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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FULL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

NORMA GONSALVES, Chairwoman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S:3 NORMA GONSALVES,
4 Chairwoman5 RICHARD NICOLELLO,
6 Deputy Presiding Officer7 HOWARD KOPEL,
8 Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer

9 STEVEN RHOADS

10 DENISE FORD

11 LAURA CURRAN

12 C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III

13 VINCENT MUSCARELLA

14 ELLEN BIRNBAUM

15 LAURA SCHAEFER

16 DONALD MACKENZIE

17 KEVAN ABRAHAMS,
18 Minority Leader

19 ROSE MARIE WALKER

20 DENNIS DUNNE

21 JUDITH JACOBS

22 JAMES KENNEDY

23 DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

24 CARRIE SOLAGES

25 SIELA BYNOE

26 FRANK MORONEY,
27 Clerk Pro Tempore of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Will my
3 colleagues please join me in the chamber.
4 Legislator Dunne, please lead us in the
5 Pledge of Allegiance.

6 (The Pledge of Allegiance was
7 recited.)

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.
9 Before we begin the proceedings for today's
10 calendar, I need to present a resolution to
11 appoint a clerk of the Nassau County
12 Legislature Pro Temp pursuant to the County
13 Government Law of Nassau County.

14 At this point in time, I'm going
15 to put the name of Frank Moroney to be
16 designated as an appointed Clerk Pro Temp of
17 the Nassau County Legislature to act until
18 such time as said Legislature, by
19 resolution, designates and appoints the
20 Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature,
21 pursuant, again, to the provisions of a
22 County Government Law of Nassau County.

23 Motion, please.

24 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
3 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
4 Nicolello. Are there any questions,
5 comments regarding the resolution?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Is there any public comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 There being none, all those in
10 favor of appointing Frank Moroney as Clerk
11 Pro Temp of the Nassau County Legislature
12 signify by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 Any opposed?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 The resolution passes
17 unanimously.

18 Now, Frank, your first order of
19 business would be to call the roll. Thank
20 you very much.

21 CLERK MORONEY: Thank you.
22 Deputy Presiding Officer Nicolello?

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

24 CLERK MORONEY: Alternate
25 Presiding Officer Kopel?

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2 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.
3 CLERK MORONEY: Legislator Bynoe?
4 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.
5 CLERK MORONEY: Legislator
6 Solages?
7 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.
8 CLERK MORONEY: Legislator Ford?
9 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.
10 CLERK MORONEY: Legislator
11 Curran?
12 LEGISLATOR Curran: Here.
13 CLERK MORONEY: Legislator
14 Gaylor?
15 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Here.
16 CLERK MORONEY: Legislator
17 Muscarella?
18 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.
19 CLERK MORONEY: Legislator
20 Birnbaum?
21 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.
22 CLERK MORONEY: Legislator
23 DeRiggi-Whitton?
24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
25 Here.

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2 CLERK MORONEY: Legislator
3 Kennedy?
4 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.
5 CLERK MORONEY: Legislator
6 Schaefer?
7 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.
8 CLERK MORONEY: Legislator Dunne?
9 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Here.
10 CLERK MORONEY: Legislator
11 Jacobs?
12 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Here.
13 CLERK MORONEY: Legislator
14 Walker?
15 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.
16 CLERK MORONEY: Legislator
17 MacKenzie?
18 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.
19 CLERK MORONEY: Legislator
20 Rhoads?
21 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Here.
22 CLERK MORONEY: Minority Leader
23 Abrahams?
24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.
25 CLERK MORONEY: Presiding Officer

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2 Gonsalves?

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Present.

4 Thank you very much, Mr. Moroney. Before we
5 begin, as is customary each legislature day,
6 we do recognize our top cops and today is no
7 exception.

8 At this point in time I'm going
9 to ask, and let me know who's here, to
10 present the top cops to us today. Who is
11 going to do it? I'll begin by putting the
12 name of Police Officer Kyle Klein of the
13 Second Precinct and, of course, Police
14 Officer Christopher D'Gregorias of, I
15 believe he is also, I'm not sure, I don't
16 believe he is of the same precinct. I don't
17 know who is here.

18 POLICE OFFICER PATERSON: I am.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay,
20 Peter. Would you like to talk about the
21 individuals who are being honored today? I
22 think one of them is of a different category
23 that we have had in the past, so, let's go.
24 Go ahead, Peter.

25 MR. PATERSON: Thank you,

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2 Legislator Gonsalves. Before I start, I
3 want to say something. I used to represent
4 the PBA at the legislature years ago, many
5 of you remember that.

6 This is truly a good thing that
7 you do. I mean, not only do you give us the
8 ability to bring the stories to you, so you
9 can understand what our guys go through
10 day-to-day, and see the great work that they
11 do but, when we do something like this, the
12 public and the media gets a chance to see
13 these truly heroic actions.

14 I would like to first call up
15 Kyle Klein from the Second Precinct.

16 On February 6th, 2016, after
17 assisting with an aided call for a man who
18 went into cardiac arrest from shoveling
19 snow, Police Officer Kyle Klein resumed his
20 patrol. He spotted an 82 year old man
21 shoveling his sidewalks and driveway.
22 Remembering his previous call and what he
23 had to see and go through, Kyle exited the
24 vehicle and, on his own, helped this man
25 with his family clear the snow which, at the

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2 time, during the blizzard, was very
3 dangerous and particular to this subject.

4 I'll tell you, 20 years on
5 patrol, this guy made us all look extra
6 special that day and I think you can all
7 agree with me on this. It gave the public
8 and the media a different perspective on
9 what the police officers are all about.

10 The commissioner I'm sure will
11 back me on this. We like to say, not only
12 are we out there to protect you but we are
13 very service oriented and this was a
14 beautiful example of what we do.

15 Once again, I would like to
16 congratulate you on your award.

17 COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER: I will
18 start off with what Police Officer Patterson
19 said, the fact that you take some time every
20 month to recognize the great police work is
21 appreciated and is truly deserving. The men
22 and women of the Nassau County Police
23 Department are out there doing a great job.

24 Today, Police Officer Klein and
25 the other two officers we will talk about

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2 momentarily, Police Officer Budt and Police
3 Officer D'Gregorias is truly representative
4 of what this department is all about.

