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BERGEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY  
PUBLIC MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016  
COMMENCING AT 7:32 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

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

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

JARED LUTZ  
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'll ask  
4 everyone to please take a moment 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:   Would the Clerk  
24 please call the 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: Everyone please rise  
8 for the Pledge of Allegiance.

9 Mayor Laforet, will you please lead us.

10 (At this point in the proceeding all  
11 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance,  
12 led by Mayor Laforet.)

13 MINUTES:

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk  
15 please read the minutes to be accepted.

16 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: March 16, 2016 -  
17 Work Session; Chairman Tanelli absent.

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion  
19 to accept the minutes?

20 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

21 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

23 (All present Freeholders respond in the  
24 affirmative, with Chairman Tanelli abstaining.)

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

3 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion  
5 to open the meeting to the public?

6 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

7 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

9 (All present Freeholders respond in the  
10 affirmative.)

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

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

16 The Board attorney will keep the time.

17 When the time of the speaker has expired, the  
18 timekeeper will announce that the time has expired.

19 Please fill out a slip of paper with  
20 your name, address, and general topic.

21 There's a number of people obviously  
22 that would like to speak about one topic, so I would  
23 like to take a few of the people prior to that that  
24 are not about the pipeline.

25 Michele Talamo.

1 MS. TALAMO: Good evening, everyone.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Good evening.

3 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Good evening.

4 MS. TALAMO: My subject today is the  
5 county budget.

6 Last year, the Bergen County  
7 Freeholders approved a \$530 million budget that  
8 raised taxes by 4.3 percent.

9 This year, I draw the Board's attention  
10 to the statistics provided by the Bureau of Labor  
11 Statistics on wage and salary employment, which can  
12 be acquired online easily.

13 Many in New Jersey did not receive  
14 increases to the level of four percent to offset last  
15 year's increases in taxes. Thus, their household  
16 budgets suffer.

17 I refer to the Society for Human  
18 Resource Management article, "U.S. companies salary  
19 increases for budgets for 2016 are projected to  
20 increase by 2.7 percent, down from the 2.9 percent  
21 increase for 2015, according to a preliminary  
22 forecast of global salary budgets by ERI, the  
23 Economic Research Institute, a provider of  
24 compensation data.

25 "Many would probably be ecstatic if

1 they actually received 2.7 percent this year."

2 I'm asking the Board to consider that  
3 residents' wages are not keeping pace with the  
4 increase in taxes from their towns and the county.  
5 As such, I challenge the Board to be more than  
6 careful with additional spending, which affects each  
7 and every resident of Bergen County.

8 This Board should be an agent of  
9 austerity, and construct a press release to encourage  
10 other mayors and council members of each town in the  
11 county to do likewise with their budgets. Residents  
12 should not be asked to take on the burden of  
13 additional hires and increased spending. Budgets  
14 should be zero based in their development, and each  
15 manager should have to justify all spending  
16 categories line-by-line. Each Department Head should  
17 then approach the submissions with an eye on what is  
18 truly necessary.

19 Consider your constituents. Residents  
20 are having a difficult time keeping up. Consider the  
21 elderly, someone's grandparents who are having  
22 trouble on fixed incomes, the families who bear  
23 increased costs by school boards that don't know how  
24 to sharpen their pencils in their negotiations.

25 I'm asking that the Board not just be

1 good with budget review, I'm asking each one of you  
2 to be exemplary in your actions.

3 Yes, it's difficult perhaps to do so,  
4 not popular with friends in the county, perhaps, but  
5 standing out in a crowd or group enables a person to  
6 see one's self in the mirror more clearly every  
7 morning.

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

10 Mr. Dunsay.

11 MR. DUNSAY: Today I'd like to talk  
12 about mass transit.

13 To save time, I'm just going to read a  
14 few quotes from three articles, and then I'll give  
15 them to your staff so that you can get copies and  
16 read the whole thing, if you want.

17 So the first one is from reason.com.  
18 And the article is "Why high-speed rail fails as a  
19 jobs program."

20 And it says: "Freight rail in America  
21 is a crucial part of our transportation  
22 infrastructure, accounting for 43 percent of the  
23 shipment of goods and services from one city to the  
24 other. Thus, investments in freight rail have a  
25 direct impact on the bottom line for American

1 businesses, increasing the speed and reliability of  
2 goods, shipments, and improved productivity."

3           Passenger rail in the U.S. is a  
4 different story. Passenger rail currently carries a  
5 very small portion of city to city travel, the market  
6 targeted by high speed rail. And it's likely to  
7 remain modest well into the future.

8           In 2008, Amtrak carried 28.7 million  
9 passengers. By comparison, there were 687 million  
10 airline passengers in 2008. In part, because air  
11 service provides frequent high speed rail travel to  
12 graphically distant cities.

13           Then there's our well-developed highway  
14 network that makes automobiles very competitive with  
15 rail for distances under 200 miles. In most cases,  
16 once travel and wait time to train stations are  
17 factored in, travelers will spend as much time en  
18 route on the train as they will in a car.

19           The next article deals with regional  
20 rail. It's about Los Angeles' rail system. And it  
21 refers to passenger journeys. A passenger journey is  
22 different from an unlinked trip.

23           Basically, if you take one bus and then  
24 transfer to another bus to get where you're going,  
25 that's one passenger journey and two unlinked trips.

