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HUDSON COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

RE:

REGULAR MEETING : TRANSCRIPT OF
OF THE :
HUDSON COUNTY BOARD OF : PROCEEDINGS
CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS :
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O P E N S E S S I O N

Hudson County
Administration Building,
Freeholders Chambers
567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey
Thursday, December 12, 2013
6:00 p.m.

B E F O R E:

ANTHONY ROMANO, CHAIRMAN
ALBERT CIFELLI, Freeholder
DOREEN DiDOMENICO, Freeholder
JEFFREY DUBLIN, Freeholder
THOMAS LIGGIO, Freeholder
E. JUNIOR MALDONADO, Freeholder
JOSE C. MUNOZ, Freeholder
WILLIAM O'DEA, Freeholder

A L S O P R E S E N T:

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ., Board Counsel
DONATO J. BATTISTA, Hudson County Counsel
ABRAHAM ANTUN, County Administrator
ALBERTO G. SANTOS, County Clerk

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1 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.
 2 DiDomenico.
 3 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Here.
 4 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 5 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Here.
 6 THE CLERK: Liggio. Maldonado.
 7 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Here.
 8 THE CLERK: Munoz.
 9 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: Here.
 10 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Here.
 12 THE CLERK: Rivas. Chairman Romano.
 13 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Here.
 14 THE CLERK: Please stand for the
 15 Pledge of Allegiance.
 16 (Flag Salute.)
 17 THE CLERK: Adequate notice of this
 18 meeting has been provided as follows:
 19 1. Posting notice of Resolution No.
 20 8-1-2013 on the Freeholder's Bulletin Board, Third
 21 Floor, Administration Building Annex, Jersey City,
 22 New Jersey.
 23 2. Copies of the above mentioned
 24 resolution have been sent to the County Clerk and
 25 the editors of the Jersey Journal and the Star

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1 Ledger.
 2 MR. TULLY: (The speaker's comments
 3 have been summarized from notes taken by the
 4 Freeholder Clerk) Mr. Steven Tully is from Kearny,
 5 New Jersey, and is the associate director of AFSCME
 6 52, which represents 600 employees from the Jersey
 7 City Medical Center. He wishes to speak to the
 8 Board regarding labor relations, trying to get a
 9 fair contact and the union-busting tactics of the
 10 Jersey City Medical Center.
 11 Mr. Tully states that the hospital
 12 management has held a phony vote. The union has
 13 filed an unfair labor practice claim, which the
 14 union believes they will prevail at the NLRB. Mr.
 15 Tully states he is still the legal representative
 16 for the Medical Center's employees and speaks on
 17 some of the tactics that impact on the quality of
 18 patient care. For example, management gave an
 19 employee access to restricted areas like the ICU and
 20 CCU, and is allowed to roam freely. Mr. Tully
 21 stated that Mr. Yessin acknowledged he received
 22 complaints about this person.
 23 Other ruthless tactics include the Medical
 24 Center calling patient care employees to tell them
 25 why they wanted to get rid of the union. Three

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1 patient care techs, where there was one for eight
 2 patients, were pulled, and now there is one for
 3 twelve patients.
 4 Mr. Tully says the union will fight the
 5 battle at the labor board, and he is convinced the
 6 union will win that battle. He requests that the
 7 Freeholders look into the impact "this whole mess"
 8 has had on patient care. The professionals are
 9 upset because workers and patients are being
 10 affected. He once again asks the Board to pay
 11 attention and look into it.
 12 Freeholder O'Dea requests a Special Meeting
 13 to address this matter after the holidays.
 14 Freeholder Maldonado had raised the issue of
 15 subpoenaing officials on Tuesday. The Board will
 16 have a closed session to discuss with attorney.
 17 (The following portion of the meeting
 18 has been transcribed from an audio tape recording:)
 19 MR. SANTOS: Elvin Santos, employee
 20 at Jersey City Medical Center. I have been targeted
 21 and harassed along with other others, and been
 22 terminated, unfortunately terminated because of my
 23 speaking and me being a union activist and
 24 supporting my union, along with other members who
 25 supported our union, including our vice president,

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1 who was also terminated. Since that time, the
 2 Jersey City Medical Center has run a nonstop
 3 campaign to get rid of our union.
 4 They're relentless, and there was
 5 antiunion literature found inside my locker room,
 6 and you know, where our lunchroom is. As soon as
 7 you walk in, you see all the antiunion literature
 8 posted on the wall. Along with the hospital, it's
 9 antiunion. They took most of our employees during
 10 working hours. They actually told the employees
 11 that it would be service trainings pertaining their
 12 work performance, which was a lie. They spent two
 13 hours, it was actually two hours, bad mouthing the
 14 union, telling us how we didn't need a union, and
 15 how they would take care of us without the union
 16 like they take care of us now, right?
 17 You know, there were several -- there
 18 never was any training. They were just meetings
 19 just to bad mouth the union. They were disguised as
 20 trainings, and they told us it was training. I
 21 personally saw some of my coworkers and employees
 22 responsible for patient care taken off the floor to
 23 go to these trainings. Some of the individuals have
 24 come to me with concerns that they had with the
 25 quality of patient care. I mean it takes a little

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1 more, the patient care technician, the housekeeper,
 2 the aide, you know, you take them off the floor for
 3 two hours. You know, then you have to break pattern
 4 of someone just being taken of for two hours. That
 5 is one of our mains concerns.
 6 You know, they went on this antiunion
 7 rant, not even caring about the patients that were
 8 coming into the building. You know, I had a
 9 co-worker that I personally saw this administrator
 10 speak to this co-workers for at least an hour and a
 11 half while the code bell was ringing for a patient,
 12 and she's trying to get into the room, and the
 13 administrator is telling her, Don't worry about it,
 14 don't worry about that patient, let me just tell you
 15 that you don't need the union.
 16 These are the things that are happening
 17 there, and they are still happening there inside the
 18 Jersey City Medical Center. You know, in closing, I
 19 just wanted to make sure that all the Freeholders is
 20 aware of what is going on inside the Jersey City
 21 Medical Center, and the situation is a grave
 22 situation. Obviously, it's a hospital and they're
 23 not caring for the patient. They just care that
 24 they get rid of our union.
 25 In closing, I hope that you heard the

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1 truth on this, and just as a concern from the
 2 employees from the Jersey City Medical Center who
 3 are trying to make it better. Thank you.
 4 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Thank you.
 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman, can
 6 we set the date for the special meeting? Mr. Clerk,
 7 we can make it a committee meeting? I think that we
 8 would call this as a special meeting so that if any
 9 Members of the Board that may wanted to come,
 10 obviously anyone who represents Jersey City would
 11 want to come to that, and really all the nine
 12 Members of the Board, all of us want to come, just
 13 by itself the majority, at least everyone would make
 14 an attempt to make it, just like our budget meetings
 15 when we do the special meeting.
 16 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, do you want
 17 to do that between the Christmas and New Years
 18 holidays or after the New Years holiday?
 19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Let's do it after.
 20 What is the 1st?
 21 THE CLERK: The 1st is a Wednesday.
 22 The 6th is a Monday. The 7th is Tuesday, which is
 23 tentatively your reorganization meeting and first
 24 caucus meeting of the year. That's Tuesday the 7th.
 25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: How about the 6th

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1 at four o'clock, or for the benefit of the Board at
 2 4:30 on the 6th? What's the Monday after Christmas?
 3 THE CLERK: The Monday after
 4 Christmas is the 30th. How about the 30th?
 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I just said the
 6 30th. How about the 30th at 4:30, December 30th?
 7 We will advertise it as special meeting. Obviously,
 8 we have the chair to run the meeting. So we can
 9 probably have a majority on the 30th at 4:30.
 10 THE CLERK: And the purpose of the
 11 meeting?
 12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Will be to discuss
 13 issues relate be the quality of health care at the
 14 Jersey City Medical Center. I know when you spoke
 15 to members of the City Council in Jersey City.
 16 MR. TULLY: We discussed with several
 17 City Council Members. We did notify find them about
 18 what was going on.
 19 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Do you have
 20 contracts? As having contracts where you have here,
 21 we have to discuss it here in closed session with
 22 our attorney as to what is the plan, if we have the
 23 authority to potentially subpoena based on what
 24 testimony.
 25 MR. FLORIO: That's correct.

