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BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016
COMMENCING AT 7:32 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

- STEVEN A. TANELLI, CHAIRWOMAN
- TRACY S. ZUR, VICE CHAIRMAN
- JOHN A. FELICE, CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE
- DR. JOAN M. VOSS
- DAVID L. GANZ
- MAURA R. DeNICOLA
- THOMAS J. SULLIVAN

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

NONE

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ALSO PRESENT:

LISA SCIANCALEPORE
CLERK TO THE BOARD

DR. DOMINIC J. NOVELLI
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ.
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

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DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

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1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The meeting is
2 called to order at 7:32.

3 Before we begin our meeting, I'd ask
4 everyone to please take a minute to silence their
5 phones.

6 Thank you.

7 Will the Clerk please read the
8 compliance with the Sen. Byron Baer Open Public
9 Meetings Act.

10 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: In accordance with
11 Section 5 of the Sen. Byron Baer Open Public Meetings
12 Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been
13 provided in the Annual Notice Schedule, which
14 contained the time, date, and location of this
15 meeting, copies of which Notices were forwarded to
16 the official County newspapers, to wit: The Herald
17 News; The Record; and the Star Ledger, and a copy of
18 which was posted on the bulletin board in the Bergen
19 County Justice Center and Administration Building,
20 One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey, and
21 filed with the Office of the Bergen County Clerk.

22 ROLL CALL:

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
24 roll.

25 (At this point in the proceeding roll

1 call is taken with Freeholders DeNicola, Felice,
2 Ganz, Sullivan, Voss, Vice-Chairwoman Zur, and
3 Chairman Tanelli present.)

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Evidence of a quorum
5 is present.

6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Would everyone
8 please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

9 (At this point in the proceeding all
10 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.)

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Just one quick
12 announcement, before we begin.

13 On behalf of the Board, we'd like to
14 wish everyone a happy Martin Luther King, Jr.
15 Remembrance Day.

16 This coming Monday, January 18th, there
17 will be a morning prayer service in honor of Dr.
18 Martin Luther King Jr.'s 87th birthday. It's
19 sponsored by the Bergen County African-American
20 Advisory Committee. That service will take place at
21 10:00 a.m. at the Fairleigh Dickinson University
22 Hackensack campus, at the Martin Luther King, Jr.
23 statute, on the river pathway.

24 Thank you.

25 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion
2 to open the meeting to the public?

3 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

4 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

6 (All present Freeholders respond in the
7 affirmative.)

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

11 We will now have a Hearing of the
12 General Public, with three-minute time limit in
13 effect.

14 The Board Attorney will keep the time.
15 When the time of the speaker expires, the timekeeper
16 will announce that the time has expired.

17 Please fill out a card with your name,
18 address, and general topic, anybody would like to
19 speak.

20 First we have Justin Frasche.

21 MR. FRASCHE: I was at the Bergen
22 County Board of Social Services today or the Rochelle
23 Park thing, and they gave me this letter, pretty much
24 terminating my assistance, denying me eligibility for
25 Food Stamps.

1 When I asked why, they said it was
2 because of a federal regulation saying that I am a
3 student and, thus, ineligible. And then they also
4 said that because I did not work the minimum of
5 20 hours.

6 Although they had no regard for the
7 facts, and it applies to all of their workers and all
8 of the supervisors I spoke to, which I have their
9 names, they had no regard for the fact that I am in
10 fact a homeless youth. I live at Visions Independent
11 Living Program at Hackensack, New Jersey, which is
12 under the Department of Family Guidance. I do not
13 have a place to stay. I have received a Housing
14 Choice Voucher under the county, and I'm very
15 thankful for it, but I do not have the money to come
16 up for the security deposit.

17 If I do not have the General
18 Assistance, I do not have the TRA. The TRA was how I
19 was going to get it. And there are other agencies,
20 but many of them don't have funds. So I am at a
21 loss. I don't know what to do about this situation,
22 and the response that they gave me was completely
23 inadequate, and their response was just -- I don't
24 know, I'm at a loss for words. I don't know what to
25 do.

1 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Chairman, may I?

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Sure.

3 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Justin, the first
4 thing you're going to do, my aide is going to take
5 those papers so that we can photocopy that, and I can
6 talk directly with the folks down at the Board of
7 Social Services and see if there is something to do.

8 Some of the challenges are the federal
9 guidelines requiring different pieces that may be
10 challenging to navigate, but we're going to help you
11 try to figure out if there are ways that we can
12 navigate the market and find if there are other
13 programs you might be eligible for.

14 I know you called my office today. I
15 tried to reach you back between the two meetings, and
16 I was not able to do so. I'm glad you are here
17 tonight, and we'll see what we can do to help you.

