

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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PRESIDING OFFICER

FULL LEGISLATURE

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A P P E A R A N C E S:

NORMA GONSALVES
Chair

KEVAN ABRAHAMS (Not Present)
Minority Leader

ROBERT TROIANO

CARRIÉ SOLAGES

DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

JOSEPH SCANNELL

FRANCIS X. BECKER

HOWARD KOPEL

VINCENT MUSCARELLA

RICHARD J. NICOLELLO

JUDI BOSWORTH

WAYNE WINK (Not Present)

MICHAEL VENDITTO

JOSEPH BELESI

DENNIS DUNNE, SR.

DENISE FORD

JUDITH JACOBS

ROSE MARIE WALKER

DAVID DENENBERG

WILLIAM MULLER
Clerk of the Legislature

LIST OF SPEAKERS

GAMAR JOSAMA 9

JOANNE BORDEN 10

CAY FATIMA 12

JOHN BUDNICK 17

GREG MAY 23

BOB ENGLISH 24

DAVID TAUSTER 25

2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator Dunne
3 please lead us in the Pledge.

4 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was
5 recited.)

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We ask Maryann -
7 where did she go? Maryann was going to call the
8 roll, but I see that Mr. Muller is here. Maryann
9 is leaving us at the end of this month. Am I
10 right? And we're going to miss you, Maryann.

11 CLERK MULLER: I'll have Maryann do the
12 roll.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: For the last
14 time.

15 This time we have one point of personal
16 privilege. And I really, truly apologize because
17 I know you've been waiting for a while. So,
18 without any further adue, Legislator Carrie
19 Solages, please.

20 CLERK MULLER: Actually, can I just do
21 the roll call?

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm sorry.

23 CLERK MULLER: Deputy Presiding Officer
24 Nicoletto?

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

2 CLERK MULLER: Alternate Deputy

3 Presiding Officer Kopel?

4 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

5 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Troiano?

6 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: Present.

7 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Solages?

8 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

9 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Ford?

10 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

11 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Scannell?

12 LEGISLATOR SCANNELL: Here.

13 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Becker?

14 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Present.

15 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Muscarella?

16 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

17 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Bosworth?

18 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Here.

19 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Wink?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Venditto?

22 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Here.

23 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Belesi?

24 LEGISLATOR BELESI: Here.

25 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Dunne?

2 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Here.

3 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Jacobs?

4 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Here.

5 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Walker?

6 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

7 CLERK MULLER: Legislator DeRiggi-

8 Whitton?

9 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

10 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Denenberg?

11 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Here.

12 CLERK MULLER: Minority Leader Abrahams?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 CLERK MULLER: Presiding Officer

15 Gonsalves?

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Present.

17 CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now, Carrie. I
19 should say Legislator Solages.

20 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you. Good
21 afternoon everyone. My name is Legislator Carrie
22 A. Solages. It is my privilege to be here with
23 you this afternoon. And this is my first point
24 of personal privilege. I think it is a ripe
25 opportunity to recognize a very important person

in my community. Gamar, would you please come forward? Thank you.

This young 17 year old man represents the Third District and represents the young men of the Third District very well. I believe that he is the true example of what our young people are doing today. And as a county legislator, someone who wants to make sure that our young have the opportunity to lead, I am very hopeful and confident that our future is in the right hands because we have young people like Gamar.

Gamar is just 17 years old. During his early childhood he was told by teachers and other professionals that he had a learning disability. He turned that negative energy into positive energy by applying music to help him develop and reach excellence in just about every facet in his life.

There is a videotape that, like Ernie Enastos on Channel 2, he would say let's go to the videotape, and I just want you to see, for example, what I'm talking about.

Gamar is a trained pianist and performs for thousands, especially also for many different

2 charities. In fact, that's where I met him, I
3 met him at a charity for Haiti in which he was
4 using his skill, and his talent, and his God
5 given gift to help those who are less fortunate.
6 He is a classic pianist who plays such pieces by
7 Chopin, Beethoven, and Mozart.

