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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

JULY 11, 2017

10:30 A.M.

BEFORE: ANTHONY J. SANTINO,

SUPERVISOR

APPEARANCES :

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SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO

COUNCILMAN DUNNE

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY

CLERK AHMAD

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK DIANA MULLER

TOWN ATTORNY RA

COMPTROLLER CONROY

RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN, JR.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning.

2 Before we begin our Meeting, we are happy to
3 be recognizing two outstanding Members of our
4 Township, one, who represents the youth of
5 our community and one, who helps bring youth
6 into our community.

7 Dorothy, okay.

8 Educator, Charles Kendall Adams said,
9 "No student ever attains very eminent success
10 by simply doing what is required. It is the
11 amount and excellence of what is over and
12 above the required that determines the
13 greatness of ultimate distinction."

14 Today, we are recognizing a young
15 woman who just graduated from Baldwin High
16 School, who always went above and beyond what
17 was required.

18 Kelsi King was recently awarded the
19 NEWSDAY Marcus A. Henry Award which is
20 presented annually to Long Island top High
21 School student athlete.

22 Kelsi is the epitome of an all-around
23 student as Captain of Baldwin High School
24 Field Hockey and Lacrosse teams.

25 Kelsi was an inspiration to her fellow

1 Teammates.

2 Kelsi is also an excellent student
3 receiving a one thousand three hundred and
4 fifty on her SATS and graduating with a
5 weighted average of one hundred and ten.

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6 She was also President of her National
7 Honor Society.

8 But what makes Kelsi truly
9 extraordinary is her ability to balance
10 school and athletics with community service.

11 Kelsi was an active participant in
12 many community service programs including
13 Baldwin Athletes helping Athletes Program
14 where she spoke to younger students about
15 making good choices and the dangers of drugs,
16 alcohol and tobacco.

17 Kelsi, also volunteered with Unity
18 Day, which she serves as a mentor for 5th
19 Graders who are about to embark on Middle
20 School.

21 This Summer, Kelsi is getting a head
22 start on her career choice doing work at
23 Hofstra Medical School.

24 This Fall, she will begin premed
25 studies at Duke University.

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1 Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby and
2 I are very proud to present Kelsi King of
3 Baldwin with a Town of Hempstead Citation in
4 recognition of all that she has already
5 accomplished and what we know she will
6 accomplish in the future.

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7 Congratulations, Kelsi.

8 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
9 was heard. Citation was presented and photos
10 were taken. After, the following ensued.)

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: One more round of
12 applause for Kelsi King.

13 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
14 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I, now, would
16 like to acknowledge a Lynbrook Police Officer
17 for going above and beyond the call of duty.

18 No matter how unusual or unexpected
19 the circumstances maybe, Officer Anthony
20 Falsitta was on assignment when an emergency
21 call came over the radio a few blocks away, a
22 pregnant woman was going into labor two weeks
23 before her due date.

24 Although the radio said two units were
25 already dispatched, Officer Falsitta was the

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1 first one to arrive on the scene.

2 He rushed into the bathroom of the
3 woman's home.

4 The expecting Mother was in a lot of
5 pain and going through contractions.

6 Officer Falsitta experienced with two
7 kids of his own and preliminary course on
8 delivering a baby knelt and prepared for a
9 delivery in the event that an ambulance did
10 not arrive in time to provide assistance.

11 At 7:42 a.m. Officer Falsitta
12 successfully delivered a six pound eight
13 ounce baby boy.

14 Although the baby was not breathing,
15 Officer Falsitta expertly cleared his airway
16 with a slap on the back.

17 The Mother and newly borne baby
18 boarded an ambulance and was taken to South
19 Nassau Communities Hospital in Oceanside.

20 But that was not the last that they
21 saw of Officer Falsitta, four weeks later he
22 reunited with the family as a surprised visit
23 at their home armed with gifts.

24 Police Officers have a duty to protect
25 and serve.

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1 Police Officer Anthony Falsitta has
2 repeatedly gone above and beyond the call of
3 duty, not only did he step up to an unusual
4 challenge, he demonstrated the depth of
5 knowledge and caring that is evident in our
6 local police forces.

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7 I invite Officer Anthony Falsitta to
8 join me along with Councilman Anthony
9 D'Esposito, right, here at the podium to
10 accept an official Town citation.

11 (Whereupon, citation was presented.
12 Photos were taken and applause from the
13 audience was heard. After, the following
14 ensued.)

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Would you all,
16 please, rise as Receiver of Taxes Don Clavin
17 leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

18 RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN: Hand over
19 your heart.

20 (Whereupon, Receiver of Taxes Clavin
21 led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
22 After, the following ensued.)

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Madam Clerk,
24 would you call the roll.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Here.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

3 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

5 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

7 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Here.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Here.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

11 Goosby?

12 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

14 Sweeney?

15 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Here.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Receiver of Taxes Donald

17 X. Clavin, Jr.?

18 RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN: Here.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: First item on the

20 agenda, please.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Petition of Commissioner

22 of Buildings to demolish and remove the

23 detached garage and remove all litter and

24 debris from property - UNIONDALE - 486

25 Hawthorne Avenue - West side of Hawthorne

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1 Avenue - 396 feet South of Cedar Street -
2 Department of Buildings.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
4 that would like to be heard on this matter
5 before the Town Board?

6 (Whereupon, no response was heard.
7 After, the following ensued.)

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
9 I will accept a Motion, please.

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
11 Supervisor, I move that we close the Public
12 Hearing and adopt the Local Law.

13 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I second the
14 Motion.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

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Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

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COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item, please.

CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re: "Regulations and Restrictions" to limit parking in BELLMORE (To amend Chapter 202 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, is there anyone that would like to be heard on this matter before the Town Board?

(Whereupon, no response was heard. After, the following ensued.)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none, I will accept a Motion, please.

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Motion so moved.

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the Motion.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?
2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.
3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?
4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.
5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?
6 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.
7 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
8 Goosby?
9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.
10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
11 Sweeney?
12 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.
13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
14 please.
15 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
16 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in
17 BELLMORE, ELMONT, NEAR ROCKVILLE CENTRE (To
18 amend Section 202-1 of the Code of the Town
19 of Hempstead)
20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
21 that would like to be heard on this matter
22 before the Town Board?
23 (Whereupon, no response was heard.
24 After, the following ensued.)
25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being

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1 none, I will accept a Motion, please.

2 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: So moved.

3 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the
4 Motion.

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: So, we are moving
6 that the proposed Local Law be adopted, is
7 that correct, Councilman Dunne?

8 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: That's correct.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

12 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
20 Goosby?

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
23 Sweeney?

24 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,

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Please.

CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
"Arterial Stops" in BALDWIN, NEAR CEDARHURST,
NORTH MERRICK (To amend Section 197-5 of the
Code of the Town of Hempstead.

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SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
that would like to be heard on this matter
before the Town Board?

(Whereupon, no response was heard.
After, the following ensued.)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
I will accept a Motion.

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Mr.
Supervisor, I move that the Hearing be closed
and the item be adopted.

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second
the Motion.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

2 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
4 Goosby?

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5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
7 Sweeney?

8 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
10 please.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
12 "Traffic Regulations in the vicinity of
13 schools" in INWOOD (To amend Section 197-13
14 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
16 that would like to be heard on this matter
17 before the Town Board?

18 (Whereupon, no response was heard.
19 After, the following ensued.)

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
21 I will accept a Motion, please.

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
23 I move that the Hearing be closed and the
24 Local Law be adopted.

25 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the

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Motion.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,

please.

CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:

"U-turns Prohibited" in WOODMERE (To amend
Section 197-2 of the Code of the Town of
Hempstead)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone

that would like to be heard on this matter?

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1 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

2 After, the following ensued.)

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
4 I will accept a Motion.

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5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr.
6 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be
7 closed and the local law be adopted.

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the
9 Motion.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

13 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

15 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

21 Goosby?

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

24 Sweeney?

25 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
2 please.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
4 "Registration and Permitting of Property
5 within the Town of Hempstead" (To amend
6 Chapter 99 of the Code of the Town of
7 Hempstead)

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8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, we have a
9 number of folks that have signed in on this
10 matter.

11 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Supervisor,
12 before the subject Hearing, if I may, I would
13 like to propose an amendment.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Go ahead.

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr.
16 Supervisor, I move that Chapter 99, Article
17 299-13 be amended to the following language:

18 "And, there shall be assessed an
19 additional fee, two hundred dollars for each
20 additional rental dwelling unit permit within
21 the same property or structure having the
22 same ownership."

23 And that Chapter 99, Article 299-13,
24 Subdivision E-5 be amended to add the
25 following language:

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1 "Each additional rental dwelling
2 within the same structure having the same
3 ownership shall require a renewal fee of two
4 hundred dollars."

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there a second
6 on the amendment?

7 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I second the
8 Motion.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We will refrain
10 on voting on the amendment until after we
11 have heard the public comment, but we are,
12 now, hearing public comment based on the law
13 as drafted plus in anticipation of the
14 amendment.

15 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Mr. Supervisor, if
16 I may for a moment, what this amendment does
17 is it reduces the fee for additional units
18 owned by the same landlord in the same
19 building from four hundred fifty dollars to
20 two hundred dollars.

21 This is done, um, in consultation with
22 people from the industry and it more
23 accurately reflects the cost of the Town of
24 Hempstead administrative program.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Adeline Quinn?

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1 Please, come up, here. Name and
2 address for the record.

3 ADELINE QUINN: Adeline Quinn.

4 I support this legislation because I
5 live in Lido Beach, which is a Residence B
6 zone in the Town of Hempstead, defined as
7 single-family homes.

8 We have any number of homes in our
9 area that are advertising online, "rent my
10 ground floor apartment," "rent my studio
11 apartment," "three hundred dollars a night."

12 This is not a commercial area.

13 If I wanted to live in a seaside
14 community that was commercial, I would have
15 moved to the Town of Hempstead a number of
16 years ago.

17 This creates all kinds of problems for
18 us with people parking illegally, using our
19 beach when they have no idea what the
20 neighborhood is about.

21 It is a safety issue.

22 It is a health issue.

23 And, I am completely opposed to these
24 one-night rentals.

25 It just doesn't work.

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1 I have no problem with people who rent
2 their home for a month, that makes a lot of
3 sense or rent their homes for two months,
4 that makes a lot of sense, but a single-
5 family home, renting a room and we do have
6 places that are advertising "dinner
7 available," which means they are, now, have a
8 restaurant, that is completely against the
9 law.

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10 Just look on Airbnb, Homeaway, you
11 will see them.

12 Thank you.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
14 much.

15 Jerome Connors?

16 JEROME CONNORS: Good Morning.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address
18 for the record, sir.

19 JEROME CONNORS: Jerome Connors. 56
20 Glenwood Avenue, Point Lookout, New York.

21 I can echo the words of the lady from
22 Lido.

23 I live in Point Lookout and we have
24 many Summer rentals in Town.

25 I am a permanent resident year round.

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1 But I wanted to find out, there was a
2 rule, Town of Hempstead rule on the books
3 many, many years ago about Summer rentals
4 having to do with a minimum rental of one
5 month or twenty-eight days.

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6 Now, I wanted to find out if this
7 regulation is still on the books.

8 Because we come to find out and this
9 has happened over the last fifty, twenty
10 years, um, there are some rentals one week,
11 two weeks, um, we really, you know, kind of
12 brings down the character of the Town a
13 little bit.

14 Um, but that is really my, um, belief,
15 today.

16 And, I wanted to find out is this
17 regulation going to control this by enacting
18 it and the enforcement of it?

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town
20 Attorney, sir, if you would.

21 Ms. Petri, if you would.

22 ATTORNEY PETRI: This legislation will
23 - - it requires permits for renting.

24 It prohibits the issue of permits for
25 transient rentals which is less than twenty-

1 eight days.

2 The enforcement will be, um, word of
3 mouth, people complaining, people are driven
4 on places that are not obvious and the fine
5 structure is stiff, starting at five hundred
6 dollars for a violation.

7 So, um, it makes sense for people to
8 follow the law.

9 JEROME CONNORS: Who would we complain
10 to, the Building Department?

11 ATTORNEY PETRI: Absolutely.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

13 Pearl Jacobs?

14 PEARL JACOBS: Yes.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning.

16 PEARL JACOBS: Good Morning, how are
17 you?

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good.

19 Name and address for the record.

20 PEARL JACOBS: Good Morning. My name
21 is Pearl Jacobs. I am President - - my
22 address is 568 Ash Court, Uniondale.

23 I am President of the Nostrand Gardens
24 Civic Association in Uniondale.

25 I applaud the residents of Lido

1 Beach for seeking a Resolution regarding the
2 short-term rental issue in their community
3 that is adversely affecting their quality of
4 life.

5 Uniondale residents have also been
6 advocating for a resolution regarding illegal
7 long-term rental issues in their community.