18 MR. FRASCHE: Thank you. That calms my
19 concerns personally, but my greater concern, as a
20 voter and as a recipient of services, is the lack of
21 transparency in that government facility and pretty
22 much the --

23 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes,
24 Mr. Franche.

25 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: The challenge is

1 that the volume of guidelines that go on from the
2 federal government on this are very complicated, and
3 it's not initial transparency from the staff there,
4 it's just that it's very hard to distill this
5 cacophony of regulations from the federal government.
6 We'll do what we can do to see how we can help you
7 navigate it.

8 MR. FRASCHE: Thank you. All right.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Paul Nickels.

10 MR. NICKELS: Hello, everybody.

11 Paul Nickels, N-I-C-K-E-L-S.

12 Good evening. Happy New Year.

13 Congratulations, all of you.

14 I'm going to have to -- it's going to
15 take sometime, I'm so used to saying "Chairwoman,"
16 but congratulations to all.

17 My time is limited, so I know I'm
18 really excited about doing the Point in Time Count
19 this year, which is really important. But I've been
20 posting some things on social media, I've been very
21 confused. You know, this is just something to think
22 about.

23 You know, HUD runs the TRA program. We
24 spoke about this before. So I am very clear, it's
25 not the county, but the county facilitates it, and

1 we're doing the Point in Time Count, and it's very
2 important to do that, absolutely, we will not stop
3 doing it, but, why are we fighting the federal
4 government? It seems like we're fighting with them,
5 because they're taking away our people's TRAs,
6 they're inciting people's homelessness, and they're
7 doing something with the funds, but yet we're going
8 out counting people so we can get funding from the
9 same agency. So maybe something is wrong with me,
10 but, I mean, I just wanted you to think about that,
11 maybe, I just don't know, that's just very confusing
12 to me, because we're trying to end homelessness, and
13 HUD posts these wonderful little pictures on
14 Facebook, oh, we are ending homelessness, and I just
15 don't like it, because in my eyes they're really not.
16 But I look forward to doing the count.

17 And the other good news is -- well,
18 I'll go to the good news. Of course I did the new
19 resource guide. So that's out.

20 And Pastor Don says hello to everybody.
21 And the River Mission and Community Help Center has a
22 new day program starting Tuesdays, 11 to 2. The
23 church is open for historical tours, go to pray,
24 whatever you want to do, and the main building is
25 for, you know, warming center, whatever.

1 The last thing I just want to say is I
2 really want to thank the County Executive, Mr.
3 Tedesco, and his staff and the staff at Bergen
4 Regional. There's a whole section in this guide.
5 There's a wealth of resources about Bergen Regional
6 in here, and happy 100-year birthday to them.

7 So congratulations. Happy New Year.
8 And it's going to be very interesting.

9 And thank you so much for all the new
10 appointees on the Bergen County Mental Health Board.
11 I'm really excited to see Mr. Ortiz back, because he
12 was a really, really good person, and he's definitely
13 going to be an asset to that.

14 So I'm going to give John a copy of
15 this to make for you guys. And that's about it.

16 If you could just think about that HUD
17 thing. But let's do the Point in Time Count and
18 really get all the homeless, wherever they can be,
19 because there's about 45 homeless that I know of,
20 that's only what I know of, rough guess, right now,
21 not including families and domestic violence victims
22 that have nowhere to go.

23 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr.
24 Nickels.

25 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Are the homeless in

1 the homeless shelter or are they out?

2 MR. NICKELS: The ones that I'm
3 mentioning?

4 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Yes.

5 MR. NICKELS: No, they're scattered
6 throughout the county. Like I have a UPS store in
7 Mahwah who's a friend of mine, and he's told me about
8 some. I have some Mahwah MEVO, who is the
9 environmental group over there, that tells me about
10 some. And some people in Franklin Lakes, like just
11 areas.

12 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Are there shelters
13 for them?

14 MR. NICKELS: Well, I'm sure there's
15 shelters for them. The domestic violence victim,
16 that's a different story. That's a tough situation.

17 FREEHOLDER VOSS: No, with this
18 weather, that's why I'm concerned about it.

19 MR. NICKELS: Yes. And sometimes it's
20 hard to reach out to them, you know, because some
21 don't have phones.

22 But we're going to do it, because I got
23 the list, I'm going to make calls and talk to Human
24 Services on Thursday, when I do the PIT training.
25 And then we're going to try to contact everybody we

1 can.

2 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Mr. Chairman,
3 just for the record, the Point in Time Count that
4 Paul's referring to takes place on January 27th, and
5 there's a whole host of volunteer activities that go
6 on at the homeless shelter that day. I know the
7 County Executive's Office is doing a drive for gift
8 cards, as well as for socks and for gloves and for
9 other things at the homeless shelter. Anyone who
10 wants to make those donations, please do so at the
11 county building.