8 He has performed at a number of local
9 charity and community events, and also has played
10 in local competitions, including the AACTSO,
11 which is the NAACP's African American Cultural
12 Technological and Scientific Olympics, where he
13 won the local championship and will be heading on
14 to play at the national competition.

15 He currently takes lessons from Ann
16 D'Alto, a Juilliard alumnus who commits to
17 practice with Gamar for over three to four hours
18 a day. She was here before but had to leave.
19 I'm very glad we had an opportunity to at least
20 take a picture together.

21 His goal is to eventually become a
22 student at Juilliard. And I'm glad to say that
23 he was recently accepted into the pre-college
24 division of Manhattan School of Music.

25 This is truly a great example of our

2 community.

3 And when asked what the piano means to
4 him, Gamar responds, it's everything, I enjoy
5 playing and performing for others.

6 I would like to introduce to you Gamar
7 Josama.

8 MR. JOSAMA: Thank you very much. And
9 I'm glad to be here.

10 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Gamar, right up
12 here. We were two former school teachers. And
13 when we see a young man such as you achieve such
14 greatness, it makes us feel extremely, extremely
15 proud. So thank you for being here today. And
16 continued success. And I'm sure you will be that
17 success that has been intended for you.

18 God Bless you, Gamar.

19 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: You were terrific.
20 Absolutely terrific. It was an honor to hear you
21 play.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now it's time for
23 public comment. I have, I believe three slips.
24 Again, I know you've been very patient sitting
25 here waiting for us to start. And we begin with

2 Joanne Borden.

3 MS. BORDEN: Good afternoon. I was once
4 told that standing in a garage does not make you
5 a car, neither does pledging allegiance to the
6 flag make liberty and justice for all a reality
7 in Nassau County. You make them empty words
8 because you do not put American equal just first,
9 first before anything else.

10 How many medical researchers and
11 scientists need I quote to prove that
12 transgendered people are born this way and
13 transgendered people are people. All people
14 deserve and are owed the law's protection against
15 discrimination.

16 The only opposition is from the
17 republicans; you make this a political issue.
18 Why? Equality is not a right-left issue;
19 equality is a right-wrong issue. Equality is
20 right for Nassau, as it is for everywhere.

21 I gave you facts from a large survey
22 illustrating how widespread and serious the
23 impact of transgender discrimination is. In
24 employment almost 21 percent of transgender
25 people have incomes below \$10,000 a year. In

2 housing fully one-third are or have been homeless
3 at one time. I could go on with healthcare, and
4 on with public accommodations, and on with other
5 life necessities. So you know anti-
6 discrimination law is urgently needed here.

7 There are some things that must transcend
8 politics. It is simply an American issue. I've
9 quoted Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln,
10 Theodore Roosevelt and other patriotic Americans
11 that say you are violating the basic principles
12 of America, of America's equality. Don't
13 continue making your pledge a mockery. Don't
14 perpetuate an injustice that flies in the face of
15 Americanism. Don't allow discrimination to
16 continue in my county. Don't just say liberty
17 and justice for all, mean it.

18 Do what is morally right. Do pass the
19 agenda and set things right. Some things should
20 and must transcend politics. Demonstrate that
21 Americanism comes first and pass the Gender
22 Definition Law.

23 Thank you.

24 I urge you to look in the envelope that I
25 am distributing, or that Mr. Muller is

distributing.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Fatima.

MS. FATIMA: How are you?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Fine, Cay. How are you?

MS. FATIMA: The last time I was here I was a little distressful and I want to apologize. My mother says she wants my award back, so we have to find a way. To get the award back, we have to have a resolution. So I'll make an appointment, hopefully.

I just wanted to make a comment about this young man.

As you well know -- I had switched it off by mistake. Okay. Alright.

I wanted to say that I'm so impressed with this young man. I didn't start studying music until I was 21 years old. So to have a virtuoso in my presence is just very inspiring.

