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12 19th Legislative District

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2 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Legislator
3 Gaylor, would you lead us in the pledge.

4 (Whereupon Pledge of Allegiance was
5 recited.)

6 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Thank you
7 Legislator Gaylor. At this point in time I
8 think we can call the roll and then we will
9 proceed to the honorees who are on today's
10 agenda.

11 MR. PULITZER: Thank you ma'am
12 roll call. Deputy Presiding Officer Richard
13 Nicolello.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

15 MR. PULITZER: Alternate Deputy
16 Presiding Officer Legislator Howard Kopel.

17 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

18 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela
19 Bynoe.

20 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

21 MR. PULITZER: Thank you.
22 Legislator Carrie Solages.

23 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

24 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Denise
25 Ford.

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2 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

3 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura

4 Curran.

5 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

6 MR. PULITZER: Legislator C.

7 William Gaylor III.

8 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

9 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Vincent

10 Muscarella.

11 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

12 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Ellen

13 Birnbaum.

14 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

15 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Delia

16 DeRiggi-Whitton.

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

18 Here.

19 MR. PULITZER: Legislator James

20 Kennedy.

21 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

22 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura

23 Schaefer.

24 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

25 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold

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2 Drucker.

3 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

4 MR. PULITZER: Thank you.

5 Legislator Rose Marie Walker.

6 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

7 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Donald

8 MacKenzie.

9 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.

10 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Steven

11 Rhoads.

12 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

13 MR. PULITZER: Minority Leader

14 Kevan Abrahams.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

16 MR. PULITZER: Presiding Officer

17 Norma Gonsalves.

18 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Present.

19 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum

20 ma'am.

21 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Thank you

22 very much Mr. Pulitzer.

23 Each month we have the privilege of

24 honoring members of the Nassau County Police

25 Department. This month is a little different

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2 because we are honoring a top cop but we are
3 also honoring two detectives. I'm going to
4 call on Mr. McDermott to introduce the top cop
5 and then I'm going to ask John Wighaus to
6 introduce the detectives. Mr. McDermott, tell
7 us about the honoree.

8 MR. McDERMOTT: Good afternoon
9 everyone and happy holidays and once again
10 thank you for honoring the top cops in Nassau
11 County.

12 On February 17 of 2017 around six
13 p.m. Officer Richard Papa of the Second
14 Precinct was on patrol in Syosset. He was
15 called to respond to a domestic violence
16 dispute. The perpetrator had left the scene
17 who just committed an assault and violated an
18 order of protection and officer Papa was doing
19 the investigation. He was interviewing the
20 victim of the crime when the perpetrator
21 responded back. It became violent real
22 quick. That's what happens in these domestic
23 incidents. It's very emotionally charged and
24 the struggle led to the ground. During the
25 struggle one of the officers that was at the

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2 scene gun was grabbed by the perpetrator.
3 Officer Papa tried to restrain this
4 perpetrator and ultimately took his taser out
5 and tased him. This incapacitated the
6 perpetrator and they were able to bring him
7 into custody without injury to anyone.

8 What makes this such a good
9 situation and a good arrest that's why we're
10 here today honoring officer Papa is that this
11 could have went bad real quick. We could have
12 had police officers, civilians shot and killed
13 with the officer's gun and that's why we are
14 honoring him here today and police officer
15 Papa is the Nassau County top cop of November
16 2017. Thank you.

17 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Acting
18 Commissioner Ryder.

19 COMMISSIONER RYDER: I'm going to
20 be very brief. Officer Papa comes from a
21 family of cops. His grandfather, two uncles
22 and his cousin Vinnie is in the back. You can
23 tell by the haircut he's just fresh out of the
24 academy. You can tell by mine I'm not. He's
25 done a great job since he's been out there.

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2 And all of that goes back to the seven months
3 of training that goes on in that academy and
4 that's the money and everything that gets put
5 forth by this board and makes our job easier
6 to get trained and get the best cops out
7 there. Thank you all for that support and
8 again it's all about officer Papa today. So
9 thank you.

10 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Officer
11 Papa would you like to say something? Go
12 ahead.

13 MR. PAPA: I would like to thank
14 the county leg, police commissioner and the
15 PBA president. I really appreciate everybody
16 taking the time out to recognize me and it's
17 an honor to work for the county and I
18 appreciate working for a department that has
19 the cops' back and thank you very much. I
20 appreciate it.

21 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: You're
22 welcome officer Papa. I'm going to ask you if
23 you would just please stand there for a while
24 while we can get the two detectives to the
25 podium and then we will take a picture. And

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2 we have?

3 MR. WIGHAUS: Good afternoon.

4 I'm John Wighaus, president of the Detectives
5 Association. I would just like to thank
6 Presiding Officer Gonsalves, Minority Leader
7 Abrahams and the full legislature for taking
8 the time out today to honor two of our
9 detectives. Today we have detective Lyndon
10 John and Jason Gaertner from the police
11 department's elite robbery squad.

12 Beginning on July 14, 2017
13 detectives John and Gaertner began their
14 investigation into a series of armed takeover
15 bank robberies in the southwestern quadrant of
16 Nassau County. Over the next five weeks these
17 subjects strategically planned their armed
18 robberies and escapes, terrorizing these
19 communities. The subjects would enter the
20 banks armed with loaded handguns, vault over
21 the counters, forcibly taking large amounts of
22 US currency. Detectives John and Gaertner
23 relentless investigative skills during this
24 investigation ultimately led to the arrest of
25 three individuals responsible for the violent

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2 robberies of three banks. Recovered during
3 the investigation was a loaded nine millimeter
4 handgun which was used during the commission
5 of these robberies in addition to a
6 substantial amount of additional evidence.

7 I would like to congratulate
8 detectives John and Gaertner for their
9 unwaivering diligence and steadfast efforts in
10 seeing to it that this difficult case was
11 solved and the violent individuals responsible
12 were arrested. Again, I would also like to
13 thank the legislature for your continued
14 support. Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER RYDER: Also, I
16 would like to thank everyone on the board here
17 for their support. These two detectives were
18 both cops of mine when I was a young
19 sergeant. They hold that same energy today
20 and love for this job as when they were cops
21 and now turned into detectives. They do a
22 great job. It starts with cops like officer
23 Papa doing that arrest and those detectives
24 behind the scene that do that investigations.
25 They do it with the technology and support

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2 that this board constantly gives us. So
3 again, we want to thank the board and
4 congratulate both of our detectives today.