12 MR. NICKELS: And services for them.
13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.
15 Mr. Durfee.

16 MR. DURFEE: Thank you.
17 Edward Durfee, Northvale.
18 Happy New Year, of course, to everyone,
19 and congratulations, Mr. Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

21 MR. DURFEE: If I could, I was just
22 concerned about the resolution that I had presented
23 to the Board. I hadn't heard anything about that,
24 and I didn't know if I should be coming here to ask
25 or if I was going to get an email or how does that

1 work?

2 MR. FLORIO: It is still under review,
3 Mr. Durfee. When that's completed, I'll confer with
4 the Chairman and determine what the game plan will
5 be, if any.

6 MR. DURFEE: Okay. Thank you very
7 much.

8 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

10 Michele Talamo.

11 MS. TALAMO: Good evening, everyone.

12 Congratulations on your new
13 appointments. I wish you success, in a very
14 conservative way.

15 I just want to mention that the
16 website, the minutes are still not correct. I know
17 we talked about it last month, but I just wanted to
18 bring it to your attention that the dates are not
19 correct, they have 2014 still. So I just want to
20 mention that it should be accurate. Nobody can
21 really follow what's happening without that.

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: What's being said is
24 that there's some discrepancy, some of them may have
25 been put in the wrong year, so we're looking to get

1 it corrected.

2 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: It was accidentally
3 dropped in by the IT Department, so I've been making
4 phone calls to have it switched out, and they're kind
5 of confused, like why do you want it out, when you
6 told us. It's just a communication thing. We're
7 working on it. Thank you for bringing it to our
8 radar, though.

9 MS. TALAMO: Okay. Give it one more
10 try.

11 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Bachan Sawh.

13 MR. SAWH: Good evening, everyone.

14 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Good evening.

15 MR. SAWH: I'm an employee of the City
16 of Englewood, and a few of my colleagues are here
17 with me, because we want to voice our support for
18 Mr. Jim Koth, whose appointment is being considered
19 by this body.

20 It is common knowledge today that the
21 average person would not stand for a cause unless he
22 or she can derive some benefit, whether directly or
23 indirectly from that. Yet, there are a few people
24 whose conscience and faith would not permit them to
25 ignore injustice.

1 For sometime we watched in discomfort
2 certain allegations while were made against our
3 former director, Mr. Koth.

4 We cannot and will not allow this to
5 continue, especially since his integrity has been
6 called into question.

7 By this time, most people would not
8 doubt the fact that Mr. Koth, within two years, has
9 transformed the Englewood DPW and made it into a
10 modern facility. We are now prepared to deal with
11 almost any contingency. We, therefore, come here to
12 offer our unqualified support to Mr. Koth, and
13 sincerely hope that the Bergen County Freeholders
14 would not hesitate any further but give this
15 outstanding gentleman what he undeniably deserves.

16 I speak on behalf of my fellow
17 employees who are here and will voice the same
18 opinion.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

21 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you.

22 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Lynn Algrant.

24 MS. ALGRANT: My name is Lynne Algrant,
25 Englewood.

1 Good evening. Happy New Year.

2 I am the Chief Executive Officer of the
3 Bergen Volunteer Center, but I'm here tonight as a
4 former councilperson at-large in the City of
5 Englewood.

6 I just want to speak on behalf of Jim
7 Koth and his appointment as the Director of Parks for
8 the county.

9 Jim, as DPW director, really turned
10 around the department. He created a system to
11 innovate and to bring in new technology. They went
12 from a department where we routinely heard complaints
13 to where we routinely heard praise. And, as you
14 know, it's rare that people take the time to tell us
15 when folks have done a good job. And under Jim's
16 leadership, we heard that a lot and we were able to
17 reflect that back to the department.

18 The other thing that I appreciated so
19 much about Jim is that he was always available.
20 Staff members, I know, could walk in at any time and
21 tell him their ideas for how to do their jobs better,
22 and residents and community groups were always able
23 to get access to him to talk about the parks, what to
24 do with a vacant lot in their neighborhood, whatever
25 they had, he was always available.

1 As I know you guys are aware, Jim is a
2 nationally recognized Landscape Architect and Parks
3 Director. We're so lucky to have him, and I hope
4 that you won't hesitate at all to support him.

5 Thank you so much.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

7 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you.

8 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Joseph Kurtz.

10 MR. KURTZ: No thanks.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: You're good? Okay.

12 Juan Dubon.

13 MR. DUBON: Good evening, everybody.

14 Happy New Year.

15 Well, I don't have much to say, because
16 she said everything about Jim Koth. You are the
17 lucky guys who steal my boss from Englewood.