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Obviously, as part
 2 of that hearing, we will publicize the hearing, and
 3 individuals will be able to attend the hearing and
 4 discuss this with you.
 5 MR. TULLY: Okay. Thank you.
 6 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes. Continue,
 7 Mr. Clerk.
 8 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, do you wish
 9 to reserve to the right to take action at that
 10 special meeting?
 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Sure, yes,
 12 absolutely. Because one of the actions may be,
 13 Mr. Florio, potentially to request a resolution for
 14 a formal investigation, which would require subpoena
 15 powers?
 16 MR. FLORIO: That's correct.
 17 THE CLERK: For the record Freeholder
 18 Cifelli, and Freeholder DiDomenico are present.
 19 Mr. Chairman, we also have a presentation from the
 20 New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking.
 21 Mr. DeLuca is here. Do you wish to proceed with
 22 that?
 23 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Thank you.
 24 MR. DeLUCA: Mr. Chairman,
 25 Freeholders, my name is Steven DeLuca. I'm a

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1 resident of Jersey City, also a member of the New
 2 Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking, and I
 3 proudly introduce to you two of our leaders, Melanie
 4 Gorelick and Patricia Devine-Harms, and they have
 5 come here to receive the resolution that you had
 6 several weeks ago.

7 I wanted to introduce these two ladies to
 8 you because they did a lot of the heavy lifting to
 9 get the human trafficking law passed in New Jersey
 10 that made New Jersey the best law in the country.
 11 They worked very closely with Assemblywoman Huttler
 12 and a number of other legislators in the Senate and
 13 the Assembly, and the GOs in the Governor's office,
 14 and they worked very closely with the Polaris
 15 Private, which rates the states nationwide to make
 16 the sure that the law is the best it can be. I'm
 17 very proud that they're here with us to receive the
 18 resolution.

19 Let me just say a few words again about
 20 human trafficking. We talked about it a few weeks
 21 ago, and Mr. Chairman, you spoke very well about it
 22 a few weeks ago as well. This reaches everybody at
 23 all levels. It doesn't matter what color you are
 24 whether you are human to traffic, whether a man or a
 25 young girl, you can be trafficked for sex, you can

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1 be trafficked for labor, you can be trafficked for
 2 all kinds of things.

3 We invited a survivor of trafficking to
 4 come, but she's so busy, she couldn't make it
 5 tonight. Just to give you an example, she was a
 6 vice president of a bank in Indonesia and followed a
 7 job to come here to Chicago. She flew into JFK, and
 8 from there she was whisked away to a place to make
 9 her perform sex acts in order to pay her way here,
 10 and she managed to get out, and she is a brave
 11 person for coming out and talking to about her
 12 experience. She could not make it here tonight.

13 But I'm glad that we have Melanie and
 14 Patricia here with us tonight. Without further ado,
 15 I would like to give them the floor so they can tell
 16 you about what they've been doing to help raise
 17 awareness, to work with the AG's office, to prepare
 18 for awareness events in January and for the upcoming
 19 Super Bowl. Thank you.

20 MS. GORELICK: Thank you for having
 21 us here today. My name is Melanie Roth-Gorelick.
 22 I'm with the Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest,
 23 and also the founder and facilitator of the New
 24 Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking. We are
 25 a group of member organizations, nonprofit

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1 grassroots organizations that are working against
 2 human trafficking here at the local level.

3 We started two years ago, which we learned
 4 and educated ourselves in preparation for the Super
 5 Bowl that is coming up. We learned that there was,
 6 you know, association between large sporting events
 7 and increased trafficking. We learned about not
 8 only what is human trafficking and the issue for
 9 people in the United States, but in New Jersey as a
 10 destination state.

11 We went to 25 organizations. We represent
 12 almost every faith-based group in the movement, and
 13 I am very proud of our representation. We worked
 14 really hard to ensure at the State level that we are
 15 rated one of the number one states, but the reason
 16 we have discussed it and accept your local
 17 proclamation, is we actually believe to stop
 18 trafficking here, we have to work at the grassroots
 19 level.

20 You have to ensure that law enforcement at
 21 the local level recognizes patterns, but doesn't
 22 turn away, actually goes and does whatever it can to
 23 not allow trafficking, and we believe that we have
 24 to have survivors, and we have to deter the media,
 25 and that's only by individual conversations, and

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1 that's you and me and everybody because we all have
 2 to bond together to have a strong abolitionist
 3 movement to stop trafficking from happening here in
 4 the United States and New Jersey.

5 I would like to give the mic over to
 6 Patricia Devine-Harms.

7 THE CLERK: Excuse me. Can you state
 8 your name and spell your name again for the record?

9 MS. GORELICK: Sure. It's Melanie
 10 Roth-Gorelick, that's M-e-l-a-n-i-e, three names
 11 with a hyphen; Roth, R-o-t-h, and last name is
 12 G-o-r-e-l-i-c-k.

13 (The following portion of the meeting
 14 is transcribed by live stenographic notes.)

15 MS. HARMS: Good evening and thank
 16 you. My name is Patricia Devine-Harms. I'll spell
 17 that for you. D as in David, E-v-i-n-e, hyphen,
 18 H-a-r-m-s, like harm's way. It is an honor to be
 19 with you, and thank you so much for your work to
 20 raise awareness about the pandemic and the human
 21 rights violation that is human trafficking.

22 What I wanted to speak quickly about is
 23 the power of the collective voice. I'm a member of
 24 the Junior League. Our advocacy arm is the Junior
 25 League of New Jersey State Public Affairs Committee,

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1 and when we took on the issue of human trafficking
 2 back in 2005, when we were discussing it, you could
 3 hear crickets in the room. People did not realize
 4 that not only is slavery still happening today, 150
 5 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, it's also
 6 happening in the U.S.
 7 And unfortunately, it's also happening in
 8 New Jersey. In fact, there have been trafficking
 9 rings in Jersey City, in Newark, in Lakewood, East
 10 Orange. By simply Googling it, anyone can see that
 11 it is ongoing, but a collective voice is what's made
 12 a difference. Now you're reading much more about
 13 it. People are understanding that human trafficking
 14 is different from labor exploitation, and it's
 15 different from smuggling, and they're also learning
 16 that any person under 18, in the commercial sex
 17 industry by virtue of their age under New Jersey law
 18 and federal law, is automatically a human
 19 trafficking victim.
 20 And so we are so proud you are joining us,
 21 along with other members of the coalition, and we
 22 invite everyone to a couple of upcoming events
 23 during Human Trafficking Prevention Month. The
 24 first one will be on Wednesday the 15th, at Bergen
 25 PAC. That's the New Jersey Coalition Against Human

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1 Trafficking event. Our second coalition event will
 2 be in Montclair on the 25th of January, and the
 3 Attorney General's office is planning their fourth
 4 event. I've been so proud to be part of planning
 5 the last three events and looking forward to the
 6 fourth event down in Trenton.
 7 You can get further information on the
 8 coalition web site, which is
 9 www.njhumantrafficking.org, and I always tell
 10 people, if you have any sense that something is
 11 amiss, there is a New Jersey hotline, which has
 12 definitely been revamped, and it's working so much
 13 better, but also make sure we use the national
 14 hotline, 888-373-7888, because that way we can
 15 understand the national trends and multi-state
 16 trends. Thank you so much.
 17 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Would you like to
 18 come up?
 19 MR. DeLUCA: I would also like to
 20 point out, Mr. Chairman, I had spoken to the Mayor's
 21 office today, and we are planning awareness event on
 22 January 10th, to be here in Jersey City, which more
 23 details will be distributed as well.
 24 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Thank you.
 25 THE CLERK: For the record Freeholder

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1 Liggio is also present.
 2 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: He's been here.
 3 THE CLERK: When I took the roll
 4 call, he wasn't here. May I have a motion to
 5 approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of
 6 October 3rd, 2013, the regular meeting of October
 7 10th, 2013, the closed session meeting of
 8 October 22nd, 2013 and the regular meeting of
 9 October 24th, 2013?
 10 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Motion by
 11 Freeholder Dublin. Second by Freeholder Liggio.
 12 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.
 13 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
 14 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
 15 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
 16 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 17 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
 18 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 19 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
 20 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 21 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
 22 THE CLERK: Munoz.
 23 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: Yes.
 24 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
 2 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.
 3 THE CLERK: The next order of
 4 business is additional discussion on today's agenda.
 5 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, we have a
 6 replacement for No. 16, the name of the entity is
 7 Veritext Corporation. You received it on Tuesday.
 8 THE CLERK: That item has been
 9 distributed.
 10 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, it's the
 11 only agenda item that I have. I do have some
 12 information. I believe I sent out some information
 13 on the employees that attended the various training
 14 sessions that we had at the community college, and I
 15 also have some information from Director Fuller
 16 regarding bank pension funds.
 17 Mr. Chairman, I have nothing further.
 18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Continue,
 19 Mr. Clerk.
 20 THE CLERK: According to the policy
 21 set by the Board of Freeholders, members of the
 22 public are asked to limit their comments to 15
 23 minutes when discussing agenda items and five
 24 minutes at the conclusion of the meeting when
 25 discussing matters of public interest.