My family didn't have a piano so I had to sleep in the practice rooms at my college just so that I could practice. You are very fortunate to have a loving family that's supporting you. I know I'm going to hear about great things. When

1 you give your speech at the Grammy's and all
2 those awards, have some more words to say.

3
4 Briefly, we have some improvements with
5 the Roger Cocherham Botanical Peace Garden. The
6 first irrigation system didn't work, and then it
7 came on and was working for three days straight
8 and didn't get turned off. So we got that fixed
9 this morning. I think it was the help of
10 Legislator Troiano's office, someone from the
11 Department of Works came down and met with me,
12 and we're going to resolve. The fountain is
13 working, the lights are on. We had a meeting
14 with Commissioner Foskey. We'll be getting some
15 more annual plants. So now the last thing we
16 have to do is dedicate this garden to Roger
17 Cocherham.

18 I did speak with his father. He was
19 happy that the dedication was cancelled until we
20 can get it right. We want it looking very good.
21 So the next time I'm here, now that you have a
22 multimedia system -- and if you do need a company
23 to really hook this system up and make it work,
24 someone can call me.

25 If it's possible, I did get the Rules

2 procedures. It says that any member of the
3 Legislature can recommend a resolution. So I'm
4 going to work with hopefully the minority counsel
5 and majority counsel; we are going to work as a
6 team this year. We are going to be bipartisan.
7 We are going to work to make this county one of
8 the best counties in the United States, and in
9 order to do that we have to work together.

10 Mike is going to invite me to his
11 district. They're going to have some wonderful
12 festivals. I want to try to get to everybody's
13 district so that I can see what my county is
14 about. It's just not about my little neck of the
15 woods, it's about everywhere. Let's do what we
16 can.

17 The question is what do we have to do to
18 get it to the Rules Committee? Is that the first
19 step, Presiding Officer?

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes.

21 MS. FATIMA: Okay.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Somebody has to
23 sponsor it.

24 MS. FATIMA: Right.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And it's got to

1 be filed with the Clerk and then it goes through
2 the legislative process.

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4 MS. FATIMA: Okay. One thing I did find
5 out, it could be any member, any member. So
6 hopefully the legislature or the districts of
7 Scannell and Troiano will be the first. If
8 there's any kinks, just let me know to work it
9 out. Do I have to bring Starbuck's coffee to
10 everybody? I don't know.

11 CLERK MULLER: Your three minutes have
12 expired.

13 MS. FATIMA: Excuse me?

14 CLERK MULLER: Your three minutes have
15 expired.

16 MS. FATIMA: Thank you so much.

17 CLERK MULLER: No problem.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Just one minute,
19 Cay.

20 Legislator Troiano, Cay mentioned the
21 fact that her mother would like the award back.

22 MS. FATIMA: I forgot. What I really
23 want to propose, my mother will be turning 91
24 July 13. So until I can get the award back,
25 after the resolution has been passed, if maybe

2 all of you could sign a Citation -- just to live
3 to 91, I mean, come on. Anyone have any
4 objection or how that can happen?

5 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: I truly have no
6 objection to signing a Proclamation to your mom.
7 But in regard to the Proclamation or the award
8 that the -- that was given to you by the County
9 in regard to Women's Month, I want to point out
10 that that was not me --

11 MS. FATIMA: That was Scannell.

12 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: that was actually
13 Legislator Scannell's office.

14 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Which, by the way,
15 could be given to you at any point.

16 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: I think it was done
17 through a resolution.

18 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: We don't need a
19 resolution here.

20 MS. FATIMA: It's symbolic. Hold onto
21 it until after the resolution. When you were the
22 presiding officer, Legislator Jacobs, I spoke in
23 2006 about what I feared could happen. I may not
24 live to 91 like my mom. But I want to make sure
25 things are there. I don't think they're going to

2 rename Eisenhower Park, the Teddy Roosevelt
3 Building or anything like that.