18 (Laughter.)

19 MR. DUBON: All I can say about Jim is
20 he's a great person. As a boss, a little tough, but
21 he showed me a lot. I learned a lot of things from
22 him, because I'm a supervisor down there. I'm
23 maintenance supervisor. I handle the whole equipment
24 in Englewood, plows, weed whacker, all the way to the
25 bucket loaders. Now we have a big one, because he

1 bought it too. We used to have just a small one.

2 All I can say about Jim is really, as a
3 person, he is like a great person. As a boss, really
4 good boss, tough when he needed it, but he's a very
5 sincere person. Like I said before, I'm jealous you
6 take him here. And then you should know, you should
7 see what he did, because when I started in Englewood
8 21 years ago, never worry about the change in
9 Englewood, nothing. We've been using the telephone
10 from I think the past century. We don't know who
11 call, we got to pick the phone, and sometimes a
12 vendor, but we don't have a choice.

13 When Jim get there, he look at
14 everything and say, "How do you guys work in here
15 with this kind of stuff?"

16 I said, "We don't have no choice, we
17 got to use what we have."

18 So Jim changed everything.

19 If you saw the office that we had
20 before compared to what we have now, you just say,
21 "Oh, my God, who was here?"

22 Unfortunately, he spend only a short
23 time with us, only two years, but in two years he did
24 more than the last boss I had that was there for
25 20 years, yeah, more than that, and he did in not

1 even two years, equipment, technology. And we still
2 receiving equipment. When he left, he purchased,
3 because the first thing that he did was when he get
4 there, elevate the morale for us.

5 The DPW in Englewood never was taken in
6 consideration from other departments. Police
7 department, "Who's DPW?"

8 Fire Department, "Who's DPW?"

9 Now we are on a different level, thanks
10 to Jim Koth.

11 All right. So I think you should --

12 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes,

13 Mr. Chairman.

14 MR. DUBON: You should get the
15 experience for this gentleman to make the parks in
16 Bergen County better, better every day.

17 Thank you very much.

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Great. Thank you.

19 MR. DUBON: Everybody have a good
20 night.

21 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: You too.

23 Wilmer Dubon.

24 MR. W. DUBON: Good evening, everyone.

25 My name is Wilmer Dubon. I'm from

1 Englewood. I also work at the DPW. I've been
2 working there for nine years, and I can tell you our
3 last director was nothing compared to Mr. James Koth.

4 Mr. James Koth was the person who
5 brought the DPW back to the map, and it shows
6 accountability, it shows respect to all the people,
7 respect for people that really like to work.

8 As a person, Mr. Koth is a very
9 professional and respectful person, and you probably
10 already know that. So what I'm saying here, we just
11 trying to support this great person, who you got to
12 be lucky to have him here. I really hope that Bergen
13 County Parks is going to get better because you have
14 him with you guys.

15 All I'm here to tell you is to please,
16 don't be a fool, don't get fooled from what these
17 other people are saying against this very great
18 person, because all of those type of things that
19 they're saying, they're all false.

20 I got a family, I got kids, I got
21 girls, and I can tell you in the name of them that
22 all those type of things that those people are
23 saying, they're all false. The person right there is
24 a great, great person.

25 That's all I have to say.

1 Thank you very much.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

3 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you.

4 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: John Troupe.

6 MR. TROUPE: Let me say good evening to
7 everyone.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Good evening.

9 MR. TROUPE: My name, again, is John
10 Troupe. I'm a mechanic at DPW. And I'm more than
11 honored, I'm privileged to be working with Mr. James
12 Koth. He's been an inspiration to me.

13 All of the words other people have
14 spoken about him, it is true.

15 What I like most with Mr. Jim, he's not
16 a clock watcher, he don't watch his time. I'm
17 working like late shift, like 2 to 10, and sometimes
18 very late he will be still working up there. I don't
19 know how he do it. And in the morning early, he will
20 be still on the job.

21 I'm more than privileged, as I said, to
22 have known him and to work with him.

23 And the other thing that inspires me
24 really is that like some bosses say "Go, do," he was
25 not like that. He said, "Come, let's do."

1 He show you how to do things. And as
2 everybody said, he set an example, a precedent for
3 everyone of us to follow.

4 I want to highly recommend him and
5 report on his achievement and what he can do for your
6 department.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you very much.
9 Not seeing anyone else who wishes to
10 speak, I will now take a motion to close the meeting.

11 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Second?

13 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

15 (All present Freeholders respond in the
16 affirmative.)

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

20 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Would the Clerk
22 please read the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

23 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Resolutions 8-16
24 through 50-16, and 52-16 through 57-16.

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion

1 to accept the resolutions on the Consent Agenda?