8 Illegal long-term rentals have
9 contributed to the systematic decline and
10 quality of life for Uniondale residents.

11 From Hofstra houses to illegal
12 basement apartments to illegal garage
13 conversion rentals to upwards of fifteen plus
14 people residing in a single-family home,
15 Uniondale certainly has its share of illegal
16 long-term rental issues.

17 Illegal long-term rental issues in
18 Uniondale places added stress and burdens on
19 an already compromised community.

20 Some examples of how illegal long-term
21 rentals increases put stress on the Uniondale
22 community are sanitation collection,
23 enforcement.

24 Sanitation workers typically collect
25 one to two cans of garbage biweekly from a

1 single-family home.

2 And, single-family homes that fall
3 under the criteria of long-term rentals,
4 sanitation workers collects, approximately,
5 three times that amount than that of a
6 typical single-family dwelling.

7 This fact, alone, is glaring.

8 Another problematic issue that is
9 attributed as a result of illegal long-term
10 rentals is overcrowding on residential
11 streets.

12 Homeowners who pay property taxes many
13 times cannot park in front of and at times
14 near to their own homes.

15 The parking solution for some long-
16 term rentees is to park on the lawn just
17 painting the picture of a ghetto-type
18 community.

19 One of my civic members who lives in a
20 cul-de-sac says that due to illegal rentals,
21 her cul-de-sac resembled a parking lot where
22 cars are frequently parked in rows.

23 This scenario possess a serious
24 quality of life issue for Uniondale residents
25 where emergency service vehicles cannot

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1 Access their homes due to cars that are
2 illegally parked as a result of illegal long-
3 term rentals.

4 Both short and long-term rentals
5 create a compromised quality of life for
6 residents that reside in the Town of
7 Hempstead.

8 As a Uniondale Resident, I would hope
9 that our community's issue of illegal long-
10 term rentals would be given similar
11 attention, focus, action that Lido Beach is
12 receiving.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
14 much.

15 Amy Posner?

16 AMY POSNER: Good Morning. My name is
17 Amy Posner.

18 I live at 2 Royat Street in Lido
19 Beach.

20 I want to thank Councilwoman Erin
21 King-Sweeney for sending notification of this
22 meeting to her constituents.

23 Um, we bought our house in 2005 in
24 preparation for what we were hoping would be
25 a safe and stable retirement.

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1 Um, now, I have houses closest to me
2 on Royat Street that are not primary
3 residents.

4 The one next door is a rental house
5 including short-term rentals including a
6 fellow who is living in a van in the
7 driveway, substantially all of last Summer
8 and similarly this Summer.

9 He comes and goes and there is loud
10 music.

11 If we wanted to live in the middle of
12 a beach party, we could have saved
13 substantial property taxes and moved to the
14 west end of Long Beach but we didn't.

15 We moved to the dunes area of Lido
16 and I hope that the Town will take seriously
17 this issue, um, of folks that are buying up
18 these houses, sometimes in short sales and
19 advertising short-term rentals online.

20 They are easily findable as my
21 neighbor noted and do something to assure the
22 quality of life in our communities.

23 They are precious resources and, um,
24 not only are the quality of life, aggravation
25 just that we will drive long-term permanent

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1 Residents out of the jurisdiction, but they
2 also seriously affect the beauty, safety and
3 long-term use and quality of our beaches and
4 our precious beaches on Long Island.

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5 Thank you very much for your time.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
7 much.

8 Howard Sipzner?

9 Good Morning.

10 HOWARD SIPZNER: Good Morning.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address
12 for the record, please.

13 HOWARD SIPZNER: Howard Sipzner. 70
14 Garret Street, Lido Beach, New York.

15 I would like to also thank
16 Councilwoman Erin King-Sweeney for the
17 attention she has made to this issue.

18 She has come down to our civic
19 association meetings and has been very
20 constructive on the topic.

21 As many of my other fellow residents
22 throughout the County have stated, the
23 allowance of short-term rentals is
24 detrimental to local communities.

25 It violates the premise of long-term

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1 Owners stable tax base, improvements to the
2 community, civic association and the like.

3 And, the commercial operators who are
4 allowed to run these type of businesses often
5 illegally and in violation of local laws and
6 in violation of tax laws, many of these
7 transactions take place in a non-documented
8 manner, involve cash transactions and become
9 Federal issues, as well.

10 It is very important that the Town
11 take the necessary steps to control, possibly
12 prevent these short-term rentals because,
13 ultimately, they lead to the detrimental
14 impact on the tax based of our communities
15 which this Board, which this group is
16 primarily pledged with holding and
17 maintaining those tax bases.

18 So, I applaud the group for taking a
19 position.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, sir.

21 Elizabeth Murdy?

22 Good Morning.

23 ELIZABETH MURDY: Good Morning. I am
24 Elizabeth Murdy. I live at 15 South Temple
25 Street, Lido Beach.

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1 I am a life-long resident of Lido
2 Beach.

3 I have been on the Board of Lido Civic
4 Association for twenty years and I have been
5 the President of the Civic Association for
6 the past six.

7 This idea of rentals, we are not
8 opposed to renting in our Lido Beach
9 community.

10 For Over fifty years, I have watched
11 residents leave in the Summer to go away to
12 their Bungalow cottages, their Summer camps
13 or travel for the Summer.

14 As a child, I had Summer friends that
15 came in and friends that returned on Labor
16 Day.

17 We are not opposed to renting in our
18 community.

19 What we are opposed to is these short-
20 term rentals.

21 I first became aware of this in June
22 of 2012.

23 I received a call from a homeowner
24 telling me that just yesterday the house next
25 door to her had been renting for a day and

1 there was a bachelor party.

2 She told me stories I could not
3 believe.

4 Well, we all heard of bachelor
5 parties.

6 Think of one going on next door to
7 your home when you are raising your children.

8 Think ab out pulling your children
9 inside from their backyard because of the
10 antics going on in the backyard next to you.

11 Our homes are not that far apart from
12 each other.

13 I was horrified from that day in June
14 of 2012.

15 The stories have been increasing.

16 It has been one day, two days, five
17 says at a time.

18 Plus, last year, I was away on
19 vacation and I received a text from a
20 homeowner, "help, there is a brothel on my
21 street."

22 Now, whether it was really a brothel
23 or not, this homeowner was seeing coming out
24 of her house across the street in the middle
25 of the night and it was concerning.

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1 We are raising our children in this
2 neighborhood.

3 We are watching our grandchildren in
4 this neighborhood.

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5 It is strictly a residential
6 neighborhood.

7 And, again, it is impacting the
8 safety.

9 As I said earlier, our homes are not
10 that far apart from these residents who are
11 absentee landlords taking proper care to make
12 sure there are active smoke alarms in these
13 homes and carbon monoxide detectors and
14 things.

15 These are all things that are
16 regulated in the rental units and they are
17 supposed to be.

18 Our quiet residential neighborhood is
19 becoming an area where we have motels, pretty
20 much and that is just very concerning and in
21 my capacity as President of the Civic
22 Association, anywhere I go, people are
23 stopping me with another story, whether it is
24 true or not.

25 Just yesterday, I was on Matlock

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1 Street and they told me about a home that was
2 just refurbished and the homeowners plan to
3 rent it for five hundred dollars a night.

4 Now, whether it is true or not, we
5 won't know but go on Airbnb and Homeaway and
6 VRBO and you will see.

7 "Come to Lido Beach. Come to this
8 beautiful seaside community and rent my
9 home."

10 And, they put down some home will say,
11 "Five days minimum."

12 You put, "I want it three." "Don't
13 worry, we will work with you."

14 They might put it down online they are
15 doing it for a minimum of five days but once
16 you show an interest, a lot of these
17 homeowners are working with the people.

18 So, it really has been very
19 concerning.

20 And, Supervisor Santino, Alphonse
21 D'Amato gave me a letter to present to you.

22 If you like me to read it.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You can read it
24 and hand it to the Clerk.

25 ELIZABETH MURDY: "Dear Supervisor

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"Santino:

"I strongly urge the adoption.
Unfortunately a number of residents have
taken to short-term rentals, not only for a
week or two at a time, but on a regular
basis, renting to large groups of unrelated
people on weekends, most of these who rent
are young people looking for a good time and
have little or no consideration for those
adjoining or nearby residences in the
neighborhood.

"Oftentimes have parties into early
hours in the morning and accompanying loud
music and noise.

"This is an abuse and should be
curtailed as proposed.

"I commend the Town for putting forth
this necessary legislation and I am joining
with the Lido Beach Civic Association. Your
friend, Alphonse D'Amato"

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.
Present it to the Clerk.

ELIZABETH MURDY: I also have a
petition from Lido Beach residents who have
signed when they realized they couldn't be

1 here at the Hearing.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: As well, give
3 that petition to the Clerk.

4 ELIZABETH MURDY: I hope that you can
5 look to pass this legislation.

6 And, I also would like to thank our
7 Councilwoman Erin King-Sweeney speaking at
8 our April and June open meeting and making
9 this all come to fruition.

10 Thank you.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

12 Ms. Petri, did you want to comment?

13 ATTORNEY PETRI: I want to highlight
14 for everyone, here, not only does it prohibit
15 short-term rentals less than twenty-eight
16 days, it makes it a violation for any form
17 such as, Airbnb to show or advertise a
18 property that doesn't have a permit.

19 So, it actually subjects them to a
20 violation and significant fines should they
21 fail to ascertain that someone has a permit
22 before they accept them.

23 ELIZABETH MURDY: Thank you all.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

25 Stacy Russo?

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1 Good Morning.

2 STAACY RUSSO: Good Morning.

3 Thank you for letting me speak.

4 My name is Stacy Russo. I live in
5 Lido Dunes.

6 I know that sounds la-di-da.

7 I live in a fourteen hundred, um, um,
8 square foot home.

9 Got creamed in Sandy. Still
10 rebuilding.

11 So, I speak from the heart.

12 I don't have facts and figures. All I
13 know is that we had a rental across the
14 street, um, came out of my car one day and
15 the young boy with the lights out was about
16 to - - sorry, was with a bunch of his
17 knucklehead friends and shooting bb's at me
18 in the dark.

19 We had to call the police.

20 Um, it was bad. They were awful.

21 This was a house that somebody bought that
22 lived in the City and was renting it out.

23 Um, they terrified the neighborhood by
24 stealing things and whatever.

25 But, um, but the beach is my safe

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1 Grace, my asset, um, my life, the community.

2 My husband has lived in, um, Lido with
3 his family for sixty years.

4 I was fortunate enough to live there
5 the last twenty-seven years.

6 I clean the beach every day on a daily
7 basis.

8 And, um, I applaud you in helping us
9 pass this.

10 It is, um, it is very meaningful to
11 all of us in the Dunes.

12 Thank you.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Very welcomed.
14 Thank you for your comments.

15 Florence Hausman, come on up.

16 FLORENCE HAUSMAN: Since I am the
17 oldest one here, you will hear me and I am
18 allowed to say whatever I think except the
19 word that starts with an "F".

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning.
21 Name and address.

22 FLORENCE HAUSMAN: I am Florence
23 Hausman and I live in Lido Beach for sixty-
24 six years.

25 My husband was a Veteran of War.

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1 We lived at the Veterans Housing in
2 Lido Beach and, um, we saved my money.

3 My husband was a schoolteacher and we
4 saw this little house in Lido Beach and we
5 bought the house but we couldn't afford to
6 stay there at the beginning.

7 So, we rented the house for six years
8 and I lived in back of a liquor store with my
9 two children.

10 So, I know what it is to have a home
11 and to be safe and to have neighbors that
12 take care of you.

13 So, what I see, now, is that it is
14 becoming a commercial commodity and we are
15 not commercial.

16 We are a little safe area.

17 We are at the end of the Town of
18 Hempstead and we don't know if you care about
19 us.

20 We are next to Long Beach and we are a
21 little community by ourselves and we have
22 people who do care.

23 And, my neighbor - - I am on Royat
24 Street (as heard) and there is a house that
25 every day you see somebody else.

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1 Children running around breaking
2 things and it is not safe.

3 And, in our area, we have no parking.
4 So, if people are renting a home for a day or
5 two, they don't rent one person, it is three,
6 four, six or whatever, they come in and you
7 don't know who is in your neighborhood.

8 And, I don't feel safe. I am ninety-
9 two years old going on ninety-three.

10 And, I want to be safe in my
11 neighborhood.

12 I pay taxes all these years and I want
13 to be protected in my area.

14 So, please take into consideration we
15 have little area and it is not commercial and
16 if you start this one-night stand, it will be
17 a commercial area and it won't be an area
18 that we love and want to be safe in.

19 Please, consider it.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Well, Mrs.
21 Hausman, thank you very much and let me
22 assure you that we very much care about Lido
23 Beach and Point Lookout and that is why we
24 are considering this legislation.