4 We'll work on it. I will reach out to
5 Dave Gugerty. The wording is important. The
6 legalese is important, once we got that situated
7 then we can move toward who will sponsor and do
8 that perfunctory work.

9 Thank you so much.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: John Budnick.

11 MR. BUDNICK: Madam Chairman, Madam
12 Minority Leader, and members. I am here to talk
13 about two things very quickly. One is associated
14 mind in the Hofstra alumni, and she's an honored
15 alumna and Renee Friarson apparently is in a
16 situation where here lawsuit has been settled in
17 court but it hasn't been moved for action by the
18 County Legislature. I believe there is at least
19 one other person, perhaps several, in the same
20 situation. And I rise to indicate my distress.

21 I was one of the people who was involved
22 in her being honored by the Hofstra alumni, and I
23 find it distressing that no action has been
24 taken.

25 There another, in some ways even much

1 more important than her situation is the need for
2 better care, control, and testing of our
3 aquifers. There apparently is some sort of
4 proposal to create some sort of an entity to
5 assist in those efforts.
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7 I understand that the federal no longer
8 has funds in that area. And I would most
9 respectfully request that the New York State DEC
10 is not following up in that area either based
11 upon their current situation, so that there is
12 unfortunately a very severe need. We have, for
13 example, in the Great Neck/King Point area and in
14 the Five Towns area we have short wiring into the
15 aquifers. We also have a number of areas, one of
16 which is the Grumman plume coming down towards
17 Massapequa, all of which need to be carefully
18 studied, controlled before they create severe
19 problems for the people of our County.

20 Thank you very much. Have a very nice
21 day. Enjoy -- Nassau County is a summer
22 festival. God Bless you.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr. Budnick, I
24 think you would like to know that a resolution
25 has been filed to join with Suffolk County in

1 creating a commission for the purpose of
2 protecting our aquifers. So it's in the Clerk's
3 office.
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5 MR. BUDNICK: Outstanding.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.

7 MR. BUDNICK: Keep up the good work.
8 God Bless each and every one of you.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And God Bless
10 you, too.

11 MR. BUDNICK: Thank you very much for
12 listening to me. Have a good day.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That ends public
14 participation. But before we go into the
15 business of the calendar, Legislator Walker would
16 like to recognize some people who are in the
17 audience. Legislator Walker.

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you, Presiding
19 Officer.

20 I'd just like to take a moment to
21 recognize -- in the back of the room is our
22 director of Housing and Intergovernmental
23 Affairs, John Sarcone. I know many of you have -
24 - certainly us on the Legislature, but many of
25 the people in the audience have met Mr. Sarcone

2 before and he's spoken before us many times, and
3 we reach out to him on a daily basis. But he has
4 family here from Calabria, Italy. I just wanted
5 to recognize them, that they are the Alevo
6 (phonetic) Family. And it's Giuseppe, Maria,
7 Julia, and Francesco. Thank you so much for
8 being here and spending a little time with us.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you very
10 much, Legislator Walker.

11 At this point now, we are ready to do the
12 business of the day.

13 The first item on the calendar is a
14 hearing. I believe it's an ordinance to -- I'm
15 sorry.

16 Item Number 1, an ordinance to adopt the
17 capital budget for the County of Nassau for the
18 first year of the four-year capital plan to
19 commence on January 1, 2013, pursuant to the
20 provisions of Section 310 of the County
21 Government Law of Nassau County.

22 I'm going to ask for someone to please
23 open. Motion to open the hearing?

24 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
3 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by Legislator
4 Dunne.

5 At this time I am going to recess the
6 hearing, primarily because the -- there is no
7 motion needed for a recess -- recess the hearing
8 primarily because it has been requested to do so
9 so that additional time can be made to get all of
10 the data that is needed for the hearing in order.

11 At this time I am going to recess the
12 hearing on Ordinance Number 86-2013.

13 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: And that's in
14 agreement between -- a bipartisan agreement on
15 this Legislature.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: With the consent
17 of the Minority, we're going to call the consent
18 items, and by that I mean these are the items
19 that both the minority and majority have agreed
20 on.