5 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Detective
6 John, detective Gaertner would you like to say
7 something?

8 MR. GAERTNER: I would like to
9 thank the legislature for this honor and thank
10 the police department for all the support they
11 gave us in assisting in this investigation.

12 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: And?

13 MR. JOHN: First of all, happy
14 holidays. Thank you again for all your
15 continued support. Nassau County Police
16 Department stands behind its detectives,
17 officers and superior officers and we
18 appreciate your help. Thank you.

19 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: You're
20 most welcome. I think at this point in time
21 the legislature has a citation for each of
22 today's honorees.

23 We have a point of personal
24 privilege by two of the legislators,
25 Legislator Kennedy and Legislator Walker. And

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2 to introduce the point of personal privilege
3 is Legislator Kennedy.

4 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Thank you
5 Presiding Officer. Excuse my cough. I'm a
6 little under the weather. My name is
7 Legislator James Kennedy and today with
8 Legislator Rose Walker we are honoring a
9 gentleman, Tom Mastacoris, who is a chairman
10 of the board of the fire commissioners in
11 South Farmingdale Fire District. Today we are
12 on honoring him because he is this year's
13 recipient of the New York State and Nassau
14 regional EMS Counsel's awarded for the Advance
15 Life Support Provider of the Year. Tom has
16 been a paramedic with the Nassau County Police
17 Department for 19 years. And as I said, he's
18 the chairman of the board of fire
19 commissioners of the South Farmingdale Fire
20 Department.

21 Since the time I've been a
22 legislator, from that first moment I got to
23 know Tom, he introduced himself to me, he has
24 been such a great person. A great gentleman.
25 The things that he does in his fire

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2 department. Invites us all out there. Such
3 great things. The 9-11 memorial that he has
4 at the fire department is an incredible
5 display for anyone to see and an honor for all
6 those lost on 9-11. As an EMS Nassau County
7 medic Tom does great, great things. He is a
8 gentleman second to none. I just want to say
9 I'm honored to be able to bring this citation
10 today to Tom because more than anything the
11 medics and the fire department means so much
12 and I can't even imagine where we would be
13 without those women and men who do so much for
14 us all across the county. I want to say thank
15 you to Tom, and I do want to give Legislator
16 Rose Walker an opportunity to say a few
17 words.

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you
19 Legislator Kennedy. You really said it all
20 but I can tell that you Tom is an amazing
21 man. Not only what he's done in his
22 department and certainly for all of us here in
23 Nassau County as an EMS medic, but just on a
24 personal basis he's there for you for any kind
25 of questions, any kind of support that you

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2 need. Certainly within his district and
3 across the county. It's certainly an amazing
4 honor for all of us that he has received this
5 high level award and it's a pleasure for us to
6 be able to recognize him.

7 I'd asked him if he would please
8 step up to the podium if he doesn't mind.
9 Tom, if you would or Jerry would like to say
10 something first and then Tom say something.

11 MR. LARRICHIUTA: This is really
12 about Tom Mastacoris Mastacoris and what a
13 great police medic and volunteer fireman and
14 he's been involved with the whole community
15 for his entire career. First of all, thank
16 you to the legislators and to the great people
17 in the audience to take time out to recognize
18 someone such as Tom Mastacoris. There are a
19 lot of Thomas Mastacorises in our police medic
20 division. We all see them in our rearview
21 mirrors. They're going 24-7. They save lives
22 every day. They are such an essential part of
23 life here in Nassau County. They have saved
24 thousands and thousands of lives. This
25 fellow, Tom Mastacoris, he epitomizes the role

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2 model that we want all our police medics to
3 be. Without any further ado Tom Mastacoris.

4 MR. MASTACORIS: Just want to
5 thank you to everybody, best of luck in 2018
6 and I look forward to working with all of
7 you.

8 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Tom, you
9 have family here with you today?

10 MR. MASTACORIS: No, they
11 couldn't make it. My son is home sick but I
12 have my commanding officer.

13 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Why don't
14 you join them for the photo?

15 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I'd just like
16 to add, as Jerry said, they save so many lives
17 but I can tell you too they stick by you to
18 the end. And often times when the outcome
19 isn't good they stay there with families and
20 they comfort the families and they give us the
21 support that is needed. And I can tell you
22 that that's happened to me on a personal
23 basis. I just can't thank them enough for all
24 they do and Tom, you epitomize what the
25 department is like. So thank you.

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2 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Now,
3 certainly it was a welcomed beginning to
4 today's legislative meeting, and as is
5 customary we do have 30 minutes of public
6 comment. And we ask that each of the
7 individuals speak to the three minute limit.
8 I will probably -- it's possible that I can
9 make it through everyone who has submitted a
10 slip. So I'm going to, without further ado --
11 I have news for you I may not -- ask the first
12 speaker, who is Joanne Borden, who will be
13 celebrating her birthday on December 9th. Six
14 or nine?

15 MS. BORDEN: You only have today
16 and next month, that's all you have to make it
17 right. Anyhow, they started the thing so I
18 better start talking.

19 Good afternoon everyone.
20 Republican and conservative leadership are
21 missing a very serious situation regarding
22 their transgender constituents. The very
23 lives of transgender men and women are at
24 stake. Like most transgender people, I lived
25 with the woman inside me for as long as I can

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2 remember. Somehow I was able to control my
3 womanhood better than others but not all the
4 time and forever. Most transgender people
5 have a strong need to express the woman or man
6 inside them and just as strong a commitment to
7 protect their loved ones from the present
8 consequences of transgenderism. This conflict
9 leads to a state of depression, which too
10 often results in suicide. Youngsters are
11 driven to suicide by classmate bullying. 40
12 percent of transgender people compared to 1.6
13 percent of the general public attempt suicide
14 and too many succeed.

15 This does not happen in a vacuum.
16 An important cause is that we are
17 delegitimizing and dehumanizing by being
18 excluded from the human rights law. Legal
19 equality has been proven to be the first step
20 to correcting this. Even though I was able to
21 keep the woman inside me a secret for about 80
22 years I wanted to get rid of her all that time
23 but I could not get rid of her. She was
24 always there insisting to be expressed. Your
25 inclusion of us in the human rights law will

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2 allow us to be human in the eyes of others.
3 Equality in law is the first step toward
4 correcting our unjust position. The beatings
5 and the murders we endure. The overwhelming
6 majority of your constituents agree with
7 giving us equality under the law. The
8 majority of the country already extends
9 equality with no ill effects.