25 FLORENCE HAUSMAN: I go back to Mr.

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1 Gates' leadership of Lido Beach, many, many
2 years ago and we protected the beach.

3 So, please, protect us.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
5 much.

6 FLORENCE HAUSMAN: Thank you so much.

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: And, thank you
8 for not using the "F" word.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Elizabeth Barouh?
10 Good Morning.

11 ELIZABETH BAROUH: Good Morning. My
12 name is Elizabeth Barough.

13 I live at 33 Royat Street and I agree
14 with everything that my neighbors have said.

15 We live in a residential area not a
16 commercial area.

17 Um, the character of our neighborhood
18 is changing with these short-term rentals and
19 there are no advantages.

20 There are dangers.

21 Please, keep that in mind and vote for
22 this.

23 Thank you.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

25 Jane Stein?

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1 JANE STEIN: Good Morning. I am Jane
2 Stein.

3 I live at 63 Bath Street, Lido Beach.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning.

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5 JANE STEIN: I am here to reiterate
6 everything that has already been said.

7 Just a few points, we are, as
8 mentioned, a small neighborhood.

9 It is the quality of the neighborhood.

10 We know everybody in the neighborhood
11 except, now, we don't.

12 We know different people each week.

13 It is not a commercial district and
14 just because the technology allows this to be
15 broadcast doesn't mean that it is in the best
16 interest of people that live in a small
17 neighborhood.

18 Also as mentioned earlier, the parking
19 is an issue because short-term rentals, um,
20 bring in more cars that are either unaware or
21 just crowd the sidewalks, so, that they can
22 get into a driveway, that makes walking in
23 the neighborhood for the residents, um, a
24 little bit difficult.

25 We have lived in the neighborhood for

1 forty years and, um, I also know everybody
2 that I see.

3 And, now, I don't.

4 I don't know if I have to but, I think
5 that is what we are used to and we would like
6 to keep the neighborhood just a long-term
7 residential neighborhood.

8 And, also mentioned, it is not so much
9 the long-term renters that have been in
10 existence in our neighborhood, um, as long as
11 I have lived there, it is the weekend rentals
12 who are coming in to have a party, which is
13 something we don't need to add.

14 Thank you very much for your
15 consideration of this issue.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
17 much, Ms. Stein.

18 Michael Robb?

19 MICHAEL ROBB: Good Morning,
20 Supervisor Santino and Good Morning, Mr.
21 Dunne.

22 Nice to see you on this side of the
23 County.

24 I am talking, today, as a resident,
25 not as the Storm Recovery Liaison for

1 Nassau County.

2 As many of you know, I have been
3 involved, Day 1, since Day 1 with hurricane
4 recovery helping over twenty-two thousand
5 families on Long Island affected by Hurricane
6 Sandy.

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7 Four thousand of which I have logged
8 in, helping within my own assistance group.

9 Um, the reason I am, here, today is
10 because one of my jobs, also, is that I
11 assist with the homeless of Nassau County.

12 And, as of last week, we had over
13 twelve hundred homeless people, here in
14 Nassau County.

15 Many of which I try to help, finding
16 additional housing and what I find, there is
17 no more housing on Long Island that is
18 affordable.

19 I had a young lady yesterday with a
20 six month old baby and Nassau County gave
21 this young lady a three hundred dollar budget
22 for her to go find a place for her and her
23 baby to live and that is real.

24 Social Services is required by New
25 York State and limited by HUD as far as how

1 much they can spend and that budget is
2 ridiculously below any affordability here on
3 Long Island.

4 We are struggling, here.

5 When I moved to Long Island, I was a
6 single individual.

7 I bought a home and it got washed into
8 the water, so to speak.

9 But, I am very much aware of the
10 challenges here in real estate on Long
11 Island, right, now.

12 We don't want to go high.

13 We don't want to spread. We don't
14 want to give up vacant land and we still want
15 to keep our grandparents, here.

16 We want to let our children grow up
17 here and stay here once they graduate
18 college.

19 And, inventory right, now, on Long
20 Island is one percent rentability right, now.

21 Foreclosures are high.

22 Lis pendens, which means people that
23 have missed their payments is increasing and
24 the stress is high, now, not only because of
25 taxes but because of the economy and

1 challenges that we all face out, here.

2 I am strongly against, tremendously
3 against the concept of Airbnb, Craig's List
4 and the lady and gentleman mentioned it,
5 there is another organization out there,
6 couch surfing and there are WEB sites
7 designed specifically to bring in people,
8 short-term business.

9 There is some background checks that
10 are recommended by the sites, but it is
11 overwhelmingly below the community's, by
12 traffic, whether it be by intoxication and
13 need to do other things that young people
14 think is socially acceptable in a beach
15 environment is unacceptable.

16 I applaud this entire Board for this
17 type of legislation to protect the residents
18 regarding, um, the visiting type of
19 population and those people that are looking
20 for a cheap way in to what is otherwise and
21 expensive Long Island.

22 The reason I am here, today is to
23 mention one other challenge that is out
24 there, it is short-term and I want to keep it
25 on the radar, we have over four thousand

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1 homes that have to be listed under the New
2 York Hurricane Sandy Recovery.

3 Many of these families are our
4 neighbors and my friends.

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5 These are people going through a lot
6 and they have to leave their homes.

7 Thank God only short-term wise in
8 order to have their home repaired or having
9 asbestos or other toxins removed from their
10 home.

11 All I am asking if this Board, I
12 encourage their legislation, if the Town
13 Attorney can, at least, take a look at one
14 thing and that is if there is one family, one
15 of our neighbors, one of our taxpayers who is
16 temporary leaving their home for the purpose
17 of renovations and they only need three weeks
18 out of their home and they cannot afford an
19 apartment, afford a motel or anything else,
20 just consider the possibility of emergency
21 waivers based upon documentation showing that
22 they have building permits, if the neighbor
23 - - allow that person to rent short term,
24 that is all I am asking.

25 We have suffered enough on Long Island

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1 in New York RISEN, each and everyone in this
2 audience feels one way or another if you look
3 at rentals for five years ago and look at
4 what rentals are today, it is affecting each
5 and everyone of us.

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6 It has also affected real estate
7 values.

8 We need to maintain the one family,
9 two- family concept that our great leaders
10 put on Long Island in the first place, that
11 is why we bought out here.

12 We are not here as a beachfront zoo
13 community.

14 And, I have seen this before in other
15 areas.

16 All I am asking is not to be
17 protectionist but to respect the fact that we
18 are all here for the right reason to have a
19 good life on Long Island and to keep our
20 community clean and safe, but, please,
21 consider taking care of our Sandy victims.

22 Thank you.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
24 much.

25 Shaun Skeete? Good Morning, name

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1 and address for the record, please.

2 SHAUN SKEETE: Shaun Skeete, 106 Rose
3 Avenue Hempstead.

4 I am here, today on behalf of myself
5 and also my fiancé, ADA, Susan Bennet,
6 Esquire.

7 She couldn't be here, today, but she
8 is here with me.

9 So, the first thing I want to address
10 is I notice a lot of people are, here, are
11 from Lido Beach.

12 I am from Hempstead and a lot of the
13 complaints that have been coming in are based
14 on the South Shore.

15 And, in fact, my fiancé has spoken to
16 the Hempstead Attorney, William Muller and
17 he, himself and I can quote him, said, in a
18 Township of over eight hundred thousand
19 people, I have not received four hundred
20 thousand and one complaints but the Town
21 Board has received dozens from the area
22 surrounding the Coliseum and along the South
23 Shore.

24 The Town wouldn't be acting if that
25 wasn't the case.

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1 As of getting copies of complaints, I
2 refer you to the Town Clerk's Office to fill
3 out a FOIL request.

4 We submit both of those areas are high
5 tourist areas where the majority of the home
6 sharing takes place.

7 Platforms such as Airbnb provide
8 neighbors with a dedicated email grievance
9 hotline to lodge complaints against noise,
10 party disturbances, um, common spaces,
11 parking and trash removal.

12 And, one of the things I want to
13 address, people are mentioning parties and
14 things happen on the weekend.

15 First, I want to submit, I am
16 originally a person who used Airbnb as a
17 renter but, now, as a first-time homeowner, I
18 am also a host.

19 And, I grew up in Laurelton which is
20 also a residential community, so, I am no
21 stranger to the things that people are
22 talking about in terms of being worried if
23 you have kids running around having parties,
24 bachelor parties.

25 I understand all of those

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1 concerns but the fact is, that not all hosts
2 are running illegal long-term rentals.

3 That is not the case at all.

4 My fiancé and I, we vet our tenants -
5 - pardon me, our renters, as well as, Airbnb,
6 they check everything from your background,
7 sexual offender registries.

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8 You have to verify yourself with
9 Airbnb in various ways so the renters that
10 come to us, they normally stay for two to
11 three days, sometimes a couple of days longer
12 than that.

13 It has mostly been older woman.

14 It has been couples with babies and we
15 don't have parties at all.

16 We haven't had more than two to four
17 guests, a lot of times have young children.

18 I, myself, have a son.

19 He is five years old and so I wouldn't
20 be renting to dangerous parties, to people
21 who are going to be having, you know, pardon
22 my language, stripers and bachelor parties
23 and things of that nature.

24 I am a Father and we are parents
25 and so, this notion that people

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1 are allowing things to go down and change the
2 quality, it is a falsehood.

3 A lot of us are just trying to make
4 ends meet.

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5 I am a first-time homebuyer myself and
6 it is no secret fact that Hempstead, itself,
7 the Town of Hempstead is one of the nine
8 largest Counties across the United States
9 where homeowners pay more than ten thousand a
10 year in property taxes.

11 It is undisputed in society where
12 there is inequality and lingering employment
13 rates and ever-increasing property taxes that
14 we all need to make extra income to make ends
15 meet.

16 We all love living in this Town but we
17 need to find new innovative and progressive
18 ways to manage increased housing costs.

19 And, I also submit to you that as
20 hosts, we would be willing to talk about
21 paying TOT taxes and perhaps willing to use
22 those taxes to fund affordable housing right,
23 here in the community in the Town and
24 incorporated villages.

25 So, I would definitely - - pardon me,

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1 I would definitely have some suggestions for
2 the Board and you know, I would hope that you
3 guys take these things into consideration to
4 not limit the amount of days annually that a
5 host can offer their listing as a short-term
6 rental, to reduce the rental permit fees to a
7 range, one hundred and fifty to two hundred
8 and fifty and to offer limited amounts of
9 guest parking passes for the host to utilize
10 with the listing, to reduce violation fees
11 and penalties which seek to turn homeowners
12 into criminals because unclassified
13 misdemeanors are crimes and they are
14 reflected on a rap sheet, to have short-term
15 rental guests pay TOT just as hotel guests
16 do.

17 We further suggest that the TOT be
18 used toward providing affordable housing
19 options within the Town.

20 (Whereupon, the five-minute bell rang.
21 After, the following ensued.)

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Sir, your
23 time is up.

24 Please rap up.

25 SHAUN SKEETE: Yes. So, in closing,

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1 I would like to say that the guests that we
2 have, they have become an asset to the
3 community because they spend locally.

4 They are not going into the City as
5 much.

6 They are helping the Town.

7 They are increasing the economic base,
8 here, by going to local restaurants, by
9 patronizing the Roosevelt Field Mall, the
10 Coliseum for the concerts, so, everything
11 benefits.

12 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Thank
13 you, sir.

14 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Senior
15 Councilwoman, can I ask a question?

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Yes.

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Thank you,
18 sir.

19 I just want to know, I don't have
20 Airbnb, if I were to register on Airbnb - -

21 SHAUN SKEETE: Correct.

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: - - I
23 register right, now, how quickly could I get
24 into a home?

25 SHAUN SKEETE: Well, as a first-time

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1 Person to Airbnb, you first have to verify
2 yourself with the company.

3 Once you fully go through that
4 process, then, us, as hosts, we also have
5 rules that we abide by.

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6 You first have to be approved by our
7 rules and once we verify that, you have read
8 and understood those rules, we will take it
9 from there.

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Those rules
11 are your rules?

12 SHAUN SKEETE: Those are rules that
13 are both from BNB and we have rules that I
14 have in place.

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: So, you as
16 parent would have stricter rules that just
17 rented their homes?

18 SHAUN SKEETE: Correct, but the rules
19 that come with Airbnb are also fairly
20 stringent.

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: So, someone
22 gets cleared by Airbnb and they contact you
23 via their AP or WEB site to rent a room from
24 your home?

25 SHAUN SKEETE: Correct.

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1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: They have been
2 cleared by Airbnb and they contact you, what
3 is your next step?

4 SHAUN SKEETE: My next step would be
5 to correspond with them to make sure they
6 read and understood the house rules.

7 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Okay.

8 SHAUN SKEETE: That is the first
9 thing.

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: And the
11 second?