21 Item 6, Ordinance 87-2013; Item 7,
22 Ordinance Number 88-2013; Item 8, Ordinance 89-
23 2013; Item 9, Ordinance 90-2013; Item 10,
24 Ordinance 91-2013; Item 11, Ordinance 92-2013;
25 Item 12, Ordinance 93-2013; Item 13, Ordinance

2 94-2013; Item 14, Ordinance 95-2013; Item 15,
3 Ordinance 96 -- they are all 2013 -- Item 16,
4 Ordinance 97; Item 17, Ordinance 98; Item 18,
5 Ordinance 99; Item 19, Resolution 98; Item 20,
6 Resolution 99; Item 24, Resolution 103; Item 25,
7 Resolution 104; Item 26, Resolution 105; Item 27,
8 Resolution 106.

9 Motion, please?

10 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Motion by
13 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by Legislator
14 Nicolello.

15 Any questions or comments regarding these
16 items?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Any public comment?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 There being none, all those in favor of
21 those items signify by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 Any opposed?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 The items pass unanimously.

2 Now we're going to Item 21, Resolution
3 100, and that's a resolution to confirm the
4 county executive's appointment of Bob English to
5 the IDA, or the Industrial Development Agency.

6 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
9 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Walker.

10 That was Item 21, Resolution 100.

11 Legislator Kopel is recusing himself.

12 Mr. May, would you like to introduce Mr.
13 English to us?

14 MR. MAY: This is Mr. Bob English. He
15 is the county executive's appointee for the
16 Industrial Development Agency. If you have any
17 questions of Mr. English, he is here to answer.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Hopefully we all
19 had the privilege of meeting with him earlier
20 today.

21 Do we have any questions of Mr. English
22 now? Mr. Denenberg.

23 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I just want to
24 say on the record that I've had the pleasure of
25 knowing you for 20 years, working with you on a

number of different matters. I could not think of a better appointment for the IDA. So, Bobby, thanks for being willing to serve Nassau County.

MR. ENGLISH: Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: By the way, that item was Item 21, in case it was not heard before, Resolution 100.

Any public comment regarding Mr. English's appointment to the IDA?

(No verbal response.)

There being none, all those in favor of confirming the county executive's appointment of Bob English to the IDA signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The item passes. Whoever is here, it passes unanimously.

Thank you, Mr. English, for being willing to serve. I know that you will give another perspective to the IDA. I thank you.

MR. ENGLISH: I'd just like to say thank you for the opportunity to bridge the gap between labor and government and corporate America.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Extremely important, Mr. English.

MR. ENGLISH: Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Congratulations. And thank you.

I believe that's the end -- no, we have one more item.

Item 23, Resolution 102, a resolution establishing a standard work day for elected and appointed officials other than those covered by collective bargaining agreement, pursuant to which a standard work day has been established.

Motion, please?

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Muscarella.

Who is going to speak on this item?

MR. MAY: We have Deputy County Attorney David Tauster.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay.

MR. TAUSTER: Good afternoon, Legislators.

2 The item before you, as the title says,
3 is to establish a standard work day for
4 individuals not covered by a collective
5 bargaining agreement. As I said at committees,
6 the county previously adopted a standard work day
7 resolution, as Resolution 160-2010, but the state
8 comptroller has requested additional identifying
9 information and that we readopt the resolution,
10 so that is the item before you today.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you very
12 much.

13 Any questions?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 At this time we are going to offer an
16 amendment in the nature of a substitution, which
17 I believe the amendment removes individuals who
18 are not required to be listed as they are not
19 members of the retirement system through the
20 county, corrects typographical errors, and
21 includes, in redacted form, additional
22 identifying information requested by the State
23 Comptroller

24 Motion, please, on the amendment.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So moved.

2 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
4 Legislator Nicoletto, seconded by Legislator
5 Muscarella.