10 It is important that you listen to
11 the scientists and medical scientists that say
12 we are born transgender. Your refusal to
13 include us in the human rights law perpetuates
14 our illegitimacy and is an underlying cause of
15 the loss of life to suicide and murder. It's
16 an important life saving step that you pass
17 the proposed transgender human rights law.
18 Thank you for listening. And Norma, you have
19 very few chances to right yourself.

20 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Okay
21 Joanne.

22 MS. BORDEN: I may give the
23 legislators a Christmas present by not
24 appearing here and screaming at them next
25 month.

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2 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: You always
3 act like a lady, so you never scream at us.
4 You are well prepared and make a lot of
5 sense. Thank you very much. And the very
6 best to you and happy birthday.

7 Pete Gaffney.

8 MR. GAFFNEY: Good afternoon and
9 I hope everybody had a wonderful
10 Thanksgiving. My name is Pete Gaffney. I
11 reside in Westbury, Carle Place School
12 District. What I just want to say is
13 congratulations to all the recent legislative
14 election winners and to the new county
15 executive on her historic victory. One thing
16 though, if the new county executive truly
17 wants inclusion in all county residents
18 suggest that she include a 36 member in her
19 transition team. One of the Town of North
20 Hempstead counsel members.

21 My other topic that I want to talk
22 about is I have been here, attended many of
23 the Nassau County legislative meetings. In
24 the open comments I continue to ask for
25 additional community policing. At the end of

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2 my three minutes the entire legislature says
3 thank you and to date we really haven't done
4 anything yet. Drivers today are out of
5 control. All shapes and all sizes. Young,
6 old, men and women. It just seems like they
7 all have the speed racer me-first mentality.
8 Drivers are ignoring the rules of the road.
9 Excessive speeding 10, 20 miles or more over
10 the speed limit. They're not stopping at stop
11 signs. Making illegal U turns on major
12 roadways. Cut through corner stores to beat a
13 red light ahead. Not to mention talking and
14 texting on cell phones while driving et
15 cetera.

16 Ironically, people do not realize
17 that the timing of the traffic lights are
18 adjusted to the posted speed limits. The
19 person who drives at an excessive speed limit
20 is going to reach the same point as the person
21 who is just normally following the rules of
22 the road. Pedestrians are just as bad.

23 I understand that the county
24 finances are not in the best shape but they've
25 got to find a way how to pay for more

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2 additional community policing. By having
3 community policemen and police women writing
4 summons and speed camera fines it should
5 change the majority of the public's behavior
6 and increase the county coffers. Once the
7 public understands if the law is broken there
8 will be consequences. Besides, when police
9 are visible in a community statistics and
10 history prove that crime is prevented and it
11 goes way down within that community. Also
12 residents will feel secure knowing that cops
13 are nearby. I'm just really tired everyday
14 about reading or seeing horrific pictures in
15 the newspaper of car crashes where somebody's
16 loved one dies and that's including
17 pedestrians. Thank you.

18 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Thank you
19 Peter. Jack McCloy.

20 MR. McCLOY: Dear members of the
21 legislature. Thank you very much for allowing
22 me to address you today and throughout this
23 past year. I wanted to congratulate those of
24 you who are victorious in retaining your seats
25 and those who are not I want to wish you well

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2 on your new phase of life. Especially
3 Ms. Gonsalves.

4 I wanted to just mention quickly
5 that this coming year I believe will be a year
6 that maybe we can see a little bit of
7 additional unity, especially with some of the
8 issues that I have mentioned like assessment
9 reform, wrong way driving prevention and red
10 light camera timing that can be changed to
11 benefit both the drivers and make our roads
12 safer. And I wanted to just quickly say I'm
13 not going to mention anything specific about
14 any of those but you've heard me mention
15 thoughts in the past. I just wanted to wish
16 you all well and especially my fellow
17 Baldwinite Laura Curran.

18 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Thank you
19 Mr. McCloy. Johnny Mora.

20 MR. MORA: Good afternoon. My
21 name is Johnny Mora. I am program coordinator
22 for the National Black Leadership Commission
23 on AIDS. NBLCA's mission is to educate,
24 empower and mobilize communities of color in
25 the fight of AIDS and other health disparities

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2 among the underprivileged communities.

3 I'm here to invite you in
4 recognition of World AIDS Day December 1st.
5 Several organizations -- I have given you some
6 of the flyers and anyone who would like to
7 have a flyer please see me. December 1st we
8 are having street blitz, among with other
9 organizations, at 250 Fulton Avenue,
10 Hempstead, New York. Free AIDS testing,
11 education and prevention and so forth.

12 I would to also let you know that
13 HIV is still on in our communities. There's
14 an opioid epidemic. What do they do through
15 injection. Sharing needles and so on is a way
16 of transmission for HIV, hepatitis C and so
17 forth. Please help us to educate the
18 community to prevent more illness. Yes, the
19 new generation they're saying that it's from
20 the '90s. An illness from the '90s. I'm
21 still educating the youth. And when we do a
22 pro and post test on the ways of transmission
23 some youths still think it's through saliva
24 and some other sources. Last time I was at a
25 college a college student told me that it's a

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2 gay disease and it's acquired through
3 mosquitos bites. Please allow us to go into
4 schools and educate the youth to prevent these
5 illness. Thank you for your time.

6 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Thank you
7 Mr. Mora.

8 Domenica Califano.

9 MS. CALIFANO: Hello everyone.
10 Everyone knows me. Happy Thanksgiving.
11 Unfortunately I'm here. Besides talking about
12 Operation and VIP Splash, the money that they
13 stole from taxpayers that I have been finding
14 out, ever since I have been speaking out I
15 been nothing but harassed by Anthony
16 DiEsposito, by the Fourth Precinct. They have
17 came to my home by one of their individuals,
18 have arrested my niece saying that she
19 falsified documents. A 14 year old girl.
20 Bruised her arms. Six detectives removed her
21 from school. All charges against my niece
22 were dropped. Unfortunately they came to my
23 house knowing that I reside there. They said
24 that they saw a suspect. At gunpoint the
25 sergeant pulled out a gun on my family, on my

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2 younger brother that's 43 years old, on my 14
3 year old niece and eight year old nephew, that
4 he ended up fainting. Got so scared he was
5 petrified. The Fourth Precinct is totally
6 corrupted. My family is in fear.