12 SHAUN SKEETE: The second thing is to
13 verify the days that they are coming, the
14 time, to make sure that everybody is within,
15 you know, legal limits that they must do.

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Third step?

17 SHAUN SKEETE: Third step would be to
18 have them reserve the reservation and,
19 basically, wait until that day arrives.

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: So, at which
21 point, I guess I missed a step, at which
22 point are you conducting a background check
23 and checking for the fact that they are not
24 a sex offender or not?

25 SHAUN SKEETE: I am doing that during

1 the correspondence, the correspondence.

2 Well, Airbnb is doing the sex offender
3 registry.

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Okay.

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5 SHAUN SKEETE: When they are doing
6 their background checks, once you get past
7 that point, even though you have been cleared
8 by Airbnb that doesn't mean the host has to
9 take you.

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Does Airbnb
11 conduct those background checks on a daily
12 basis?

13 SHAUN SKEETE: They conduct that check
14 every time somebody registers with the
15 service.

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I register
17 with the service, today, two years from now I
18 contact you on Airbnb to get a room, in those
19 two year I have been convicted of rape.

20 SHAUN SKEETE: At that point, you
21 would have been filed, you come on record.

22 Airbnb does annual checks.

23 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Annual checks,
24 that is once a year.

25 SHAUN SKEETE: I don't work for

1 Airbnb.

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Neither do I,
3 that is why I am asking.

4 SHAUN SKEETE: I don't know if they do
5 it more than annually.

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Do you see
7 where we find some loopholes in the
8 situation?

9 SHAUN SKEETE: Well, sir, I would also
10 offer to you that those same loopholes can
11 happen in hotels that are in this very area
12 and those don't conduct background checks.

13 And, also in terms of landlords who
14 are in the area, there was a woman that came
15 here before, she said she rented her house
16 out for several years.

17 We live in our home.

18 I am not sure if that person was
19 conducting the same background checks that
20 this company is - -

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I applaud you
22 for taking the consideration into each person
23 that you rent into your home.

24 I think the concern of many of us on
25 this Board is not everyone is as stringent

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1 with their checks as you are and that leaves
2 the people that we represent.

3 SHAUN SKEETE: I would go back to say
4 in the Town of over eight hundred thousand
5 residents, you only have a dozen complaints
6 and they are usually noise complaints.

7 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Okay, I am
8 just pointing this out.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
10 much.

11 SHAUN SKEETE: Have a great day.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You too.

13 Joe Smith.

14 Forgive me for the damage of your
15 name, I couldn't read it.

16 Name and address for the record.

17 JOE SMITH: Joe Smith, Garfield Street
18 in Freeport.

19 So, I just want to say, just,
20 basically, Nassau County is well known to
21 have some of the highest taxes in the
22 Country.

23 Our real estate taxes are exorbitant
24 already and this imposition of rental fee is
25 just equating to another tax.

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1 This is what we are facing, real
2 estate taxes, we have to scrape together,
3 every penny to get these monies together to
4 pay the taxes.

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5 I live alone.

6 I have to put it all together by
7 myself.

8 A lot of people have a wife or a
9 husband and they can pool their resources
10 together to afford the taxes, here, on Long
11 Island.

12 Living alone, it is just me by myself.

13 So, I have an extra bedroom in my
14 house.

15 Why shouldn't I be able to put this
16 extra space to use?

17 It is helping me to pay the taxes.

18 It is helping me to maintain the
19 property.

20 It is not hurting the neighborhood.

21 So, a lot of the people with Airbnb
22 are foreign travelers, I get people from
23 Europe.

24 I get people from out-of-State. I get
25 business travelers and it is not a regular

1 everyday basis that I have an extra bedroom
2 rented out.

3 It is just maybe once a week, maybe
4 once or two weeks I get one or two people
5 coming in.

6 They are generally very quiet,
7 respectful and I don't see it as a detriment
8 to the neighborhood because these people
9 just, they do what they do during the day.

10 They come home. They need a place to
11 sleep at night and they are usually gone by
12 6:00 or 7:00 o'clock in the morning because
13 they have to get where they are going.

14 What I am saying is these people are
15 actually adding to the local economy, also by
16 visiting these local restaurants, delis and
17 also going to the local attractions.

18 One or two people per night through
19 Airbnb visiting our area are adding an
20 economy boost.

21 And, Mr. Skeete was saying earlier,
22 they are verified prior to actually being
23 booked.

24 And, that is true.

25 And, then, you can also verify them by

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1 telephone prior to actually approving them to
2 come stay in your house and there are house
3 rules.

4 You set up your own house rules as he
5 spoke of and these people have to abide by
6 them.

7 As I said before, it is not hurting
8 the local neighborhood by having one or two
9 people come and stay and be on their way in
10 the morning.

11 It is a help.

12 Thank you.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, sir.

14 Mohammed Atif?

15 Name and address for the record.

16 MOHAMMED ATIF: Mohammed Atif. 63
17 Meadow Street, Garden City, New York 11530.

18 I am completely against passing
19 legislation for short-term renting.

20 I have been living in the Town of
21 Hempstead for, approximately, eleven years.

22 I first used Airbnb three years ago in
23 South America and I found it to be a fabulous
24 service for young travelers like myself to
25 get an opportunity to live with the local

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1 Community, with local hosts and be able to
2 experience things locally rather than staying
3 a hotel.

4 I became a host about a year ago and I
5 have nothing but amazing experiences to
6 share.

7 Every time that I bring or I welcome
8 someone to my residence, it is me and my wife
9 and we have plenty of rooms in our house.

10 We rent one room. I have people
11 coming for weddings.

12 I have people coming for work.

13 I have students that come for short
14 courses, so, also a spectrum of people that
15 come and stay with us and never, ever has
16 there been a situation or a time where there
17 has been an issue with the individuals that
18 have lived with us ever.

19 Just recently as a Sunday, one of my
20 guests, myself and my neighbor went for a
21 twelve-mile bike ride.

22 So, not only, you know, they are
23 staying with us, but we are communicating
24 with my neighbors and it has been a really,
25 really, tremendous experience.

1 I understand there has been some
2 concerns within the Town of Hempstead on the
3 South Shore and these concerns, um, are
4 valid.

5 People want peaceful, residential
6 neighborhoods.

7 They don't want noise.

8 And, I totally understand that.

9 But, there is that other side to the
10 benefit of having short-term rentals.

11 One of the biggest things that you
12 have to consider is economic benefits for the
13 local community.

14 Forty-two percent of Airbnb guests use
15 the local community as a way of life, go to
16 restaurants, go to shops, so, this is
17 actually bringing in, you know, businesses
18 into the local community.

19 Additionally, I want to also bring
20 onto the fact that, you know, it is actually
21 supplement income.

22 One who potentially lost their job,
23 you know, they could have this as a second
24 income where they can have this as an income
25 where they can pay their mortgage and not

1 lose their home.

2 You know, when someone loses a home,
3 it is not just losing a home, the economy
4 takes a hit.

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5 It is a hit across the board.

6 I want you guys to really consider
7 this.

8 I know there is some, you know, things
9 that have been mentioned.

10 There are also other things like
11 advantages that are also there for
12 communities and for economics.

13 So, if the Town of Hempstead could
14 come to an agreement where we can all agree
15 on the benefits along with some of the
16 concerns to make this Town a better place.

17 Thank you.

18 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
19 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
21 much, sir.

22 A. Elaine Williams?

23 ELAINE WILLIAMS: My name is Elaine
24 Williams.

25 We moved out here in Hempstead in

1 1989.

2 Um, we bought a home. We were both
3 working.

4 In 2014, both my husband and I
5 retired.

6 After we retired, we found it very
7 difficult, um, to pay the taxes, to keep up
8 with everything.

9 We thought we would have enough. It
10 is amazing how you retire, you go through
11 funds very quickly.

12 You think you have money saved and the
13 next thing you know it is all gone.

14 Um, we have been known in the
15 community to be very helpful to many people.

16 Many people have come through our
17 homes.

18 Um, we have friends that come all the
19 time that spend a week or two weeks with us,
20 um and they always comment on how comfortable
21 they feel in our home.

22 Um, a year ago, there was a family
23 living in Brooklyn that, um, had to move out
24 East.

25 They couldn't find a place to live and

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1 my husband happened to find a room for the
2 young lady.

3 So, someone mentioned earlier,
4 "affordable housing" and how difficult it is
5 to find "affordable housing".

6 This lady came out here with two
7 children, six and two at the time.

8 Right, now, they are seven and three.

9 And, they, um, are in a sad situation.

10 They have not been able to find
11 affordable housing.

12 She is still in that one room, that
13 one room is cramped with three. It is a very
14 small room.

15 Um, the son is having a lot of
16 problems adjusting to, um, I guess, you know,
17 being uprooted, very rebellious child and the
18 school that he was going to threw up their
19 hands and said, we can't do anything with
20 this child, you know, the social worker, the
21 guidance counselor, the teacher were all
22 saying, "what are we going to do with
23 everything."

24 So, we thought, maybe it was because
25 - - the Mother did find a new job.

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1 She is a Home Health Aide and she works
2 3:00 to 11:00.

3 She, um - - so, she doesn't make much
4 money, ten dollars and fifty cents an hour.

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5 So, we, um, have the children and her
6 in our home five nights a week.

7 The children rest and we will not
8 disturb them and they can go get up in the
9 morning.

10 They can have breakfast and the kids
11 can get off to school.

12 We have been working with this family
13 over a year.

14 And, we have seen changes taking
15 place.

16 It is only because they cannot afford
17 housing that they are still with us.

18 They still have that one room to rent.

19 It is not conducive for them to be
20 there while she is at work, away at work.

21 So, they are at my house, so, my
22 house, as I said, giving just a brief
23 information about that.

24 I am just trying to show you my house
25 affords them comfort, rest, rescue.

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1 We have always been helpful-type
2 people.

3 Um, people that try to help others.
4 This legislation would block some of the
5 service that we render to other people.

6 There are students that come in.

7 We are hosts, as well.

8 And, there are times when students
9 will come in, into Hofstra just going for an
10 interview to get into School of Medicine or
11 like right, now, I have a student in my home.

12 He is there for two weeks because he
13 is taking a Summer course.

14 Um, we don't have long-term rentals
15 but we do have short-term rentals.

16 People do come in and they do
17 patronize the community.

18 They do go to the restaurants, here.

19 They do go to whatever.

20 I think this legislation would really
21 block a lot of people.

22 I understand the problem, they are
23 having in Lido Beach.

24 And, I think that this legislation
25 should not be generalized for the whole Town

1 of Hempstead.

2 Where it is needed, it should be in
3 place.

4 But, I think that for areas where you
5 have not had any complaints or very minimal
6 complaints, this legislation should not be
7 affected.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
9 much.

10 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
11 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Miriam Tauber?
13 Can you come on up. Good Morning.

14 MIRIAM TAUBER: Good Morning.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address
16 for the record, please.

17 MIRIAM TAUBER: Miriam Tauber. 80
18 Saratoga Street, Lido Beach.

19 Um, I do recognize there is definite
20 vacation communities, more, um, residential
21 communities, as has been pointed out.

22 I do want to respond to the background
23 check point that has been raised.

24 There was an article in the **NEW YORK**
25 **TIMES** last year about somebody who rented out

1 their apartment in Harlem to somebody that
2 they thought was in Argentina, a woman that
3 had Cams and was able to see live that
4 actually somebody who was not the person that
5 they thought it was in his home and like
6 slept in his bed and went through all of his
7 stuff and wasn't happy about this.

8 I think this happened less than a year
9 ago.

10 It shows, obviously, background checks
11 they claim to do is not doing anything.

12 And, um, the other point I want to
13 make is if anyone here is talking about how
14 much they want to rent from Airbnb, I don't
15 know if anybody has tried to file a complaint
16 against Airbnb, an apartment that they found
17 to be unsatisfactory or not as depicted, um,
18 it is nearly impossible to get a response or
19 any action from them whatsoever on any
20 complaints.

21 My point of those two things is that
22 there is a trend that if you have a house you
23 should be able to operate a hotel, which is
24 honestly a very troubling trend in our
25 society and it should not be welcomed.

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1 I think there are laws, transparency
2 and mechanisms for complaining, for making
3 sure people deploy rent to you, are abiding
4 by certain levels of, you know, of - - of
5 kind of respect for the residents
6 permanently.

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7 A lot of people talk about the boost
8 to the economy.

9 There is no doubt that tourists boost
10 the economy in communities.

11 If you want a hotel in your community,
12 by all means build one, motels, um, employ
13 people, create jobs, have infrastructure, you
14 know, more tourism, have rules, have minimum
15 wage requirements, clean your apartment, you
16 know, have a complaint against somebody.

17 If one of your guests run wild, you
18 can go to the hotel, complain.

19 That person knows who checked in, what
20 credit card they used, hold them accountable.

21 Where, Airbnb, you try to do that,
22 they will try and tell you, jump in the lake,
23 as most people, if they call in that respect,
24 they would agree.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you

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very much.

