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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PETER SCHMITT,
Presiding Officer

FULL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

PETER SCHMITT,
Chairman

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4 Presiding Officer5 NORMA GONSALVES,
6 Deputy Presiding Officer7 HOWARD KOPEL, Alternate
8 Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer

9 DENISE FORD

10 JOSEPH SCANNELL (2:00 p.m.)

11 FRANCIS X. BECKER

12 VINCENT MUSCARELLA

13 RICHARD NICOLELLO

14 JUDI BOSWORTH

15 WAYNE WINK

16 ROBERT TROIANO

17 KEVAN ABRAHAMS,
18 Minority Leader

19 ROSE MARIE WALKER

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21 DENNIS DUNNE

22 JUDITH JACOBS

23 DAVID DENENBERG

24 DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

25 CARRIE SOLAGES

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Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Would all the
3 members please take their seats? Would
4 Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Howard
5 Kopel please lead us in the Pledge?

6 (Whereupon, the Pledge of
7 Allegiance was recited.)

8 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Please remain
9 standing for a moment of silence for the
10 departure and passing of Larry Elovich, a
11 Long Beach civic leader, political leader.
12 I would like to call on Denise Ford to make
13 some comments.

14 LEGISLATOR FORD: Today we sadly
15 said good-bye to Larry Elovich and I'm sure
16 there are many people here who know of
17 Larry. And Rabbi Herman actually did say
18 that Larry Elovich was very, very unique,
19 and I have to say that he truly was. He was
20 somebody that was an inspiration to so many.
21 He was a good friend. He was absolutely
22 brilliant in everything that he did. He had
23 a compassion that I don't think everyone, if
24 we joined our compassions together, would
25 even equal what was in his heart and his

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2 soul. I just ask everybody to say a prayer
3 for his family and keep him in your
4 thoughts. Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Thank you.
6 Point of personal privilege, the chair
7 recognizes Legislator Denenberg.

8 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: It's not
9 today, it will be the next meeting. Thank
10 you. I thought we told the clerk.

11 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: I ask the
12 clerk to please call the roll.

13 CLERK MULLER: Deputy Presiding
14 Officer Gonsalves?

15 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Present.

16 CLERK MULLER: Alternate Deputy
17 Presiding Officer Kopel?

18 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

19 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
20 Troiano?

21 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: Here.

22 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
23 Solages?

24 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

25 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Ford?

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2 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.
3 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
4 Scannell?
5 (No verbal response.)
6 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Becker?
7 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Present.
8 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
9 Muscarella?
10 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.
11 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
12 Nicoletto?
13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.
14 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
15 Bosworth?
16 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Here.
17 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Wink?
18 LEGISLATOR WINK: Here.
19 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Belesi?
20 LEGISLATOR BELESI: Here.
21 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Dunne?
22 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Here.
23 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Jacobs?
24 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Here.
25 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Walker?

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2 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

3 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
4 DeRiggi-Whitton?

5 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
6 Here.

7 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
8 Denenberg?

9 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Here.

10 CLERK MULLER: Minority Leader
11 Abrahams?

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

13 CLERK MULLER: Presiding Officer
14 Peter Schmitt?

15 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Here.

16 CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.

17 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: We have a
18 quorum. Thank you very much. As is our
19 custom, we are going to, before the
20 legislative meeting, we are going to have a
21 half hour of public comment.

22 I have slips up here of people
23 who have registered for the opportunity to
24 address us. When your name is called, we
25 ask you to come up to the podium and to

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2 please try to limit your remarks to three
3 minutes each.

4 The first speaker is Joanne
5 Borden.

6 MS. BORDEN: I'm here again to
7 ask you to pass the gender clarification
8 amendment. There is a moral code written.
9 It's said to have been permanently etched in
10 stone and is believed to be the labor of
11 God. It was meant to be observed by all his
12 children without exception.

13 In summary, most of it directs us
14 to love thy neighbor as thyself. The good
15 news for those who find this teaching
16 difficult, nowhere does it says that you
17 have to like your neighbor. Simply love him
18 and/or her.

19 If you are a woman, a person of
20 color, Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Hindu,
21 Armenian, Irish, Polish, Italian, Asian,
22 German, Hispanic or a descendent of any
23 people whoever tasted the bitterness of
24 discrimination, anywhere in their history
25 pay heed. What is hateful to thy people do

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2 not unto thy fellow man. This is the whole
3 law. All the rest is simply commentary.
4 And outgrowth of the laws of Moses his
5 subscribers are Hillell, Jesus, Paul, Mark,
6 Matthew, Luke and countless others.

7 For what would be hateful to you
8 and your people is a hateful and immoral act
9 unworthy of any human being, unworthy of any
10 child of God. Particularly an American.
11 Specifically a representative of America.

12 To quote Thomas Jefferson, "We
13 cannot be complacent until two conditions
14 are met, every one born on this continent
15 has a right to equal, indeed, identical
16 treatment in the machine of the law and,
17 secondly, every human being born on this
18 continent has a right to roughly equal
19 opportunity and modest prosperity and, until
20 those conditions are met, we can not rest,
21 neither should you rest."

22 The law now denies transgender
23 people all of that. All of Thomas
24 Jefferson's vision. So you should not rest
25 until those injustices are rectified. God,

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2 Americanism, and decency dictates that you
3 must do no less. Pass the law. Thank you

4 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: George
5 Siberon.

6 MR. SIBERON: Good afternoon.
7 I'm George Siberon. I'm the executive
8 director of the Hempstead Hispanic Civic and
9 I've also had the privilege to be the
10 executive director of the Nassau County
11 Youth Board.

12 It is on behalf of all of the
13 agencies that received funding from the
14 Nassau County Youth Board that I am here.
15 As we have in the past, we have had a
16 conversation and actually a deed of
17 determination of all of the youth board
18 contracts, that we have felt all along that
19 the youth board contracts and the agencies
20 that receive the funding have been put in
21 the middle of what we consider to be a very
22 political process and we are in fact the
23 victims.

24 Many of our organizations are
25 dying. Some have already died. We do not

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2 see, for instance, that there is any
3 resolution to this and, as a matter of fact,
4 when we reviewed the 2013 budget, there is
5 no budget line for the Nassau headquarter
6 youth board contractors.

7 This is creating an incredible
8 difficult time for the agencies and more
9 importantly for the children that we provide
10 services to.

11 To add insult to injury, many of
12 us have received a letter from the Nassau
13 County Youth Board telling us what our
14 contract is going to be based on 182 days
15 and that puts some of us in jeopardy
16 because, when we started to submit claims,
17 we did that on the understanding that it was
18 a full year's budget, and now some of us
19 maybe after you take away our advances and
20 you add what we submitted and what has been
21 approved for claims that come, it could very
22 well be that we would, in addition to losing
23 our funding, that we have half of it, that
24 we may actually owe the county money. I
25 think that that is definitely unfair.

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2 So we are, again, I think what
3 you will hear from us and every other person
4 who comes up here to talk about the youth
5 board cuts is please, please, come together.
6 Do what has to be done so that we could
7 salvage this year and that we can figure out
8 a way how to include money for the youth
9 board going on to next year. Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Thank you.
11 Brett Lawrence.

12 MR. LAWRENCE: Good afternoon,
13 ladies and gentlemen. I'm a private in the
14 US Army Military Police Corp., the 442nd
15 military police. I'm also certified as a
16 law enforcement officer in liberal police
17 department in Kansas.

18 Let me start out by saying that I
19 feel that I'm a little more grown up than
20 most people my age. I'm 22 years old. I
21 made a few steps towards the right
22 direction.