7 I took down four heroin dealers
8 that I worked with narcotics. Unfortunately
9 the narcotics agent left 52 bags of heroin by
10 the front door of this individual with the
11 drug dealers phone. I will never ever help
12 trying to clean up our streets of Nassau
13 County. My family is in fear. One of the
14 drug dealers, the guy's name is Dana Mahan,
15 has been going around my house, has threatened
16 me, bricks through my office windows. Signs
17 all throughout Oceanside, Island Park,
18 Rockville Centre. The Fourth Precinct
19 detectives are well aware of it. There was an
20 order of protection against him. Nassau
21 County DA Singis has dropped the order of
22 protection.

23 This is a disgrace, as a taxpayer,
24 as a citizen here in Nassau County has to be
25 treated by the Fourth Precinct. I have been

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2 speaking out at the town of Hempstead
3 meetings. I have been speaking out here. I
4 cannot believe the corruption in Nassau
5 County. How dirty they are. Commissioner
6 Ryder is well aware of it. I sat down with
7 him for three and a half hours. I do not know
8 where else to go.

9 As I said, I was arrested for a
10 misdemeanor I believe it was, falsifying a
11 police document. I was all over the news. My
12 address was put out there. As they are well
13 aware I work with narcotics. I have their
14 text messages. Videotapes of them. This past
15 Saturday I had three detectives, not just one,
16 three detectives coming to my house expecting
17 me to give them my cell phone and telling me
18 that I was going to be under arrest. Which I
19 have this on videotape again. There was no
20 reason to. I'm not sure where else to go to
21 or where else to speak out about. But I have
22 an entire family petrified. I have a 14 year
23 old niece. Unfortunately her father is an
24 addict and he was busted through the drug
25 ring. But I'm thankful that my brother is

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2 still alive today. And I got heroin dealers
3 off the street not realizing I risked my life
4 to get the drug dealers away from my brother
5 and other young kids in our neighborhood. I
6 thought I did a good thing and I think I did
7 the biggest mistake of my life that I'm being
8 terrorized by the Fourth Precinct cops. The
9 cops have told me that they hate my brothers
10 and they should die. I don't think this is
11 appropriate.

12 I have video tape surveillance
13 tapes on them. I have statements in the last
14 two months. I have over eight complaints or
15 more at the Fourth Precinct that they
16 remove -- there are signs throughout Oceanside
17 and the detectives do nothing about it. There
18 are surveillance cameras in shopping centers
19 that they are able to take and they're not
20 doing it. I don't think this is fair.

21 I brought it to everyone's
22 attention to let them know. I'm not sure
23 what's ever going to happen to my family from
24 this but I did try to help clean up our
25 streets from heroin dealers and it was a

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2 horrible, horrible thing I did.

3 I spoke out about corruption.

4 About VIP Splash and I got nothing but grief
5 from it from everybody. \$14.5 million
6 contract that's under federal investigation.
7 I have them trashing my name all over
8 Facebook. I don't think it's appropriate. I
9 came to the county to see if there is anyone
10 that can sit down and try to help us.

11 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Ms.

12 Califano would you please wrap up.

13 MS. CALIFANO: You guys, that's
14 how it's always is here. It's always wrap
15 up. Corruption just continues in Nassau
16 County.

17 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: There are
18 people who are listening Ms. Califano.

19 Pearl Jacobs.

20 MS. JACOBS: So, good afternoon
21 all. I hope everyone had a wonderful
22 Thanksgiving. I congratulate all the
23 legislators who were reelected to represent
24 and serve their constituents. A special
25 congratulation to you county executive-elect

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2 Curran. Congratulations. Your victory
3 exemplifies the power of the people. You
4 promise to bring real change and
5 transformation to a county government that has
6 been plagued by political patronage, nepotism
7 and cronyism. A county government where
8 politicians place their own ambitions ahead of
9 their constituents. A county government that
10 only represents the affluent and politically
11 connected. A county government that
12 systematically and strategically excludes
13 minority communities from Governor Cuomo's
14 vision of a vibrant and sustainable Long
15 Island. A county government that encroaches
16 upon another community's boundaries and
17 creates a fictitious designation all in the
18 name of greed. Or as we call it now, new age
19 colonialism. I can go on and on but we've all
20 saw the movie.

21 I wish you great success in this
22 most challenging endeavor. I am confident you
23 will work hard and remain humble to restore
24 confidence back to the hard working taxpaying
25 residents of Nassau County. Again,

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2 congratulations. And thank you so much
3 Legislator Curran for coming to our meetings
4 three times in the last six months. You were
5 there in the community. You got to meet and
6 greet the residents of Uniondale and your
7 message was embraced. Thank you.

8 Legislator Abrahams,
9 congratulations on your reelection, and would
10 you provide an update on the Uniondale
11 streetscaping project B11-16.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I will say
13 this Pearl. As you well know, the calendaring
14 of that contract, which we have pushed for on
15 our side and I have pushed for because it
16 would enhance the Uniondale Avenue area, is in
17 the hands of the presiding officer. Which I'm
18 sure you know.

19 MS. JACOBS: I have to ask. As
20 stated, Legislator Abrahams, in a
21 congratulatory letter that we sent to you from
22 Heidi on behalf of the Nostrand Garden Civic
23 Association we look forward to working with
24 you to improve the quality of life in
25 Uniondale, to getting the Uniondale Avenue

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2 streetscaping project started and to give the
3 residential areas of Uniondale equal if not
4 greater attention to that given to the Nassau
5 Hub. After all, Uniondale Avenue is the
6 gateway to the Hub. Any other look than one
7 of uniformity between the south and north side
8 of Hempstead Turnpike would cast a disparaging
9 eye on Nassau County government. Thank you.

10 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Karen
11 Reid.

12 MS. REID: Good afternoon
13 presiding officer Gonsalves, Nassau County
14 legislature. My name is Karen Reid and I am a
15 resident of Baldwin community and a member of
16 the Baldwin school board. Two years ago our
17 county legislator presented Baldwin district
18 with an opportunity to apply for a CBG so we
19 could replace our nonrepairable electronic
20 sign that sits on the corner of Applety
21 Cloberg and Grand Avenue right outside the
22 high school. It's seen by a lot of people who
23 pass up and down Grand daily.