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1 At this time the public may address the
 2 Board on any item on the agenda only. Please keep
 3 your comments limited to 15 minutes. Are there any
 4 speakers on agenda items only?
 5 Ms. Nancy Perry.
 6 MS. PERRY: Good evening, Nancy
 7 Perry. I just have a couple questions with respect
 8 to Items 11 through 15, the contract awarding legal
 9 fees for services. The first question is the
 10 payment increases, are they with respect to services
 11 that have not been provided yet, in other words,
 12 it's for the year 2014?
 13 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Counsel.
 14 MR. BATTISTA: Yes, it's for the
 15 upcoming year.
 16 MS. PERRY: How do you determine they
 17 amount to be awarded for the standard fees? Do the
 18 provide you with an estimate for the cost of
 19 services? Is there a set amount? How does that
 20 work?
 21 MR. BATTISTA: The County has
 22 historically created a yearly budget for counsel
 23 fees. We establish the hourly rate that we pay.
 24 The law firms provide us with monthly billing, and
 25 this is a budget which they draw down.

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1 MS. PERRY: So it varies from firm to
 2 firm? In other words, you see that they have
 3 different amounts, from 15,000 to \$225,000.
 4 MR. BATTISTA: Each firm does
 5 different things. This is not what we pay. This is
 6 what the pool of money is available for them.
 7 MS. PERRY: Now, if the charges for
 8 services do not exceed the amount that has been
 9 awarded, what happens to the balance of those funds?
 10 Is it a pool?
 11 MR. BATTISTA: All of the funds
 12 remain with the County until the billing comes. The
 13 Budget office can handle it. This is County money.
 14 We set aside this amount of money for potential
 15 expenditure. Obviously, if the money isn't used up,
 16 it goes back to the County.
 17 MS. PERRY: Okay. I see Chasan
 18 Leyner is on here twice, 12 and 14, what was the
 19 distinction between the two being funded or not?
 20 MR. BATTISTA: Well, there was a
 21 solicitation. There are different categories that
 22 we were seeking. So this firm distributed a
 23 proposal for that category, where they'll receive
 24 \$15,000. They are the only firm that offered that.
 25 MS. PERRY: Now, what is the process

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1 for selecting a firm that's retained to provide
 2 services for the County? Is there like a bidding
 3 process? Is there a list of attorneys that -- I'm
 4 sure there are other firms out there that are
 5 equally qualified. Why are you limited to these
 6 same firms?
 7 MR. BATTISTA: These particular
 8 contracts, each year the County does a public
 9 solicitation. We do an RFQ. The County establishes
 10 a budget, meaning the yearly amount of money. The
 11 County also establishes the hourly rate to be paid
 12 to a firm. Firms who are interested submit their
 13 proposals. We undertake an evaluation, and I make a
 14 recommendation to the award the contract.
 15 MS. PERRY: Okay. So the
 16 recommendation comes from you. The only reason I'm
 17 asking is because, for example, Chasan Leyner, you
 18 have a retired Jersey City Superior Court Judge.
 19 You have a former County Counsel a member of this
 20 firm. Isn't that considered a conflict?
 21 MR. BATTISTA: I don't understand the
 22 question. A Superior Court Judge has nothing to do
 23 with the County. In terms of former County Counsel,
 24 I don't know who you're speaking of in relationship
 25 to Chasan Leyner. To my knowledge there is not any

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1 former County Counsel of the firm.
 2 MS. PERRY: Wasn't Herbert Klitzner?
 3 MR. BATTISTA: He's the Corporation
 4 Counsel for North Bergen. That's a town in Hudson
 5 County, not Hudson County.
 6 MS. PERRY: But he was former County
 7 Counsel.
 8 MR. BATTISTA: Not to my knowledge.
 9 MS. PERRY: Thank you.
 10 THE CLERK: Additional speakers on
 11 agenda items only.
 12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Did someone's want
 13 to speak on the ordinance? Do we have somebody that
 14 wants to speak on that item?
 15 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Time out. What
 16 ordinance are you speaking on?
 17 MS. MEJIA: My name is --
 18 THE CLERK: Yes, please state your
 19 name.
 20 MS. MEJIA: My name is Analylia,
 21 A-n-a-l-y-i-a; last name, Mejia, M-e-j-i-a. I'm
 22 from NCIU 32BJ. We're a union that represents
 23 service workers in New Jersey, and we have about
 24 10,000 members in New Jersey.
 25 I just wanted to come before the

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1 Freeholder Board and commend you for your work on
 2 moving this ordinance on our displaced workers.
 3 Essentially, your efforts are going to ensure that
 4 when contracts include security, et cetera, that our
 5 workers aren't going to find themselves just because
 6 a contract moved from one contractor to another,
 7 that they won't find themselves unemployed. Our
 8 union is fighting hard across the state to ensure
 9 that, that these small but significant fixes are
 10 actually minded and taken care of, and I commend
 11 Hudson County and the Hudson County Freeholder Board
 12 for always being proactive on that issue.
 13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I also want to
 14 commend the union for your role working with the Law
 15 Department to do a couple of drafts to come up with
 16 one that I think is what you were seeking to
 17 accomplish and what the Board was seeking to
 18 accomplish.
 19 MS. MEJIA: I am always glad to find
 20 out everything. We also know that in the past the
 21 Freeholder Board has made an effort to ensure that
 22 other institutions such as the Hudson County
 23 College, for example, abide by ordinances that are
 24 before the County. We hope that this is something
 25 that you will replicate in reference to this.

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: And similar to the
 2 way you brought it to our attention, recently they
 3 adopted a living wage. We will, Mr. Administrator,
 4 forward this, and maybe at the next meeting do a
 5 resolution that we have a representative from the
 6 college, the Schools of Technology and the HCIA act,
 7 that in-kind they adopt that also.
 8 MS. MEJIA: That would be great.
 9 Thank you.
 10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Also, we just
 11 have, we're going to look at probably if not before
 12 the end of the year, mostly next year, the
 13 possibility of doing the equivalent of a CPI on a
 14 living wage and maybe be the first county.
 15 MS. MEJIA: You would be.
 16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: There you go.
 17 MS. MEJIA: That would be incredible.
 18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: And you can come
 19 to a committee meeting whenever it next meets.
 20 MS. MEJIA: I would be honored.
 21 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: Mr. Chairman, we
 22 had here today, the Councilman.
 23 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: We're going to do
 24 that right after we do the whole -- the first
 25 speaker is going.

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I would defer to
 2 let him. I make a motion to defer to the Council
 3 Member.
 4 COUNCILMAN BOGGIANO: Thank you for
 5 allowing me to speak.
 6 THE CLERK: Just for the record,
 7 please state your name.
 8 COUNCILMAN BOGGIANO: Rich Boggiano,
 9 Jersey City Councilman from Ward C, which is this
 10 area here. When we met here a month ago or three
 11 weeks ago, R-21 was supposed to come back tonight.
 12 I understand it was pulled.
 13 At the meeting the other night which
 14 Junior, you were, and Mr. Romano, you were there,
 15 there were 136 people from the neighborhood, and
 16 actually, all of you should have been there because
 17 it's a County problem tax-wise. I just want to let
 18 you know, you pulled it tonight, but the issue is
 19 going to come up again.
 20 I told Judge Bariso, I told Mr. DeGise,
 21 Bill Gaughan was there, we'll all sit down find
 22 another place in this area but somehow move it to
 23 the back. We want the development between Oakland
 24 and Cook Street that there is no tax abatement on
 25 the development. It's tax revenue coming in. The

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1 other night you were talking about this. There's
 2 new apartments going there. There's a lot of -- a
 3 lot of places there that are going to be affected.
 4 And the statement was when that R-21 came
 5 out, it was use of condemnation, which is eminent
 6 domain, and I will tell you, you have incite -- not
 7 you, I mean when that R-21 came out, a lot of people
 8 get excited about it. I just want to let you know.
 9 It should have stayed. It should have been knocked
 10 down. We'll find another place.
 11 You have two big lots. Somebody suggested
 12 the parking lot right off Summer Avenue, the old
 13 jail site. Also, you have the land on Hoboken
 14 Avenue. Let's work it out. We don't want anymore
 15 surprises, Mr. Antun, all right? The people have
 16 waited for several years. I am being honest with
 17 you. They're tired of it. We produced the letter
 18 which you signed several years ago that stopped the
 19 development there, all right?
 20 Thank you very much for having me talk.
 21 I'll see most of you later on.
 22 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: The issue is I had
 23 another meeting that I had to attend. It was
 24 important for my district, and you know, and I
 25 talked to the Chairman about any issues about the

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1 meeting. We are aware of it.
2 COUNCILMAN BOGGIANO: I know
3 Mr. O'Dea couldn't attend.
4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I think my
5 position is clear on the issue anyway.
6 COUNCILMAN BOGGIANO: We're just
7 trying to -- we're willing to work with the County.
8 So let's sit down, let's talk and let's get it over
9 with.
10 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: A
11 clarification, R-21 was tabled two weeks ago.
12 COUNCILMAN BOGGIANO: We just want it
13 out. No, no, no, it was going to come back tonight.
14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That's what the
15 residents in the area thought.
16 COUNCILMAN BOGGIANO: But in the
17 future, it's going to pop its head again, I would
18 assume.
19 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: We would have
20 to be the ones that pop it up and have a
21 discussions. We are very clear. There is going to
22 be a process of discussion between the County Exec,
23 between the public's questions and the revenue until
24 we as a Board feel comfortable about the compromise
25 at hand, and then we'll talk about it.