23 Let me begin by saying what I do,
24 what I was like. I have a small child.
25 He's 14 months old. Everything I do, I do

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2 for him but I wouldn't be where I was if it
3 wasn't for the youth services program. I
4 was once a 15 year old kid. I was a punk.
5 I had not direction, no sense of duty. I
6 was rude to my parents, rude to people I met
7 on the street. I didn't care for the laws,
8 didn't care for government.

9 In fact, I didn't care about
10 school. Shocking, I know, a teenage who
11 doesn't care about school. I cut classes,
12 failed tests. I wasn't quite kicked out of
13 school but I was asked to stop attending.
14 All in all I was a waste.

15 I was a kid whose other
16 children's parents saw and thought, I
17 wouldn't want him hanging out with my kids.
18 Well, luckily, my guidance counselor in
19 Lynbrook, he saw a small amount of potential
20 in me and he recommended me to the Harriet
21 Eisman Community School. I thought, great,
22 just another lame high school, I'm not going
23 to want to go to this one either.

24 Well, I had my first meeting with
25 Julie Sabino and I was instantly hooked. It

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2 was a school I could attend at night. It
3 had interesting classes and teachers seemed
4 great.

5 Let's fast forward another year.
6 My truancy is almost non-existent. I'm
7 actually excited to go to school. I'm
8 attending classes on photography and I'm in
9 a class called gruesome history. Unorthodox
10 names, I know, but essentially, a class on
11 battles and the darker side of history which
12 kind of teaches us not to repeat the same
13 mistakes.

14 The photography, it helped me to
15 really appreciate a sunrise, a cloudy day, a
16 park, things that I would walk by and just
17 think it's every day.

18 I will admit that the punk in me
19 was not yet gone. I managed to get into
20 trouble and it was a very low point in my
21 life. I was depressed, confused, and didn't
22 know what to do.

23 I had friends to turn to, but how
24 much can another 16 or 17 year old do to
25 offer in advice? One day Julie called me

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2 into her office and engaged me in a
3 discussion about what I was going through.
4 I'll admit it was a painful and awkward
5 conversation which turned into me being able
6 to talk and vent to her.

7 We spoke for hours and had these
8 therapy sessions and they continued for
9 quite some time. By being able to speak
10 with Julie, my principal, about what I had
11 gone through, I was able to face myself
12 again and start my path to becoming the man
13 I wanted to be.

14 Julie and I met regularly to talk
15 in fact many Hecs graduates did, "Hecs"
16 meaning Harriet Eisman. We still stop by.
17 We still see our former teachers and
18 mentors. We talk to the new students about
19 who we are, where we've gone and what we
20 have become.

21 All these things would have been
22 impossible if it wasn't for the guidance of
23 the staff of the Harriet Eisman Community
24 School. The private standing next to me is
25 also another Hecs graduate. He and myself

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2 are both military police officers in the 442
3 Military Police Company.

4 I won't bore you with how I did
5 this or what I did there, but I am enlisted
6 in the US Army after much deliberation and
7 thought. Of course I did go to Julie first
8 about it. We talked about the pros and cons
9 of the military and in the end I joined and
10 began my service career.

11 Lastly, without Hechs, I would
12 only have a GED, if even that if I even
13 finished. I wouldn't have been able to
14 serve, wouldn't have been able to become a
15 police officer, and my life would not be
16 where it is today. I would not be able to
17 support my son. I would not be a respectful
18 member of society that I feel I am if not
19 for Julie and the staff at Hechs.

20 I urge and implore you to keep
21 the Harriet Eisman Community School open if
22 not for the children who attend but for the
23 people they will one day become. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Thank you.
25 Arlene O'Dell.

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2 MS. O'DELL: Good afternoon. My
3 name is Arlene O'Dell. I work in Glen Cove
4 and reside in Sea Cliff. I have lived in
5 Nassau County for 32 years. I'm here today
6 to talk about my county, your county, the
7 county of youth and families who reside
8 here.

9 I'm here to tell you that it
10 sickens me when my county, your county,
11 turns its back on youth and families who
12 reside here. I ask you, does it sicken you?

13 I'm here to tell you that it
14 sickens me when my county, your county, the
15 county of youth and families that reside
16 here has decided that 35,000 of its most
17 vulnerable, its youth are no longer a
18 priority and therefore not included in our
19 county, their county's budget. I ask you,
20 does it sicken you?

21 I'm here to tell that you that it
22 sickens me when my county, your county, the
23 county of youth and families who reside here
24 are asked to help in bringing in revenue to
25 the county, revenue that would primarily

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2 support the youth and families, only to find
3 out that when this has been done, that my
4 county, your county, their county, has lied
5 to us by taking that revenue from us. Does
6 it sicken you?

7 I'm here to tell that you it
8 sickens me when my county, your county, the
9 county of youth and families who reside here
10 continually use the youth of this county as
11 pawns. I ask you, does it sicken you?

12 I'm here to tell you that it
13 sickens me when my county, your county, the
14 county of the youth and families that reside
15 here continually put politics over the
16 people they serve. I ask you, does it
17 sicken you?

18 I'm here to tell you that it
19 sickens me when my county, your county, the
20 county of the youth and families who reside
21 here continually point the finger at each
22 other for the blame of where we are at. I
23 ask you, does it sicken you?

24 If it sickens you, then, for the
25 sake of my county, your county, the county

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2 of those youth and families who reside here
3 stand up, be the leaders the people have
4 chosen you to be. You have the power to do
5 something about this. The future of this
6 county is in your hands.

7 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Thank you.
8 Julie Ann Sabino.

9 MS. SABINO: For the past three
10 months I have been coming here to plead with
11 you to restore our funding. Today I'm not
12 going to plead. I'm not going to cry. I'm
13 not going to yell. I'm going to present the
14 facts from our side.

15 Since 1975 there have been 1,393
16 graduates from Harriet Eisman Community
17 School. I would like to share them with
18 you. Every single one of them were more
19 brave than any of you. They stepped away
20 from a traditional model of education
21 because it was working against them and they
22 fought to get their diploma. They fought
23 for what was right for them so they have a
24 better future. The students that have stood
25 at this podium since June or outside this

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2 building protesting are the strongest people
3 I know.

4 We are supposed to admire our
5 representatives. We are supposed to trust
6 that they are there for us. But I trust a
7 group of 17 and 18 year old kids because
8 they are real, they are true, they are brave
9 and they fight for what they believe in even
10 when people tell them they are
11 discretionary.

12 I remember every single student
13 that has graduated since I have been there
14 for the past 13 years. They remember me for
15 believing in them and fighting for them to
16 succeed.

17 Why am I telling you this?
18 Because people tend to remember the winners.
19 If you make it to the Super Bowl you have to
20 win to be remembered. No one ever remembers
21 the losers. But in this case none of the
22 ribbon cutting ceremonies you have attended
23 will be remembered. None of the
24 fund-raisers, ground breakings, charity
25 events, none of that will be remembered.

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2 Every single one of you will be remembered
3 for destroying youth services in Nassau
4 County. Nothing else. Just the destruction
5 of dreams and futures and opportunity.

6 I would also like to address the
7 fact that at every single meeting the right
8 side was pointing to the left side casting
9 blame. Then the left side was pointing at
10 the right side saying, no, it is their
11 fault.

12 I would like to give everyone
13 here in attendance the opportunity to point
14 their fingers at the people who are
15 responsible for the destruction of youth
16 services in Nassau County. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Nathan Bright.

18 LEGISLATOR SCANNELL: Peter, can
19 you let the record show that I'm here?

20 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Let the record
21 reflect that Legislator Scannell has joined
22 us.

23 MR. BRIGHT: Good afternoon to
24 everyone. I'm here representing the McCoy
25 Center out of New Cassell, Westbury with

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2 several of the parents. We're here
3 representing not only New Cassell, Westbury,
4 but our director, Mr. Pruett, who is in the
5 audience this afternoon.