5 Today we had a police officer
6 that went out and did the right thing, did
7 above and beyond what is expected of our
8 police officers to get out and shovel snow
9 for an 82 year old man whose life really --
10 could have easily had another person with a
11 cardiac incident that he had responded to
12 earlier.

13 This is truly represented of the
14 community policing and the great police work
15 that we do day in and day out. Our cops are
16 out there. We always talk about how safe
17 this community is but sometimes it gets
18 lost, all the good deeds of the police
19 officers going above and beyond, and this is
20 one of those examples.

21 So, again, thank you for
22 recognizing the police officers. Police
23 Officer Klein was one of our PTDI
24 instructors in our academy. It was a great
25 loss for the academy but it paid huge

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2 dividends.

3 Just on a little side note, I
4 would imagine everyone in this room saw the
5 Facebook posting because it truly went
6 viral. There were over a million and a half
7 people that saw that Facebook posting
8 throughout the country. It was published in
9 papers throughout the country because people
10 recognize just how great a deed that is.

11 So, thank you Police Officer
12 Klein and thank you for the good work and
13 keep it up.

14 POLICE OFFICER PATERSON: Our
15 next top cop we have is Christopher
16 D'Gregorias and Gary Budt from the First
17 Precinct.

18 On January -- when I used to
19 represent you guys years ago I didn't have
20 glasses. On January 25th, 2016 at
21 approximately 2144 hours, Officers Budt and
22 D'Gregarias did respond to a 911 call for
23 shots fired. This also coming from the shot
24 spotter and from 911 calls.

25 They respond to Urban Place and

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2 Malcolm Place in Uniondale. A notification
3 of the possible suspect's vehicle was
4 broadcast.

5 On the way to the call, these
6 officers had the wherewithal to look around,
7 check out the surroundings, and did spot the
8 vehicle that matched the subject's vehicle
9 that was put out on the notification.

10 The two officers, knowing that
11 the shots were fired, and it was a dangerous
12 situation, immediately turned around and
13 followed the subject's car and subsequently
14 pulled it over.

15 Upon investigation, they ended up
16 placing the subject under arrest. The car
17 contained three firearms. While they had
18 the subject under arrest, a subsequent
19 investigation took place, and it was later
20 determined that this subject was not only
21 shots fired, he was involved in a homicide,
22 and the subject was later charged with
23 murder, and the weapon possession.

24 Like I said before, being a cop
25 20 years on the street, what I said before

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2 made us look good, and this makes us all
3 look good.

4 But, I tell you, as a resident of
5 Nassau County, these officers took not one
6 but three guns off the street and a
7 dangerous scenario, and they took a violent
8 felon, and all because they were on their
9 way, they were sharp enough and keen enough
10 to realize what they had to do. They didn't
11 just respond to the call and write down what
12 they had to do. They were truly
13 professional police officers and I want to
14 thank you for honoring these two fine
15 officers.

16 COMMISSIONER KRUMPTER: Today
17 it's an interesting day. We have a police
18 officer with 20 years on the job, and then
19 we have two of our newer police officers and
20 they truly are the future.

21 One of the great things about
22 these two police officers are, they are out
23 there doing a great job each and every day.
24 I had the opportunity to talk to them the
25 day of the arrest of the subject, and I had

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2 also the opportunity to talk to a number of
3 the people that they work with and their
4 bosses. They are truly shining stars. They
5 went on patrol about two years ago. They
6 have about two and a half years on the job,
7 and they are the future of this department.
8 So it is a great day and they could have
9 been recognized for a number of other great
10 arrests that they made since being on
11 patrol. They are out there doing a great
12 job in the First Precinct.

13 We talk about the shot spotter
14 system. We talk about technology. But,
15 without the great police work that was done
16 by these two officers, shot spotter would
17 only have notified us that there was
18 actually a shooting. This is what it's all
19 about.

20 Shot spotter is a tool, but it's
21 about the great work of the men and women of
22 the Nassau County Police Department as they
23 exemplified today.

24 So, again, thank you very much
25 for honoring the cops. It is greatly

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2 appreciated. It's -- I will tell you that
3 every month it gets more and more difficult
4 with all the great work being done. Because
5 every month we have a lot of different
6 incidents where the police officers are
7 doing a great job. It's, you know, in the
8 last quarter we are looking at, recognizing
9 and profiling cops and it was over a hundred
10 different cases where we could have
11 recognized either great community policing,
12 great arrests, great investigations in the
13 quarter.

14 It is -- cops are engaged. They
15 are doing a great job and the residents have
16 a lot to be proud about. Thank you.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: First of
18 all, let me congratulate each and every one
19 of the top cops today. Top cop Klein, Budt,
20 I believe, and D'Gregorias. Is that
21 correct? Is that the three of you?

22 We certainly understand the
23 importance of recognizing the police
24 officers in Nassau County to set the stage
25 for the public to know that our police

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2 officers are not only well trained but they
3 are compassionate and know exactly what they
4 need to do when trouble arises.

5 So, without further ado, I would
6 like to present each of the officers on
7 behalf of the Nassau County Legislature with
8 a small token of our appreciation and say to
9 you "stay safe and thank you for doing a
10 humongous job."

11 (Whereupon, a recess was taken.)

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Will the
13 legislators please take their seats. We
14 have a point of personal privilege. In all
15 due respect, I think we need all of your
16 attention. Please take your seats.

17 I will ask Kevan Abrahams to
18 present the honoree for today's point of
19 personal privilege.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes. Thank
21 you, Madam Presiding Officer. It gives me
22 great pleasure and honor to be able to
23 bestow this citation to Heeling Soles.

24 Some of you may or may not know
25 what Heeling Soles does but it's global in

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2 some of their efforts throughout major
3 cities, throughout the entire world.

4 What they provide -- I'm going to
5 talk about the bigger picture and then a
6 little bit about the smaller picture here in
7 Nassau, but, what they provide is on a
8 global level. Obviously it's exactly what
9 it sounds like, it's heeling, spelled
10 H-E-E-L-I-N-G, and Soles, and soles like
11 your shoe soles. So, it's inspirational.

12 What they provide is, obviously
13 we try to combat the poverty throughout all
14 our communities. They provide used as well
15 as new footwear to people in need.