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1 COUNCILMAN BOGGIANO: As I said the
2 development is supposed to start in March. We want
3 it started. We want the housing built. It's 130
4 units. It's the first actual development in this
5 area in years. I know you want to say you're
6 holding a 54-story building, that's five years down
7 the road. We want that Oakland area and Cook area
8 development built to bring tax ratables into the
9 City.
10 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Rich, it was very
11 good the other night. There was a give and take.
12 There was a large audience and the different options
13 that were available. I'm glad that we got to
14 because it's historically --
15 COUNCILMAN BOGGIANO: I want it
16 there.
17 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: What's interesting
18 about the discussion, take down 595, and just build
19 up both pieces of land. Most people didn't
20 understand the logistics involved, to find secure
21 facilities to hold off for two years. I think
22 that's the key. You have to find a way to do that
23 that's reasonable. As Judge Bariso was saying, the
24 financial burden to accomplish that is something
25 that would have to be discussed.

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1 COUNCILMAN BOGGIANO: They also
2 mentioned 70 million. We're talking 250 million to
3 350 million to 400 million. The taxpayers in this
4 County just can't take that anymore.
5 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: They don't want tax
6 abatements.
7 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: If I may, in
8 the discussion, the judge mentioned it would be in
9 his words, feasible to build 19 or 20 stories.
10 COUNCILMAN BOGGIANO: Just in this
11 plan, the latest plan is five different phases of
12 development that was done. If you didn't get it --
13 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: I got it.
14 COUNCILMAN BOGGIANO: You got it, you
15 share it with all of them. That was the latest
16 plan. Some of those buildings are beautiful.
17 They're not 15 stories, the Jersey City Police
18 Academy.
19 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Training committee,
20 multiple municipalities.
21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You had the site
22 for that for 25 years in Secaucus. You never did
23 anything with it.
24 COUNCILMAN BOGGIANO: We'll
25 compromise on that. We're working on that. We have

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1 to sit down and talk about that. When we have a
2 police graduation, I'll tell you, it's a shame that
3 those kids had to go to Union County to be trained,
4 when our police academy was one of the finest in the
5 state was closed, no reason at all. It was
6 politics. All right. Thank you, very much.
7 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman, just
8 two things for the record. One, I think we
9 understand there needs to be a new court. We are
10 supportive. Where it should be built is where we
11 have the disagreement on. First and foremost, it
12 should be where we own land. There are several
13 sites, including the one that Councilman mentioned.
14 There are other sites that are also not far way that
15 it can also be on.
16 The other thing that I find troublesome is
17 the timing of 2005 letter, why that letter was sent,
18 when it was sent, and what was occurring to people
19 proposing to do development back then. Equally
20 concerning to me is why this resolution found its
21 way on the agenda when it did, and as it turned out,
22 so soon after a developer received their final
23 approvals to build on the block.
24 I wasn't born yesterday, but you know,
25 timing is a little interesting. We were told

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1 different reasons. We did a little more research,
 2 and we found that wasn't as pressing as we were
 3 originally told. Go back a research what was going
 4 on in 2005, when the first letter was sent by the
 5 Administration, and then go on and research what
 6 occurred, because we received copies of the
 7 resolution from the City, what's occurred very soon.
 8 Right before that, they asked us to adopt this
 9 resolution, interesting timing. We call that a
 10 chilling effect on someone's efforts to try to
 11 develop on a piece of property.
 12 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Thank you,
 13 Councilman.
 14 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Rich, when is the
 15 next meeting? Give me a call. I didn't know about
 16 the meeting.
 17 COUNCILMAN BOGGIANO: I'll tell you,
 18 there were 136 people there the other night, not
 19 including anybody from the County or the cameraman
 20 and stuff. It was a good showing for a night that
 21 was a cold night. Thank you again.
 22 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Mr. Clerk,
 23 continue.
 24 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, we are on
 25 the consent agenda. We will proceed with the vote.

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1 We need a replacement for Freeholder Rivas, who is
 2 not here, sponsorships, he sponsored No. 2 and
 3 seconded by Maldonado. There is a replacement by
 4 Dublin.
 5 He sponsored 24, and it was seconded by
 6 Dublin; Maldonado.
 7 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Freeholder
 8 Maldonado.
 9 THE CLERK: And he was the second on
 10 No. 20.
 11 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Seconded by
 12 Freeholder Munoz.
 13 THE CLERK: And he was the second on
 14 34, sponsored by Freeholder Liggio.
 15 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Sponsored by
 16 Freeholder Maldonado.
 17 THE CLERK: May I have a motion to
 18 approve all items listed on the --
 19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Did we make sure
 20 there were no more speakers?
 21 THE CLERK: Any additional speakers
 22 on agenda items only?
 23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Thank you.
 24 THE CLERK: Can we have a motion to
 25 approve all items listed on the consent agenda?

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1 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Motion by
 2 Freeholder Dublin. Second by Freeholder Maldonado.
 3 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.
 4 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
 5 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
 6 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
 7 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 8 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Abstained on 26.
 9 Aye on the rest.
 10 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 11 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
 12 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 13 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Abstained on
 14 26. Aye on the rest.
 15 THE CLERK: Munoz.
 16 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: Yes.
 17 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Come back to me.
 19 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
 20 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Abstained on 26.
 21 Aye on the rest.
 22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'm going to
 23 abstain on 5, and I'll abstain on 11, abstain on 14,
 24 abstain on 15, abstain on 26. Aye on the rest.
 25 THE CLERK: For the record,

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1 Freeholder O'Dea, abstentions on 5, 11, 14, 15 and
 2 26; is that correct?
 3 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
 4 THE CLERK: All items are approved.
 5 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: Mr. Chairman, can
 6 I change my vote on 26 to abstain?
 7 THE CLERK: There are three aye votes
 8 and five abstentions on 26, so the item is approved.
 9 We have no ordinances for introduction. We have two
 10 ordinances for public hearing and one to be
 11 considered on find adoption.
 12 First ordinance for a public hearing is
 13 entitled Bond ordinance providing for various 2013
 14 Capital Improvements and Acquisitions by and in the
 15 County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, appropriating
 16 \$35,099,100, including grants expected to be
 17 received in the aggregate amount of \$2,400,000
 18 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$31,139,000
 19 bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof.
 20 This is the time fixed for public hearing
 21 on this Ordinance, which was introduced at the
 22 meeting of November 14th, 2013, advertised as
 23 required by law together with the notice of Hearing
 24 for this time. It has been posted on the
 25 Freeholder's Bulletin Board and made available to

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1 the general public.
 2 Are there any speakers on this ordinance?
 3 Motion to close the hearing by Freeholder Maldonado,
 4 seconded by Dublin. All in favor, opposed?
 5 (The Board votes unanimously to close
 6 the Hearing.)
 7 The Hearing is closed. On final adoption,
 8 Freeholder Cifelli.
 9 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
 10 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
 11 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
 12 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 13 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
 14 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 15 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
 16 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 17 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
 18 THE CLERK: Munoz.
 19 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: Yes.
 20 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
 22 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
 23 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.
 24 THE CLERK: The second ordinance for
 25 public hearing is entitled Ordinance creating a

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1 section on the Revised General Ordinances of the
 2 County of Hudson as amended and supplemented
 3 providing for a 90-day transition period in which
 4 service workers are able to retain their jobs in the
 5 event of a change in contractors relative to those
 6 contracts providing certain services to the County
 7 of Hudson.
 8 This is the time fixed for public hearing
 9 on this Ordinance, which was introduced at the
 10 meeting of November 14th, 2013, there was a hearing
 11 on November 26th, 2013. It was amended on November
 12 26th, 2013. This is a hearing on the amended
 13 ordinance.
 14 This is the time fixed for public hearing
 15 on this amended Ordinance, which was advertised as
 16 required by law together with the notice of Hearing
 17 for this time. It has been posted on the
 18 Freeholder's Bulletin Board and made available to
 19 the general public.
 20 Are there any speakers on this ordinance?
 21 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Motion by
 22 Freeholder Maldonado. Seconded by Freeholder
 23 Dublin.
 24 THE CLERK: All in favor, opposed?
 25 (The Board votes unanimously to close

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1 the Hearing.)
 2 The Hearing is closed. On final adoption,
 3 Freeholder Cifelli.
 4 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
 5 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
 6 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
 7 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 8 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
 9 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 10 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
 11 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 12 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
 13 THE CLERK: Munoz.
 14 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: Yes.
 15 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
 17 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
 18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.
 19 THE CLERK: The third ordinance for
 20 final consideration is entitled An ordinance
 21 creating a new section on the Revised General
 22 Ordinances of the County of Hudson as amended and
 23 supplemented, providing for a 90-day transition
 24 period, in which service workers are able to retain
 25 their jobs in the event of a change in contractors.