6 Any questions regarding the amendment?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 The item, as amended -- all those in
9 favor of the amendment signify by saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 Any opposed?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 There being none.

14 Now, the item, as amended, which is Item
15 23, Resolution 102. All those in favor signify
16 by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Any opposed?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 The item passes unanimously.

21 MR. TAUSTER: Thank you very much.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you very
23 much.

24 Now, I'm going to -- I'm sorry to do this
25 to you again. But I'm going to ask for a brief

2 recess. We have a number of emergency items
3 coming forth. This may be of interest. Do we
4 have any interns in the audience today? The next
5 round is going to be extremely interesting
6 because they are all emergency items and there
7 probably will be a great deal of discussion.

8 Thank you. Be patient. We are now in
9 recess.

10 (Whereupon, the Full Legislature recessed
11 at 3:12 p.m.)

12 (Whereupon, the Full Legislature
13 reconvened at 3:49 p.m.)

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr. Clerk, Mr.
15 Muller, I believe we have several, several
16 emergencies that need to be established today.
17 Would you mind, please, calling the emergencies?
18 And it's the understanding of both sides of the
19 aisle that we are going to call the emergencies
20 in their entirety.

21 CLERK MULLER: I also believe that both
22 sides agreed to waive the reading of the actual
23 emergency from the county executive.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes. You are
25 absolutely correct.

2 Let's begin.

3 CLERK MULLER: Madam Presiding Officer,
4 we have a series of emergencies. The originals
5 of these emergencies as well as the items are on
6 file with the clerk's office.

7 The first item would be 261-13, if the
8 emergency is established would be 99-A; 266-13,
9 which would be Ordinance 99-B; 266-13, which
10 would be Resolution 106-A; 264-13, which would be
11 Emergency Resolution 106-B; 247 would be
12 Emergency Resolution 106-C; 245-13 would be
13 Emergency Resolution 16, 106-D; Item Number 246-
14 13 would be Emergency 17, Resolution 106-E; 198
15 would be Emergency 18, Resolution 106-F; 182
16 would be Emergency 19, Resolution 106-G; 181
17 would be Emergency 20, Resolution 106-H; Clerk
18 Item 180-2013 would be Emergency Resolution 21,
19 Resolution 106-I; 179-13 would be Emergency 22,
20 Resolution 106-J; 178-13 would be Emergency 23,
21 Resolution 106-K; 177-13 would be Emergency 24,
22 Resolution 106-L; 160-13 would be Emergency 26,
23 Resolution 106-M; 169-13 would be Emergency 26,
24 Resolution 106-N; 158-13 would be Emergency 27,
25 Resolution 106-E; 157-13 would be Emergency 28,

2 Resolution 106-P; 27-2012, which was the only
3 item from 2012 would become Emergency Resolution
4 29, Resolution 106-Q.

5 Can I get a motion to place this matter
6 before the Legislature and establish the
7 emergency?

8 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
11 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by Legislator
12 Dunne.

13 All those in favor of establishing the
14 emergencies signify by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 Any opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 The emergencies are established
19 unanimously.

20 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Could I just -
21 clarification. Where you didn't say 2013, it was
22 2013, right?

23 CLERK MULLER: I think I did say that
24 all the items are 2013 except for the last one
25 which was 2012.

LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Okay. Good.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now that the emergencies have been established we have to call the items. I guess we're going to call the items in bulk, correct?

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Yes.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going to let you do it again, Mr. Muller. Okay, Mr. Muller. All the items.

CLERK MULLER: But you don't want the summary of the items, correct, you just want the numbers?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Just give us the item number.

CLERK MULLER: Okay.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Make sure they're 2013.