16 I came across the gentleman that
17 I'm going to honor, Steve Muir, who I have
18 always known him as Steve Austin, so it's
19 kind of been weird to present it to Steve
20 today, but I have come across and met Steve
21 for a couple of years now. He's supported
22 so many of our community events that we've
23 had. We've had back to school drives, and
24 family fun days and all kinds of events, and
25 he's recently come out to our holiday giving

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2 where we were able to provide over a
3 thousand gifts to kids in need.

4 He is always there whenever we
5 need an extension of being able to provide
6 services from government to those that are
7 in need. He has provided a tremendous job
8 in his endeavors in Heeling Soles and they
9 have been able to secure hundreds and
10 thousands over the last few years of
11 footwear to be able to get it to people in
12 poverty.

13 So, this citation that I'm
14 providing, obviously it being Black History
15 Month as well, and I want to recognize the
16 good work of the Presiding Officer for
17 holding an event later on today, I would
18 like this citation to be not just on behalf
19 of me but obviously on behalf of all of us
20 for recognizing the good work.

21 Many of you are probably being
22 introduced to Steve for the first time, but
23 I can tell you you are in very good hands in
24 regards to his efforts.

25 As I said before, he has given

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2 out hundreds of thousands of footwear to
3 those in poverty and those in need. But
4 just at our Holiday At Giving Event, he was
5 able to give over a hundred sneakers to
6 people in need as well.

7 So, if I could, I would like to
8 bring Steve up to the podium and, if he has
9 some words, he does this with his family
10 every event I see him at. He's with his
11 wife, he's with his children. He's a great
12 asset to Nassau County and quite frankly to
13 our state.

14 If you would, Steve, you probably
15 could do much better justice in talking
16 about what you do on a daily basis, but I
17 would love to be able to give you some
18 moments to talk a little about now, and then
19 whoever would like, join us up here or we'll
20 join you down there for a photo.

21 MR. MUIR: Thank you very much.
22 Welcome everyone here. My name is Steve
23 Muir. I want to thank Legislator Abrahams
24 for noticing and recognizing the work that
25 we put in within the community.

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2 Heeling Soles is a
3 Uniondale/London based organization. We are
4 deeply entrenched in the sneaker culture. I
5 don't know if a lot of you have children,
6 you go out and you buy those Jordans, Air
7 Force Ones for 180, 190, \$200. When those
8 shoes are finished being worn, a lot of kids
9 just toss them. What we do is, we collect
10 them if they're in good condition and
11 distribute them to the less fortunate, not
12 only here in New York, but in London, Haiti,
13 Jamaica, North Africa, and we've also
14 shipped some to Uganda.

15 We are a small organization, only
16 five people, but we are very efficient in
17 what we do. Without the donors, we couldn't
18 be who we are. We also partake in community
19 events like Legislator Abrahams has said.
20 Com-unity is one of our annual events that
21 we have done alongside Legislator Abrahams
22 and some local organizations that's meant to
23 uplift our local communities that are
24 underserved. It's a family fun day. We
25 provide food, entertainment, music, bounce

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2 houses, county services, and some
3 educational things. Our fire department
4 comes out and supports the event as well.

5 So we have a lot of support
6 within our local community and we also have
7 a lot of support around the world.

8 Thank you again. We definitely
9 appreciate the recognition and we definitely
10 hope that everyone takes some time to look
11 us up at Heeling Soles.org.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you
13 again, Steve. Why don't you come on up, if
14 that's okay. I don't want to take away from
15 anyone else who has a point of personal
16 privilege. Steve, do you have members of
17 your family here? They're in school as are
18 mine. Everyone should be back.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now, as
20 customary, with each Full Leg meeting, we
21 have public participation, and we will begin
22 with 30 minutes. It is now ten minutes to
23 2:00. Each speaker will have three minutes
24 and I ask that you ask your questions and
25 you make your comments. And if there are

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2 any questions that need to be answered, I
3 will have the legislator speak with you
4 directly down in the chamber.

5 But, to expedite the number of
6 slips that I have here, I will tell you, if
7 we run out of time, which is ten minutes to
8 2:00, we go to 2:20, if we still have
9 speakers, the Legislature meeting is very
10 brief. You don't have to hang out too long
11 to go back to those speakers who cannot
12 speak within the first 30 minutes of the
13 public participation segment.

14 Without further ado, I'm going to
15 call the first speaker, I believe it's
16 Robert Kugelmass. Please say your last
17 name.

18 MR. KUGELMASS: Thank you. Two
19 months ago, I advised you how horrible the
20 Liro Engineering was regarding Baldwin's
21 Grand Avenue project.

22 Their design is being reviewed by
23 Nassau County engineers. I've tipped the
24 engineers to the problems. Liro's design is
25 counterproductive and a wasted opportunity.

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2 The arithmetic of Liro's
3 engineers is faulty. They take four lanes
4 and subtract one and end up with two traffic
5 lanes. That's Liro math. Our designs track
6 one lane and give you three full lanes of
7 traffic that improves flow and circulation,
8 are much more safer than Liro's design and
9 doubles the street parking on the east curb.
10 It doubles parking at no additional cost.

11 Liro's engineers also flunked
12 topography. Baldwin is blessed with Milburn
13 Avenue which parallels Grand Avenue. But
14 Liro ignored Milburn as a Grand Avenue
15 adjunct.

16 Two months ago you heard from
17 Vision Long Island's Eric Alexander. You
18 heard him say, oh, we don't need those
19 lanes. We are going to have east side
20 access and flex time and home offices and
21 presumably less traffic. Less traffic is
22 not what I have seen or envisioned.

23 The gal from Syosset chimed in
24 about the success with the Jackson Avenue
25 turning lane. That's a false analogy. I'm

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2 looking for the gal from Syosset and she's
3 not here. Jackson Avenue is basically a
4 residential street. Try a drastic shrinking
5 of Jericho Turnpike and see how it works for
6 Syosset.

7 And, Mr. Alexander had the gall
8 to cite Great Neck Plaza. That's where the
9 four lanes of south Middle Neck Road become
10 just two lanes of Middle Neck Road. That's
11 the type of congestion that Liro has
12 engineered for Baldwin, Ms. Birnbaum.

13 We don't want Great Neck Plaza
14 problems in Baldwin. Great Neck at least
15 has East Shore Road and West Shore Roads so
16 that the residents of Great Neck can avoid
17 traveling through Great Neck Plaza.