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1 This ordinance was introduced on
 2 October 14, 2013. A public hearing was held on
 3 November 14, 2013. It was carried at the meeting of
 4 November 26, 2013, to today's meeting. I'll defer
 5 to Board Counsel.
 6 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Go ahead.
 7 THE CLERK: I'm waiting for a motion.
 8 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Motion by
 9 Freeholder Maldonado. Seconded by Freeholder
 10 Dublin.
 11 THE CLERK: The motion is to approve?
 12 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Motion to approve.
 13 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.
 14 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: No.
 15 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
 16 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: No.
 17 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 18 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: No.
 19 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 20 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: No.
 21 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 22 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: No.
 23 THE CLERK: Munoz.
 24 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: No.
 25 THE CLERK: O'Dea.

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: No.
 2 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
 3 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: No.
 4 THE CLERK: The ordinance is
 5 defeated. That concludes the items of business on
 6 today's agenda. Are there any comments from the
 7 Freeholders on the business of the Board?
 8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman, just
 9 on the bond ordinance, obviously, this is a larger
 10 amount, Mr. Administrator, for a capital investment,
 11 but obviously, I think that all of the -- almost
 12 every one of these projects has an eminent nature to
 13 them. I think in light of the fact that we have
 14 such a historically low bond rating, it makes sense
 15 to, as in the past, take advantage of those low bond
 16 ratings. It's historically low rate.
 17 MR. ANTUN: You mean historically low
 18 interest rates.
 19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Historically low
 20 interest rates, as well as being able for people to
 21 work at a time that we have a high unemployment rate
 22 for Hudson County.
 23 The other item is obviously, we would ask
 24 that a representative from the Schools of
 25 Technology, the college and the Improvement

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1 Authority, get copies of this Ordinance No. 2, bring
 2 it back immediately to your presidents and executive
 3 directors, et cetera, and ask that they adopt
 4 similar language, and incorporate into any bidding
 5 that you would do to ensure that if there is a
 6 replacement, there would be a 90-day transition
 7 period for those impacted by the change.
 8 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Continue,
 9 Mr. Clerk.
 10 THE CLERK: Are there any comments
 11 from the Chief of Staff to the County Executive?
 12 MR. GAUGHAN: No, thank you.
 13 THE CLERK: This is the time for
 14 anyone present to address the Board on any matter of
 15 public interest. Please remember to limit your
 16 comments to five minutes.
 17 Lydia Radin.
 18 MS. RADIN: Hello. My name is Lydia
 19 Radin, and I'm here to speak on behalf of a member
 20 of my tenants association, Pauline Roman. This is
 21 my tape recorder. Pauline, do you have your taper
 22 recorder going? We're playing the tape recorder
 23 because we don't believe that the Freeholders, based
 24 on their past performance, will take any effective
 25 action to stop the crimes against us, specifically

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1 malicious prosecution and abusive process.
 2 So we're not here to talk to the
 3 Freeholders. If they actually do take effective
 4 action, that would be terrific. We're talking to
 5 that court reporter, who is making that transcript,
 6 that is going to the State Attorney General. So in
 7 effect we're talking to the State Attorney General
 8 right now, and if you change the transcript, then
 9 you will have committed a crime. You're not going
 10 to change that transcript that goes to the State
 11 Attorney General's office.
 12 Pauline Roman has to go to court on
 13 December 18th, and she's facing false charges,
 14 nearest we can figure because we can't get a
 15 straight answer from anybody, and we have been put
 16 through hell for months. Nearest we can figure, her
 17 dishonest landlord and his dishonest attorney is
 18 accusing her of trespassing because she went down
 19 into her basement, the basement of her building on
 20 October 13, 2012.
 21 Now, I went to down to her basement on
 22 November 24, 2012. So did Mr. William Dougherty,
 23 who will be speaking, so did her aunt. Bill, who
 24 else was there? You, me, there was a bunch of
 25 people. We took a videotape, and we put it on the

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1 internet. Now, nobody is charging my trespassing
 2 because I went into the basement. No one is
 3 charging William Dougherty with criminal charges
 4 because he went into the basement or Pauline's
 5 elderly aunt.
 6 Now, I'm wondering are they not charging
 7 William Dougherty because he happens to be a senior
 8 citizen, and two of his relatives in town are
 9 attorney of the law firm of Dougherty & Dougherty?
 10 Are they not charging Pauline's aunt with
 11 trespassing because she's a senior citizen and that
 12 would look ugly? And they're certainly not going to
 13 charge me because they know I would fight, so
 14 basically out of the group of people who entered the
 15 basement on November 24, 2012, Pauline Roman and her
 16 husband, Morris Roman, are singled out.
 17 So let's see. On -- in November, we were
 18 all in the basement, and none of us are being
 19 criminally charged with trespassing, but on
 20 October 13th, Pauline Roman says and claims to have
 21 an alibi witnesses that she wasn't the basement. So
 22 it doesn't even make any sense because on a day
 23 where she claims she wasn't in the basement, she's
 24 being charged with, nearest we can figure,
 25 trespassing, but on a day she was in the basement

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1 with a whole bunch of other people, nobody is being
 2 charged with trespassing.
 3 We put the videotape up on the internet
 4 for ease of reference. None of this makes any
 5 sense. I don't know how they get past probable
 6 cause to even run a criminal prosecution. It
 7 started at the County level. We were dragged
 8 through a CJP, and when they couldn't sustain the
 9 charges there, they dropped kicked everything in the
 10 Municipal court because they if dropped it, then
 11 Pauline Roman was prepared to make charges against
 12 her landlords for filing a false report.
 13 Now, here is what's really stupid. The
 14 landlord has a special duty to anybody on the
 15 premises not to maintain a condition or not to
 16 conceal deliberately a condition that is dangerous.
 17 When we went into the basement, what we discovered
 18 what that there is raw, untreated human feces in the
 19 basement that's coming up from an overflow pipe.
 20 The landlord can easily buy a cap that costs \$5 to
 21 put on that pipe and stop the raw, untreated human
 22 feces from flooding the basement. The Jersey
 23 Journal reported this almost a year and a half ago,
 24 and what have all of these responsible people done?
 25 Nothing.

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1 Now, raw, untreated human feces has
 2 bacteria and viruses that can aerosol throughout the
 3 building and elsewhere as disease-causing agents.
 4 So it happens to be a public health and safety
 5 issue. So Mr. O'Dea, if you're going to do a
 6 special investigation about crimes and corruption
 7 involving Jersey City Medical Center, how about
 8 doing a special investigation with subpoena power
 9 about the prosecutor and the City courts that have
 10 run amuck?
 11 Not only did they engage in the malicious
 12 prosecution and abuse of process against me that
 13 I've been screaming head off about for a number of
 14 years, but now they're doing it to Pauline Roman, a
 15 member of my tenants association, thereby
 16 demonstrating irrefutably that this a pattern and a
 17 practice. So will you be doing a special
 18 investigation about that, Mr. O'Dea?
 19 THE CLERK: Time, Mr. Chairman.
 20 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I don't know if
 21 you need a special investigation at this point.
 22 First, you haven't put the address of the building
 23 on the record.
 24 MS. RADIN: 150 Pearsall Avenue, and
 25 we have been screaming our heads off with the Jersey

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1 City Health Department, and we've been screaming our
 2 heads off at the Jersey City Council. There is a
 3 report that shows there's lead in the building,
 4 dangerous levels. There's a report by the Jersey
 5 City Health Department that shows there's toxic mold
 6 in the building. You have feces in the basement.
 7 Pauline Roman believes that her electricity is being
 8 stolen out of her box. What else?
 9 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: That's five
 10 minutes.
 11 MS. RADIN: Oh, illegal heating units
 12 that are being used so she can't get her
 13 grandchildren out of foster care so she can spend a
 14 lot of money on that too.
 15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Clerk, could
 16 you please reach out to Ed Coleman's office.
 17 MS. RADIN: Oh, forget that. How
 18 about her attorney, James --
 19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Your time is up,
 20 okay? You asked me a question. I'm going in my
 21 power as elected official -- that's fine. When I
 22 ascertain what Mr. Coleman and the health department
 23 has done or has not done, then I will see what the
 24 next step this Board should take. But I have to
 25 afford those agencies the right allow them to let me

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1 know what they have either done or have not done
 2 relative to that building.
 3 So Mr. Clerk, Mr. Coleman, the health
 4 officer for the City, please ask them to provide us
 5 any and all inspections, reports, et cetera,
 6 violations that have been served on 150 Pearsall
 7 Avenue in the past 18 months, and please ask that
 8 they provide that to us prior to our next caucus
 9 meeting. Once I have that information or lack
 10 thereof, I will determine what the next logical step
 11 is within the powers of this Board that we could
 12 take.
 13 MS. RADIN: Thank you very much, and
 14 I'll be following up with you, Mr. O'Dea?
 15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: With 150 Pearsall
 16 Avenue, absolutely. 150 Pearsall Avenue, correct,
 17 for the record?
 18 MS. ROMAN: It's also known as
 19 166-168 Old Bergen Road.
 20 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So that's 150
 21 Pearsall Avenue or 166-168 Old Bergen Road, either
 22 address. We'll have the answer prior to the Board
 23 prior to the next caucus. Thank you.
 24 MS. RADIN: Thank you.
 25 THE CLERK: Ms. Pauline Roman.