2 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

3 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Second.

4 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Call the roll,
6 please.

7 (At this point in the proceeding roll
8 call is taken and the Resolutions of Unanimous
9 Consent are passed by a unanimous vote.)

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Are there any
11 resolutions on Nonconsent, pulled or tabled?

12 If so, will the Clerk please read them.

13 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: There's one
14 resolution that was pulled, #51-16.

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Just so everyone
16 that came and spoke on Mr. Koth's behalf, we just
17 approved his position, just so that you all know that
18 the Board voted unanimously to support Mr. Koth
19 tonight.

20 (Applause.)

21 ORDINANCES:

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk
23 please read Ordinance 16-1 by title only.

24 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: "ORDINANCE AMENDING
25 THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO CREATE A PUBLIC SAFETY

1 COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD TO ADVISE ON MATTERS
2 REGARDING 9-1-1 AND DISPATCH SERVICES."

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Is there any board
4 member that would like to discuss or comment on that
5 ordinance?

6 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Just briefly,
7 Chairman.

8 I think it's a wonderful opportunity to
9 have feedback and a dialogue regarding the emerging
10 technologies, and I look forward to it being
11 populated by not just police, but also EMS and fire
12 as well.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

14 May I have a motion to introduce
15 Ordinance 16-1 as read?

16 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: So moved.

17 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: So moved.

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Second?

19 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Roll call.

21 (At this point in the proceeding roll
22 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading
23 of Ordinance 16-1 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

24 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: 16-1 passes First
25 Reading.

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Okay. Would the
2 Clerk please read Ordinance 16-2 by title only.

3 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: 16-2 is:

4 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 14-16,
5 SETTING STANDARDS, REGULATIONS AND RATES FOR LAW
6 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REQUESTED AND NON-PREFERENCE MOTOR
7 VEHICLE TOWING AND STORAGE SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF
8 BERGEN."

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion
10 to introduce Ordinance 16-2?

11 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Actually we need
12 discussion.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: No, we're not going
14 to discuss on First Reading.

15 Can I get a motion to introduce
16 Ordinance 16-2 as read by the Clerk?

17 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

18 FREEHOLDER FELICE: I'll second that.

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Call the roll,
20 please.

21 (At this point in the proceeding roll
22 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading
23 of Ordinance 16-2 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

24 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Ordinance 16-2
25 passes First Reading.

1 COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM FREEHOLDERS:

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We will now have
3 Freeholder Committee reports.

4 Freeholder Sullivan.

5 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Thank you,
6 Chairman Tanelli.

7 It's got a nice ring to it.

8 Thank you, everyone, for coming. Thank
9 you, everyone, for the kind words. Just a few little
10 things I want to talk about.

11 I want to thank all my colleagues on
12 the Freeholder Board for my assignments. As the
13 Chairman of the Transportation Committee and the
14 Planning Committee, I look forward to working with
15 the Board on the issues that are very important to
16 the county. There are a lot of issues that deal with
17 transportation, as we all know, the Hudson/Bergen
18 Light Rail, which we need to finish the Bergen
19 portion of it so it's not just the Hudson Light Rail.

20 So hopefully now we have some kind of
21 guidance in the Assembly with the money going into
22 the transportation fund, we can pony up and get that
23 done. That's very important.

24 This past Saturday, Chairman Tanelli
25 and myself, we went to the Habitat for Humanity in

1 Bergenfield on a plot of land that was donated by the
2 apartments behind it. We had a groundbreaking
3 ceremony there.

4 For anyone who doesn't know what
5 Habitat for Humanity does, they take a piece of land,
6 people get an interest-free mortgage, but they're
7 required to do 400 hours of work on that home, along
8 with other volunteers, and there's a procedure where
9 the person is picked for that based on a whole bunch
10 of criteria, but it's really a way to get somebody
11 into a home who probably wouldn't have had the
12 opportunity to do it prior to that. And it's a great
13 program. And, like I said, the Chairman and I were
14 there to kick it off, and it happened to be in
15 Bergenfield, right where I grow up and a piece of
16 land that I used to play in, but that's okay, because
17 there's more land behind it.

18 But I just want to wish everyone well.
19 I want to thank the committee for that.

20 And that's really my report, Chairman.
21 Thank you very much.

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
23 Freeholder.

24 Freeholder Ganz.

25 FREEHOLDER GANZ: I showed this before,

1 but for each of the Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday
2 celebrations, I show this picture of Dr. King, taken
3 about two weeks before he was assassinated. This
4 took place in my hometown of Rockville Center, New
5 York, and I'm in the picture at the rear wall. It
6 was a remarkable experience to see Dr. King
7 in-person, and even more remarkable to listen to him
8 talk about the various causes of the day.