18 It doesn't cost any more to do a
19 good design as a bad design. We need a
20 better blueprint for Grand Avenue, a design
21 that improves and a design with vision.
22 This is important. Perhaps a vision you
23 can't currently afford to implement, but we
24 can currently afford the blueprint and we
25 can currently afford the master plan vision.

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2 Now, Robert Moses had vision.

3 100 years ago, his landscaping turned roads
4 into parkways. We can easily design one and
5 a half miles of landscaping along the three
6 quarter mile road diet. Grand Avenue can be
7 a wonderful boulevard with a linear forest
8 of Red Buzz, Bradford Pears, and waving
9 clumps or ornamental grasses. Grand Avenue
10 can become a community garden.

11 CLERK MORONEY: Your three
12 minutes have expired.

13 MR. KUGELMASS: Thank you. Liro
14 has forgotten Robert Moses.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: John
16 Tweedy.

17 MR. TWEEDY: Good afternoon
18 members of the Nassau County Legislature.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Good
20 afternoon.

21 MR. TWEEDY: I am John Tweedy, a
22 trustee of the Village of Bellerose. Last
23 month I presented the village board's
24 resolution opposing a VLT casino in Belmont
25 Park.

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2 I am here again today to
3 reiterate and emphasize a continuing
4 opposition of the Village of Bellerose to
5 the proposed VLT casino.

6 There are many many reasons for
7 rejecting a VLT casino, not the least of
8 which is a likely potential for severe
9 addicted behaviors and associated crime that
10 comes with those behaviors including illegal
11 drugs and alcohol abuse.

12 It is unconscionable to foist
13 these kinds of problems into the
14 neighborhoods of the villages of Bellerose,
15 Floral Park, South Floral Park and the
16 community of Elmont.

17 Today, however, I would like to
18 focus on two important economic issues.
19 Number one, the money that clients spend in
20 a VLT casino will be money that is not spent
21 in the local communities.

22 Studies have shown that racetrack
23 casinos draw most customers not from far
24 away, but from a 30 minute radius. Rather
25 than bringing new money to the area, they

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2 divert local dollars to gambling. Money
3 that is normally spent in our local
4 communities would be spent in the casino and
5 thereby reduce the beneficial impact of
6 normal economic activity in our areas.

7 Number two, studies have also
8 shown that housing in the vicinity of a
9 casino typically sees an impairment of its
10 value estimated to be about five percent.
11 Applying even a very conservative three
12 percent reduction in value to the well over
13 4,000 Nassau homes in the immediate area of
14 Belmont and assuming an average pre-casino
15 value of \$400,000 per home, implies that the
16 average home will be hit with at least a
17 \$12,000 reduction in value. That's at least
18 \$50 million less in residential value for
19 the community as a whole.

20 Thus, we can clearly see that a
21 VLT casino is not an innocent way to raise
22 revenues, but rather an inherently unfair
23 burden on the residents of nearby
24 communities. Nothing comes for free, but a
25 VLT casino would come at a substantial cost

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2 to local communities.

3 I call upon all our legislators
4 to do everything in their power to assure us
5 that there will be no VLT casino at Belmont.
6 I say it again, no Belmont casino. Thank
7 you.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,
9 Mr. Tweedy.

10 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Presiding
11 Officer, if I may. I just want to make a
12 point of information, that's all.

13 I just want to reflect that there
14 are at least 50 persons here holding Stop,
15 No Belmont Casino Signs. And there are
16 several officials from the Village of Floral
17 Park and School District representatives as
18 well. That's all.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,
20 Mr. Solages. Jack McCloy.

21 MR. MCCLOY: Good afternoon,
22 members of the Legislature.

23 I have been here for the last few
24 months at your meetings and I would like to
25 remind you again that there are many many

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2 residents of the Baldwin and surrounding
3 communities that are opposed to
4 reconfiguring Grand Avenue from the existing
5 two lanes in each direction to one lane in
6 each direction.

7 I had the opportunity last month
8 to give you copies of a printed piece that I
9 gave to each of you that shows one of the
10 signs that appears right on Grand Avenue
11 that touts the fact that Grand Avenue has
12 been restored. Ed Mangano's name is
13 prominently displayed on the sign along with
14 Laura Curran.

15 It makes no sense to spend a
16 considerable amount of money to restore a
17 road and then completely revamp it in less
18 than two years. There are much better ways
19 to spend tax dollars.

20 This issue has been covered in
21 Newsday, Baldwin Herald, News 12, Fios One
22 News, and there is a significant amount of
23 local people, over 300, that have voiced
24 their opposition to this reconfiguration.
25 It's right in the main stretch of our only

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2 north south corridor that has two lanes in
3 each direction. The only other two roadways
4 in Baldwin are one lane in each direction,
5 that would be Milburn and Brookside.

6 The two lanes in each direction,
7 Grand Avenue, is right where our main fire
8 department is located. I wanted to remind
9 you of that because it would impede fire
10 department response to local emergencies
11 also.

12 The First Precinct is located
13 right near that main stretch. They use
14 Grand Avenue to respond to any emergencies
15 in North Baldwin and, anyone who has a
16 medical emergency in North Baldwin that
17 needs to get to our closest hospital, which
18 is south Nassau County Community Hospital,
19 would travel that route, and if it's
20 restricted from two lanes to one lane, it
21 could be a life or death situation.

22 Without making it over my three
23 minute allocation, I would finally like to
24 remind you that although the budget is
25 likely to be approved to capital

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2 improvements, that doesn't necessarily mean
3 that you should assign tax dollars to a
4 project like this, even if some of the money
5 is coming from the state or from federal
6 coffers. It doesn't change a bad program
7 into a good program. Thank you for your
8 time.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,
10 Mr. McCloy. Karen Montalbano.

11 MS. MONTALBANO: Good afternoon.
12 My name is Karen Montalbano and I'm
13 president of the Baldwin Civic Association.

14 I've returned today to speak
15 about the Grand Avenue Traffic Study in
16 Baldwin just as others have. Often people
17 come to these chambers with negative
18 remarks. But I'm here to focus on the
19 positive. Everyone agrees that Grand Avenue
20 is a road that is not functioning
21 efficiently or well and needs help. It will
22 not change unless changes are made.

23 The current draft includes needed
24 turn lanes at Seaman Avenue and Saint Lukes
25 Place. The plan is proposing ways to make

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2 it safer for our high school students.