6 I'm going to send the same
7 message. We need help. We need services to
8 begin and continue in such a way that every
9 one will certainly come up and have a better
10 day. Without these services we're going to
11 go in a direction that God only knows. The
12 time is now.

13 At this center, we have
14 approximately 40 to 50 young people who come
15 from various elementary schools as well as
16 the private and public schools from six to
17 21.

18 We only have a few, that is a
19 very few, paid workers. The youth center is
20 in need of help. The rest of the persons
21 that are working in the center are
22 volunteers and they give their all.

23 In addition to not having
24 funding, we need you as people of government
25 to stand next to us and with us in a way

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2 that we will see a better day.

3 Our operation schedule at the
4 center is six days a week. I'm mindful of
5 one afternoon I was at the playground which
6 is near the center and these children with
7 their accompaniment, adult accompaniment,
8 were walking down the street and about to
9 cross the railroad tracks. Of course with
10 supervision. All in a double line and it
11 reminded me of my days as a teacher. I
12 said, what is this? In a double line?
13 Going to the park?

14 Unknown to them and unknown to
15 me, the park was closing. With that they
16 were told that they would have to turn
17 around or go on their way, which they did.

18 I was appalled to see such
19 conduct that was becoming of these children
20 that were taken back to their center and no
21 doubt doing another thing to fulfill their
22 day. We had these children that I speak of.
23 We will obviously see many more with funding
24 from the services.

25 Please, in your way, respect

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2 these children. These children will one day
3 be taking care of you and I. Thank you very
4 much.

5 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Thank you.
6 Florence Vasquez? Not here. Sergio
7 Argretta? Not here. Andrew Malekoff?

8 MR. MALEKOFF: Good afternoon. I
9 would like to thank you for your moment of
10 silence for Larry Elovich who was a friend
11 of mine. We had coffee for many years every
12 morning. So thank you for that.

13 I have attended every one of the
14 legislative meetings since May where human
15 services funding was addressed. Although I
16 did not testify at every meeting, when I did
17 speak, I spoke to the felt needs of real
18 people who use these services. I spoke to
19 what's at stake if the services are lost,
20 and how the services are more cost effective
21 than jail or rehab. I spoke to the value of
22 young people peacefully protesting.

23 But more than speaking out, I've
24 been listening and observing. I have
25 observed that not one of you has publicly

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2 questioned the value of the services that
3 have been held hostage. Although I am
4 certain that privately some of you think
5 otherwise.

6 If your sense of duty forbids
7 these devastating cuts to human services, to
8 paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, that I ask you
9 to stand by your duty fearlessly and
10 effectively. If you believe otherwise and
11 if you think these services should be killed
12 or crippled, I ask you to speak this
13 publicly so everyone in this chamber will be
14 clear about where you stand.

15 In his Cooper Union Address
16 Lincoln famously said, a house divided
17 against itself cannot stand. We know that
18 he was referring to a troubled nation
19 divided by slavery.

20 Although what is at stake here
21 today is vastly different, what is
22 unmistakable to me is that Nassau County is
23 a house divided against itself and what was
24 true 150 years ago is still true today. A
25 house divided against itself cannot stand.

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2 I was invited to a federalist society
3 meeting last Thursday in Mineola. I'm
4 neither a hard-core conservative nor a
5 bleeding heart liberal, but I was interested
6 in what the guest speaker, NIFA director
7 George Marlin, had to say. I was left with
8 a distinct impression that he was not
9 pleased with the fiscal direction of Nassau
10 County. Yet he lauded Governor Cuomo's
11 ability to find common ground, to work
12 capably with both sides of the aisle, and to
13 effectively negotiate differences in
14 balancing the state budget.

15 I hope that all of you will do
16 the same, work together for the benefit of
17 all of the people of Nassau County. We
18 deserve it. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Thank you.
20 Pat Boyle.

21 MR. BOYLE: Hello again. My name
22 is Pat Boyle. I'm the director of Gateway
23 Youth Outreach in Elmont and also here with
24 the coalition of youth service agencies.

25 I just want to make a couple of

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2 points. In the meetings that we have been
3 having recently it's been kind of
4 interesting because I think people on the
5 legislature seem to feel that they know
6 better what is good for us than we know
7 what's good for us.

8 I find that an interesting way of
9 putting things. Especially when just the
10 other day I got something in the mail and it
11 was just a statement with regard to this
12 whole issue. It said that it was also truly
13 disheartening to watch County Executive
14 Mangano cut dedicated funding to over 50
15 human service agencies and programs from all
16 across Nassau County including Gateway Youth
17 Outreach.

18 Unfortunately the county
19 executive has misled these agencies and it
20 goes on to say some more. Misled? Ladies
21 and gentlemen, we're not foolish. We are
22 not being misled, I don't think. I don't
23 think we are being misled on any of the
24 issues involved here.

25 I think what's is happening is,

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2 you're not realizing where we are coming
3 from on this. I know there is funding, and
4 I know there are issues on that level, but
5 please don't think what you're doing is good
6 for us.

7 For example, by saying that we're
8 going to hold out, we are not going to get
9 funding for you until we know its going to
10 be funding for this year and next year. I
11 know more than anybody that nothing is
12 guaranteed when we come up here and talk
13 about things. Every year I come up here, as
14 do my colleagues to talk about funding and
15 fighting and being able to get our money.
16 We want to be able to survive from year to
17 year basically.

18 Yes, we did have other ways of
19 being able to do that, but right now we want
20 to be able to serve the people who we want
21 to serve. I've said that a thousand times
22 to you and I hate to repeat myself on it.

23 I know that 10/19ths of you
24 probably haven't seen what was in Newsday
25 today with regard to an editorial. One

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2 thing they said in that was, one bad move
3 that Mangano has made in his 2013 budget is
4 to continue using youth services as a
5 political pawn. They get a big zero for
6 2013 down from what had been \$8 million
7 annually until massive cuts began this year.

8 Mangano, a republican, says he
9 can't find the money because democratic
10 county legislators won't let him borrow. In
11 fact, \$8 million is peanuts in the context
12 of this budget. Less than one third of one
13 percent. And it was the promise of spending
14 on such needs that got Nassau's red light
15 cameras and revenues approved.

16 Important aspect here, studies
17 show spending on youth services is both
18 prudent and preventive. Failing to do so
19 doesn't really save money, it just leads to
20 more spending, on prisons and other social
21 services down the road. Isn't that exactly
22 what we have been saying to you for I don't
23 know how long, but it takes Newsday until
24 now to be able to figure it out and to give
25 it to you?

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2 What are we doing? Let's start
3 to realize that it might not be everybody up
4 there who knows what's best for us. It
5 might not even be Newsday saying it or a
6 legislator saying it's one person's or the
7 other's fault. Let's fix this without
8 bickering. Everybody says that this is
9 something we need.

10 Legislator Schmitt, I would just
11 ask you or, Presiding Officer Schmitt,
12 please allow things to come to the table
13 that need to come to the table for a vote.
14 Make these things happen. That's what we
15 need to happen right now. We need to be
16 able to get bonding on the table if that's
17 the case, or we need to get red lights back
18 or whatever it is, but we need to do it now
19 or we are going to die. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Thank you.
21 Cynthia Stewart.

22 MS. STEWART: Good afternoon. My
23 name is Cynthia Stewart and I am a resident
24 of Elmont. I am also a member of GYO Parent
25 Association.

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2 I have been here before, three
3 months I was here, to ask that funding be
4 restored to youth services, to human
5 services, to GYO, and I'm still waiting. As
6 are the parents in my town. They are
7 waiting for childcare.

8 The second day of school I
9 realized there was no GYO because still
10 there was no funding. I took the day off
11 and drove to the only childcare program in
12 Elmont to get a seat for any child and after
13 paying them and putting my child -- all the
14 forms through, they told me I was eighth on
15 a list.