24 As in many communities, our
25 electronic sign is one of the integral ways in

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2 which we communicate with our entire
3 community. Events that are taking place in
4 our schools as well as other community events
5 such as meeting times of other community
6 groups.

7 The Baldwin School District
8 business office completed the grant project I
9 believe in August or September. We are also
10 working in conjunction with Senator Kaminsky
11 also to obtain funds through the state
12 legislature. We cannot complete our
13 application until it is voted upon here.

14 I have been in contact with
15 Legislator Curran's office, Legislator
16 Abrahams' office following up on this
17 project. We have many community members
18 asking about what's going on with the sign and
19 those who have reached out to me I have
20 explained to them know that we have gone
21 through the process. I have been told that at
22 this point it has to go through committee and
23 then it can be brought forth to the presiding
24 are officer for a vote. I'm here to
25 respectfully ask that it can be put through

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2 committee in December with the hopes of
3 getting a vote in general legislation on
4 December 11th. We really could use the help.
5 Thank you.

6 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: You're
7 welcome Karyn. Ms. Mereday. I did see you.
8 You have several items that you want to
9 address. Would you want to address them all
10 now or wait until they come on the calendar?

11 MS. MEREDAY: I will do an
12 overview now for my three minutes. Thank you
13 very much Presiding Officer Gonsalves. Happy
14 post Thanksgiving preholiday. I'm not as
15 generous as Joanne. God willing I will be
16 back in December even though it is also the
17 month of my birth because I celebrate the
18 whole month. So I figure one of those days I
19 might as well torture all of you.

20 As I started my journey here before
21 this body with veterans I will continue with
22 that. First of all, I have to do my own
23 sidebar and since I'm in my own three minutes
24 I choose to do that to congratulate all those
25 that are coming in and thank all those that

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2 have served. Again, unlike Joanne, I probably
3 have yelled at folks across this podium only
4 when I was yelled at. I only give what I
5 get. I definitely want to congratulate my
6 legislator and incoming county executive-elect
7 Laura Curran and thank her for the work she
8 did in representing her community and as was
9 evidenced by her residents being here to
10 support her throughout that process.

11 But once again I'm here because of
12 the dearth of program support and assistance
13 for our beleaguered veterans in Nassau County
14 and Long Island. Again, I always read the
15 paper in general. I guess that's my
16 journalism background. I'm always amazed at
17 looking at the veterans section when I see
18 pretty much the same types of meetings,
19 majority of which are in Suffolk County, and I
20 just noticed that the photo op earlier with
21 folks doing the toys and collections and
22 everybody is all giving and happy during this
23 holiday season. But I don't see many of you
24 when it comes down to those day-to-day
25 activities that are impacting our veterans,

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2 the homelessness, the hunger, the
3 disillusionment, the depression. The fact
4 that we still have veterans that are dying in
5 their homes as we speak or dying in the
6 streets or dying in the prisons that we pay
7 these well funded consultants.

8 My hope as we go into 2018 with
9 some few new faces and unfortunately or maybe
10 fortunately if folks change, some old ones,
11 that we do take on a new, less partisanship
12 mentality and focus on some of these issues
13 and really bring some real solutions. Not a
14 lot of rhetoric, not a lot of talking. Maybe
15 less parades.

16 I will say I did have the
17 opportunity to participate in the Veterans Day
18 Parade in New York City and to see the fresh
19 faces of our military and give them assurances
20 that at least from my part I would try to do
21 the best that I can to make sure when they do
22 come home that they have a real homecoming
23 after the parades and pancake breakfast is
24 over.

25 And the last thing I want to say

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2 because I want to be timely, which will be a
3 rare feat for me, once again, if we can do
4 something about the alleged visitors parking
5 that more county employees seem to park in it
6 would be appreciated. Thank you.

7 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Heidi
8 Sanft.

9 MS. SANFT: Good afternoon. My
10 name is Heidi Sanft. Most of you up there
11 know me but for those who don't in the
12 audience I'm the first vice president of the
13 Nostrand Garden Civic Association in Uniondale
14 and a member of the Greater Uniondale Area
15 Action Coalition.

16 I'm here -- first of all,
17 congratulations to all those who are going to
18 be representing us either newly or again. And
19 as Pearl, our president, said, it was great to
20 see Laura Curran at our meetings and also
21 Legislator Abrahams. We have about 40 to 80
22 people who attend our monthly meetings. And
23 personally the reason I'm involved is because
24 I care about the quality of life in Uniondale
25 and it needs a lot of help.

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2 So, Presiding Officer, I understand
3 that you're going to be moving on to greener
4 pastures or other things or whatever you
5 should choose to do in your life ahead. What
6 I'm asking you is this. There's one more full
7 meeting of the legislature. The date is
8 December 18th. I have been coming here asking
9 you to please put the Uniondale streetscaping
10 project on the agenda. That's B11-16. You
11 have one more opportunity to do that.

12 Outside of this building there is a
13 bench that the current supervisor of Nassau
14 County had erected to show respect and honor
15 for our civic group's previous president
16 Melvin Harris, Jr. and his wife Patty is
17 here. Stand up Patty. For him to be honored
18 in such a way that there is personally
19 installed here is an indication that we all
20 need to reflect and ponder about situations
21 such as racism, exclusion, respect, treating
22 each other the right way.

23 I'm asking you Presiding Officer
24 Gonsalves to please put the streetscaping
25 project on the agenda. What that will

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2 indicate to me is that you've had a seat on
3 that bench for a short time and reflected on
4 what really the right thing to do is. Our
5 community has not really been given much
6 attention. Pearl talks about the recent
7 situation. She's a lot better at it than I
8 am. But now is your golden opportunity and
9 then you can move on to your greener
10 pastures. Thank you.

11 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Tom. I
12 believe it's Tom. I think it's you. Say it
13 for the record.