Randy Kaplan?

RANDY KAPLAN: Yes.

Good Morning.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning,
name and address for the record.

RANDY KAPLAN: I am representing Long
Island Board of Realtors, Director of
Affairs, Randy Kaplan.

I live at 2672 Lincoln Boulevard in
Merrick.

Before I start, I just want to thank
the Town Clerk and all of you in the Town of
Hempstead.

We came to the Passport Day and it was
wonderful for expediting everything.

Thank you.

I know some questions and complaints
came up regarding the amendment on the fees;
let me first start by saying, I support any
legislation that promotes the safety of the
residents in the Town of Hempstead.

Having said that, we understand that
there may be a need for a fee structure to
cover the cost of implementing the program.

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1 And, as I mentioned before, we would
2 like to get a little bit more clarification
3 on amendments.

4 I heard there was a possible fee
5 reduction of four hundred and fifty to two
6 hundred dollars?

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That's correct.

8 RANDY KAPLAN: Is that correct?

9 Okay, so, I just want to go on record
10 on saying from the organization that in the
11 event of transparency, the Town needs to
12 provide a cost analysis of this program
13 before they determine the fee structure in
14 order to ensure that the fee is consistent
15 with the associated costs.

16 We believe that if the Town conducts
17 the appropriate cost analysis they will find
18 that a lower fee will result in a higher rate
19 of compliance resulting in more rental
20 properties that are safe, habitable and
21 registered with the Town.

22 And, please, be aware that I generated
23 these comments in advance of learning about
24 the amendments.

25 Thank you very much.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
2 much. Thank you, Mr. Kaplan.

3 Richard Alexander.

4 RICHARD ALEXANDER: Hello.

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Your name and
6 address for the record.

7 RICHARD ALEXANDER: Richard Alexander.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Address, sir, for
9 the record.

10 RICHARD ALEXANDER: My what?

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Address.

12 RICHARD ALEXANDER: 20 Hill Street,
13 Roosevelt.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Go ahead.

15 RICHARD ALEXANDER: I believe that
16 the, um, Airbnb is very viable to the
17 community.

18 I think that it helps the average
19 person be able to have a little bit of extra
20 money to pay the mortgage, to be able to take
21 care of the little things, the bills around
22 the house.

23 I own a house by myself.

24 I live by myself.

25 I pay the mortgage by myself and when

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1 I have all these bill piled up, Airbnb is
2 something that gives me just a little bit of
3 breathing room that I can go to work, pay the
4 electric bill, pay the mortgage and just live
5 a normal life.

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6 And, um, I think the taxes already is
7 at a point where I am paying a lot of taxes
8 and the taxes are high.

9 The mortgage is high.

10 Everything is very costly and this
11 cuts a little bit of that edge off for me and
12 for a lot of people that I know that do it.

13 So, I think there should be
14 regulations of some sort but I think it
15 should be on a case by case basis, where you
16 know if someone is complaining about, you
17 know, because everyone does a little bit.

18 Definitely, I made sure that people
19 understood the rules of the Town, understood
20 the rules of the house, understood a lot of
21 things.

22 I feel that the people who have
23 problems with their neighbors that, you know,
24 their tenants, they are guests go a little
25 crazy, I think that should be a case by

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1 case situation and, then, those people should
2 have to pay a penalty and fines and what not
3 for the inability to properly, you know
4 control guests and take care of these
5 situations.

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6 I don't think that a blanket across
7 the whole entire situation, just a fee or you
8 know some sort of directory for everyone
9 works for everyone.

10 I think it is more harmful to Airbnb
11 and people who are honestly just trying to
12 make a little extra money, in general.

13 So, that is what I want to say.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, sir.

15 Brenda McGowan?

16 Your name, please?

17 VINCENT MCGOWAN: Vincent McGowan. I
18 am Brenda's husband.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Your address,
20 please.

21 VINCENT MCGOWAN: 26 Royat Street. It
22 is great to see so many of my neighbors, here
23 on Royat Street.

24 I want to thank the Supervisor for
25 convening, in particular, to Erin King-

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1 Sweeney for listening to us at the meeting
2 that she has attended and the trips that she
3 has made to the neighborhood to see the
4 unique situation that we face out in Lido
5 Beach.

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6 Um, it has been an education sitting,
7 here this morning listening to the sides to
8 what we have been speaking about locally.

9 And, I did a little research.

10 We do have seven houses in foreclosure
11 that possibly if they had a chance to rent
12 them legally, they would be able to avoid
13 that and that is always going to be the case.

14 But, we need to look at what is
15 happening on the streets of our community,
16 today, not, you know, the big project to
17 solve the World's issues.

18 We want to live our lives and conduct
19 our homes and families in a matter that is
20 safe and what we planned when we bought our
21 homes in Lido Beach.

22 And, the real issue comes down to, in
23 my view, three items that are constantly on
24 the table with renters and owners of Lido
25 Beach, parking is at a premium.

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1 The streets are already too full.

2 It seems like every single person that
3 lives in the house has a car.

4 It looks more like Los Angeles than
5 Nassau County to me.

6 Sometimes it is becoming car city out
7 there.

8 The noise on the weekends, walks to
9 Lido Beach, you will hear the pockets of
10 celebration all over the place.

11 Certainly, I am someone that has
12 thrown plenty of parties at our house.

13 We have three sons. Um, but, we also
14 had control of it.

15 And, we would hope that enforcement
16 would make sure that everyone complies with
17 the same need for respect of their neighbors.

18 And, obviously, the cost of trash
19 removal and the disruption of trash all over
20 the street, the sanitation workers do a great
21 job and weren't expecting it because of a
22 party the night before, because of a use that
23 they just aren't anticipating.

24 We have seen them have to leave trash
25 on the street because their trucks were

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1 getting too full by the time they got to our
2 stop.

3 Our family is in support of this
4 legislation.

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5 Um, we want to thank our Council
6 person, Mrs. King-Sweeney for recognizing it
7 and we will abide by the wisdom of the Board.

8 And, we know we have to listen to
9 everyone but we are a unique spot on the
10 South Shore and we wish to keep it that way.

11 Thank you for your attention.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

13 Norman Ellis.

14 NORMAN ELLIS: Norman Ellis. 45
15 Satellite Lane, Levittown.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning.

17 NORMAN ELLIS: Um, just a quick
18 comment about the last speaker, what valuable
19 points, how difficult it is to deal with
20 people doing parties and so forth but
21 regulating rentals, short-term versus long
22 term, I see could have no effect on any of
23 that whatsoever.

24 It is a beach town.

25 People are going to be there for the

1 Summer.

2 They are going to have parties at the
3 Park.

4 They are going to have trash.

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5 I just don't think those concerns
6 relate to the issue at hand at all.

7 One thing I would like to talk about
8 is, um, WEB sites are not the issue, here.

9 The real issue is rentals.

10 You are going to allow someone to rent
11 for less than thirty days, twenty-eight days
12 or more.

13 That is, as far as I can see, what
14 this legislation is focused on, what the
15 discussion is focused on.

16 And, everyone starts calling short-
17 term rentals, "hotels."

18 The definition of "hotel" in the law
19 has nothing to do with the length of stay.

20 You know you can go to an extended
21 stay hotel.

22 We have one in Bethpage.

23 You can stay sixty days, ninety days a
24 year.

25 A hotel is not defined in law by the

1 length of stay.

2 It is by the level of service and you
3 get bed turndown, concierge, twenty-four
4 check-in, a house phone, room service, that
5 is the list of things, if you have a few of
6 those in your hotel, bed or breakfast.

7 Renting out rooms in their homes has
8 been going on decades and decades.

9 This legislation will simply hurt
10 people who really need some extra money.

11 In my house, I am paying over ten
12 thousand dollars a year in taxes.

13 It makes no sense for me not to be
14 able to rent out one or two rooms in the
15 house, to get some extra income.

16 I am a senior citizen. My kids are
17 gone.

18 It is very difficult.

19 This legislation really does nothing
20 to protect safety, either.

21 All of the safety concerns that have
22 been addressed are already addressed in law.

23 I heard the Supervisor speak on camera
24 about it, actually, I think it was
25 Councilwoman Goosby speaking on camera about

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1 needing smoke detectors in every room and the
2 safety.

3 This is already covered by law.

4 We already have law that covered that.

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5 I did a little bit of work in my
6 house.

7 I got a permit.

8 I made sure that there was a smoke
9 detector in every room, a CO detector. There
10 is no additional safety that is needed for a
11 short-term renter versus a permanent resident
12 or long-term renter.

13 Why should there be a higher standard
14 of safety that is going to rent for fifteen
15 days versus three months or live there their
16 whole life?

17 If you want to protect the safety of
18 the citizens, look at the people who are
19 losing touch a little bit.

20 I am one of them.

21 I am old, you know, you forget more.

22 You don't keep your things in good
23 shape as you did when you were younger.

24 You don't replace the batteries in the
25 smoker detector that saves lives.

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1 Frankly, people like myself, who are
2 just a senior citizen not renting to anybody
3 are the ones that need supervision and safety
4 checks and inspections or at least help with
5 safety.

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6 Someone who is renting out a house or
7 part of a house and is advertising it is in a
8 market.

9 I know, I am a licensed real estate
10 broker, so, I know about these things.

11 You have to attract people.

12 They advertise. They take nice
13 pictures.

14 They fix it up.

15 They are concerned with safety.

16 A woman spoke about Airbnb, you can't
17 get in touch with them.

18 She is slightly wrong, completely
19 contrary to the fact. They rate you on
20 safety.

21 They have boxes for you to check off.

22 You have safety cards. You should
23 have a fire extinguisher.

24 All these WEB sites do that.

25 A person sitting home alone, doesn't

1 do that.

2 This legislation is completely
3 misguided.

4 It is going to hurt the people that
5 need money the most.

6 It is asking for things that make no
7 sense compared to the concerns that are being
8 expressed.

9 Um, and, then, finally, what does it
10 have to do with money.

11 If you are really concern about the
12 safety of the citizens, it has nothing to do
13 with money.

14 Have you looked into couch surfing?

15 There are hundreds and hundreds of
16 people that couch surf.

17 These are WEB sites just like the ones
18 that people are complaining about and people
19 come and stay in other people's houses for a
20 night or a week or five days or two months
21 free.

22 It is a big, big industry but it is a
23 free industry.

24 People do it all the time.

25 Why are we not regulating couch

1 surfing?

2 Why does it only have to do with
3 people renting for money?

4 None of the issues at all have
5 anything to do with whether it is for money
6 or not for money.

7 I am completely against the
8 legislation.

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Sir, I would
10 like to respond to your comments.

11 First of all, I think that there are
12 very compelling issues on both sides that
13 have been raised on both sides of the issues.

14 But, one of the things that concerns
15 me and certainly this couch surfing is a
16 concern for me, whether it is for money or
17 not.

18 I think the biggest consideration for
19 me is the safety issue and I think it is
20 being minimized.

21 We are a Town of neighborhoods.

22 We know who is in our neighborhoods.

23 We know who is moving in.

24 We know who the people are that live
25 on our block.

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1 I am thinking back to something that
2 occurred just a few weeks ago, a young girl
3 was getting off the bus in our neighborhood.

4 She came home from camp and her
5 parents were detained at their work and she
6 didn't have the key to the house.

7 She knew the people in the
8 neighborhood to go to where she could go and
9 be safe until her parents came home.

10 If someone were to rent their house
11 out on a daily basis to different people,
12 that is very transient, that is not the
13 definition of a neighborhood.

14 That is more in line with a commercial
15 enterprise, that quite frankly should be in a
16 commercial district.

17 So, when you minimize the safety
18 issue, forgive me, I think that is the
19 overriding concern, certainly, quality of
20 life is important but I think the safety
21 issue of having transients in a neighborhood
22 and the fact that we are a Town of
23 neighborhoods, I think is very struggling.

24 NORMAN ELLIS: It sounds great but if
25 you analyze it and I don't believe the

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1 Town has done a study on it, if you try to
2 find, do a study and find out what level of
3 criminality has been perpetrated by people
4 who are residents less than thirty days
5 versus those who are residents for more than
6 thirty days on a per capita and per house
7 basis, you find there is no support for your
8 argument at all.

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9 May I finish?

10 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the
11 following ensued.)

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I am just
13 telling you - - I am just telling you how I
14 and my neighbors feel we would not be
15 comfortable having transients in our
16 neighborhoods.

17 NORMAN ELLIS: If you are talking law
18 - -

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I don't think it
20 is safe for our children.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Ellis, if you
22 can make just one last comment, we will move
23 onto the next speaker.

24 NORMAN ELLIS: Certainly, thank you,
25 Supervisor.

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1 The Councilman speaks as if allowing
2 people to continue to have transient rentals
3 will create and overwhelming effect on the
4 neighborhood.