16 I still don't have childcare for
17 my child. I am not alone. I represent
18 working families who are trying to stay
19 working families.

20 I read that Suffolk County is
21 starting to do reports because they don't
22 have human service money for childcare as
23 well, and they are trying to figure out now
24 if more families are turning to welfare
25 because they can't work.

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2 How much more would it cost
3 Suffolk County or Nassau County if working
4 parents have to turn to welfare because they
5 can't find support in their county? This
6 issue is very important to me. I took the
7 day off from work to be here. I have to
8 travel later on tonight and be out of the
9 country, but I'm here today because I want
10 you to know what you're doing to my
11 community, your community. To many parents
12 who are trying to work and keep their
13 children safe.

14 On that same day I went to
15 register my daughter I went to pick her up
16 and I saw children going home alone. How
17 unsafe is that? Getting on a bike and
18 traveling home alone, walking with a group
19 of friends, traveling home alone. I have
20 family that can temporarily help me. There
21 are other people who have no one.

22 I don't want to get upset about
23 this. I just want to communicate to you
24 what this is doing to your community. I'm a
25 member of this community. I'm a member of

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2 the Elmont 1033 post. I'm a Navy veteran.
3 I work in this community. I have a home in
4 this community and I'm fed up with this
5 community. After 12 years of living in this
6 community, I'm considering leaving. I can't
7 believe it. I can't believe what's
8 happening here and in Suffolk County to poor
9 people, to working families, to the elderly.

10 What is happening here in Nassau
11 with this issue about human services and the
12 way the left and right is dealing with it
13 reminds me of a big brother episode, people
14 are teaming up, people are trying to restore
15 and hold on to power. It's immature. It's
16 not what you're here for. It's not why you
17 decided to run for this office while you are
18 in this place. You are supposed to be
19 representing the people of this community
20 and you're representing yourselves or your
21 parties.

22 I thank you for allowing me to
23 speak today. I hope that soon, very soon,
24 you will try to at least restore the funding
25 for this year and then come again, meet

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2 again, and restore the funding for 2013.
3 Please. Remember why you asked to be in
4 office.

5 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Thank you.
6 David Leiter.

7 MR. LEITER: Good afternoon. I'm
8 David Leiter and I'm a teacher at the
9 Harriet Eisman Community School. You've
10 heard from our current students, our
11 graduates, and their parents over the course
12 of the past four months or so of these
13 sessions. You've heard how the school is
14 making and has made such a difference in
15 their lives. You've heard from the
16 directors and clients of all the other
17 agencies and vital programs that your
18 actions have and will close.

19 This struggle has been going on
20 for too long. At the end of October and
21 when the budget is enacted, that will be the
22 end of all of us. Please come to your
23 senses. Stop playing these childish games
24 and make a real difference in your
25 communities because if we lose our jobs, our

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2 next campaign will be to make sure that at
3 your next election, that you will lose all
4 yours. Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Legislator
6 Ford.

7 LEGISLATOR FORD: I want to thank
8 all of the representatives from the youth
9 agencies that have come down here to address
10 us on this. I know that for months now we
11 have been talking about this and I have to
12 say it's been a long time and very stressful
13 and I wish that we can say that you're okay
14 now and that everything will be all right.

15 But even after all the
16 negotiations that have been going on,
17 sometime you feel like there is no hope.
18 For me, it is very painful because I regret
19 the fact that I did go along and vote to
20 change the red light camera from the youth
21 agencies.

22 We all look at our lives and you
23 can say that when you look at us you see us
24 as elected officials, but all of us had our
25 personal lives prior to coming here and

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2 coming into office. I can empathize with a
3 lot of the problems and a lot of the issues
4 that so many of you are going through.

5 Prior to my second marriage, my
6 first marriage, sadly to say, it's not of
7 public knowledge, I was a victim of domestic
8 abuse and it was a very very difficult time
9 in any life. And I have a daughter. I was
10 lucky in that respect, if you want to say
11 lucky, that I had a network of family and
12 friends and my coworkers that stood by me,
13 and to me today, and through all of this
14 today, it pains me greatly that we as a body
15 up here, have taken away the safety net, any
16 hope for any of you that you not benefits of
17 whether or not you had family or friends and
18 people to support you.

19 I'm only hoping that maybe at
20 some point we will all forget our political
21 selves and we will realize our moral selves,
22 and say that we need to restore the funding
23 to all of you. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Minority
25 Leader Abrahams.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you,
3 Presiding Officer Schmitt. I don't think
4 there are any words or comments that could
5 be said in regard to what this legislature
6 has done and its actions and contributed to,
7 but I was listening to Legislator Ford being
8 remiss in regard to her vote on the red
9 light camera fund, and I'm here to say that
10 today we clocked in a bill that has the nine
11 member support of the minority delegation
12 that basically re-constitutes the red light
13 camera fund.

14 I think that if it's an opportune
15 time, that if there are those in the
16 majority that feel remiss about this vote,
17 that this would be a perfect opportunity to
18 lend their vote toward this amendment which
19 reconstitutes this fund.

20 From that standpoint, we had
21 clocked this bill in and we are looking for
22 support. If we get the support we need,
23 instantly you guys are back on track. The
24 bill is right here. Thank you.

25 LEGISLATOR FORD: I thank you

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2 Legislator Abrahams, you know, for --

3 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: The chair
4 recognizes Legislator Ford.

5 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you. I'm
6 sorry. I thought I heard you say okay. And
7 I think that is a noble gesture. But I
8 really think you can turn around and, like I
9 said, I survived my first marriage, and I
10 always say, what doesn't kill you makes you
11 stronger. For me, for all these months of
12 negotiations along with you, you know, I
13 don't have a problem in supporting and
14 trying to, but I really think out of respect
15 for all the conversations that we had, we
16 had asked about bonding and being able to do
17 at least, even with the Hagendorn
18 Foundation, their recommendation today was
19 for \$5.5 million in bonding that would allow
20 us then to continue with the youth services
21 well into the next year.

22 Then I ask you, then would you
23 support something like that?

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Denise,
25 let's not look --

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2 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: The chair
3 recognizes Legislator Abrahams.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I
5 apologize, Legislator Schmitt.

6 The last thing I want to do is
7 get into a bickering match in front of all
8 these people that are pleading a very very
9 thoughtful and well-stated case in regards
10 to youth services. I'm not going to engage
11 in a back and forth and I'm not going to
12 negotiate on the floor of the legislature.
13 I think the people of this county deserve
14 better.

15 But I will tell you this, and I'm
16 going to speak to Mr. Mangano's word. We
17 have gone down this path of discussing
18 things with the county executive to try to
19 see if we can make things, items in regard
20 to this legislature better.

21 I will give you an example. The
22 folks are here today, and I heard the folks
23 from Eisman and other places talk about the
24 services they need. The Roosevelt
25 community, which had a service, which

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2 basically lost its service, was promised by
3 this administration that it would get it's
4 service, was told countless times by the
5 youth board director, by others, that we
6 would have a service. That, don't worry
7 about it, as soon as the contract was
8 passed, which was put on by the presiding
9 officer in January, when it probably should
10 have been put on in June of last year, we
11 would have funds allocated to Roosevelt.
12 You know what? Never came.

13 The Sixth Precinct where my
14 colleague, Legislator Judi Bosworth
15 represented, put together an MOA, an MOA
16 that basically signified that there would be
17 two officers allocated to each precinct and
18 basically the same amount of services that
19 was allocated to that precinct with the
20 amount of staff, those negotiations went on
21 between the unions as well as the county
22 executive, guess what? She had to fight to
23 make sure there were two officers there.