14 MR. DOLBROOK: Dan Dolbrook. I'm
15 here representing Joanne Borden and LITEC. I
16 wanted to congratulate county executive-elect
17 Laura Curran on her win and I wanted to thank
18 my legislator, Arnie Drucker for coming to the
19 TEDOR last week. He gave a fantastic speech.
20 If you haven't checked it out yet you should
21 all of you. I'm hoping that before you leave
22 in December that you will put gender identity
23 to the human rights charter. You still have
24 an opportunity to do that and it would be
25 great for your legacy. Besides it's the right

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2 thing to do. I hope it's something that you
3 consider.

4 And I hope county executive-elect
5 Curran once you are county executive you will
6 continue your strong advocacy for transgender
7 community and hopefully you and Minority
8 Leader Abrahams and whoever the presiding
9 officer will be will be able to sit down at
10 some time and be able to agree that adding
11 gender identity to the county charter human
12 rights would be something that you will do. I
13 hope that will happen. Thank you everybody.

14 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: You're
15 welcome Dan. That ends public comment. There
16 are no other slips before us and so we can now
17 move on to the calendar for today. And low
18 and behold, there is only one item that's not
19 on the consent item. Since it's number one
20 I'm going to call that item first and then
21 call the rest of the items.

22 The reason for the consent calendar
23 is the fact that the items that went through
24 committees were voted upon unanimously. So
25 that's why the consent calendar exists. But

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2 there's just one item and that's item number
3 one, ordinance 135. An ordinance authorizing
4 the issuance pursuant to Section 90.10 of the
5 Local Finance Law of refunding bonds of the
6 County of Nassau, New York to be designated
7 substantially public improvements refunding
8 bonds and providing for other matters in
9 relation thereto and the payment of the bonds
10 to be refunded thereby.

11 Moved by Legislator Nicoletto.
12 Second by Legislator Kopel. Who is here to
13 speak on this item?

14 MR. NAUGHTON: Good afternoon.
15 Eric Naughton, deputy county executive for
16 finance. The proposed refunding will provide
17 the county with approximately \$21 million of
18 savings. It will provide savings of roughly
19 five and a half million dollars a year for the
20 first four years which NIFA has included as an
21 item that they are accepting as part of the
22 NIFA conformed budget. And as people are
23 aware, Congress is probably going to -- in the
24 process of allowing counties to do advanced
25 refunding bonds, so we have to do this this

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2 year if we hope to get these savings.

3 I will take any questions that you
4 may have.

5 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Any
6 questions from the legislators? Minority
7 leader.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Eric, this
9 was an idea that was contemplated -- it
10 started it's contemplation when?

11 MR. NAUGHTON: We have been
12 working with our various underwriters probably
13 since late August. We didn't have enough
14 details to include it in our proposed budget.
15 So we had just showed that there were possible
16 savings in the multiyear plan. But we felt
17 obviously any opportunity you have to get
18 savings even though we didn't it in our
19 proposed budget that was something that the
20 county should pursue.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We agree.
22 I was wondering why it wasn't part of the
23 county's 2018 proposal in September. But
24 thank you.

25 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Any other

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2 comments or questions from the legislators?
3 Any public comment? Hold on Ms. Mereday.
4 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

5 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
6 Thank you Madam Presiding Officer. I see here
7 it's being the value savings of 5.4 percent
8 approximately. What is the difference between
9 the original bond rate and what we're getting
10 now?

11 MR. CONKLIN: Good afternoon.
12 Steve Conklin, debt manager. In terms of
13 rates there's two ways you can look at it.
14 One is the coupon which we pay to the
15 bondholders. But sometimes that's higher than
16 what the actual yield is. The numbers are
17 changing as we constantly update them. For
18 the new bonds the all-in cost, there are
19 several different ways we look at it, is about
20 2.5 percent for the new bonds that we would be
21 refunding. For the refunding bonds which are
22 the new ones.

23 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
24 the prior bonds were approximately like over
25 six or seven percent?

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2 MR. CONKLIN: No. The coupons
3 would be but the average would have been about
4 three and a half percent. I can get you the
5 exact number on that but it's significantly
6 lower. But for the new bonds it's about two
7 and a half percent yield.

8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So a
9 one percent difference in interest is yielding
10 this much savings you believe?

11 MR. NAUGHTON: Yes.

12 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: When
13 you're saying bonds we are purchasing a number
14 of new bonds? It's not as though the whole
15 lump sum is going in one process?

16 MR. NAUGHTON: We are issuing new
17 bonds yes. Refunding bonds. And the money
18 will go into an escrow account to pay off the
19 old bonds.

20 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Any other
21 questions or comments from the legislators?
22 Any public comment? I believe Ms. Mereday.

23 MS. MEREDAY: I too am a
24 believer. My question has to do -- I'm glad
25 that Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton at least

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2 brought up one part of it. What exactly did
3 we initially borrow these bonds to do, one?
4 And two, if we borrowed this money, because a
5 bond is borrowed money, why did we not
6 complete the project? For example, the
7 streetscaping in Uniondale that I've heard
8 about for a number of years at this point and
9 other projects as was brought up by my own
10 residents from Baldwin. They can't get an
11 approval for a grant that they have done all
12 the paperwork for. Uniondale south of the
13 Coliseum cannot get their roads done. But we
14 have an opportunity to save money on refunding
15 borrowed money just so we can borrow more
16 money for what projects that we are not seeing
17 particularly on the South Shore of Nassau
18 County? So, could someone please clear that
19 up for me? Unless I'm the only one that's
20 confused because I guess since all of you have
21 the information back there you might have
22 information. Could you enlighten the rest of
23 us who only have this brief synopsis about
24 refunding bonds of the county to be designated
25 substantially public improvement refunding

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2 bonds. If we haven't made the public
3 improvements why are we refunding them?

4 Hello? I really appreciate some answers.

5 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Eric
6 Naughton is coming up.

7 MS. MEREDAY: I appreciate that.
8 We pay too many taxes for crickets.

9 MR. NAUGHTON: Just to clarify,
10 the fact that we are refunding the bonds does
11 not mean that the projects go away. The money
12 still sits in those capital projects. What we
13 are trying to do is save money on the annual
14 debt service for each of those projects. And
15 these projects go as far back as 2007 and some
16 as current as 2015. The projects themselves
17 do not go away. It's just that we're saving
18 on the interest costs that we've borrowed
19 before. Like refinancing your home. You
20 still have the money but you have an
21 opportunity to pay less. That's the wise
22 thing to do.