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1 MS. ROMAN: Yes, Mr. O'Dea and
 2 everyone on the Board, my name is Pauline Roman. I
 3 live at 150 Pearsall Avenue, also known as 166-168
 4 Old Bergen Road. I have, you know, I'm going
 5 through the same issues as Lydia. I came out for it
 6 and told you. But Mr. O'Dea, I had spoke to you a
 7 year ago about my situation, and you said you would
 8 investigate this, that you would try to get capital
 9 improvement, and I am facing to lose my
 10 grandchildren over my apartment not meeting the
 11 State standards because of these human feces,
 12 because of these illegal heating units, the mold and
 13 so on and lead.
 14 I've spoke to Ed Coleman like a million
 15 and one times. Ed Coleman at one time said, I'm not
 16 a babysitter to watch your children because I made a
 17 big issue of health issues and the heating units. I
 18 have expressed to him a million and one times the
 19 units can burn my children, and he's like, I can't
 20 watch them, I'm not a babysitter, it's not my
 21 problem. I mentioned other things to him that he's
 22 not addressing.
 23 Right now I have no water in my kitchen to
 24 do dishes. I have to take my dishes and do them in
 25 the bathroom, which is not sanitary because they're

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1 only being brought back into my kitchen because we
 2 defecate in the bathroom and urinate in the
 3 bathroom, so what do you think is happening to my
 4 dishes? They're only being like infected with
 5 bacteria, and we're eating on these plates or
 6 drinking out of cups that are like really unsanitary
 7 for us to be using.
 8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: How many units are
 9 in the building?
 10 MS. ROMAN: Five.
 11 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Are you
 12 withholding your rent?
 13 MS. ROMAN: I'm withholding the rent.
 14 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Have you tried to
 15 get out of that situation?
 16 MS. ROMAN: Actually --
 17 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Time out, time out.
 18 The speaker speaks, not anybody from the audience.
 19 We're going to have decorum here.
 20 MS. ROMAN: This is all I can afford.
 21 I lost my job on account of the landlord keeps
 22 bringing me into court for like malicious
 23 prosecution. I mean like he's falsifying
 24 complaints. You know what? The courts need to look
 25 into this too because there's really serious

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1 criminals out there that need to be addressed to the
 2 court system, not me, and he's retaliating against
 3 me because I am reaching out to all authority
 4 sources and making complaints about what I'm
 5 enduring and my children.
 6 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Does the
 7 landlord live there?
 8 MS. ROMAN: No, he does not.
 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Has the State
 10 Department of Community Affairs done an inspection?
 11 MS. ROMAN: Yes, the State and the
 12 City.
 13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Has the State
 14 served the owner of the property with violations?
 15 MS. ROMAN: Yes.
 16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Then in addition
 17 to a request from Mr. Coleman and a request from the
 18 City Health Department, could you please contact the
 19 New Jersey Department of Community Affairs? Ask
 20 them to provide the results of their inspection, as
 21 well as the current status of any and all violations
 22 that have been issued to the owner of that property
 23 as a result of the inspections that have occurred.
 24 Ask for that also.
 25 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Don't yell from the

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1 audience.
 2 MS. ROMAN: I would like to thank
 3 you, but I also would like to know how long this is
 4 going to take. Is it going to take another eight
 5 years, because this is what I'm enduring for eight
 6 years?
 7 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: All I'm doing at
 8 this point is asking as quickly as possible to get
 9 those documents. Upon receipt and review of those
 10 documents, I would ask -- we would determine what
 11 additional action we could take, whether it is to
 12 send a notice to the State. I think if you tell me
 13 you're having such problems from the City side, you
 14 know, I've had cases in the past where the State DCA
 15 and inspectors have taken action.
 16 There's a potential -- I don't know all of
 17 levels of it until I see it. There is a case where
 18 we could ask the City to take the property over in
 19 receivership, which is allowed under the law, and
 20 based on the receivership, they can collect the
 21 rents and utilize the rents to make the necessary
 22 repairs for the property.
 23 MS. ROMAN: This is already in
 24 receivership. The landlord has defaulted on the
 25 mortgage, and the State says it's the City's

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1 problem.

2 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Time out, time out,

3 time out. Ms. Roman, you're speaking, and you're

4 the only one speaking. This is the last time I'm

5 going to say it or else you're going to be

6 disqualified.

7 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Ms. Roman, to your

8 knowledge is the City -- has the City of Jersey City

9 gone to court and had a receiver appointed to

10 collect the rents in the building and directed that

11 the receiver to use the proceeds of that rent to pay

12 for the repairs and improvements on the property?

13 MS. ROMAN: I cannot get an answer

14 for that. My attorney --

15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Allow me to get

16 that information as quickly as possible.

17 MS. ROMAN: It's not a straight

18 answer. There is no straight answer.

19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Once I get the

20 information, I will then take it upon myself to have

21 our attorney contact the appropriate City and/or

22 State entity or individual and ask that, because

23 when I was a Councilman, which is a while ago before

24 I had gray hair, I in several cases had

25 Mr. Coleman's department go to court, have the Court

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1 order a receiver to take over the building, have

2 that receiver collect rents, in some cases in excess

3 of a year, and have all of those rents applied to

4 making the necessary repairs and corrections to

5 ensure that all of the code violations in fact were

6 addressed. I don't know whether that has occurred,

7 but at least with that information, I can ascertain.

8 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, time has

9 elapsed.

10 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Ms. Roman, aside

11 from the fact that your attorney told you to

12 withhold the rent, is he also helping others?

13 MS. ROMAN: Yes, they are. My

14 attorney, Mr. Lika, has advised me to withhold my

15 rent. I am withholding, I don't know if the other

16 tenants. Like tenants have come and gone because of

17 these conditions. But you know, unfortunately

18 they're able to do this because they either have

19 Section 8, or they got into the better housing.

20 Unfortunately, I don't have Section 8. I have to,

21 you know, pay, and I lost my job on account of being

22 brought into court basically every month for two

23 years at least three times a week. Now I face

24 malicious prosecution again on the 18th of December

25 of this year.

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Who is the owner

2 of the building for the record?

3 MS. ROMAN: There's a problem there

4 too. There's two guys that claim that they're the

5 owners. One is the Davindra Sewnarine, and the

6 other is Thamindra Sewnarine.

7 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Thank you for

8 coming.

9 THE CLERK: William Dougherty.

10 MR. DOUGHERTY: Good evening. I'm

11 William Dougherty, 3060 Kennedy Boulevard. I am

12 also a members of Tenants United. Lydia's the

13 president, of course. We have a T.V. station we air

14 in Manhattan every Friday, and we broadcast live

15 throughout Manhattan, Queens, the Bronx, Brooklyn,

16 and also we're streamed live in New Jersey. We're a

17 tenants' advocacy group. We're a bistate agency.

18 We are against abusive landlords.

19 The one of the most abusive landlords is

20 the Grandview where I live, 3060 Kennedy Boulevard.

21 On the books we have a 24/7 security guard

22 ordinance, and this landlord is not complying since

23 1985. Now, we are working with Mayor Fulop, and we

24 are also working with Orlando Rivera to get to the

25 bottom of why the 24/7 security ordinance is not

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1 being enforced at the Grandview, and I'm certain

2 we'll get results.

3 But maybe the City Council could

4 communicate with Orlando Rivera, and find out

5 precisely what is going on, why this ordinance is

6 not being enforced at the Grandview. There's

7 waivers and backroom deals, and this is 1985. Also,

8 in 1967, they got a 50-year tax abatement. That was

9 before Steve Fulop and Candace Osborne were born,

10 and they were little kids when they got, you know,

11 the deal.

12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I want to find out

13 if you researched in '85, when I played an integral

14 role in the enactment of that ordinance?