24 I can go on. There was an
25 incident last year where my colleague Dave

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2 Denenberg, Robert Troiano, all signed on
3 when the capital plan was passed I believe
4 two years ago, August of 2011, the capital
5 plan was passed. That all certain projects
6 would get done and these projects, once the
7 capital plan was passed, would commence and
8 go forward. Guess what? None of those
9 projects have even been touched. Let me go
10 on just a little bit more.

11 LEGISLATOR FORD: Legislator
12 Abrahams.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No, no.
14 Let me go on. I didn't interrupt you. Let
15 me go on one step further. Then we were
16 told, based on legislative districts, based
17 on blue and red, that districts and services
18 within those districts were going to be cut
19 between five percent in republican districts
20 but 35 percent in democratic districts.
21 That was a fact.

22 So basically we have seen this
23 countless game over and over again by the
24 administration. Now, you are telling us
25 today that if we put up 5 and a half million

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2 dollars that we are going to trust the
3 county executive's word without any
4 agreement, which, to be quite frank, if we
5 saw any agreement, we probably wouldn't
6 trust it anyway, but if we see an agreement,
7 basically we are just going to trust that
8 he's going to do the right think and
9 allocate the money to these people and to
10 these services. I'm sorry his word
11 absolutely means absolutely nothing to this
12 side of the aisle. So from our standpoint
13 we need to see a little more concrete.

14 So if you're going to throw out
15 on the floor what we have been negotiating
16 about to try to score some points, good
17 luck. Because, at the end of the day, his
18 word, his agreement, means absolutely
19 nothing to this side of the aisle. Thank
20 you.

21 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Just a second,
22 Denise. The statements that you made
23 Legislator Abrahams shows me and convinces
24 me that your offer is not genuine. When you
25 say you are not willing to negotiate, you're

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2 not willing to, and even if you had an
3 agreement with the county executive you
4 wouldn't trust it anyway, tells me that
5 you're not serious.

6 We can go back, and I'm not
7 interested in scoring any points with
8 anybody. It is what it is. You can go back
9 to the beginning of this whole situation and
10 it became a situation when your side of the
11 aisle refused to bond for the tax cert,
12 period.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Hold on,
14 guys, because we're not going to engage.
15 That's what they want. They want us to
16 engage with their political shenanigans in
17 the hope that we all look bad.

18 The fact remains, and I think the
19 public very well knows, the red light camera
20 fund was removed and that enabled the county
21 executive to cut the funds, case closed.
22 Case closed.

23 LEGISLATOR FORD: I just want to
24 say something. Legislator Abrahams, you
25 know I have great respect for you and I have

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2 great respect for everybody who sits up here
3 on this leg, and I really think that I tried
4 to be very honest and candid with the people
5 here because I have been fighting.

6 But I really find even your
7 attitude toward me, and I have never given
8 you any reason for you to mistrust me, to be
9 angry with me, you know -- I know that you
10 took advantage when I used the word -- I am
11 remiss, but you jumped on it right away.

12 I have not seen the legislation
13 that you are proposing. You come back as if
14 I'm responsible for what Ed Mangano has
15 done. I do not guide him or whatever.

16 Legislator Solages, you know
17 what, I did make some votes. I voted for
18 nine years, I've always tried to allow my
19 heart. But I am trying to help these people
20 and I have spent the whole summer and trying
21 and meeting with different people in trying
22 to get this resolved.

23 I'm not saying I'm better than
24 anyone else. I take responsibility for this
25 like everybody else should take responsible

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2 for the demise of the youth services in
3 Nassau County. That's all. I'm not
4 speaking ill of all of us, I'm saying as a
5 group we seem to need to look a little bit
6 closer at ourselves and try to come to some
7 agreement to save these people. That's all.

8 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Pete, can I
9 just make one comment?

10 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Legislator
11 Becker.

12 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Simply, I
13 just want to stand in support of what Denise
14 is saying, and I hope and pray once, just
15 with this particular issue, we can put all
16 the politics aside and just try to get, if
17 we can work together as one group and take
18 care of the youth programs, bonding,
19 whatever we need to do, and it would be just
20 a great thing.

21 However we seem to make it
22 happen, that would be wonderful. I would
23 just love us to come together just to allow
24 them to have their services and move on.

25 We have so many things to fight

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2 about and move on another day.

3 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: We are going
4 to take a ten-minute recess. I'm awaiting
5 the arrival of Legislator Dunne and then we
6 will return to go through the calendar and
7 conduct the business of the legislature.

8 (Whereupon, the Full Legislature
9 Committee adjourned at 2:42 p.m. and
10 reconvened at 3:10 p.m.)

11 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: I would ask
12 all legislators to please take their seats.

13 We are back in session. Is Frank
14 Intagliata here? He is. Okay. We are
15 going to call Resolution Number 149 which is
16 a resolution to confirm the county
17 executive's appointment of Frank Intagliata
18 as commissioner of Shared Services.

19 May I have a motion, please?

20 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

21 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by
23 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
24 Legislator Gonsalves. Good afternoon.

25 MR. INTAGLIATA: Good afternoon,

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2 Presiding Officer, fellow legislators.

3 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: You have been
4 nominated by the county executive to be
5 commissioner of Shared Services. Some of
6 the members have indicated that they have
7 questions for you. Who had questions? The
8 chair recognizes Legislator Dave Denenberg.

9 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Hi, Mr.
10 Intagliata. As Shared Service Commissioner,
11 what do you understand the responsibilities
12 to be?

13 MR. INTAGLIATA: I understand it
14 to be a combination of both relocation of
15 various agencies and centralization of the
16 cash management programs, taking away from
17 some of the agencies, as well as handling
18 some of the shared services with regard to
19 purchasing for the county and also any
20 political subdivisions.

21 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So I'm
22 just looking. Some of what you just
23 mentioned would be highly technical
24 functions with respect to financial
25 management, correct?

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2 MR. INTAGLIATA: If that's what
3 you're saying, yes. I would -- you know --

4 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: You were
5 saying cash management, you mean financial
6 management?

7 MR. INTAGLIATA: Well, the cash
8 management that's currently the function in
9 each agency will now be centralized in the
10 treasurer's department which will be one of
11 the verticals I will be in charge of.

12 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: The
13 treasurer's department?

14 MR. INTAGLIATA: Yes.

15 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: What about
16 property management?

17 MR. INTAGLIATA: I didn't see it
18 in the original staff summary.

19 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: The staff
20 summary does have property management down,
21 but also payroll, personnel, IT support.

22 MR. INTAGLIATA: Well, in those
23 areas, I don't have expertise to do it
24 solely by myself, but we have the strategic
25 sourcing group, UMS, and in some of those

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2 areas is where we are looking to reduce
3 expenses and I will be relying on those
4 department heads.

5 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Okay.
6 What experience do you in any of these
7 areas? What's your experience?

8 MR. INTAGLIATA: I've worked for
9 the county for 18 years. Prior to that, I'm
10 a graduate of the School of Business
11 Administration from Adelphi. I have
12 dedicated myself to this county in the area
13 of procurement. I've made tremendous
14 inroads in energy and cost savings.

15 I have worked in this shared
16 service capacity trying to unite both Nassau
17 and Suffolk county for the past two and a
18 half years. We have taken on initiatives in
19 various commodity programs trying to reduce
20 expenses there, and I brought certain
21 business models to this legislature with
22 regard to the Mitchell Field Complex and
23 will be on the leg for the twin rinks, and
24 we're trying to move forward initiatives
25 with regard to the coliseum.

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2 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: What did
3 you bring forward with respect to Mitchell
4 Field?

5 MR. INTAGLIATA: We brought the
6 RFP to this legislative body so we can
7 introduce the Mitchell Field Complex in
8 Mitchell Field to help produce revenue.
9 It's an indoor facility. Those tax dollars
10 will help us considerably along with jobs.