9 I certainly did not understand at the
10 time him speaking out on behalf of the sanitation
11 workers of Memphis. I have long since read
12 everything that I can read about it. And it's a
13 unique bond that I have on the African Advisory
14 Committee, I'm fortunate to have as colleagues there,
15 where I'm the liaison to this Board, some individuals
16 who were actually at the march on Washington in 1963
17 and heard the speech of the mountaintop, and they
18 were just this distance away, and it's just something
19 marvelous (indicating).

20 It's a brand new year. And what would
21 the new year be, if I didn't mention Bergen Wellness.
22 I'll try not to do this too often, but I just want to
23 call your attention to the fact that if you have a
24 pet who uses medicine, this is a discount card that
25 the county has, which will work in your favor, it

1 will knock 30 percent off the price. It can be used
2 at 55,000 pharmacies across the United States.

3 My own Tonkinese cat, Mimi, who has
4 diabetes and is now slowly leaving us with
5 subcutaneous fluids now every day, but here's the
6 point, the diabetic medication insulin would cost 300
7 bucks on a monthly basis. With this card, it comes
8 down 30 percent, to \$210. It's a great card, because
9 it doesn't cost anything. You could use it at the
10 pharmacies. And also, those of you know, it can be
11 used for humans as well. The discounts there are
12 sometimes more, sometimes less. And it's something
13 that you should all consider. More than \$15 million
14 in savings have already accrued to Bergen County
15 consumers who have used this.

16 And condolences, Freeholder Voss, on
17 the loss of your cat, King Arthur.

18 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you.

19 FREEHOLDER GANZ: That concludes my
20 report, Chairman.

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
22 Freeholder.

23 Freeholder DeNicola.

24 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you, Mr.
25 Chairman.

1 First I want to ask: Do you give your
2 cat an IV every day?

3 FREEHOLDER GANZ: (Shakes head.)

4 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Wow! You really
5 love that cat.

6 It's a new year, and I too would like
7 to thank the Chairman for my committee assignments.
8 Once again, I'm on Public Works and Parks, Community
9 Development, and as one of the liaisons for Veterans
10 Services. So I truly look forward to continuing a
11 lot of the work that we have begun over the last
12 several years.

13 With veterans, most importantly, some
14 of the initiatives to prevent suicides among our
15 young veterans.

16 And the second issue is a follow-up to
17 state legislative hearings that had taken place in
18 Bergen County, and that is how veterans, especially
19 veterans who are suffering from PTSD, are treated by
20 the judicial system.

21 We very much would like to meet with
22 the new Prosecutor, and look at a successful program
23 that's been put in place by the Prosecutor in Ocean
24 County.

25 I wanted to point out on our agenda

1 this evening too, Resolution #54-16, which was a
2 Community Development grant to the Borough of
3 Montvale for a senior housing project.

4 Senior housing is another issue that
5 has really started to affect us here in Bergen
6 County. Seniors are the fastest growing segment of
7 our population, not only in the county, not only in
8 the state, but also in the nation, and it will be 30
9 times as large as it is now, very shortly. We all
10 probably will need the assistance and the housing
11 that we're working on.

12 But it's great to see projects like
13 this take place, and it's great that a lot of this
14 happens through the conduit of our own county.

15 I want to mention that today is the
16 actual Korean American Day, and earlier this morning
17 I was with Freeholder Voss and Freeholder Zur in
18 Palisades Park with the Korean American Association
19 of New Jersey. We participated in their celebration.
20 The room had more honored guests, I'll say, more
21 elected officials than the public, that's how many
22 people were there. But so many of them were members
23 of the community, and they were there just like us,
24 to say thank you for a lot of the contributions that
25 we here in Bergen County have benefited from the

1 Korean American community here.

2 I want to mention quickly too, tonight
3 Bergen Grassroots is giving their Byron Baer Award to
4 the former Assignment Judge of Bergen County, Peter
5 Doyne. He was the recipient this year for a whole
6 body of work that he has done for the county, but all
7 under the name of openness and transparency in
8 government, for which Grassroots and certainly Byron
9 Baer was a champion of. The whole Open Public
10 Meetings Act is based on his legislation, and it's
11 something that we all aspire to continue.

12 The last thing I want to say is
13 something that I know we all have to work much harder
14 at, and that is bringing back to Bergen County the
15 money that we send to Trenton. As a county, we
16 receive such a small percentage in return than any
17 other county in the state. And when we talk about
18 issues like transportation and other projects, we
19 need to lobby so that the state will help us fund
20 them, so that the burden doesn't fall solely on us as
21 a county or as municipalities. It's an issue that
22 grows, and we have to be loud voices for everyone
23 here in Bergen.