23 MS. MEREDAY: So we're holding on
24 to the money and the residents are driving on
25 unsafe streets with pot holes and things of

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2 that nature but we're holding on to that money
3 and we're saving on the debt for the money
4 that we already borrowed. To use the analogy
5 of a home, we still have to pay that mortgage
6 because after about a couple of months or so
7 you will get put out. I'm still trying to
8 understand what were these projects? Maybe
9 that's the specific question. What were these
10 projects earmarked? Which projects were these
11 that we are holding on the money? Can someone
12 answer that question? That's all I wanted to
13 say unless someone up there wants to ask the
14 questions.

15 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES:

16 Mr. Naughton can you answer that question? Do
17 you have a list of those items that are put
18 forth? They go back to?

19 MR. NAUGHTON: 2007. There's a
20 long list of projects and I believe it's
21 available for the public if they want that
22 list of projects that we are refunding.

23 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Hold on
24 one minute. Those of you who are interested
25 in receiving a copy of those projects please

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2 do yourself a very simple favor by contacting
3 your legislator and your legislator should
4 make that list available to you.

5 MR. NAUGHTON: Okay.

6 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Any other
7 public comment?

8 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Question.

9 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Legislator
10 Solages.

11 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you
12 Mr. Naughton. Why has the county been
13 overpaying for them for so long? I'm trying
14 to understand this. Since 2007 you're
15 saying?

16 MR. NAUGHTON: You were not
17 overpaying for them. You got the best
18 interest rate available at the time that you
19 issued those bonds. And generally speaking,
20 bonds are callable after a ten-year period,
21 but there's also what we call an advance
22 refunding scenario whereby when the interest
23 rate environment is correct such that you can
24 issue new debt and still earn enough interest
25 in escrow to pay off the old bonds, you look

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2 at the timing of that plus the cost to
3 actually issue new bonds to see when it makes
4 sense. It's a process we go through
5 constantly to review our outstanding debt to
6 see when it's economically feasible to do
7 this. We've come to this board probably every
8 year with different refunding scenarios. We
9 just did one last January. This is the group
10 that works at this current time period.

11 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: We're
12 choosing to act now because you are expecting
13 Congress to act on this soon?

14 MR. NAUGHTON: No. As I stated
15 to Legislator Abrahams, we have been looking
16 at this particular series since August and
17 after we vet which projects actually make
18 sense, working with our bond counsel we come
19 up with a list and these are the ones that
20 work. The problem is that now it's become
21 critical to do it now because of Congress's
22 pending actions.

23 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: But this has
24 been economically feasible for a long time?

25 MR. NAUGHTON: No. As I stated,

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2 we get proposals from underwriters throughout
3 the year looking at our portfolio of bonds.
4 And sometimes the saving may be one percent,
5 two percent, which doesn't meet any reasonable
6 thresholds from the state level or our own
7 internal levels. So now this group of bonds
8 it works to get us this great amount of
9 savings.

10 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Understood.

11 Thank you.

12 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: There
13 being no other questions -- yes, Pearl.

14 MS. JACOBS: The gentleman just
15 stated, Legislator Abrahams, said he was
16 working with you on this. Would contract
17 B11-16 be involved in this contract for
18 Uniondale? Is it on the list?

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Pearl, I
20 think maybe I have done not a great job
21 explaining this to you but I will try again.
22 B11-16 doesn't require any bonding. Never
23 did. I think I have explained that now
24 multiple times. B11-16 is a contract. It was
25 bonded with in 2011. Proceeds of what we're

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2 talking about today have nothing to do with
3 B11-16 at all. B11-16 is a contract that only
4 the presiding officer can call. I have urged
5 her, encouraged her to call it. If she does
6 not call it -- it has nothing to do with what
7 we are talking about refinancing today.

8 Actually, Deputy County Executive
9 Naughton, it's my understanding we do these
10 types of refinances quite frequently. This is
11 not an uncommon practice.

12 But in regards to B11-16 that is a
13 contract. It has nothing to do with bonding.
14 The bonding for that contract has already
15 taken place five years ago. Has nothing to do
16 with the bonding or refinancing we are talking
17 about today. I want to make sure I'm clear
18 that we're talking about two totally different
19 things.

20 Heidi, you might have mentioned,
21 that contract comes up for consideration. It
22 wouldn't be on the 18th. It would be on the
23 fourth. It's a contract. So it comes up in
24 our Rules Committee only. So I would
25 encourage you, it's our hope obviously the

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2 presiding officer would call it for the
3 fourth. But if she does not call it for the
4 fourth it cannot appear on the 18th unless
5 there is a special meeting of the Rules
6 Committee meeting. Actual the next
7 opportunity would be next Monday. Just a
8 point of clarification for the record.

9 MS. JACOBS: My next question,
10 this refinancing of the bonding would it have
11 any impact on our property taxes?

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You're
13 saying the refinancing of the bond would that
14 have any impact?

15 MS. JACOBS: Would this have any
16 sort of impact, if any, on our taxes.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I don't
18 believe so. But Mr. Naughton, I would have
19 someone -- what he's talking about Pearl, come
20 back for a second, what he's talking about --
21 please Eric. I think what he is referring to,
22 obviously Congress is considering many
23 different things which will impact your
24 ability to be able to write-off your local and
25 state taxes as it pertains to being able to

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2 get a federal refund. There are also measures
3 that Congress is taking up in terms of
4 refunding as well and I will let Eric explain
5 those and elaborate a little more. But it's
6 not pertaining to your taxes. Go ahead Eric.

7 MR. NAUGHTON: Yes. In terms of
8 your taxes, to the extent that we are saving
9 money, in this case five and a half million
10 dollars for each of the four years, that means
11 that instead of making other cuts or having to
12 raise taxes we have found a way to actually
13 save the taxpayers money.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Explain
15 what's happening in Congress. Why you need to
16 do this today.

17 MR. NAUGHTON: Congress, the
18 House of Reps actually put in a provision that
19 actually stops the practice of advance
20 refundings. That's why this is critical. And
21 our bond counsel has stated even though it may
22 not be passed right now the fact that it's out
23 there they cannot give us a clean opinion come
24 January if that's still pending.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And that

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2 ability to remove the potential to do advanced
3 refunding does that have anything do with
4 what's going on in regards to the House and
5 Senate as they contemplate revamping local and
6 state -- ability to write off local and state
7 taxes.