15 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, yes. I

16 communicated with Steve Fulop, and they're on the

17 case, and there may be summonses shortly. Also,

18 Pauline Roman, she's been through a lot. Thank you,

19 Mr. O'Dea, for your getting involved in this because

20 what she's facing is egregious against another

21 predatory landlord, not only the Grandview. Thank

22 you very much.

23 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Mr. Clerk.

24 THE CLERK: Additional speakers on

25 any matter of public interest.

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1 MR. DeLUCO: Good evening,
 2 Freeholders. My name is Tony DeLuco, DeLuco
 3 Organization in Jersey City. I'll be very brief.
 4 This past Monday night, I attended a meeting with
 5 the Hilltop Neighborhood Association. Of course, as
 6 we all know, Councilman Boggiano was just here to
 7 speak on this issue, so I will be very brief, again.
 8 At this meeting I watched the County
 9 officials, two of the Freeholders showed up,
 10 Freeholder Romano and Freeholder Maldonado, and I
 11 watched the Assignment Judge Bariso speak about the
 12 issue of a new courthouse. I watched the community
 13 residents, who basically voiced anger to the notion
 14 of any condemnation. I heard cheers from the same
 15 community people when Councilman Boggiano said no
 16 condemnation. Clearly, there is great divide on
 17 this issue.
 18 It seems like everyone agrees that there
 19 should be a new courthouse, but no one can seem to
 20 agree where to put it. Congressman Guarini made an
 21 offer to donate his property. It's a very generous
 22 offer. The problem with that particular concept is
 23 the fact that directly behind the Congressman's
 24 property is the property that's owned by M & H
 25 Developers, which is ready to break ground at any

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1 time.
 2 I happen to know because of my connection
 3 with the property that goes back to 2005, when
 4 County Administrator Antun sent that letter to the
 5 City and everyone involved. I know Congressman
 6 Guarini. I know M & H Developers. I know the
 7 residents. I know Councilman Boggiano. And I know
 8 the property very well, and one more thing I kind of
 9 know is the real estate business. So very briefly,
 10 I have a proposal for everyone, and it is simply, I
 11 would be willing to get involved to try to negotiate
 12 this with all the parties involved, and there's
 13 quite a few parties to try make the courthouse and
 14 the development a reality.
 15 That, it should work out. These issues
 16 are not insurmountable. The reality of both
 17 developments can occur. There should be no problem
 18 making it happen. However, if it doesn't happen and
 19 the condemnation come back, or if it ever comes back
 20 again, we decided to sue Hudson County for
 21 \$40 million. That's it. Thank you.
 22 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Next speaker,
 23 Mr. Clerk.
 24 THE CLERK: Additional speakers --
 25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Chairman, just

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1 to one thought. I would think to the
 2 Administration, that it would make some sense to put
 3 together some kind of a committee which would
 4 include obviously the Councilman of an area and a
 5 couple of other people that either live in the area
 6 and/or own property in the area. That was
 7 discussed, but I haven't heard anything about it.
 8 What I heard the day after the meeting is, the
 9 meeting went well, people understand there needs to
 10 be a courthouse, and they're concerned maybe with
 11 condemnation. That's what I was told.
 12 I wound up speaking to people who were at
 13 the meeting, and there was a videotape that I was
 14 hoping to eventually see that. One of the different
 15 stories that was told to me, again, no disrespect to
 16 the individual that told me that, they told me it
 17 was secondhand, but their secondhand-related
 18 information came directly from people from the
 19 County, not the Freeholders, who, in fact, were at
 20 the meeting. Let's not drag our feet. Let's put
 21 the committee together.
 22 MR. DeLUCO: Let's get this done. I
 23 think the community is receptive to a courthouse.
 24 So here I am. I can get this done.
 25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I would suggest

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1 that we ask Councilman Boggiano to name two or three
 2 other individuals on behalf of the neighborhood
 3 community, that we have the Chair of this Board
 4 serve on that, we have the Freeholder from the
 5 district serve on that, and whoever the Court and
 6 the Administration wants. It could be 50 people, it
 7 could be seven to nine members of the committee, to
 8 discuss any and all options. Nothing happens until
 9 that goes through a full and complete process and
 10 issue.
 11 MR. DeLUCO: Thank you.
 12 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Next speaker.
 13 THE CLERK: Additional speakers on
 14 matters of public interest.
 15 MS. WAITERS: Good evening,
 16 everybody. Patricia Waiters, community activist and
 17 advocate. I stand here tonight as a community
 18 leader. You know I ran for public office, so I do
 19 hold integrity, so I'm going to still consider
 20 myself not an elected official but a public
 21 official, okay? Because my sole duty is to serve
 22 the public.
 23 For the last seven years and my long
 24 tenure of running for public office and not being
 25 successful, when I got my reports for 2,063 votes, I

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1 am so proud, and I'm walking around now with my
2 chest stuck out. I'm announcing tonight I'm running
3 for Freeholder, and I'm so enthusiastic because I
4 know I have the people's support. I'm an advocate,
5 and like I said, I want to be addressed as such.
6 I have some very serious issues that
7 really bothers me, and it's with all nine of you
8 tonight, Corporation Counsel. With all due respect,
9 I'm going call it like I see it. I simply asked for
10 seven years since started to come up to this
11 microphone, and I attend every meeting you know on
12 the County level or city, you can find me in Essex
13 County, Bergen County, with Senator Stack. I'll
14 have a meeting because I'm not intimidated no more,
15 because all I want is integrity.
16 With that being said, I gave out these
17 little cards, and it's only for moral support. I
18 told you before, I'm not an attorney and I don't
19 play one on T.V. I solely advocate for the
20 community. With that being said, people actually
21 sign and say. We have the right to have Patricia
22 Waiters sit in our hearing only as a monitor and for
23 moral support, not no legal aspect. I'm not trying
24 to do nothing legal. What I'm trying to do is stop
25 people from being victimized like myself and losing

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1 their jobs, okay?
2 It was done. The paper was modified.
3 Freeholder Dublin, I'm not blaming you. The paper
4 was modified. I had 16 officers' letters that I'm
5 receiving, that they told me come to the hearing,
6 that I refused to go and talk. I'm going to put it
7 on this record because it's not fair. It's their
8 right as an employee of Hudson County to have who
9 they want at the hearing. With that being said, I'm
10 not intercepting or intervening because I still feel
11 with Director Aviles, I still feel emotional, and
12 it's a conflict of interest. I'm trying to do it on
13 a professional level and protect the public and
14 protect the community, and respect me, all of you,
15 respect me for my dignity and protect myself.
16 With that being said, I have a few dates
17 here. I have employees that want to do whatever
18 they have to, sign whatever form they have to, and
19 all we want is fair justice. A quick question, who
20 picked the community members -- who picked the
21 committee members, the committee members? Did you
22 ever take into consideration to make members of the
23 public, voting residents, part of your committee?
24 Maybe it would work.
25 Because I'm asking tonight, all nine of

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1 you, okay, and I know you have a committee. Please,
2 I'm begging you again, my mother is a 47-year
3 employee, please could you take one trip at least
4 let the people know you care? Go out to that jail
5 and see it. I mean, I can't even tell you how
6 severe. I'm trying to explain to you because I'm
7 getting a little emotional because of what happened
8 to me. The mess that's going on out at the Hudson
9 County Correctional facility, I don't want to be
10 judged tonight. I don't want nobody's vendetta.
11 Look deep in your heart to judge what I'm saying
12 here tonight because I'm here as an advocate.
13 What's going on in that jail, by the time
14 I stood there for 30 minute to get back to my car,
15 it gave me the chills because seven years ago when I
16 was terminated, that's the exact same thing that
17 happened to me continues to happen, and it's not
18 fair. We know it's bogus. We know about the
19 people. They fired us to get rewarded. Do you know
20 how I felt with a bogus report, now going to the
21 Prosecutor's office? It's disgusting. It hurt in
22 my mind.
23 You as government leaders, your election
24 is coming up. Your seats are up, and I will
25 campaign hard to tell the people we've got the

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1 power. We have the power, and the people keep
2 taking no disregard. Put somebody in those chairs
3 that's going to take knowledge of what is going on
4 with our lives, the members of the public that vote
5 for you and put you there.
6 In closing, please again, I'm your worst
7 nightmare. I'm not going anywhere. I'm simply
8 asking for justice. I'm not malicious. This is not
9 payback. What is going on is true facts. I tell
10 you all the time, I keep evidence and facts. I have
11 no reason to lie. Please look into this,
12 Freeholders. Please, as soon as possible, get out
13 to that jail and address these County issues for
14 people from every county. I speak for all of them.
15 Please address this and address your Director. They
16 should be reprimanded, not rewarded. Thank you.
17 Have a good night and enjoy your holiday.
18 MR. McCANN: John McCann. I am the
19 inspector for the Jersey City Incinerator. I work
20 with Jeff. About two weeks ago, I was called by my
21 boss about illegal signs being put up around the
22 City. I didn't know anything about it, but the sign
23 said County Courthouse equals condemnation plus
24 higher taxes.
25 So they were on public property, and I