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5 Again, if the Town does a study on
6 this, I am sure you will find that there is a
7 very, very limited effect, very few people do
8 this and for the most part, the renters are
9 supervised by the people that live in the
10 homes and, you know, care about their homes.

11 People are not going to be renting.

12 People will care. Everyone cares.

13 We are homeowners. We will care. We
14 will watch out.

15 We know that someone who is our
16 tenant, even for one day, causes harm that is
17 a liability lawsuit against that - - we all
18 know that.

19 What better than us - - who better
20 than us to have our eyes on what is going on?

21 I think it is just safety talk to
22 regulate people that want to make a little
23 extra income, create a red herring.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, sir.

25 Thank you, sir.

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NORMAN ELLIS: Thank you.

(Whereupon, applause from the audience was heard. After, the following ensued.)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Maria Aramanda?

MARIA ARAMANDA: Hi, good morning.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Afternoon.

MARIA ARAMANDA: I will be extremely quick.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address for the record.

MARIA ARAMANDA: Maria Aramanda, 14 Saratoga Street, Lido Beach, New York.

Hi, good afternoon.

I have more of a question after listening to everyone from the Board, if you can answer it or anybody, the attorney.

Based on what it sounds like the legislation is all about, it is intent to regulate homeowners' rights to use their property which, of course, Towns do all the time, based on certain reasons and legitimate reasons.

My question is this, in this particular case, has the attorney conducted any types of studies whatsoever that would

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1 address the safety concerns and issues that
2 have been raised today?

3 And, if so, what were the end results
4 and where are they located so I can look at
5 them?

6 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I am sorry, I
7 didn't understand your question.

8 MARIA ARAMANDA: Have you done any
9 studies that are at all related to the issues
10 that were raised today?

11 Have you hired an outside company to
12 come in and assess, you know, constituents
13 are voicing their opinions, right and I
14 understand what those are but there is
15 always, um, the other side of everything.

16 And, the other side of the story and
17 the facts and so my questions is has an
18 outside firm been hired?

19 And, have they presented any actual
20 facts or statistics that show that these are
21 legitimate concerns and, in fact, those
22 concerns would outweigh the homeowners'
23 rights to use their homes?

24 Has that been done?

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The answer is there

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1 is no outside consultants.

2 MARIA ARAMANDA: Have there been any
3 studies done?

4 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We have internal
5 information that this is based on - -

6 MARIA ARAMANDA: Is it available to us
7 to look at?

8 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: You can FOIL it if
9 it is available, you can get it.

10 MARIA ARAMANDA: And, exactly what is
11 that information?

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: You can FOIL it.

13 MARIA ARAMANDA: How would I do that?

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Do a FOIL request.
15 You do a FOIL request asking for the

16 information that you want.

17 MARIA ARAMANDA: That is not what I am
18 asking, I am asking the legislation, itself,
19 was drafted and prepared.

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I know where you
21 are going, I am telling you FOIL it.

22 We are not answering any further
23 questions.

24 I know where you are going with it,
25 just FOIL the information.

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1 MARIA ARAMANDA: Okay, thanks.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
3 much.

4 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
5 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Cara Castro?

7 CARA CASTRO: Hi, um - -

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address
9 for the record?

10 CARA CASTRO: I am sorry?

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address
12 for the record.

13 CARA CASTRO: Cara Castro. And, it is
14 1310 Times Avenue, Elmont.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, thank you.

16 CARA CASTRO: So, I thought about it,
17 I see both sides of the issue.

18 I do understand that sometimes people
19 find safety to be an issue, um, especially
20 when you don't know who you are living next
21 to.

22 But from a personal experience, I
23 understood Airbnb, I actually - - the last
24 time I used it, I stayed somewhere when I
25 went to Washington, D.C. I went to see the

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1 Inauguration, there were no hotels available,
2 so, I stayed in another person's home.

3 Um, and I actually, I got to know this
4 person pretty well.

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5 And, I think that this is a type of
6 WEB site, unlike most WEB sites, nowadays,
7 where it is just people through the
8 computers, not real life, it is actually
9 encouraging citizens from different places to
10 come together and you know, intermingle.

11 I learned a lot about this guy who was
12 in the Army, who lived in Washington, D.C.

13 And, there are times when my
14 Grandmother has had guests from Airbnb at her
15 house and I actually gotten to know them, as
16 well.

17 So, it is not like somebody - - I
18 never even encountered an Airbnb person that
19 I felt threatening in any way and we do
20 screen them beforehand.

21 And, I feel it is a great way to meet
22 people from other walks of life and I don't
23 think that safety is an issue or a concern,
24 at least, not from my concern and from what I
25 have seen.

1 Um, the problem I have with this is I
2 just feel like Airbnb is probably taking, you
3 know, I am assuming taking business from
4 hotels.

5 I just feel like if homeowners aren't
6 finding a way to make extra income or extra
7 money why should we be restricted?

8 Why should hotels or people who own
9 apartment buildings like more wealthy people
10 have the luxury of having guests stay there,
11 stay there for less than twenty-eight days
12 and homeowners can't do that?

13 I don't think that is fair, um, to the
14 homeowners.

15 I mean that is just my point.

16 Um, I also notice people that use
17 Airbnb that are coming into the area that got
18 new jobs, also, they are looking for a
19 permanent residence, so, they will come and
20 stay for fifteen days as they are looking for
21 an apartment that is permanent.

22 So, that is another way to bring
23 people into the community, I feel, from other
24 places that, um, are looking to stay
25 permanently.

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1 And, a lot of them are quality people.

2 And, I have met them and I don't think
3 that is a bad thing.

4 Just really, in closing, I feel the
5 taxes in the Town of Hempstead are very high
6 and that the homeowner should have the right
7 to host, to bring who they want to in their
8 home as long as they are using due diligence
9 and caution when screening these people.

10 I think it is the right of the
11 homeowner that pays the taxes, obviously, who
12 the Town is working for, if they - - to be
13 able to bring a guest in their home if they
14 need extra income, like a senior citizen like
15 the gentleman whose children are not here, to
16 help pay the bills and expenses that maybe
17 necessary.

18 He needs to survive or a single Mother
19 that has an extra room that maybe doesn't
20 want to go community own.

21 I rather personally rent a room out
22 from Airbnb than take a Welfare check, that
23 is just me.

24 Um, I believe there are a lot of other
25 people out there that feel the same way,

1 rather than people going on community
2 Welfare.

3 Why not let them find other ways of
4 alternate income while they are possibly
5 trying to get another job?

6 And, I mean, that is my point.

7 I don't think that the program is - -
8 I think Airbnb is a good program.

9 I wouldn't say that I have been a long
10 time - - I have been a resident of the Town
11 of Hempstead pretty much my whole life, give
12 or take years here and there.

13 And, um, I am protective of the
14 community, in general, I mean, the house that
15 I won in Elmont was in my family for forty
16 years.

17 Um, you know, things on the block, if
18 there is dirt on the block or garbage on the
19 street, it bothers me.

20 I get bothered if there is a broken
21 street light.

22 So, if I felt there was a problem with
23 Airbnb bringing unsafe people in the Town, I
24 don't think that is a trade off.

25 I believe that you can rent to

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1 Anybody and they can be a child molester
2 twenty-eight days more or twenty-eight days
3 less, that has no relevance in my opinion.

4 I just think that this is sort of a
5 way.

6 I don't know, it is just - - I don't
7 know exactly why this legislation is being
8 introduced.

9 I just feel it is sort of a way, it is
10 an unfair that it is preventing the community
11 from making extra income.

12 I don't know for what reason. I don't
13 think it is right.

14 (Whereupon, the five-minute bell rang.
15 After, the following ensued.)

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
17 much.

18 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
19 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Rori Gordon?
21 Name and address for the record.

22 RORI GORDON: Sure, Rori Gordon. 25
23 Kristen Lane, Hauppauge, New York.

24 I own two businesses in the Town of
25 Hempstead and my family has lived, here over

1 sixty years.

2 I watched the video about this issue,
3 have you folks made up your minds?

4 You put up that sign that said, "no
5 vacancies."

6 It appears to me that you already have
7 decided on this.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Make your
9 comment, we are holding a Hearing, here to
10 discuss the issue.

11 RORI GORDON: Okay, I was just
12 wondering, prior to today if you had any
13 discussions with the residents, short-term
14 renters to listen to their sentiments as to
15 why they rent out their homes short-term
16 because I really believe you putting up that
17 sign, "no vacancies" you already made a
18 decision.

19 Um, I would like to know what studies
20 you performed as to how twenty-seven days is
21 a health and safety issue where twenty-eight
22 days is not a health and safety issue.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town
24 Attorney?

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Once, again, we

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1 have internal information based on residents,
2 based on being out in the community and if
3 you would like that information, FOIL it.

4 RORI GORDON: I would, specifically,
5 like to know, Joe, what it is to FOIL?

6 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I will tell you,
7 you are a litigant against the Town of
8 Hempstead.

9 Everything you do is code by that.
10 Please FOIL it. We will respond to you in
11 writing.

12 RORI GORDON: What does having - - to
13 being a litigant in the Town of Hempstead
14 have to do with a FOIL?

15 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The short answer
16 is, I don't know where you are going with it.
17 You are a litigant.

18 We are involved in litigation with
19 you.

20 FOIL your information and we will
21 respond to you in writing.

22 RORI GORDON: You are not specific as
23 to what I am FOIL-ing.

24 I FOIL things all the time.

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Just ask for

1 the records.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Ask for records,
3 that is the answer.

4 FOIL what you want to, FOIL.

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5 RORI GORDON: There are thousands of
6 illegal two-family apartments that exist in
7 the Town of Hempstead, did you determine
8 which is more substantially a detriment to
9 health and safety, the short-term rentals or
10 the illegal two-family homes?

11 On Long Island, right, now, there are
12 over one hundred thousand illegal rentals and
13 that was done by a study which came out this
14 week.

15 It is called "Remedies, accessory
16 apartments on Long Island, lesson learned."

17 At the last meeting, Mr. Santino, you
18 had the Commissioner up, here, who explained
19 that you folks did commercial inspections.

20 What I did was I FOIL-ed the State and
21 I have the FOIL, here.

22 The last one was 2015, always one year
23 behind or two years behind.

24 And, right, here, it says that you do
25 not inspect commercial industrial

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1 Occupancies, that, so, could mean anytime any
2 of us go to high office buildings, we have to
3 worry about our personal safety.

4 So, what you are trying to do, here,
5 is hide behind the health, welfare, safety of
6 the community, which you do all the time.

7 And, it is unfortunate but you're
8 talking about a small amount of people in
9 homes where thousands and thousands and
10 thousands of people go to Reckson Center and
11 the Office building across the street from
12 Nassau Coliseum.

13 Where is the money that comes from to
14 pay for inspections of those locations, when
15 you are not doing commercial and industrial
16 occupancy inspections?

17 And, I am giving you this so you can
18 see it.

19 Where is - -

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Give it to the
21 Clerk.

22 RORI GORDON: I will when I am done.

23 The OMNI building, the Reckson
24 building, I have FOIL-ed these buildings.

25 I FOIL-ed 3375 Park Avenue in

1 Wantagh.

2 I FOIL-ed 2012 Sunrise Highway in
3 Merrick.

4 This building, here, was built in
5 1967.

6 I got my request back, there is no
7 information.

8 I mean, how is that possible?

9 How is that possible?

10 The Inspector hasn't been to this
11 building. I mean, it doesn't make any sense.

12 Here is another building, Inspector
13 hasn't been to these buildings.

14 These are hi-rise buildings with
15 elevators.

16 You are required by law every three
17 years to be there and, now, you are going to
18 tell us that you are going to go out and
19 inspect all these homes.

20 I am sorry, but you're Building
21 Department really needs to step it up and the
22 people sitting behind me need to know that
23 this is all a bunch of fluff.

24 They will tell you they are going to
25 do these things, but you never do these

1 things.

2 And, I FOIL and I FOIL and I FOIL but
3 this is coming from the State, you don't do
4 commercial and industrial occupancy
5 inspections.

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6 And, you have the Commissioner sit,
7 here at the last Hearing, telling me that you
8 do is a blatant lie.

9 And, I am sorry, I think the Town
10 needs to really get a grip on the Building
11 Department.

12 I deal with it all the time and this
13 is going nowhere.

14 You are going to pass a law based on a
15 few people.

16 Do I feel bad for them?

17 Sure I do.

18 What would happen if you rent an
19 apartment and right next door to your home
20 and you got a guy that you are stuck with for
21 a year and he has parties every weekend, that
22 wouldn't be too cool.

23 And, that can happen and there are no
24 guarantees in life and what is going to
25 happen in your community.

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1 (Whereupon, the five-minute bell rang.
2 After, the following ensued.)