8 MR. NAUGHTON: It's a separate
9 issue.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That's what
11 I thought. Thank you.

12 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: There
13 being no other -- Ms. Mereday.

14 MS. MEREDAY: Knowledge is
15 power. So now my question quickly is, since
16 the request has been put out there on numerous
17 occasions, particularly with regard to the
18 streetscaping, and I'm sure there are a whole
19 lot of other issues, I mean let's be real, the
20 members of the Rules Committee are also
21 sitting behind that dais. So, is the decision
22 so that people -- again, you all are getting
23 paid. The people sitting behind you are
24 getting paid. The majority of the people who
25 hear this on stream are getting paid. We are

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2 the ones who are out here who are not getting
3 paid but we have to pay for all of this that's
4 taking place here. We need to have some
5 semblance that our elected officials, those
6 reelected et cetera, are actually hearing the
7 voices of the public.

8 So, I'm looking straight at you
9 Presiding Officer because it starts with you,
10 and I'm still trying to understand for all of
11 these other groups that may have issues but
12 you have seen and heard from the residents of
13 Uniondale and for those of us who are also
14 impacted, because we have to drive through
15 Uniondale to get to the Coliseum and to other
16 places, are you going to be committed as
17 you're moving out to actually put this agenda,
18 this item on the calendar or not?

19 Just stop wasting our time and
20 sitting there with your pleasant smile and
21 just making it look like you're nodding and
22 you're acknowledging what's being said but
23 you're not giving the taxpayers who are here
24 in the room the satisfaction and the respect
25 and the integrity of their position to say

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2 that you see this as a viable opportunity.
3 When their representative is sitting there
4 saying that he has asked you, he has
5 encouraged you. I mean, what else does it
6 take at this point with the voices have been
7 heard in November and for many people who will
8 no longer be sitting up there or for those who
9 are coming to sit up there there will be more
10 voices. But we need to hear from our elected
11 officials when it counts that you are going to
12 do what you all say that you are going to do
13 and deliver on the promise. That is a major
14 thoroughfare.

15 We've spent billions of dollars for
16 a facility that the people in the local
17 community can hardly get to because of the
18 congestion and conditions of their road.

19 So let's be honest. I agree at
20 this point now that I have more information
21 with regard to this bonding process I get it.
22 But yes, I'm letting my legislator know that I
23 as a member of the Fifth Counsel District, I
24 want to have a copy of those projects. But I
25 am asking, I am requesting that the residents

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2 in my neighboring communities get their
3 satisfaction of knowing that the streetscape
4 is going to be on the agenda. Thank you.

5 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Thank you
6 on the item, item one ordinance 135 -- I was
7 very respectful of Ms. Mereday and I allowed
8 her to speak even though it was not on the
9 item. We know where you're coming from
10 Heidi. We are well aware of the fact that
11 this is something important to you and your
12 community. Right now we are talking about
13 item one on the calendar, ordinance 135, and
14 if there are no more comments regarding that
15 particular ordinance from the legislators or
16 the public then I'm going to ask that we take
17 a vote on the item.

18 MS. SANFT: Can you give me ten
19 seconds. It will take less time. I just want
20 to make one suggestion because you know the
21 thing --

22 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: You've got
23 ten seconds.

24 MS. SANFT: The next meeting of
25 the Rules Committee.

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2 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: December
3 4th.

4 MS. SANFT: I know the date. I
5 would really like to see that meeting at the
6 reflection bench outside that was installed to
7 honor -- why is it funny?

8 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: I don't
9 know.

10 MS. SANFT: If it's here. It's a
11 part of this building. I would like a
12 decision to be made at the reflection bench.

13 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Ten
14 seconds are over.

15 MS. SANFT: That's my
16 suggestion. That will level the playing
17 field.

18 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Now for
19 the item, item one ordinance 135. All those
20 in favor signify by saying aye. Any opposed?
21 Any opposed? Frank, it was unanimous.

22 Now for the consent calendar. I'm
23 going to call all of the items which were
24 vetted in committees, and I begin with item
25 two ordinance 136. Item three ordinance 137.

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2 Item four ordinance 138. Item five ordinance
3 139. Item six ordinance 140. Item seven
4 ordinance 141. Item eight ordinance 142.
5 Item nine ordinance 143. Item ten ordinance
6 144. Item 11 ordinance 145. Item 12
7 ordinance 146. Item 13 ordinance 147. Item
8 14 ordinance 148. Item 15 ordinance 149.
9 Item 16 ordinance 150. Item 17 ordinance
10 151. Item 18 ordinance 152. Item 19
11 ordinance 153. Item 20 ordinance 154. Item
12 21 ordinance 155. Item 22 ordinance 156.
13 Item 23 ordinance 157. Item 24 ordinance
14 158. Item 25 ordinance 159. Item 26
15 ordinance 160. Item 27 ordinance 161. Item
16 28 resolution 193. Item 29 resolution 194.
17 Item 30 resolution 195. Item 31 resolution
18 196. Item 32 resolution 197. Item 33
19 resolution 198. Item 34 resolution 199. Item
20 35 resolution 200. Item 36 resolution 201.
21 Item 37 resolution 202. Item 39 resolution
22 204. Item 40 resolution 205. Item 41
23 resolution 206. Item 42 resolution 207. Item
24 43 resolution 208. Item 44 resolution 209.
25 Item 45 resolution 210. Item 46 resolution

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2 211. Item 47 resolution 212. Item 48
3 resolution 213. Item 49 resolution 214.
4 Resolution 50 resolution 215. Item 51
5 resolution 216. Item 52 resolution 217. Item
6 53 resolution 218. Item 54 resolution 219.
7 And I believe that's it.

8 These items moved by Legislator
9 Nicoletto. Second by Legislator Kopel. Any
10 further comments from the legislators? All
11 those in favor of the items that were just
12 called signify by saying aye. Any opposed?
13 The items pass unanimously.

14 And a motion to adjourn. Moved by
15 Legislator Rose Walker and second by
16 Legislator Laura Schaefer. All those in favor
17 of adjourning signify by saying aye. Any
18 opposed? We are now adjourned.

19 (TIME NOTED: 2:40 P.M.)

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CERTIFICATION

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

THAT the foregoing is a true and
accurate transcript of my stenographic
notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand this 28th day of
November 2017

FRANK GRAY