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1 started taking them down. I didn't know who put
 2 them up. I had no idea what was going on. I also
 3 attended that meeting this past Monday night because
 4 on it was a -- on the sign, it was on the sign, Let
 5 the people -- www.letthepeoplebeheard.org. So of
 6 course, I looked at what it was because it gave me
 7 different steps. Those were the people that put the
 8 signs up. I also contacted the County. The County
 9 informed me through their representative that they
 10 spoke to Rich Boggiano, and Rich Boggiano claimed,
 11 this is again secondhand, came from them, that the
 12 developer put them up.
 13 So I went to developer, this M & H
 14 Developers also is Nams, and Nams Developers own the
 15 shopping strip small across from the Hudson Mall.
 16 They have a check cashing operation there and a
 17 massage parlor and a tattoo place and a liquor
 18 store, everything else in that business. I also
 19 went to look to see if he builds the very things
 20 that he claims. He wants to now build 135 houses.
 21 So far the most he's ever built was two two-family
 22 homes. He's built a number of other two-family
 23 homes, but that's pretty much the majority of his
 24 development experience.
 25 So I looked at the tape, and on the tape,

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1 Mr. DeLuco, who just I guess left or whatever, he
 2 was prominently mentioned and videoed on a number of
 3 times on the tape, and in the tape, he said one of
 4 the most outrageous things that I just couldn't
 5 imagine who is advertising he's a real estate expert
 6 and wanted us to pick him to solve your problems.
 7 These are his exact words, you can look at it
 8 yourself, and you can watch him say it, the property
 9 was purchased in 2004, they had a mortgage of
 10 \$1.4 million. They made no improvement since 2004.
 11 In 2006, they got a new financing for 1.75, and two
 12 years ago in 2011, they borrowed \$2 million. So the
 13 total amount of debt on the property is \$2 million.
 14 According to Mr. DeLuco on the tape, the
 15 developer is paying \$100,000 a month in carrying
 16 costs on a \$2 million loan. If that's the guy you
 17 want to pick to be your adviser on real estate,
 18 you're making a big, big mistake because obviously
 19 it's not true. Now, what I can tell you is that as
 20 a Mayor who has condemned a lot of property in
 21 Jersey City and had eminent domain in a lot of
 22 locations, we use eminent domain to build
 23 courthouses, to build roads, to build schools, to
 24 build power plants, to build a number of good things
 25 with eminent domain.

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1 I was at that meeting. There were some
 2 people who oppose to eminent domain, but there
 3 wasn't 136 that were opposed to eminent domain. The
 4 most I would say were people who would say something
 5 or agreed with the statement was ten or twelve.
 6 They might have been thinking it, but didn't express
 7 it. So I don't know what they were thinking, but
 8 they sat there and said nothing. The vast majority
 9 of the people sat there and said absolutely nothing
 10 during this entire hearing.
 11 What I'm going to tell you is that if you
 12 handcuff your own County Executive to prevent him
 13 from using whatever's necessary to get that
 14 courthouse done, then you're making a mistake.
 15 There is nothing wrong with eminent domain. The
 16 County of Hudson County has used it many, many times
 17 for very good reasons. The City of Jersey City has
 18 used it many, many times for very good reasons.
 19 So to say that it's not a good thing,
 20 people don't know what they're talking about. Every
 21 single one these people have no idea what they're
 22 talking about. What I'm going to tell you is that
 23 that camera and the cameras that were used on the
 24 voices of these people were the ones that were on
 25 the web site. So if they're now telling me because

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1 Mr. Boggiano said it was the developer, do you know
 2 what the developers said? I didn't put up the
 3 signs, I just paid for them.
 4 So now who put up the signs because I'm
 5 ready to issue a summons to people who put up the
 6 signs, and the only indication I can see is that the
 7 Hilltop Neighborhood Association is the only
 8 prominent name on that entire video, and the
 9 president of the Hilltop Neighborhood Association
 10 just spoke here a little while ago. So what I'm
 11 telling you is, don't handcuff your own County
 12 Executive. I personally don't care where you put
 13 it, whether you put it in that location, or you put
 14 it in another location.
 15 What I'm going to tell you is, there is
 16 nobody breaking ground on March 1st, and not asking
 17 for a tax abatement. I would love to see this thing
 18 happen. What I'm going to tell you, it is never
 19 going to happen because the same guy, and I can show
 20 you properties that he owns around Jersey City. The
 21 property owners, the M is Mohan Myneni, and the H is
 22 Henry Pershad. Those are M & H Developer. And
 23 Mohan Myneni, I have given out many tickets to
 24 because of his properties around Jersey City.
 25 You can see the vacant land that he owns,

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1 that he's owned for 15 years, 12 years, ten years,
 2 that they've done absolutely nothing on. This
 3 project he's owned for ten years, ten years. Now
 4 he's saying that people prevented him from building.
 5 How was he able to go in and get permits so quick?
 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: He built the
 7 building on the corner on the north.
 8 MR. McCANN: That's correct. That's
 9 correct. He owns the lots next door too, 682 and
 10 684. You see how I remember the number.
 11 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: Just for the
 12 record, I know about putting signs. He's all over
 13 the city.
 14 MR. McCANN: I don't know that,
 15 Freeholder, but thank you. Thank you, thank you. I
 16 used to take them out. I used to have the job the
 17 other way.
 18 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: You see the ones
 19 with the sticker?
 20 MR. McCANN: I didn't put those up.
 21 But the thing is that everybody can remember, people
 22 who were involved in the last election. I got the
 23 job of taking down everybody's sign. I took down
 24 Fulop's signs, Healy's signs. Rich Boggiano, he had
 25 the most up by far, and I took down all of his signs

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1 that were put up illegally too. The thing is when
 2 that happened, I did my job. I did my
 3 investigation, Freeholder.
 4 So I just want you to know that I looked
 5 up enough that I think that you shouldn't be so
 6 quick to pick somebody as a real estate expert when
 7 he -- I'm asking you to look at his own tape. This
 8 one building at 94 Pearsall, they just mentioned 150
 9 Pearsall Avenue, these ladies that were up here. He
 10 owns 94 Pearsall Avenue. Go look at 94 Pearsall
 11 Avenue. He even condoed the garages. He condoed
 12 the houses, the apartments, and they condoed the
 13 garages. Look at the garages. I mean it's an
 14 embarrassment.
 15 For this guy to be claiming he's a real
 16 estate developer, the only property he owns, he
 17 lives in New Milford, my understanding with his
 18 girlfriend because he couldn't own any other
 19 properties because of the federal tax liens he has.
 20 I would just suggest -- and you can look it up.
 21 It's on the record.
 22 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Thank you.
 23 THE CLERK: Additional speakers on
 24 any matters of public interest.
 25 MR. McCORMACK: Good evening.

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1 Richard McCormack. I'll keep it brief. I know
 2 everyone wants to get out of here, there are events
 3 going on. I wanted to wish everyone a happy holiday
 4 and Merry Christmas, and every one of your families.
 5 This has been a tough year, I know. Santa's going
 6 to bring the Freeholders a big bag of coal. Only
 7 kidding. I wish you all the best for the holidays,
 8 and I guess Billy O'Dea, what has it been, 29 years
 9 now? He's got the party coming up next Friday
 10 night. It's a very great party for everybody, and
 11 on that Saturday morning, you usually have about a
 12 thousand kids last year, every child receives a nice
 13 toy, breakfast with Santa. I wish everybody the
 14 best.
 15 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Thank you, Richie.
 16 THE CLERK: Additional speakers?
 17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I make a motion to
 18 go to closed session. I'm going to make a motion to
 19 go into close for the purpose discussing contractual
 20 matters.
 21 MR. FLORIO: And potential
 22 litigation.
 23 THE CLERK: Is there -- I need
 24 second.
 25 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Second.

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1 THE CLERK: All in favor, opposed?
 2 We're in close session.
 3 (Whereupon the Board moves to its
 4 Executive Session.)
 5 THE CLERK: We're back in open
 6 session. We have a quorum.
 7 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Administrator.
 8 Mr. Administrator. I just want to note for the
 9 record, the Administrator was not here when we
 10 returned.
 11 THE CLERK: Is there a second?
 12 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Second.
 13 THE CLERK: All in favor? The
 14 meeting is adjourned.
 15 (Whereupon the proceeding is then
 16 concluded at 8:11 p.m.)
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I, SHARI CATHEY, CCR, RPR, License No. 30XI00234700, and Notary Public of the State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the proceedings herein are from the notes taken by me of a Regular Meeting of the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholder, held on Thursday, December 12, 2013; and that this is a correct transcript of the same.

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