3 Some points are controversial,
4 such as the road diet which has both
5 opponents and proponents. This has been
6 called a traffic study for a reason.
7 Educated people with expertise have gathered
8 data, evaluated it, and using examples from
9 other communities have suggested a plan for
10 the roadway. They are aware of the latest
11 developments. They are familiar with best
12 practices.

13 The BCA helped host meetings for
14 the community so Baldwin residents could
15 have input on what is needed along this
16 road. Our first responders have been
17 consulted.

18 These recommendations are based
19 on input, research and expertise, not gut
20 feelings. A plan like this is needed to
21 make the roadways safer for all those who
22 travel it, whether on four wheels, two
23 wheels, or two feet.

24 At minimum, the community needs
25 to see what the plan looks like before

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2 anyone can judge it. We will not know the
3 possibilities for improving our major road
4 unless we see the whole plan engineered.

5 The BCA board feels that this is
6 the best plan we have to move forward and
7 improve Grand Avenue and it is in the best
8 interest of the Baldwin community to move
9 forward into the next phase. Thank you.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,
11 Ms. Montalbano. MaryAnn Hannon? David
12 Fowler?

13 MR. FOWLER: Thank you. I'm here
14 as a member, President of the Sewanaka
15 Central High School District Board of
16 Education. At our January 26, 2016 meeting,
17 we joined with the Village of Floral Park,
18 south Floral Park, Bellerose Village, the
19 OLB School Board, the Floral Park/Bellerose
20 School Board, the New Hyde Park/Garden City
21 Park School Board, Wednesday Mother's Club,
22 Floral Park Chamber of Commerce, Park Hearth
23 and Tudor Civic Associations and many other
24 organizations to ask that a VLT facility not
25 be considered for Belmont Park.

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2 I know several of the legislators
3 were welcomed there, Legislator Solages,
4 Legislator Muscarella, Legislator Nicoletto.
5 But as my colleague, Mrs. Rooney, mentioned
6 to you last month, anyone who wants to come
7 down physically and view the proximity of
8 our schools to this proposed facility, we
9 would welcome this.

10 Again, Floral Park Memorial High
11 School, a 1,400 student junior/senior high
12 school stands across a narrow two lane road,
13 Plainfield Avenue, from the Belmont
14 facility.

15 There is a gate that is open from
16 4:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily that is
17 utilized, as long as I've been in Floral
18 Park, for the past 30 years. We are told
19 that there is no big deal, that there's
20 gambling at the site.

21 But, again, the idea of equating
22 92 days a year, 8 hours a day of horse
23 racing, with 365 days a year, 20 hours of
24 video slot machines is insane.

25 We are talking about placing this

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2 facility in the midst of an elementary
3 school, 900 member elementary school, Floral
4 Park Bellerose School directly behind the
5 property, Floral Park Memorial next door,
6 Our Lady of Victory down the block and in
7 near proximity to the facilities, Elmont
8 Memorial High School, Sewanaka High School,
9 numerous others.

10 Again, the idea that if gambling,
11 the idea of having gambling at the site is
12 the reason why we are going to place it at
13 Belmont, I question why it wasn't placed at
14 the Raceway Palace in Plainview where we've
15 had gambling for quite some time, which is
16 directly next to the Long Island Expressway
17 providing access to buses, et cetera.

18 Unlike the Race Place there is no
19 easy access to Belmont for buses and other
20 commercial vehicles. Increased traffic
21 along Plainfield Avenue, Jericho Turnpike,
22 and Hempstead Turnpike are going to
23 negatively impact Elmont, Floral Park and
24 South Floral Park. Floral Park Memorial
25 High School has an open campus policy for

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2 seniors, some of whom will turn 18.

3 How will increased traffic, the
4 casino buses, traffic from around the school
5 impact our communities? How will it impact
6 the parents of our students as they pick up
7 and drop off students? How will it impact
8 response times for our volunteer
9 firefighters and EMTs in our communities?

10 Again, we are told all this
11 negative impact and for what? Allegedly
12 money. I question whether or not there is
13 actually going to be monies flowing to the
14 neighboring communities. We have a fully
15 operational facility with more options
16 already less than six miles away to
17 Aqueduct. When Empire City Casino --

18 CLERK MORONEY: Your three
19 minutes have expired.

20 MR. FOWLER: Again, we really
21 request that you do everything in your power
22 to prevent this being placed in a
23 residential community among school children.
24 Again, I thank you for your time.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.

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2 Judy Sanford Guise.

3 MS. SANFORD GUISE: Judy Sanford
4 Guise, 26 Countisbury Avenue, I'm the North
5 Valley Stream contingent and also in the
6 Sewanaka District.

7 I've spoken here before. I'm
8 concerned about and I continue to be alarmed
9 about what I'm learning about the problems
10 inherent in generating revenue by exploiting
11 addictions and gambling as was just stated
12 is just not gambling. This is one that is
13 exploiting people's weaknesses and I
14 consider it really, as I said last time I
15 was here, not good policy.

16 But a thought occurred to me a
17 few minutes ago about the lack of realistic
18 revenue, and, as I read and I think, I
19 cannot get over there's something wrong with
20 this process. Part of this has to do with
21 the split. As I understand it, New York
22 does control the splits with OTB revenue.

23 But, a colleague of mine in my
24 professional society was a staffer for a
25 Congress member from Connecticut. He wrote

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2 the covenant, designed the covenant,
3 negotiated the covenant between the Nations
4 in Connecticut that run Mohegan Sun and
5 Foxwoods. And many many years ago, and I
6 wasn't planning on raising this point, so I
7 didn't contact him and get any updated
8 numbers, but the difference between what is
9 projected as even a possible revenue for
10 Nassau County, is so different from the
11 experience of Connecticut.

12 It's important to know that
13 Connecticut was -- Connecticut cannot tax
14 the revenue from Nations. We understand
15 that. But Connecticut had to provide water,
16 police, and there were a lot of expenditures
17 in bringing together Mohegan Sun and
18 Foxwoods, et cetera. So, to some extent,
19 this is apples and oranges. I apologize for
20 that.

21 However, the fact that the split
22 with the state of Connecticut is 25 percent
23 of the slot action. The nations keep
24 everything else. 25 percent about a decade
25 ago of that slot action, when Mohegan Sun

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2 first put in its hotels, because it started
3 first as a casino, was \$100 million; 25
4 percent of the slot action.