11 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: You live
12 in Franklin Square?

13 MR. INTAGLIATA: I do.

14 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: You are a
15 resident of Franklin Square for how long?

16 MR. INTAGLIATA: Over 30 years.
17 Born and raised. Went to the local school
18 districts there. Graduate of Carrie High
19 School.

20 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: And cash
21 management would already be done at the
22 treasurer's office, correct?

23 MR. INTAGLIATA: That's correct.

24 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So what
25 are we going to do different?

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2 MR. INTAGLIATA: We are going to
3 consolidate it to be under one roof there
4 taking it out of the agency's hands so we
5 can reduce personnel and reduce expenses.

6 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Don't the
7 agencies do cash management already?

8 MR. INTAGLIATA: Yes. But in my
9 understanding of this new role when we moved
10 to West Street that will be taken away from
11 them for this purpose of consolidation and
12 control.

13 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: The
14 agencies aren't going to do cash management
15 on their own anymore?

16 MR. INTAGLIATA: That was my
17 understanding.

18 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Do you
19 ideas on how to maximize our cash flow and
20 interest?

21 MR. INTAGLIATA: Our interest on
22 our cash flow in the banking system?

23 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Yes.

24 MR. INTAGLIATA: Well, I have
25 knowledge of interest rates in the banking

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2 system and I'll take a look at that, but
3 currently we are not being offered
4 tremendous interest rates on our dollars no
5 matter where we are. The short term yield
6 curve is extremely narrow. But if we can
7 maximize our return on that cash flow I will
8 certainly look at it.

9 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Obviously
10 part of what you've done -- you are
11 obviously involved politically as well?

12 MR. INTAGLIATA: Politically, I
13 worked for three county executives and I've
14 been employed for 18 and a half years. I
15 took a test which was for the petroleum
16 products specialist, passed the test and was
17 hired. I probably worked under six or seven
18 directors of procurement. And I actually
19 stood by and watched the consolidation of
20 our department and expenses being saved
21 under both administrations. We made
22 tremendous inroads in doing so.

23 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: When you
24 say both administrations, Suozzi and
25 Mangano?

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2 MR. INTAGLIATA: Well, when I
3 started, Tom Gulotta was the county
4 executive. And Tom Suozzi was the county
5 executive and now Ed is our county
6 executive. So I've worked under three
7 county executives.

8 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: And you
9 have been there the whole time?

10 MR. INTAGLIATA: That's correct.

11 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Was your
12 political activities do you believe a factor
13 in your appointment here?

14 MR. INTAGLIATA: No. None
15 whatsoever.

16 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Hold on.
17 Point of order here. We have never in the
18 history of this legislature ever in talking
19 to nominees of county executives talked
20 about political activities, if any.

21 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Actually,
22 I'm looking at your question to a nominee of
23 Tom Suozzi where you asked if, and this is
24 your question, whether he's contributed to
25 the Nassau Democratic County Committee.

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2 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Contributing
3 and political activity is two separate and
4 distinct things.

5 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I'm glad
6 you said that. Did you contribute then to
7 the Hicksville Republican Club?

8 MR. INTAGLIATA: I don't believe
9 that that response is worthy of an answer.
10 I have participated.

11 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Really?
12 The presiding officer just said that that's
13 a different question and it's worthy of an
14 answer.

15 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: No, I did not
16 say that.

17 MR. INTAGLIATA: I don't
18 recollect participating in the Hicksville
19 Republican Club.

20 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Did you
21 contribute \$4,000 to the Hicksville
22 Republican Club?

23 MR. INTAGLIATA: No. I don't
24 have \$4,000 to contribute anywhere.

25 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Are you

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2 saying that you did not contribute \$4,000 to
3 the Hicksville Republican Club?

4 MR. INTAGLIATA: No, I did not.

5 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: If he did, I
6 have a couple of places I can send him to.

7 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I have
8 records showing that you did contribute to
9 the Hicksville Republican Club, are you
10 denying that right now?

11 MR. INTAGLIATA: If you have a
12 check there that I contributed to the
13 political function in the Hicksville
14 Republican Club, I will be happy to see it.

15 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: It's a
16 pretty easy question. You said you didn't
17 contribute \$4,000 to the Hicksville Republic
18 Club. Now I'm asking --

19 MR. INTAGLIATA: My answer for
20 the record is I have not contributed to the
21 political Hicksville Republican Club, no.

22 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Okay. Did
23 you contribute to any political clubs or
24 committees?

25 MR. INTAGLIATA: Throughout my

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2 career and in the community in Franklin
3 Square and Nassau County I have contributed
4 to the Boys Scouts, Girls Scouts, Catholic
5 high schools, dad's club, various charitable
6 organizations, and I really don't recall,
7 and I really do take issue to this of what I
8 do with my personal money. I will tell you
9 one thing --

10 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: My
11 question, and maybe you didn't understand
12 it, but I think every one heard, I didn't
13 ask what charities you contributed to. I
14 asked whether you contributed to any
15 political committee or club, meaning, as
16 Mr. Schmitt asked, this particular
17 appointment of Tom Suozzi, whether he
18 contributed to any democratic campaign
19 committee or political club?

20 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Who did I ask
21 that of exactly?

22 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Actually
23 three people.

24 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Who?

25 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: You asked

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2 it of Peter Gerbasi, you asked it of a
3 planning commission appointment.

4 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Who was that?

5 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Patti
6 Borne. Mr. Intagliata, do you have a son
7 named Frank?

8 MR. INTAGLIATA: Yes, I do.

9 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So if I'm
10 seeing a \$4,000 contribution to the
11 Hicksville Republican Club is it possible
12 it's your son Frank?

13 MR. INTAGLIATA: It may be
14 possible, or my father.

15 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: But it's
16 not you?

17 MR. INTAGLIATA: It is not me.

18 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So can you
19 answer, have you made contributions to
20 political campaigns or clubs?

21 MR. INTAGLIATA: I don't recall.

22 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG:

23 MR. INTAGLIATA: Let the record
24 reflect -- you don't recall if you made
25 contributions to political campaigns or

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2 clubs?

3 MR. INTAGLIATA: In the last 30
4 years, I certainly have made contributions
5 to many organizations.

6 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I'm asking
7 about political campaigns or clubs. I'm not
8 asking about boys clubs, I'm not asking
9 about any charitable contributions, and not
10 asking for not-for-profits.

11 MR. INTAGLIATA: Yes.

12 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: That
13 includes the Nassau Republican County
14 Committee?

15 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Stop the
16 presses.

17 MR. INTAGLIATA: I would think
18 yes.

19 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: And none
20 others that you can remember?

21 MR. INTAGLIATA: Well, I'm
22 answering yes so I vaguely remember that. I
23 have been employed here for 18 and a half
24 years. I have also attended functions
25 during the past county executive's reign

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2 here as county executive. I have done
3 things for many of the community groups.

4 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: If he attended
6 democrat functions, we need to probe that.

7 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I can tell
8 you it wasn't a Denenberg function for sure.

9 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: I would agree
10 with that.

11 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Let me just
12 ask. Your current role is what?

13 MR. INTAGLIATA: My job is the
14 acting director of purchasing in lieu of
15 Mr. Schlenoff's medical leave. But my title
16 is petroleum product specialist as
17 recognized by civil service.

18 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: And
19 that's the shared service cooperative bid
20 gasoline contracts that you've mentioned?

21 MR. INTAGLIATA: Well, some of
22 that, some of the things which I did which I
23 thought was very fine work, yes, was doing
24 the shared cooperative bid for natural gas
25 for this county and saving it over eight and

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2 a half million dollars by moving out of the
3 utility.

4 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Okay. I
5 don't have any other questions.

6 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Legislator
7 Ford.

8 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you.
9 Good afternoon.