CLERK MULLER: Emergency 11, Ordinance 99-A; Emergency 12, Ordinance 99-B; Emergency 13, Resolution 106-A; Emergency 14, Resolution 106-B; Emergency 15, Resolution 106-C; Emergency 16, Resolution 106-D; Emergency 17, Resolution 106-E; Emergency 18, Resolution 106-F; Emergency 19, Resolution 106-G; Emergency 20, Resolution 106-H;

2 Emergency 21, Resolution 106-I; Emergency 22,
3 Resolution 106-J; Emergency 23, Resolution 106-K;
4 Emergency 24, Resolution 106-L; Emergency 25,
5 Resolution 106-M; Emergency 26, Resolution 106-N;
6 Emergency 27, Resolution 106-O; Emergency 28,
7 Resolution 106-P; Emergency 29, Resolution 106-Q.

8 Please entertain a motion to place this
9 matter before the Legislature.

10 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
13 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
14 Muscarella.

15 Any comments regarding these items?
16 Legislator Jacobs.

17 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay. I first would
18 be remiss if I didn't say that I'm sorry that
19 Kevan Abrahams could not be here, considering he
20 was very much the instrumental person on our side
21 of the aisle throughout all of these meetings for
22 months, and months, and months. Nonetheless, I
23 know we all appreciate the work that went into
24 this by both Kevan, Norma, and by the county
25 executive and his staff.

1 I also would like to say that the
2 confidence level has been raised, where we
3 believe that the administration will follow
4 through on the numerous agreements that have been
5 reached to allow this to happen which, by the
6 way, includes Pay-Go, which is a very big step
7 for us now and for the future, and it also
8 acknowledges that the residential taxes will be
9 the ones that will be given the first priority in
10 paying back. I think it shows you what
11 bipartisan -- even though it took a long time and
12 even though we've all worked pretty hard and were
13 concerned for many times, that working together
14 does work and that's why this is going through
15 today.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I will make a
18 very brief comment to say that there are times
19 when bipartisanship does work and this is one of
20 them. I think it was a long time and coming.
21 The taxpayers or the residents who are deserving
22 of the refunds are now going to be able to be
23 paid, and we can move forward. And hopefully
24 other liabilities that we have had, as far as tax
25 certs are concerned, will continue to take place.

1 I have to say that we have had very
2 difficult times over the past several months.
3 It's not only the residents who have, for many
4 years, applied for their refunds and did not
5 receive it, but we also had those who suffered
6 from Super Storm Sandy who are certainly
7 deserving of whatever help they can get in these
8 refunds today because of the bipartisanship that
9 took place will happen.

10 I say thank you to both sides of the
11 aisle for being able to reach an agreement that
12 certainly is worthy that what we, as people
13 working for government, are all about.

14 I say thank you to the Minority and to my
15 colleagues on the Majority for being so
16 forthcoming and making these emergencies happen
17 today. It's a step in the right direction and it
18 might be one of a few in the road.

19 I know that today we approved \$40 million
20 in tax certs and I believe in a couple of months
21 that that amount will grow to an additional 35
22 million. I think a lot of people are going to be
23 made whole and of course made happy because of
24 the action that this body has taken today.
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So, thank you. And I say God Bless everyone.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I second that. And let's hope it is a sign of the future.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now, we have all of these items that went through emergency. The emergencies have been established, and now we have to vote for the items, themselves.

All those in favor of all of the items that were called today signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The item passes unanimously.

I'm going to put this meeting in recess. If you recall in the opening, we had a hearing -- excuse me -- a hearing was put in recess earlier today, and so that that date will be forthcoming. That hearing is on the capital budget and the capital plan.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I just want to say one thing.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Mr. Rob Walker for being present here, the Deputy

2 County Executive. Rob, I just wanted to thank
3 you for being here, as Deputy County Executive,
4 for living up to your part of the bargain also.
5 We appreciate that.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now, a motion to
7 adjourn?

8 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Only the hearing
10 is in recess.

11 You're going to second it because he just
12 made the motion.

13 All those in favor of adjourning signify
14 by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 (Whereupon, the Full Legislature
17 adjourned at 4:00 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York, do hereby state:

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FRANK GRAY