5 A few years later, that slot
6 action represented 25 percent split, not
7 total, 25 percent split, was \$300 million.

8 So, what keeps nagging at me as
9 I'm reading about all of the costs I think
10 we are going to end up having by additional
11 police needed, et cetera, the funding for
12 the human services community to address the
13 addiction problems of gambling, alcoholism,
14 and health problems of additional smoking
15 that's related to gambling.

16 How come we're only talking about
17 \$20 million? There is something wrong with
18 this whole system. For me, it seems to be
19 that the purpose of this is really not
20 ultimately generating revenue for Nassau
21 County. There are other answers. I
22 personally don't think we should be taking
23 the risk --

24 CLERK MORONEY: Your three
25 minutes are up.

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2 MS. SANFORD-GUISE: -- in order
3 to keep OTB employed. And that seems how I
4 keep coming down to it. The split is wrong
5 and that should be enough of a reason for us
6 not to proceed with this, certainly not at
7 this time. Thank you.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
9 very much. Joanne Borden.

10 MS. BORDEN: Good afternoon. I
11 repeated here many times that human rights
12 are conferred by God and it's your job to
13 protect those rights. Ted Cruz' Iowa caucus
14 victory speech repeated those words exactly.
15 Marco Rubio followed Cruz and also said
16 human rights come from God and it's the
17 government's job to protect those rights.

18 Transgender human rights are not
19 the partisan issue you make it. A wise
20 founding father said, "as we must account
21 for every idle word, so must we account for
22 every idle silence." You will ultimately
23 account for your silence because it harms
24 your transgender neighbors.

25 Scientists have proven over and

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2 over that transgender people are born
3 transgender and thus created by the All
4 Mighty. Transgenderism has no purpose.
5 It's not a whim or a pervasion nor a
6 lifestyle. Something inside forces us to
7 stop lying about who we are.

8 Once again, I ask you to end your
9 harmful discrimination which hurts us in
10 most facets of life and is especially
11 destructive in employment.

12 I ask you to clearly declare on
13 the record that harmful discrimination is
14 wrong. Some people along the way I stand
15 here month after month asking in vain for
16 justice. But I never question it. I am
17 asking for justice, legal equality, because
18 seeking liberty and justice for all is every
19 citizen's pledge and duty.

20 For you, elected officials, it's
21 a sacred duty and an obligation of your
22 office to protect our God given birth right,
23 our civil rights, our human rights. It's
24 what your conservative candidates, your oath
25 to the Republican party, what the Republican

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2 and tea party websites claim and boast
3 about.

4 I'm asking you to pass the Gender
5 Clarification Law and practice what your
6 party now falsely claims. I'm asking you
7 for equality under the law.

8 I'm asking you simply for
9 justice. Thank you for listening.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Rita Rose.

11 MS. ROSE: Good afternoon, ladies
12 and gentlemen of the Legislature, members of
13 my community. I would like to introduce
14 myself. My name is Rita Rose but I am known
15 worldwide by my nickname Rusty. You see, I
16 am a pioneer in the modern day LBGTQ
17 movement, and I cannot understand why the
18 simple inclusion into the current bill is
19 not forthcoming, gender actual and
20 perceived.

21 Over the years I have listened to
22 my friend Joanne Borden ask tirelessly for a
23 change and amending of the current law.
24 Many of you agree with her, but with all due
25 respect, collectively you are disappointing.

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2 I don't know why you are so contrary.

3 I ask, please do not put aside
4 this any longer. Because the lack of
5 clarification in the current Human Right
6 Bill, many transgender, lesbian, and gays
7 will be discriminated against in this
8 county. Last year alone 270 transgender
9 friends in my community have died. But I'm
10 not going to stand here and plead with you
11 year and year like Joanne does.

12 Instead, I'm going to use my
13 status as pioneer in the community and I am
14 going to petition members, both in the USA
15 and abroad, and I'm going to ask them to
16 join us here in Nassau County to help get
17 proposed law 2014 included, gender actual
18 and perceived.

19 I assure you, ladies and
20 gentlemen, the turnout for this event will
21 be peaceful, but it will be larger than our
22 yearly March in Manhattan.

23 So, respectfully, I ask you to
24 reconsider and please amend the current
25 bill. Please add proposed law 2014 to the

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2 current law.

3 Folks, its only a few words,
4 gender actual and perceived, but it needs to
5 be included because, although they are
6 simple and few, these words will save lives.
7 Thank you very much.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I have one
9 more speaker before we go into the Full Leg.
10 I have Dr. Lynn Pombanyo.

11 DR. POMBANYO: Good afternoon,
12 Presiding Officer Gonsalves and members of
13 the Nassau County Legislature. I come to
14 you as a trustee of the Incorporated Village
15 of Floral Park, the former Superintendent of
16 Schools in the Floral Park Bellerose School
17 District, a life long educator, and, except
18 for the past four years, a life long
19 resident of Nassau County.

20 I thank you for your time and the
21 opportunity to speak about our villages and
22 school district's strong opposition to a
23 proposed video lottery casino at Belmont
24 Park.

25 In May of 2014, our New York

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2 State Comptroller, Thomas D'Napoli,
3 published a report about the increasing role
4 that gambling is playing in state budgets.
5 His OAC report is very mixed. For any
6 promising results or dollars that Mr.
7 D'Napoli notes, he concludes the gambling
8 gains are often offset by losses. He
9 states, "Now with a new expansion underway,"
10 referring to gambling including the
11 authorization of VLTs, video lottery
12 terminals, "more casinos will mean more
13 gambling revenue and new jobs, but the long
14 term impact for the state remains unclear.
15 It will inevitably create both winners and
16 losers in the years ahead."

17 With the future of gambling and
18 VLTs to be mixed at best, a gambling
19 initiative that success depends on losers
20 amongst our Nassau County residents and
21 other citizens seems short sighted, ill
22 advised, and cruel to those people.

23 Looking next to the specifics of
24 gambling and VLTs are slot machines, which
25 have many similarities, there are numerous

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2 reports that single out the video game type,
3 high speed gambling nature of VLTs and slot
4 machines as more dangerous than betting on
5 horses or purchasing Power Ball tickets and
6 scratch offs.

7 In 2011, Leslie Stahl did a CBS
8 60 Minutes' report entitled, "Slot Machines
9 the Big Gamble." Ms. Stahl recalls the
10 slots of the past when the gambler pulled a
11 handle and hoped for three of a kind, which
12 is now obsolete.