10 MR. INTAGLIATA: Good afternoon.
11 I'm interested also, and I'm not going to
12 follow the line of questioning that
13 Mr. Denenberg followed, but with this
14 commissioner of shared services, is this a
15 new position?

16 MR. INTAGLIATA: Yes. It was a
17 position that's been I believe created and
18 it was part of the program going forward in
19 May of 2010. They are about to combine
20 services for expense reductions throughout
21 this county.

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: So that you and
23 I guess your staff would be moved to One
24 West Street, is that what it is?

25 LEGISLATOR FORD: Yes. We have

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2 already been moved to One West Street. They
3 moved procurement there. And the staff that
4 we have has moved over and now we are
5 working on all of the procurement programs
6 that we normally do for the County of
7 Nassau.

8 LEGISLATOR FORD: What would you
9 anticipate the savings, because we're
10 looking at this, and my concern is that if
11 this is a new position, where are we saving
12 because are we creating another salary
13 position, and, if so, are we getting rid of
14 other salary positions to pay for this?

15 MR. INTAGLIATA: As best I
16 recollect, the purchasing department was a
17 payroll of about a million three, and I
18 believe the current payroll which will turn
19 the corner in 2012 will be as low \$800,000
20 or lower, so we've saved some half a million
21 -- some \$500,000 in payroll. That's been
22 through layoffs and attrition.

23 LEGISLATOR FORD: So that the
24 staff under this commissioner of shared
25 services would be a smaller staff than if

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2 you had been different department heads
3 throughout the county?

4 MR. INTAGLIATA: Right. It's a
5 reduced staff.

6 LEGISLATOR FORD: Do you feel
7 like because of your background with
8 business, your education, and the fact --
9 and I commend you, if you're helping with
10 energy, like it may be helping us become a
11 little cleaner, I think that's very noble,
12 but taking on something like this, do you
13 feel it's something I know you have to draw
14 on some of the experience of the people who
15 were working under you, but moving forward I
16 know that we have a lot, when you talk about
17 Mitchell Field, we have the hub, Belmont,
18 there's a lot of other things.

19 Is this something that may fall
20 under your jurisdiction as well?

21 MR. INTAGLIATA: I have had
22 opportunities to look at some of those
23 deals. I look forward to doing that. We
24 usually set up panels of five and we work
25 with teams. We're looking at all of those

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2 areas to increase revenue.

3 LEGISLATOR FORD: Okay. Thank
4 you very much, sir. Good luck.

5 MR. INTAGLIATA: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Anybody else?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Thank you, Mr. Intagliata. Any
9 public comment?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 I'm going to call the question,
12 all those in favor of the nomination of
13 confirming the county executive's
14 appointment of Frank E. Intagliata as
15 Commissioner of Shared Services please
16 indicate by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Any opposed?

19 (No.)

20 By a vote of 10 to 8, the
21 nomination is approved. Congratulations,
22 commissioner.

23 Next I'm going to call, there is
24 agreement between both sides on the
25 following appointments, Item Number 38 a

1 Full Legislature/9-24-12
2 resolution to confirm the county executive's
3 appointment of Jeffrey Greenfield as a
4 member of the planning commission.

5 Item 39, a resolution to confirm
6 the county executive's appointment of Min
7 Sun Kim to the Nassau County Commission of
8 Human Rights.

9 Item 40, a resolution to confirm
10 county executive's reappointment of Zahid
11 Syed to the Nassau County Commission on
12 Human Rights.

13 Item 41, a resolution to confirm
14 the county executive's appointment of
15 Sharanjit Singh Thind to the Nassau County
16 Commission on Human Rights.

17 Item 42, a resolution to confirm
18 the county executive's appointment of
19 Barbara Donno, Mayor of Incorporated Village
20 of Plandome Manor to the Long Island
21 Regional Planning Council.

22 Item 43, a resolution to confirm
23 the county executive's appointment of John
24 Venditto, supervisor of the Town of Oyster
25 Bay to the Long Island Regional Planning

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2 Commission.

3 Item 44, a resolution to confirm
4 the county executive's appointment of
5 Anthony Michael Sabino to the Long Island
6 Regional Planning Council.

7 And Item 36, a resolution to
8 confirm the county executive's appointment
9 of Dr. Krishan Kumar to the Minority Affairs
10 Council. May I have a motion, please?

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by
14 Legislator Nicolello, seconded by Legislator
15 Dunne. No debate or discussion. We're in
16 agreement. Is there any public comment? The
17 chair recognizes Legislator Bosworth.

18 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Thank you,
19 Presiding Officer Schmitt. I see that some
20 of the members that are going to be
21 confirmed are here, would it be possible for
22 them to come up and identify themselves?

23 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: It certainly
24 would. Come on up, gentlemen, and identify
25 yourselves. Dr. Krishan Kumar was here, he

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2 was the emergency room doctor at the Nassau
3 University Medical Center and he had to
4 return to work. That's why he's not here.
5 So gentlemen and lady, come on up. Just
6 identify yourself.

7 MS. KIM: Hi, I'm Min Sun Kim. I
8 have to talk to something else? Any
9 question?

10 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: No. Thank
11 you.

12 MR. SYED: I'm Zahid Syed.

13 MR. THIND: I'm Sharanjit Singh
14 Thind.

15 MR. SABINO: Good afternoon.
16 Anthony Michael Sabino.

17 MR. GREENFIELD: Good afternoon,
18 Jeff Greenfield, chairman of the Nassau
19 County Planning Commission.

20 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Thank you.

21 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: It's just
22 so nice to see all of you here today and see
23 such lovely candidates for these positions
24 and I thought it would be nice to all of us
25 to say hello.

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2 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Point well
3 taken, Legislator Bosworth. All those in
4 favor of these appointments please say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 The items and the appointments
9 are approved unanimously. Congratulations
10 to you all. It's a pleasure to have you on
11 board.

12 MR. GREENFIELD: Mr. Presiding
13 Officer, thank you and everybody for your
14 support. I look forward to serving the
15 people of Nassau County and welcoming all of
16 you as I have in the past. If you ever have
17 a concern on any item on my calendar, please
18 contact me. And if you come to the
19 meetings, as some of you, I put your cases
20 on first out of respect for your time as a
21 legislator. So thank you again, everyone.

22 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Thank you.
23 I'm going to call Item 45 which is
24 Resolution 157 which is a resolution to
25 confirm the county executive's appointment

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2 of James Bianco as a member of the Nassau
3 County Planning Commission.

4 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Mr.
5 Chairman, I hereby recuse myself. I will
6 not participate in any debate or discussion
7 or any vote in this matter.

8 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Let the record
9 show that Legislator Muscarella is leaving
10 the chamber. Now I can use a motion.

11 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by
14 Legislator Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator
15 Becker. Any debate or discussion?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Is there any public comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 All those in favor please say
20 aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 Any opposed?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 The item carries unanimously.
25 Your appointment is confirmed.

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2 Congratulations. Please invite Legislator
3 Muscarella back in the room.

4 Now we're going to call the
5 consent calendar which are the items that
6 the minority and majority have agreed on
7 that should be passed and have been
8 thoroughly vetted at the committees.

9 We're going to call the consent
10 calendar which is Item Number 1, Ordinance
11 Number 204, which is an ordinance providing
12 for a capital expenditure to finance the
13 payment of certain civil claims against the
14 county authorizing \$271,269.93 in bonds.