24 And that's the end of my report.

25 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
2 Freeholder.

3 Freeholder Voss.

4 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you, Mr.
5 Chairman, and congratulations.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

7 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I think all of us
8 attended many of the swearing-in ceremonies in the
9 different towns. I want to say congratulations to
10 all the newly-elected people. It's a wonderful thing
11 to be able to serve your community or your county or
12 your state, and I wish everybody would get involved
13 in it, because it is something that we all need to
14 do. You know, politics is an avocation, it is not a
15 vocation, and so we don't do this as a full-time job,
16 we do this as something that is service to our
17 communities.

18 I just want to go over the fact that
19 this was the 113th anniversary of the landing of the
20 first Koreans in the United States. Actually it was
21 in Hawaii. About 120 people came over. And today,
22 just in Bergen County, we have in excess of 60,000
23 Koreans and growing, and making many, many
24 contributions.

25 We had a program here on Monday night,

1 which was very well attended. I think the Koreans
2 have been very generous in sharing their culture with
3 us and we with them, and it's truly been a wonderful
4 integrative process.

5 This morning, as Freeholder DeNicola
6 said, today is the actual day, January 13th, but we
7 had a program on Monday, because it was not possible
8 to have it tonight because we have a Freeholder
9 meeting tonight, but there were so many people. And
10 one of the nice things is that so many of the Korean
11 Americans now are getting very involved in politics,
12 they're very interested. And I wish that everybody
13 would take heed of that.

14 I serve as liaison to the Asian
15 American board, so we're going to be doing many more
16 things with a lot of different groups, because we are
17 a very diverse county.

18 I'm very happy to once again be on the
19 Board of Social Services, because one of the things
20 that I think is so important is for us to let people
21 know the many, many services that we have available.
22 And we just moved into -- well, not just recently,
23 but into a new building, and so the facilities are
24 being upgraded.

25 We had a young lady make a presentation

1 to us last night about how to access, because most
2 people don't know how to access getting assistance.
3 This young man that was here this evening is an
4 example of this.

5 So we're trying to make things much,
6 much more readily available to people who need it.

7 One of the committees that I'm on with
8 the Board Social Services is to try to prevent
9 people, who do not deserve to get assistance, from
10 getting assistance. And last year, we saved over
11 \$300,000 that people were getting that didn't deserve
12 to get this.

13 Anyway, just a couple of things.

14 One of my fervent wishes is that so
15 many towns in Bergen County, over 70 towns, we have
16 so many, and we are now beginning to develop housing
17 for people with disabilities. I know in my town, the
18 project is well on the way. Allendale has two
19 projects like this. Tenafly has one. And if every
20 town did this, we wouldn't have people who are
21 homeless and with disabilities and things of that
22 sort.

23 Stigma-Free, I was at a Rotary meeting
24 the other day, and somebody got a brochure from the
25 county saying, "Oh, look, Stigma-Free," as if they

1 had just discovered it. I think at this point in
2 time, we must have 23 towns that have joined Access
3 for All and Stigma-Free, and hopefully we'll get all
4 the towns.

5 I look forward to this year. Again,
6 congratulations. And to everybody, a happy, healthy
7 new year.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
9 Freeholder.

10 Freeholder Felice.

11 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Thank you, Mr.
12 Chairman.

13 As Budget Chairman for the Freeholder
14 Board and looking at the budget that we'll be getting
15 from the County Executive, he did, Jimmy Tedesco,
16 spoke about some of the challenges that are going to
17 be for his administration but also for our Board. So
18 I hope to utilize the same format as we used last
19 year, about 5 to 6 days of budget hearings from eight
20 until about three. I'm going to ask each Freeholder,
21 once they get the budget, to present to me unfiltered
22 those changes or requests regarding additions or
23 subtractions of the particular line items, and then
24 to recap, to Lisa Sciancalepore's recommendation last
25 year, which worked tremendously, is we had a recap

1 with the administration, even though our fiduciary
2 responsibility is to pass the budget, but we had the
3 County Executive, we had the CFO, come together, as
4 well as the Freeholders, to discuss how and which to
5 bring together a budget that is acceptable to the
6 people of Bergen County.

7 And whenever we get the budget, we get
8 it. I mean the reality, we got it late last year but
9 we were able to get it in front of this Board for an
10 approval. We can't afford to not have it done on
11 time, because of the side effects, then the
12 communities can't strike a tax rate for their
13 communities.

14 You know, being a member of the Bergen
15 Regional Task Force, I'm with Vice Chair Tracy Zur,
16 is going to be here again, and one of the most
17 important things I do during my last year as
18 Freeholder. It's going to effectuate the lives of
19 thousands of people for decades to come.