13 The modern slot machines and VLTs
14 are high tech video games complete with
15 music and dramatic special events. Hundreds
16 of lines may appear at once and then every
17 three and a half seconds. High speed means
18 more bets and, at a successful casino,
19 bigger losers.

20 Leslie Stahl's report is balanced
21 with experts and gamblers citing the
22 positive and very negative aspects of this
23 21st Century form of high speed gambling.

24 Those who do represent the very
25 sad and damaged minority, cite proximity to

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2 the gambling machines as the factor that has
3 contributed most to their increasing use,
4 abuse and addiction.

5 To conclude with proximity, not
6 only do VLTs at Belmont bring many Nassau
7 residents in closer proximity to this
8 exciting high tech form of gambling, three
9 high schools in my school district, which is
10 the Sewanaka Centra High School District,
11 and their 4,800 students at Elmont,
12 Sewanaka, and Floral Park Memorial are
13 within the 10 minute car ride to Belmont and
14 what may be the ultimate video game
15 adventure.

16 Those at H. Frank Carey and New
17 Hyde Park Memorial as well as the three
18 Valley Stream High Schools are only slightly
19 further away, so proximity will be an issue
20 for at least some of those thousands of
21 students as well.

22 In closing, I ask that you read
23 Thomas D'Napoli's report on gambling as well
24 as those written by economists and other
25 professionals. Please also view the 60

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2 Minutes videos, "Slot Machines, the Big
3 Gamble," easy to access on You Tube.

4 Finally we hope that you will
5 take the car ride from one of our high
6 schools to Belmont. See how quick and easy
7 it is and while you're there take a quick
8 look at the Floral Park Bellerose School
9 field and playground all right up against
10 Belmont's north parking lot.

11 If not, I know from a long
12 history of first hand experience at many of
13 your high schools, that video lottery
14 casinos are not what we envisioned around
15 the corner for our next generation. We are
16 creating the future for all of them. Let's
17 please do it carefully and wisely. Thank
18 you.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.
20 I have -- I'm not too sure I can read it.
21 Is there a Daniel Degrobt here, speaking on
22 behalf of transgender?

23 MR. DEGROBT: That's me.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: What is
25 your name?

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2 MR. DEGROBT: My name is Daniel
3 Degrobt.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay,
5 Daniel. I got it.

6 MR. DEGROBT: I've been here two
7 times before.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I know you
9 have.

10 MR. DEGROBT: So, basically, my
11 concern is that transgender individuals in
12 Nassau County don't have the same rights as
13 all other individuals and I still can't
14 understand why this is the case. They pay
15 the same taxes as every one else does, they
16 breathe the same air everyone else does.
17 They have the same feelings that every one
18 else does. They're no different than anyone
19 else, than any other individual but, yet,
20 they're not treated that way.

21 The whole purpose -- we say every
22 day when we do the Pledge of Allegiance, one
23 nation, for liberty and justice for all.
24 And, when this is the case, it violates that
25 principal because there isn't just for

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2 everyone when transgender individuals are
3 discriminated and aided against.

4 Not only that, they are put in
5 dangerous positions because if someone is
6 forced to use the incorrect bathroom,
7 they're put into a position to be attacked
8 by someone or even worse. No one seems to
9 be doing anything about it in Nassau County.
10 I don't get why that is.

11 I know people don't have a
12 problem with people being able to use the
13 right bathrooms but it just seems like here
14 in Nassau County, you know, everyone can't
15 get together and vote on a simple thing to
16 amend an amendment to allow this to happen.
17 It's really troublesome. Please do the
18 right thing. Please vote on this today.
19 Please.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
21 very much, Daniel. I have two more slips
22 even though we are going over the time limit
23 I think that we can hear from Yuki Endo.

24 MS. ENDO: My name is Yuki Endo,
25 resident of Jackson Heights, Queens, and I

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2 represent two non profit organizations, Long
3 Island Bus Riders Union fighting for better
4 bus service in Long Island and Citizen
5 Defending Libraries, fighting to save public
6 libraries and developer destruction of
7 public assets. I am also animal rights
8 activists.

9 Please do not build casinos
10 anywhere in Long Island because casinos are
11 very bad for our environment. Why casinos
12 will be bad for the environment? It will
13 create more traffic, which means more air
14 pollution, it will increase, and it will be
15 unsafe for the people who have asthma, or
16 people who cannot go out in sunlight.

17 If a casino is built in Belmont
18 Park, part residents who live in Belmont
19 Park will lose their parking spaces. Cross
20 Island Parkway does not have service road,
21 and it will increase traffic flows on
22 surrounding streets including dangerous
23 Hempstead Turnpike and it will also increase
24 commuter time for both bus riders and
25 motorists.

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2 If casino is built in Belmont
3 Park, both NICE Bus N6, Q2/Q-110 buses will
4 be overcrowded and bus riders will be more
5 frustrated for longer wait for the bus.

6 If casino is built at Belmont
7 Park, and if it becomes 24 hour, there will
8 be loud racket and will happen, and causing
9 disturbance to quiet neighborhood of Queens
10 and Long Island. This also applies to
11 Suffolk County as well.

12 If the casino is built, casino
13 folks will be more greedy and ask to make
14 Belmont Park station on Long Island Railroad
15 open every day, which will result less
16 service on the main lines which Hempstead
17 and Huntington train do not run very often,
18 causing more longer wait for Long Island
19 Railroad riders.

20 Imagine if during Belmont Park
21 Stakes event and Casinos mix together,
22 Belmont Park Station will be extremely
23 dangerous and unsafe.

24 There is no need for casinos in
25 Long Island because there is already Resort

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2 World Casino at Aqueduct Racetrack in South
3 Ozone Park, Queens, Empire City Casino at
4 Yonkers Raceway in Westchester County, and
5 Foxwood Casinos and Mohegan Sun Casino in
6 Connecticut, which are all driving distances
7 via parkways, expressways, or
8 Bridgeport-Port Jefferson Ferry which casino
9 supporters could afford because they're
10 rich.

11 Casino will attract crime and
12 drunk driving.

13 Also, casinos will cause major
14 major headache for emergency responding
15 vehicles with insane casino traffic.

16 Imagine if casino is built at
17 Belmont Park, and gun violence happens
18 inside casino and if someone gets injured by
19 gun bullet? You'll be calling emergency
20 vehicle to get to scene, but with casino
21 traffic, ambulances or firefighters will not
22 make on time and person's life might be lost
23 because of heavy traffic.