15 Ordinance Number 4, Resolution
16 145, Ordinance Number 5, Resolution 207,
17 Item Number 6, Ordinance 208, Item Number 7,
18 Ordinance Number 209, Item Number 9,
19 Ordinance Number 211, Item Number 10,
20 Ordinance Number 212, Item Number 11,
21 Ordinance Number 213, Item Number 12,
22 Ordinance Number 214, Item Number 13,
23 Ordinance Number 215, Item Number 15,
24 Ordinance Number 217, Item Number 16,
25 Ordinance Number 218, Item Number 17,

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2 Ordinance Number 219, Item Number 18,

3 Ordinance Number 220, Item Number 19,

4 Ordinance Number 221, Item Number 20,

5 Ordinance Number 222, Item Number 21,

6 Ordinance Number 223, Item Number 22,

7 Ordinance Number 224, Item Number 23,

8 Ordinance Number 225, Item Number 24,

9 Ordinance Number 226, Item Number 25,

10 Ordinance Number 227, Item Number 26,

11 Ordinance Number 228, Item Number 27,

12 Ordinance Number 229, Item Number 28,

13 Ordinance Number 230, Item Number 29,

14 Ordinance Number 231, Item Number 30,

15 Ordinance Number 2323, Item Number 31,

16 Ordinance Number 233, Item Number 32,

17 Ordinance Number 234, Item Number 33,

18 Ordinance Number 235, Item Number 34,

19 Ordinance Number 146, Item Number 35,

20 Resolution Number 147, Item Number 46,

21 Resolution Number 158, Item Number 47,

22 Resolution Number 159, Item Number 54,

23 Resolution Number 166. That's it.

24 May I have a motion, please?

25 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

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2 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by
4 Legislator Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator
5 Muscarella.

6 Is there any public comment?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 All those in favor of these items
9 signify by saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 Any opposed?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 The items carry unanimously. Now
14 we're going to call Ordinance Number 205
15 which is an ordinance extending a voluntary
16 separation incentive to certain officers and
17 employees recommended by COBA, Correction
18 Officers Benevolent Association.

19 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by
22 Legislator Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator
23 Muscarella. Who is here to speak on this
24 item? Is Mr. Walker in the room? I will
25 take a motion to table this item.

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2 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

3 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by

5 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by

6 Legislator Gonsalves. All those in favor of
7 tabling, please say aye?

8 (Aye.)

9 The item is tabled. Next is Item
10 Number 14. It's an ordinance supplemental
11 to the annual appropriation ordinance in
12 connection with the Department of Probation.

13 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by

16 Legislator Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator
17 Muscarella. Any debate or discussion?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 Is there any public comment?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 All those in favor signify by
22 saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 Any opposed?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 The item carries unanimously.

3 Mr. Walker is in the room they tell me. I
4 will take a motion to untable Ordinance 205.

5 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by

8 Legislator Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator
9 Muscarella. All those in favor of untabling
10 please say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 The item is untabled. Mr.
13 Walker.

14 MR. WALKER: Yes, roughly we have
15 38 employees that have taken advantage of
16 the separation incentive to a savings of
17 about \$3.5 million, not counting benefits.
18 These employees will remain on the payroll
19 until the end of the year at various dates
20 depending on, again, we will be hiring
21 anywhere between 10 and 15 new correction
22 officers to offset any potential loss in
23 overtime. Again, this is already projected
24 in the budget as savings for next year in
25 terms of the dollars. We've worked with the

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2 Correction Officers Association. We thanked
3 them as we went through this process and
4 look forward to continue to working with
5 them and the president who I know and
6 executive staff that are with him today.

7 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Any questions?
8 The chair recognizes Legislator Denenberg.

9 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Thank you.
10 Mr. Walker, thanks for being here. At what
11 point do you think or what number do you
12 think would bring about the need to hire?
13 And, also, do we have a class coming in?

14 MR. WALKER: Yes, we have already
15 agreed to hiring roughly anywhere between
16 ten, I said roughly 15, only to get them
17 processed, one, to accept the employment but
18 also get them processed through background
19 checks and things of that nature, we roughly
20 have anywhere between ten and 15 people.
21 The class I believe is a 13 week class. So
22 this sort of corresponds with that time.

23 We already believe it is an
24 appropriate time to in fact hire some staff
25 which we are. If that class becomes a

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2 little bigger we would again -- time is now.
3 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: The time
4 is right now?
5 MR. WALKER: The time is right
6 now, yes.
7 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Hired at
8 the beginning of the budget?
9 MR. WALKER: No. We would hire
10 them effective, hopefully start the class in
11 October, so the next four weeks.
12 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Thank you.
13 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Any other
14 questions?
15 (No verbal response.)
16 Is there any public comment?
17 (No verbal response.)
18 All those in favor signify by
19 saying aye.
20 (Aye.)
21 Any opposed?
22 (No verbal response.)
23 The item carries unanimously.
24 Now we go to Ordinance 206, which is an
25 ordinance providing for capital expenditure

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2 to finance the payment of certain payments
3 by the County of Nassau to COBRA employees.
4 Motion, please.

5 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by
8 Legislator Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator
9 Muscarella. Any questions?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Is there any public comment?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 All those in favor please say
14 aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 Any opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 The item carries unanimously. Is
19 that it? There is several emergency items
20 concerning the setting of the base
21 proportions and things of that nature to
22 allow the school districts to send out their
23 school taxes.

24 Mr. Clerk, would you read the
25 emergencies.

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2 CLERK MULLER: Yes. Presiding
3 Officer Schmitt, we have an emergency. It
4 comes by way of a recommendation from the
5 administration for the adoption of a
6 resolution setting forth that an emergency
7 exists for consideration of an immediate
8 action upon Clerk Item Numbers 611-12,
9 612-12, 613-12, 614-12, 615-12, and 616-12.
10 The recommendation of the county executive
11 to the county legislature at the meeting of
12 the county legislature meeting on Monday,
13 September 24, 2012 for the adoption of an
14 emergency resolution declaring an emergency
15 for immediate action --

16 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Mr. Muller,
17 hold on a second. If there is a no
18 objection from the minority, I would like to
19 waive the reading of the technical language.
20 So if you would just call the items.

21 LEGISLATOR BECKER: We'll
22 stipulate to the fact that Bill Muller would
23 have said every one of them properly.

24 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: And it would
25 have been done with inflection and

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2 dedication.

3 MR. MULLER: Even though I lost
4 80 pounds, I still have the voice. We need
5 a vote on the emergency though.

6 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: A vote on the
7 emergency. May I have a motion, please?

8 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by
11 Legislator Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator
12 Muscarella. All those in favor of
13 establishing the emergency please say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Any opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 The emergency is established.

18 CLERK MULLER: Emergency
19 Resolution 14-2012 is as follows, a
20 resolution declaring emergency for immediate
21 action upon Resolutions 166-A12, 166-B12,
22 Ordinances 235-A12, 235-B12, 235-C12, and
23 235-D12. Please entertain a motion to place
24 this matter before the legislature. And I
25 think there's a waiving of resolution

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2 ordinances as well.

3 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Vote on that
4 now?

5 CLERK MULLER: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: I'll take a
7 motion, please.

8 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by
11 Legislator Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator
12 Muscarella. All those in favor please say
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Any opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 The item carries unanimously.

18 Are you done with the emergencies?

19 CLERK MULLER: I'm done with the
20 emergencies.

21 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Now we have
22 one more item which is Item Number 8,
23 Ordinance Number 210. Take a motion,
24 please.

25 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

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2 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by
4 Legislator Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator
5 Muscarella. Any debate or discussion? Any
6 questions?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Is there any public comment?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 All those in favor signify by
11 saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 Any opposed?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 The item carries unanimously.

16 That's it. I'll take a motion to adjourn.

17 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

18 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN SCHMITT: Moved by

20 Legislator Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator
21 Muscarella. All those in favor of
22 adjourning please say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 Any opposed?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 We stand adjourned.

3 (Whereupon, the Full Legislative
4 Committee adjourned at 3:47 p.m.)

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

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of October, 2012.

FRANK GRAY