allocated \$10
20 million to promote the 125th anniversary
21 of Nassau County; that's been allocated.
22 I can say with certainty that any
23 anniversary that will reveal the dark
24 spot that we have because we're not
25 getting funding in Hempstead would mar

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any 125th year anniversary. So I ask all of you, I'm confident that you will all support this resolution if and when it comes before us, but we need it now. Hempstead needs it now.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator Walker.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: I know it's late, but I did request \$300,000 for Hicksville. Hicksville has out of our 14 wells, 13 wells deal with the 1,4 dioxane. Obviously, this is a project they've started way, way back when. Some of the wells are done. There are still wells to come. Some, they're not going to get any money. As of now, we're not getting any money from the Federal government or from the State.

You also know I deal with the whole Grumman Navy. I mean, my district's a mess with water, a disaster with water. I know the Village of Hempstead is in a very serious situation. We met with Dr. Gellman. I had another meeting with Dr.

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Where are they up to? Do they know that

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What is their project? And then, you have

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District. And giving them all that

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LEGISLATOR DAVIS: I appreciate

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LEGISLATOR WALKER: I know I helped

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parkland to put a treatment center on. I

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worked very much with the legislator, I

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said, look, this is something that they

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2 have to have. This is where their wells
3 are. You know, you can't put it away over
4 there where it's not, you have to put it
5 by where it is. And so when it comes to
6 the water, it's a very big issue in my
7 district. I know what an issue it is
8 there. I know the Village got way behind
9 because they were trying to find cheaper
10 ways to deal with it, only to find out
11 that none of those cheaper ways were
12 going to work. So this is where they are
13 now. But like I said, whatever we can
14 help to do, I want to be there for them
15 and deal with this.

16 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Well, thank you,
17 I appreciate that. And I could just
18 clarify right now. As of today, there
19 has been zero money from the Federal
20 government and there's been zero money
21 from the State. And in fact, the Village
22 of Hempstead has had to bond out for the
23 tune of \$50 million.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator
25 Davis, as we said earlier and you

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2 recognized, I assure you that the
3 Majority will vote for your projects as
4 soon as they come here. And I would urge
5 you, the leadership for your caucus to
6 sit down and negotiate or go upstairs and
7 have a meeting with the County Executive
8 staff. And let's see what other issues
9 they have. I'm not going to speak for
10 them, but get it done.

11 Legislator Ferretti.

12 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you,
13 Presiding Officer.

14 I understand where you're coming
15 from. I don't want to sound like I don't.
16 I completely understand where you're
17 coming from. But like I said earlier, the
18 difference between the two submissions,
19 requests for money, is that there's a
20 defined amount that the Village has to
21 cover in Farmingdale. It's known there is
22 no ambiguity. The State is providing "X",
23 the Feds are providing "Y", this is the
24 difference. There's no risk whatsoever of
25 that money being clawed back because we

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know that the Village has to cover it. So that's the distinction.

But just going back, I just think it's really we've got to be very careful in terms of, number one, saying that the water in the Village of Hempstead is different than the water that we're drinking in many other areas in Nassau County, because it's not. For example, Farmingdale, those filtration systems are not in place yet. Same aquifer, same same water. I'm not telling my constituents don't drink the water whether it's unsafe to drink the water. In fact, you know, we've had crazy heat the last week. Just my opinion, I want to tell you what I say, but when we say it's not clean, I don't want people not drinking water in this heat, because we're saying it's not clean when the reality is the government, the water districts are telling them it is clean, it is safe to drink. So I'm hesitant to -- and I'm not saying that, that the

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mandate to lower the dioxane is not the right thing to do. I'm not an expert, but I'm just going by what the experts are saying, and that is that the water is safe to drink. Especially in this heat, I don't think we should be telling people, don't drink the water.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: I appreciate what you're saying. I'm merely saying this, uh, it's abundantly clear that the State is concerned that this is an emerging contaminant, and they've set a standard of one part per billion for this particular toxin. And the levels that there are in the Village of Hempstead are 10 to 20 times that. So, I would hope that they do this study and it comes back and they say it's not an issue, but I would rather people be cautious about this. And in the meantime, let's do everything. We know what the solution is and it's just how we get to it, and that's just money and the sooner the better. And let's be wrong about it, and

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it's not an issue at all. But what price do we pay for safety?

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Legislator Pilip.

LEGISLATOR PILIP: I agree with John and Rose. Everybody should have access to clean water. Everybody deserves that. As a person who's sitting in the Health Committee, I will support. Just let the Village do the right things in terms of the requirement, whatever they need to do their part. We all going to support this because everybody needs clean water and we're going to support you.

LEGISLATOR DAVIS: I appreciate that. The issue really is that there is no dialog. We've done everything from our perspective, Legislator Bynoe and myself, regarding this particular issue and accessing the ARPA funding. And try as we might, it's a one way street. There's no conversation at all. And that really is the issue. I have 100% confidence that all of you, if something like this comes

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before you, that you'll vote on it.
That's really not what the issue is. The
issue is getting it before us. And that's
where the problem lies.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All right,
Legislator Solages.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.
Say of that meeting doesn't occur
because someone thought someone else
called them a Nazi or whatever. Say if
that meeting doesn't occur, how can it
happen?

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: I'm sorry.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: You mentioned
before that the County Executive shall
get in contact with the leader of our
caucus, and I'm referencing some innuendo
or statements that were made before that
may jeopardize that meeting from
happening, because the need for water for
Hempstead is now and not after
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misunderstandings. So I just want to make
sure, like, when is this meeting going to

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: I didn't
say that. Let me just let me just repeat
what I said. I said, I urge the leaders
of your Caucus to contact the
Administration and sit down with them.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: They have.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: They have.
Let them do it again. That's all I can
say.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: If that meeting
does not occur because of just
personality issues or whatever other
issues, how can we safeguard or create a
mechanism or procedure by which this will
happen? Because the need for water is
now. I think Ferretti understands what
I'm asking him.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: You can call
me John. My suggestion, as I told
Legislator Davis earlier, you've got to
get a definitive amount of aid from the
State and Federal government. That's a

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2 prerequisite. That was put in writing by
3 the Village of Farmingdale prior to this
4 submission in the Village of Farmingdale.
5 With all due respect, I think you're
6 focusing on the wrong municipality.
7 You've got to talk to the State, which,
8 incidentally, passed down this unfunded
9 mandate for the good or bad. Whether
10 it's good or bad, they're not funding it.
11 They just placed the mandate. I'm giving
12 you the answer. You've got to go to the
13 State. You've got to ask the State: What
14 are you providing? Go to the Federal
15 government: What are you providing?
16 That's what I did, and that's why we were
17 able to get it done.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay.

19 Now I'm going to call for a vote on
20 Calendar 15, 16, 18, 22, Resolutions 80,
21 81, 83, and 87. All those in favor of
22 those items, please say, "Aye".

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Any
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: All right.
Those are unanimous.

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PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Our last Item 29, Resolution 94, which is authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Kings Point.

And we have a motion by Legislator Mullaney and seconded by Legislator Solages.

I think we all know what this is. Anybody have any questions? Any issues?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Okay. 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.

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Now, is there anybody here who's willing to move to adjourn?

Legislator Koslow moves to adjourn.
Legislator Giuffre seconds the motion.

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: Thank you.
Now we are adjourned.

(Whereupon, the Full Legislature meeting is adjourned, 5:58 p.m.)

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: SS.:

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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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