24 If the casino is built near
25 Medford, there will be more traffic on Long

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2 Island Expressway and surrounding streets.

3 Eastern Queens and Long Island
4 has many quiet neighborhood and these people
5 don't want casinos. Not at Belmont Park,
6 Inwood, Westbury, Medford or anyone anywhere
7 in Long Island.

8 This is the reason why I say no
9 casino in Long Island. No OTB. Thank you
10 for your cooperation.

11 LEGISLATORS SOLAGES: Presiding
12 Officer, is it possible that we could have
13 just a copy of the writing of that
14 statement?

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I believe
16 he submitted it.

17 Our last speaker is Mr. Budnick
18 and I'm glad that we were able to do all of
19 it before we go into the Full Leg meeting.
20 Mr. Budnick.

21 MR. BUDNICK: Good afternoon. My
22 compliments to each and every one of you for
23 doing this every time you meet. God bless
24 each and every one of you.

25 Good afternoon. I'm here to

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2 speak about the heroin and other drug
3 problems that are afflicting Nassau County.

4 Up until about ten years ago,
5 there was a place in Nassau County called
6 Topic House that was -- it came to past. It
7 no longer exists, for Young people and other
8 folks in Nassau County who have severe drug
9 problems. There are I believe 12 beds in
10 Nassau Medical Center and about the same at
11 North Shore. Those are obviously not
12 anywhere near enough to address the problem.

13 I think that something like, or,
14 indeed, the Michael Nungio Petito Memorial
15 Topic House should be recreated. Places
16 that are within the realm of possibility are
17 at the west end beyond where Nassau
18 Community College ends over in the Mitchell
19 Field area. The vacant floors at the tower
20 at Nassau University Medical Center and
21 there are several other locations.

22 We are having too many young
23 people die. Too many young people are
24 becoming addicted and have no where to turn.
25 Thank you very much and God bless you. Have

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2 a wonderful day. My compliments to you one
3 and all.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,
5 Mr. Budnick. Before we go into the Full
6 Leg, I just want you to know that at 4
7 o'clock today we will have a recognition of
8 Black History Month and these are mostly
9 young students from the neighboring
10 communities, and, hopefully some of you will
11 remain. It shouldn't be too long. So, from
12 now until the program begins.

13 I'm inviting you to please come,
14 or go out and come back, and the enjoy the
15 recognition that we are planning for this
16 afternoon.

17 Without any further ado, it is
18 now time to go into the Full Legislative
19 calendar.

20 Mr. Moroney, we have two
21 hearings, would you please call the first
22 hearing.

23 CLERK MORONEY: Yes. Hearing on
24 Resolution Number 26 of 2016, a resolution
25 to adopt the four year capital plan for the

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2 County of Nassau to commence January 21,
3 2015 pursuant to the provisions of Section
4 310 of the County Government Law of Nassau
5 County.

6 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
9 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
10 Walker. All those in favor of opening the
11 hearing, signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 Any opposed?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 The hearing is now open. We are
16 going to recess the hearing.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It's my
18 understanding in regards to the capital
19 hearing that there will be some amendments
20 that will be forthcoming?

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That's
22 what I was going to say, since we have not
23 received the amendments so that we can
24 address them here in the hearing, I'm asking
25 that we recess the hearing on Resolution 26.

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2 The hearing resolution number 26. Clerk
3 Item 1 on your calendar. Item 1.

4 We are waiting for the amendments
5 to be filed and, until those amendments are
6 filed, there is really nothing to discuss
7 here at the hearing. So that's why we are
8 recessing and I will give you an indication
9 as to when we will be reconvening the
10 hearing.

11 The second hearing, Mr. Moroney,
12 please call Item Number Two.

13 CLERK MORONEY: Hearing on
14 Resolution 27 of 2016, resolution to adopt
15 the four year capital plan for the County of
16 Nassau to commence January 1, 2016 pursuant
17 to the provisions of Section 310 of the
18 County Government Law of Nassau County.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Motion to
20 open the hearing.

21 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

22 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
24 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
25 Walker. Again, all those in favor of

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2 opening the hearing, signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 Any opposed?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 The hearing is now open and for
7 the same reasons we will recess Item 2 or
8 the hearing on Resolution 27 because we are
9 waiting for the appropriate projects that
10 need to be incorporated in the hearing.

11 So, now, because the next items,
12 three, four, five, six, seven, and eight
13 pertain to the capital project so, because
14 we're now going to hear the items on one and
15 two, we are not going to be calling those
16 items. Now, before I entertain the next two
17 items, I need to ask a question.

18 Item 9 will not be called as
19 well. Move on to Item 10. And,
20 Mr. Moroney.

21 CLERK MORONEY: Yes. Resolution
22 28 of 2016 is a resolution to authorize the
23 transfer of appropriations heretofore made
24 within the budget for the year 2016.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Motion,

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2 please.

3 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
6 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
7 Ford.

8 Are there any questions or
9 comments regarding Item 10? It's your item,
10 Minority Leader Abrahams, is there anything
11 you would like to say regarding this item,
12 Item 10?

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes. This
14 is an item that is necessary for us to make
15 some changes within our own budget. It has
16 no fiscal impact on the remaining of the
17 year. It just basically allows us to move
18 around some budgetary resources throughout
19 our budget, and we should still fall within
20 our budget allocation for our department for
21 fiscal year 2016.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Questions
23 or comments from the legislators?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Is there any public comment?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 There being none, all those in
4 favor of Item 10 signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 The item passes unanimously.

9 We are now in recess. I'm going
10 to take a short break before we go into
11 Rules and then we will come back for the
12 Rules Committee. Hopefully some of you are
13 going to stay, I hope, because there is a
14 very very good program expected at 4
15 o'clock. So I'm taking a brief recess
16 between now and the Rules Committee. Please
17 don't go away. We should be back very
18 shortly in about 10, 15 minutes.

19 (Whereupon, the Full Legislative
20 Committee recessed at 2:39 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 stated:

THAT I attended at the time and place
above mentioned and took stenographic record
of the proceedings in the above-entitled
matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true
and accurate transcript of the same and the
whole thereof, according to the best of my
ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this 8th day of March, 2016.

FRANK GRAY