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

4 RORI GORDON: Thank you.

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5 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
6 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: William McCabe?
8 Name and address for the record.

9 WILLIAM McCABE: William McCabe,
10 Floral Park, New York.

11 I never used Airbnb. I probably
12 wouldn't use Airbnb and I prefer a hotel and
13 so forth for me.

14 However, I signed up to take a look
15 before this Meeting and on there and see what
16 sort of options people have, what sort of
17 houses and how they are portraying themselves
18 and so forth.

19 I highly doubt any of you did that.

20 However, I have some information to
21 bring back to you about it.

22 And, Mr. D'Esposito you said you
23 hadn't been on Airbnb, you probably be voting
24 on something and not being familiar with it,
25 that is interesting.

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1 Um, there were couple, I will use
2 different names, not their names, speaking
3 with them - - speaking about them could be
4 detrimental to them.

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5 Lynn and Steve from Levittown, married
6 couple, talked about how they bought their
7 house, trying to pay it off, trying to work
8 to keep their home, hoping to have children
9 and they have an extra room until they have a
10 kid.

11 A little old lady from Uniondale,
12 Doreen talks about how two or three roadies
13 from the different groups that are playing at
14 the Coliseum and so forth, stayed with her.

15 And, she just talked right there just
16 about that group, how nice they were.

17 And, she shared some soul food with
18 them and they sat down and talked after the
19 show and they stayed.

20 Later the next morning to hang out
21 with her and she put that on there and
22 something to speak with her about and
23 something to attract people.

24 How interesting and how loving and
25 caring they were to her.

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1 And, I found it very, very touching.

2 So, going back to what you said,
3 Supervisor Santino, at the last Meeting,
4 while all these people are struggling to pay
5 their taxes, you said about the pump-out
6 boats, the charging of the time for the pump-
7 out boats and the location and so forth.

8 You didn't think it was fair that
9 people should pay that, residents who are
10 elderly or first-time homeowners or people
11 struggling to stay in their homes or
12 struggling to pay their taxes.

13 You said you didn't think it was fair
14 they should have to pay for something like
15 that if they don't own a boat.

16 Well, I think these same people, those
17 same people, those elderly and first-time
18 homeowners and married couples, fresh-married
19 couples and so forth are also struggling to
20 pay their taxes and I think this is a way to
21 help them.

22 Um, and people talk about the curfews,
23 some places put curfews, some places put
24 noise restrictions, some homeowners add all
25 kinds of stuff and rules and so forth.

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1 People talk about that, but why would
2 anybody rent to someone who is going to
3 damage their home?

4 Why would a homeowner allow somebody
5 to come in and possibly damage a home?

6 It is in their best interest to
7 properly maintain, properly manage, keep the
8 home safe and secure and choose who they are
9 letting in and who they are going to have
10 there because there could be big damage to
11 their home.

12 So, there is not all these huge
13 parties and problems and all kinds of stuff.

14 I looked for horror stories about
15 Airbnb on the Internet, I couldn't find any
16 dangerous situations and major parties and
17 crime and so forth.

18 I really couldn't find any.

19 There really aren't any.

20 I think this could possibly lead to
21 more legislation.

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITIO: Did you
23 happen to read the **NEW YORK TIMES** in the last
24 few days, there was an article, actually an
25 article of someone who stayed in an

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1 Airbnb, was thrown down the stairs and the
2 host was locked up for attempted murder?

3 WILLIAM McCABE: I didn't see that.

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Check it out.

5 WILLIAM McCABE: I certainly will and
6 I thank you.

7 Um, this could possibly lead to more
8 litigation against the Town.

9 Airbnb has sued and has sued some of
10 the municipalities and so forth.

11 There is a lot of litigation against
12 the own, a lot of taxpayer dollars wasted,
13 hundreds of thousands of dollars on the
14 windows and restaurants.

15 Thirty thousand dollars so far on the
16 prohibition of tire inflation devices and I
17 think it could really add more tax dollars
18 being wasted, um, on litigation because we
19 don't know what Airbnb is going to do and we
20 don't know what the owners might do and some
21 of the hosts might do.

22 There might be a class action and, you
23 know, the point that nobody raised is the
24 scariest of all, this law you guys put in
25 there, that the Town is going to look through

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1 short-term rental WEB sites to find and, in
2 fact, find out um, violators.

3 So, you are going to go onto the
4 Internet and pay Town Employees to look up
5 people that are renting their home and "doing
6 bad things and violates Town Law."

7 You are going to go on the Internet
8 and look for people that are doing something
9 wrong, that violate the law, that is insane,
10 that is a gross over-step of government.

11 This is like KGB stuff going on and
12 hunting for people that are doing something
13 wrong over the Internet, wasting taxpayers'
14 dollars.

15 Why not enforce like a limited amount
16 of people that are in a home so you avoid
17 parties?

18 You avoid large noise problems and so
19 forth and rowdiness and horseplay, something
20 like that, sit down with the hosts and sit
21 down - -

22 (Whereupon, the five-minute bell rang.
23 After, the following ensued.)

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
25 much.

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1 WILLIAM McCABE: I am not finished
2 yet.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Felix Procacci?

4 FELIX PROCACCI: The clock is running.
5 I didn't even sit down, yet.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Speak to Mr.
7 McCabe that was using your time. Please be
8 respectful.

9 FELIX PROCACCI: To what, a jackass.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Procacci.

11 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165

12 - -

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Control yourself
14 and, please, speak to the Board in respectful
15 terms, if you know how.

16 FELIX PROCACCI: If you know how.

17 Um, I see a few people have done
18 formal studies about this and we have to FOIL
19 this.

20 And, I will bring up the fact that I
21 have legitimate FOILs.

22 I take time to put together the
23 information.

24 I have been waiting six months.

25 How about putting the fines on those

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1 People instead of those who rent their house?
2 A thousand dollars and all of this stuff and
3 jail time?

4 How about doing that for FOIL-ing?

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5 How about you go to jail every time
6 you violate the law?

7 How about that? One day in jail, you
8 would be in there the rest of your life.

9 Okay, how many complaints did the Town
10 receive from residents regarding short-term
11 rentals?

12 And, what was the nature of their
13 complaints, i.e. did the renters do something
14 illegal?

15 How were these instances specific to
16 short-term rentals and not long-term rentals?

17 Okay, did the Town representatives
18 hold any informal public meetings around the
19 Town besides Lido Beach because, you know,
20 that is where your voters are to discuss this
21 legislation with residents besides Lido
22 Beach, Franklin Square, Elmont, Hempstead,
23 Uniondale, did you go there?

24 Anyone go there?

25 No, okay.

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1 Um, did the Town consult with outside
2 Counsel in writing this legislation?

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't believe so.

4 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, did the Town
5 research the constitutionality of this
6 proposed legislation?

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We are comfortable
8 with the Constitution.

9 FELIX PROCACCI: I understand that.
10 Did you research it?

11 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We are comfortable
12 with it, Mr. Procacci, that is the answer.

13 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay because some
14 residents have purchased property with the
15 knowledge that they were permitted to do a
16 legal thing like short-term rentals and, now,
17 you are taking that right away from them.

18 That is a taking of the constitution,
19 unless you can prove that there is a
20 detriment to health and safety, which you
21 never prove detriment to health and safety.

22 Which you never prove upfront unless
23 you get to Court.

24 Let's try to prevent getting to Court
25 because that is a lot of freaking money.

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1 How much, Joe Ra, do you spend a year
2 on lawsuits and stupid lawsuits, that is the
3 worst part about it.

4 Why not research the constitutionality
5 before you pass this law?

6 Getting to residents all over the
7 Town, not just Lido Beach.

8 I know they are voters that vote for
9 him, that is why he is doing that and that is
10 why she is doing that but show you give a
11 damn for the people in Uniondale.

12 Why don't you ask them?

13 Okay, we learn that the Town will be
14 looking through WEB sites with rentals to
15 identify properties doing this short-term
16 rental thing.

17 Has the Town ever engaged in looking
18 through real estate ads trying to find
19 illegal rentals?

20 Did you ever engage in that because I
21 have been here seven years next month and I
22 have never remember legislation to find
23 illegal housing that is going on all over the
24 Town?

25 I never remember this fanfare that

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1 you put outside with this - - the sign, "no
2 vacancies" on long-term illegal rentals.

3 You never did that publicity before.

4 A lot of communities are suffering
5 with illegal rentals.

6 You never did that.

7 Have you seen that? Have you done
8 that?

9 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: There are many
10 things that the Building Department does.

11 FELIX PROCACCI: There is no fanfare.

12 Why did you go there? Have you done
13 that? I love the vagary.

14 Okay, I agree that you should vote
15 that down because I did my research on the
16 cost of the Building Department, two hundred
17 dollars is a more reasonable fine, whatever
18 fine you put on this should be the same thing
19 you put on yourself when you violate FOIL
20 because I want you in jail.

21 I want you to pay two hundred dollars
22 every time you violate FOIL.

23 Every time you go another day over,
24 another two hundred dollars, the same kind of
25 harsh penalties you are putting on people

1 trying to live here.

2 You are making two hundred grand a
3 year.

4 You aren't suffering with the high
5 taxes but other people are and all you are
6 doing, all your actions have just cost
7 taxpayers a lot of money, people who can't
8 afford it and you can.

9 Because you don't give a damn about
10 the regular people anymore.

11 And, can the Town force the property
12 owners to have their house inspected?

13 (Whereupon, the five-minute bell rang.
14 After, the following ensued.)

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
16 much.

17 That was the last individual that
18 signed in on this matter, so, now, we do have
19 the issue of the amendment, so, I would ask
20 the Clerk to, please, call the roll on the
21 amendment which has been made and seconded.

22 This is with reference to the lowering
23 of the fee.

24 This is on the amendment. A motion
25 has been made and seconded.

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1 Please, call the roll on the
2 amendment, Madam Clerk.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

6 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

10 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
14 Goosby?

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
17 Sweeney?

18 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The amendment has
20 been made.

21 I would ask for a Motion on the
22 proposed Local Law as amended.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Mr.

24 Supervisor, I move that the Local Law be
25 adopted.

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1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITIO: I second the
2 Motion.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

6 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

10 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
14 Goosby?

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
17 Sweeney?

18 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
20 please.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed "Handicapped
22 parking on public streets" in ELMONT,
23 FRANKLIN SQUARE, HEWLETT, INWOOD, WEST
24 HEMPSTEAD (Randall Avenue, 116th Avenue, Jacob
25 Street, Adams Street, Kruze Street, Hoffman

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1 Street, Doris Avenue, Felter Avenue, Henry
2 Street, Parker Avenue)

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone that would
4 like to be heard on this matter before the
5 Town Board?

6 (Whereupon, no response was heard.
7 After, the following ensued.)

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
9 I will accept a Motion, please.

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
11 I move that the Public Hearing be closed and
12 that the item be adopted.

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the
14 Motion.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

22 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
2 Goosby?

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
5 Sweeney?

6 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
8 please.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Increase &
10 Improvement of the Merrick Fire Protection
11 District - Town of Hempstead

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We have Mr. John
13 Fabian.

14 Good Afternoon, Mr. Fabian.

15 Name and address for the record, sir.

16 JOHN FABIAN: John Fabian. 16 Central
17 Boulevard in Merrick.

18 Good Afternoon to the Town Supervisor
19 and the Town Board:

20 I would like to thank you for your
21 consideration this afternoon for the purchase
22 of two pieces of apparatus.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: People are having
24 a conversation in the hallway, would you ask
25 them to take it outside so we can be

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1 Respectful to Mr. Fabian and all that are,
2 here.

3 Okay, Mr. Fabian, would you begin,
4 again, I am so sorry.

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5 JOHN FABIAN: Thank you for your
6 consideration of the piece of fire apparatus
7 for the Merrick Fire Department Project
8 Engine and Hose Company has been serving the
9 community of Merrick for over ninety-five
10 years.

11 The purchase of new engines will
12 ensure we continue to provide the level of
13 service our residents expect from us.

14 That is all I have to say, thank you
15 very much for your consideration.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Mr.
17 Fabian.

18 Thank you for joining with us today.

19 Is there anyone that would like to
20 speak on this matter before the Town Board?

21 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Yes, I would.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, thank you,
23 Mr. Fabian.

24 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Mary Ellen Kreye.
25 436 Locust Avenue in Uniondale.

1 So, my question is about the fire
2 protection district as opposed to fire
3 departments, is the fire protection district
4 the same as Uniondale Fire Protection
5 District which use to be East Garden City,
6 um, fire protection district?

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The Merrick Fire
8 Protection is unique in that it is the only
9 fire protection district in the Town and you
10 do understand that the fire protection
11 district as opposed to a fire district, fire
12 protection district, this Town Board actually
13 serves as, essentially, the Commissioners,
14 the governing body of the fire protection
15 district.