20 Health care is changing as we speak,
21 unlike maybe 50 years ago or 60 or 30 years ago, and
22 how we approach this is going to be so much dependent
23 on thinking outside the box, but understanding the
24 landscape that confronts us as a Board and as people
25 on the committee. I'm very honored to be on that

1 committee, and I hope I can be a reasonable voice on
2 that.

3 Just lastly, being my last year as
4 Freeholder, it has been a privilege for the last five
5 years doing this. I never thought I'd be a
6 Freeholder, but here I am. But working with each and
7 everyone of you, past Freeholders, the current
8 Freeholders, interfacing with all the different
9 committees that I've been on, speaking to
10 constituents, which is really the main goal of what I
11 do is to listen, it has been a life-enriching
12 experience, and it's almost good in a way that I have
13 a stopwatch that on December 31st is going to end it,
14 because it's going to force me to really do as much
15 as I can to work with each and everyone of you on the
16 Board, on the other side of the building, with the
17 constituency, with every aspect of life in Bergen
18 County, so I'm very blessed.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
21 Freeholder.

22 We're certainly not doing a victory lap
23 yet. You're still here with us. We're glad you're
24 here.

25 Freeholder Zur.

1 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: Thank you,
2 Chairman.

3 We did a lot by Consent Agenda tonight,
4 and there's just a couple of things that were on that
5 agenda that I want to single out, because I think
6 they're pretty remarkable.

7 One of the things we did this evening
8 was appoint 14 individuals to the LGBTQ Advisory
9 Committee. That is a committee that took a lot of
10 hard work to get up and going, commitment from the
11 administration was involved and followed through on,
12 to really listen to the voices of so many in our
13 community and incorporate their concerns so that
14 county government can be responsive to the needs of
15 that community.

16 I want to thank Jared Lautz and thank
17 all of the individuals who are going to be
18 volunteering their time and giving their energy and
19 their effort to really bringing these interests to
20 the forefront. So I want to thank all of those
21 individuals for their service in advance.

22 I also want to thank all of the
23 Division Heads and the Department Heads who we
24 approved this evening.

25 You know, there are so many people who

1 have been working, and they deserve the accolades,
2 not just of our approval and our endorsement of the
3 work that they have done, but they have been doing
4 outstanding work, and I thank them for their service
5 to this county. They're on the front lines in so
6 many different departments, whether it's Sue Debiak,
7 in Adolescent Alcohol; Rob Esposito in Community
8 Development; Joanne Cimiluca in Economic
9 Development -- I could go on, it's in the agenda,
10 but -- sorry, I had a lot of coffee before the
11 meeting.

12 All of you are doing superlative work
13 every single day, so I thank you.

14 Chairman, I thank you for my
15 appointments this year. I am also excited to be the
16 Chair of the Health Committee, Law and Public Safety,
17 Shared Services, to be on the Board of Social
18 Services again with Freeholder Voss, Bergen Regional
19 Medical Center with Freeholder Felice on the advisory
20 panel. We have a lot of great work ahead of us, as
21 we continue to try to improve things in Bergen County
22 for all the residents, and we're all ready to roll up
23 our sleeves.

24 Thanks.

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

1 So having a great short Work Session,
2 I'm trying to make my first meeting a short one. So
3 I'm going to not have a report tonight.

4 I would just like to first thank our
5 Clerk and her staff for making my first meeting go so
6 smoothly today. It's not an easy chore to get all
7 this stuff together for each member of the Board,
8 there's a lot of questions, a lot of changes that
9 happen throughout the day. I'd like to say thank
10 you.

11 I'd also like to thank my colleagues
12 for their comprehensive reports. I don't think the
13 people of Bergen County know how much time and effort
14 and work goes into the things we do each and every
15 day representing them on this Board.

16 I'd also like to just remind everybody
17 about Monday's service at Fairleigh Dickinson
18 University at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate Dr. Martin
19 Luther King, Jr.'s 87th birthday. It will be at the
20 bronze monument.

21 Our next meeting will be January 27th,
22 Wednesday, 4:30, in the Gerald Calabrese Meeting
23 Room.

24 There will be the first Work Session,
25 and then our Public Meeting. That will be on

1 January 27th.

2 So there being nothing further before
3 this Board, I'll ask for a motion to adjourn.

4 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Chairman, before you
5 do that, let me just say that there are other Martin
6 Luther King services that are going on, and they will
7 be at Mount Olive, also at Ebenezer. Check the
8 websites for the time.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,
10 Freeholder.

11 May I have a motion to adjourn?

12 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

13 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Second?

15 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

17 (All present Freeholders respond in the
18 affirmative.)

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it,
22 and we're adjourned.

23 (Whereupon the Public Meeting is
24 adjourned at 8:21 p.m.)

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