16 A fire district will have its own
17 elected Commissioners.

18 This fire protection district in
19 Merrick is the only district that in and of
20 itself operates as a fire district.

21 So, there are various companies that
22 make up the Merrick Fire Department, per se,
23 and they are funded and regulated by this
24 Town Board as a Fire Protection District that
25 exists nowhere else.

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1 There are other fire protection
2 districts that contract with either
3 Incorporated Villages or a Fire District
4 which has, if you remember my definition, has
5 elected Board of Commissioners, so, there may
6 be a fire protection district that services
7 certain residents and that fire protection
8 district would, then, be this Board, would,
9 on behalf of that fire protection district,
10 contract with existing fire departments,
11 whether it is a fire district, fire
12 department or incorporated village.

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13 This is only one that actually runs
14 its own department.

15 MARY ELLEN KREYE: I see, they have
16 their own Board of Fire Commissioners.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: No, no, we are
18 the Commissioners for the Fire Protection
19 District.

20 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Okay.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone else on
22 this matter?

23 (Whereupon, no response was heard.
24 After, the following ensued.)

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: If not, I will

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1 accept a Motion, please.

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr.

3 Supervisor, as a fellow volunteer

4 firefighter, I want to thank the Merrick Fire

5 Department for their ninety-five years of

6 dedicated service to the Town of Hempstead.

7 And, I move that the proposed increase

8 be granted.

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the
10 Motion.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

14 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

22 Goosby?

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

25 Sweeney?

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1 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, on the
3 Decision Calendar.

4 CLERK AHMAD: On the Decision
5 Calendar, today, Supervisor, we have an
6 application of Signature Auto Repair, Inc &
7 FOREVA REALTY, LLC for Special Exception
8 (Public Garage) to permit operation of an
9 automobile repair shop - ELMONT - northeast
10 corner of Hempstead Turnpike and Clinton
11 Street.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there a
13 Motion, please.

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, Mr.
15 Supervisor, I move that the Special Exception
16 be granted.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there a
18 second?

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the
20 Motion.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

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1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
3 Sweeney?

4 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, thank you
6 very much.

7 Before we move onto the Administrative
8 Calendar, the Board will take a short recess.

9 (Whereupon, recess was entertained.
10 After, the following ensued.)

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, Madam
12 Clerk, would you call the Administrative
13 Calendar.

14 CLERK AHMAD: On the Administrative
15 Calendar, today - -

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Just, again, if
17 there are discussions that need to take
18 place, please, take it outside.

19 Let's start over.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Yes, Supervisor, on the
21 Administrative Calendar, today, we have Items
22 1 through 35.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, do I have a
24 Motion on the Administrative Calendar.

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Yes,

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1 Mr. Supervisor, I move the Administrative
2 Calendar Items 1 through 35.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there a
4 second?

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5 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I second the
6 Motion.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Now we are going
8 to hear from folks that asked to speak on the
9 Administrative Calendar.

10 Mary Ellen Kreye, Ms. Kreye?

11 Good Afternoon.

12 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Good Afternoon.

13 Mary Ellen Kreye. 436 Locust Avenue,
14 Uniondale.

15 So, on Number 12 which is also 693, in
16 Merrick.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Exactly, what I
18 explained before.

19 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Very interesting,
20 very interesting, okay.

21 And, on the two following ones, um,
22 the application for fireworks is that
23 retroactive to the July 4th or is it an
24 upcoming event?

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Ratifying and

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1 Confirm, it is retroactive.

2 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Retroactive, of
3 course, okay.

4 And, you have Uniondale, Number 28,
5 2978, um, I was wondering where in Uniondale?

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, we can do
7 that.

8 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: Good Afternoon,
9 Town Board, how are you?

10 Gilroy Avenue, fifty feet near
11 residential homes.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
13 much.

14 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Is that related to
15 a handicapped situation or just in general?

16 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: Um, I believe
17 it allows somebody to get out of their
18 driveway.

19 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Is that near, um, a
20 commercial establishment?

21 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: No, that is
22 North of Lindy Place.

23 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Okay.

24 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: It is a
25 residential street.

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MARY ELLEN KREYE: Thank you.

Finally, I would like to just comment on Number 32, which relates to the Animal Shelter and as you well know, I have been coming here for many years and the Animal Shelter has been a big topic of concern, um, I am hoping that the Board will be more proactive in reviewing the Administration of the Shelter.

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SUPERVISOR SANTINO: And, again, Ms. Kreye, we are calling the Public Hearing, here, it is not the matter, so, it looks like your comments are more appropriate on the day that we have the Hearing.

MARY ELLEN KREYE: Well, I am very concerned as a cat lover.

I understand cats are much more likely to be euthanized than dogs.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We are just calling the Public Hearing, today, okay, so -

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Diane Madden?

DIANE MADDEN: Diane Madden, Hempstead.

Um, Item Number 26, personnel, it

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1 appears that, um, two Vet Techs and Dr.
2 Siegel are going from provisional to
3 employees, is that the case?

4 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Provisional period
5 is over.

6 DIANE MADDEN: So, that would have
7 been how long?

8 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I believe it is six
9 months, I don't know, is Mr. Sammon, here. I
10 believe it is six months.

11 DIANE MADDEN: Was there an exam, the
12 way I understood it, there was supposed to be
13 a veterinary exam?

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Mr. Sammon?

15 PERSONNEL SAMMON: I am sorry, I
16 couldn't hear the entire question.

17 DIANE MADDEN: Was there a veterinary
18 examine for Dr. Siegel?

19 Was it provisional and he took and
20 past the exam?

21 PERSONNEL SAMMON: Yes.

22 DIANE MADDEN: Did anyone else take
23 the exam?

24 PERSONNEL SAMMON: I don't know at
25 this point.

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1 DIANE MADDEN: And, where was the exam
2 advertised?

3 PERSONNEL SAMMON: Listed at eighty
4 locations, posting.

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5 DIANE MADDEN: Thank you.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

7 Felix Procacci?

8 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165
9 Barnes Street, Franklin Square, New York.

10 If you are going to deduct time from
11 previous speakers for me, make it easy on
12 yourself, just call me first on every issue,
13 okay.

14 It is really unconstitutional what you
15 do when you do that because I have no control
16 over people that speak before me and you guys
17 are despicable when you do that.

18 I try very hard to stay within the
19 time, not matter what, even when you cut me
20 off.

21 On Number 11, the CSEA bargaining
22 agreement, I looked at the previous meeting,
23 I looked at this meeting, I couldn't find the
24 details of that document, which is required
25 by law, that you have, is that contract, when

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1 you contract that you signed with the CSEA?

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That is correct.

3 FELIX PROCACCI: You should put that
4 on the WEB site prior to the Hearing so I can
5 discuss it intelligently and not ask you a
6 bunch of questions and have you say, "oh, go
7 FOIL it."

8 Because I shouldn't have to go FOIL
9 that because that is why that law was passed
10 in 2012, I don't have to FOIL it.

11 What was the effect of that,
12 essentially?

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town
14 Attorney, please, be seated, identify
15 yourself for the record.

16 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY TYLER: Alfina
17 Tyler, Deputy Town Attorney from the Town of
18 Hempstead.

19 What specific documents are you
20 looking for?

21 FELIX PROCACCI: This was in, um, CSEA
22 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: What do you want
24 to know, Mr. Procacci?

25 FELIX PROCACCI: Does it include

1 wage increases, debt increases, the standard
2 in Collective Bargaining?

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Five-year
4 agreement, it contains wage increase in the
5 third, fourth and fifth year of the
6 agreement.

7 There are in the first two years,
8 there are in each year a single, it is not
9 wage increase because it doesn't go to base
10 salary.

11 There is essentially a one-time
12 payment in each of those years, then, there
13 are actually increases in wages in the third,
14 fourth and fifth year.

15 There are changes in the rated salary
16 plan that benefit, which tend to make step
17 increases that make employees qualify for.

18 Less expensive to the Town and
19 taxpayers.

20 Going forward, there are other changes
21 with respect that will save taxpayers money
22 on employee health insurance.

23 There is a variety of things of that
24 nature.

25 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY TYLER: Mr.

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1 Supervisor, if I may add, the Memorandum of
2 Agreement that specifies all the changes that
3 we will be making to the Collective
4 Bargaining Agreement is posted on the WEB
5 site.

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6 FELIX PROCACCI: When did you post it?

7 I searched last week and I searched.

8 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: If you searched
9 last week it wouldn't be there but it was
10 there Thursday and it is there, now.

11 FELIX PROCACCI: All these changes,
12 how much the increases are?

13 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The contract is on
14 the WEB site.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: All in the
16 Memorandum of Agreement, that is the
17 contract.

18 FELIX PROCACCI: I looked at that, I
19 couldn't find anything to do with wage
20 increases.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is there.

22 FELIX PROCACCI: I will go there and
23 look.

24 I will look, again.

25 I searched twice and I couldn't find

1 it.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Third time is a
3 charm.

4 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, I will try,
5 again.

6 Item Number 17, you are doing I.P.
7 surveillance by CSE.net. I have some
8 experience with them.

9 And, basically, I object to you using
10 them.

11 They set up cameras last time and they
12 did no watermarking whatsoever on the videos.

13 And, the videos I got, they were - -
14 appeared to be heavily redacted five minutes
15 missing.

16 They are not configured properly but,
17 again, most critical part of it for me to
18 verify.

19 It was highly or there was no
20 watermarking and Arthur Prim, he should not
21 be in charge of security cameras because he
22 concocted a document illegally in response to
23 my FOIL requests that gave inaccurate
24 information about what you did because it
25 said you put watermarks on videos when

1 you record.

2 In fact, I had, maybe, two dozen
3 videos, at least, that I received and none of
4 them had watermarks on it.

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5 So, he, essentially, lied to me and we
6 frown upon liars, here.

7 If it is a town official, it is okay.

8 There is no admonishment for that.

9 They should be fined the same Building
10 Department fines and put you in jail and all
11 of that stuff.

12 Three hundred dollar fine,
13 essentially, that was illegal to concoct a
14 document.

15 That doesn't exist when you FOIL a
16 document, something I am looking for an
17 existing document to make a document.

18 And, also, a false document because
19 when he said there is a watermarking on the
20 document, the watermarking wasn't on the
21 thing.

22 It was fake.

23 What will you do to punish him or we
24 don't discuss personnel issues unless you are
25 trying to get rid of the Town Clerk that did

1 something?

2 To do that - - but, this is still
3 legal stuff.

4 You should not use CSE.net and you
5 shouldn't use Arthur Prim to decide the
6 security matters.

7 And, I would like to see some outrage,
8 here because you are all concerned with Lido
9 Beach and Point Lookout residents on the
10 safety and everything.

11 Video cameras are possibly being cut
12 and I brought this up.

13 And, not one of you who are concerned
14 about safety.

15 D'Esposito, Blakeman, Goosby, Santino,
16 somebody here, Mr. Dunne, somebody, here show
17 some freaking concern.

18 Oh, no, it is your people that made
19 the mistake, your people who screwed up.

20 You don't give a damn.

21 Do not use CSE.net because they don't
22 know how to figure cameras.

23 That guy, Brian, I forget his name,
24 never called me back.

25 He said he was going to call me back,

1 the guy that walks back who is your liaison,
2 he never called me back regarding this and
3 there is no outrage, here.

4 There is no outrage, here.

5 Where is your outrage, here? I don't
6 live in Lido Beach and I don't vote for
7 Santino.

8 I still pay taxes, anyway.

9 Why aren't there any outrage, here,
10 about this, so, don't vote Number 17.

11 It is invalid stuff.

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: You happen to be
13 a resident of my District and I always listen
14 to everything that you say.

15 I have to be honest, I don't
16 understand what your complaint is?

17 FELIX PROCACCI: You haven't been
18 listening.

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Okay, then, I
20 still don't understand.

21 FELIX PROCACCI: I saw the videos and
22 there were gaps.

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Are you alleging
24 it was done improperly?

25 FELIX PROCACCI: They did not turn on

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1 the watermarking on the video surveillance
2 cameras to ensure the video was not altered
3 in anyway.

4 Video markings protects the video.

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5 (Whereupon, the five-minute bell rang.
6 After, the following ensued.)

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
8 much.

9 There is no one else on the
10 Administrative Calendar, please, call the
11 roll.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

15 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Yes to all
22 with the exception of Item 2, Case Number
23 255843, I abstain where I recuse myself.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
25 Goosby?

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1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Senior
3 Councilwoman, can I have a Motion?

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
5 Supervisor, I move that we adjourn the
6 meeting.

7 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second the motion.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

11 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

15 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
19 Goosby?

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

21 (Whereupon, the official meeting of
22 the Hempstead Town Board held on July 11,
23 2017 was concluded.)
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CERTIFICATE BY COURT REPORTER

I, do hereby certify that the foregoing
testimony in the matter of the Hempstead Town
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is an accurate transcription of my cryptic
notes.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



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