1           So a researcher looked at the change in  
2 passenger journeys on Los Angeles mass transit, after  
3 Los Angeles invested a ton in regional rail.

4           It went down from about 290 million in  
5 1985, to 200 million in 2015.

6           The article goes on to talk about the  
7 researcher. It says, "Ruben was a principal actor in  
8 a civil rights lawsuit that forced MTA to reduce its  
9 rail spending and increase its spending on buses and  
10 lower fares, after ridership had fallen about 120  
11 million from its 1985 peak. During the period that  
12 the court oversaw MTA, it was forced to add more bus  
13 service and lower bus pass prices. Ruben choose  
14 [sic] that during the peak of rising ridership, from  
15 1994 to 2007, unlinked trips nearly recovered to the  
16 1985 peak. The ridership increase required a subsidy  
17 of 1.4 --

18           MR. FLORIO: That's three minutes, Mr.  
19 Dunsay.

20           MR. DUNSAY: Oh, sorry.

21           CHAIRMAN TANELLI: So please wrap it  
22 up.

23           MR. DUNSAY: So the gist of these  
24 articles is, plain old bus service is much better  
25 than rail, it gives you more bang for your buck and

1 it services a broader population. I suggest you read  
2 through them.

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

4 Claude Bienstock.

5 MR. BIENSTOCK: Good evening.

6 Claude Bienstock, Fair Lawn.

7 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Hi.

8 MR. BIENSTOCK: I want to comment on  
9 the William Carlos Williams Center.

10 I read an article in The Record today  
11 that it costs \$8.7 million to fix.

12 I believe the article. Yes, it needs a  
13 lot of work, that place. And there was also  
14 mentioned something about public/private partnerships  
15 to take care of the cost.

16 I'm all for it. I'm all for it.  
17 Unfortunately, I don't have the money to pay for this  
18 fixing up. I don't know if it comes out of tax  
19 dollars. But the place should be fixed, because the  
20 people want to go to concerts and ceremonies and  
21 programs, and we need a modern facility there, and  
22 only by spending money can it be accomplished.

23 I am a supporter of the cultural arts.  
24 I think it's really a shame that we don't have a  
25 functioning performing arts center in Rutherford, and

1 it's been closed since 2002. So I don't know how  
2 long it's going to take to fix it. I can't fix it  
3 myself. We need a contractor that knows what he's  
4 doing.

5 But obviously it can be fixed. I  
6 thought they might have to tear it down and build it  
7 from scratch.

8 Also, there's a situation with parking  
9 there, that they're talking about putting up a  
10 garage. Because if you have people coming to the  
11 performing arts center, they have to park their car  
12 somewhere, and it gets very crowded in downtown  
13 Rutherford. So something should be done about the  
14 parking situation.

15 I just want the Freeholders to know and  
16 the public to know that I'm a supporter of the  
17 performing arts. I feel strongly about culture. A  
18 country, a county, a city, is judged by how it treats  
19 its citizens. And people are really much interested  
20 in the performing arts, not just movies, but having  
21 concerts there, whether you have rock and roll shows  
22 or classical concerts or lectures. I think we need a  
23 performing arts center, and anything you could do to  
24 get it off the ground as quickly as possible would be  
25 appreciated by the public. And thank you for

1 allowing me to speak on this issue. I feel very  
2 strongly about it.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you, Mr.  
5 Bienstock.

6 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Mr. Chairman,  
7 just a quick question to the Administrator.

8 Is that report available to the  
9 Freeholders yet?

10 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: It  
11 should be available, yes.

12 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Okay. So we can  
13 get a copy?

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I thought the  
15 engineer was still making tweaks?

16 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NOVELLI: There  
17 were tweaks in it, but I think it's now complete.

18 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Great. I'll come  
19 by for one.

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Jerry Cronin.

21 MR. CRONIN: Good evening.

22 I just would like to thank the  
23 Freeholders for their commemoration of the Easter  
24 rebellion that was held here about 10 days ago. It  
25 was an awesome tribute to the heritage of Irish

1 people, and I thank you for that.

2 Also, my passion, though, is to get  
3 curbing on Rochelle Avenue.

4 Just for your information, the county  
5 has approved the widening of the intersection of  
6 Rochelle Avenue and Railroad Avenue to allow people  
7 to make a left-hand turn in a very congested area.

8 Now, they will be redoing the pavement  
9 on that entire section of the street, primarily  
10 because of work that was done this past year by  
11 Public Service, where it absolutely decimated the  
12 road system in Rochelle Park.

13 I was reading just about a month ago  
14 that the federal government has stated that there was  
15 something like \$254 million unutilized in the State  
16 of New Jersey. I don't remember the exact number for  
17 Bergen County, but in that intersection of Rochelle  
18 Avenue/Main Street/Essex and Market Street, there was  
19 a something like \$3.8 million that was unused. Now,  
20 the term that was used was "repurposing" of money.

21 My interpretation of that term  
22 "repurposing" is that it can be utilized in some  
23 other fashion. Then I would strongly suggest that a  
24 resolution be passed that curbing be finally put in  
25 place on Rochelle Avenue from Railroad Avenue down to

1 Market and Essex Street.

2 I thank you for your time, sir.

3 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

4 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you.

5 FREEHOLDER ZUR: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mayor Laforet.

7 MAYOR LAFORET: Yes. Thank you.

8 I appreciate the opportunity to speak  
9 before you on behalf of the concerned residents of  
10 Mahwah and surrounding towns of the Pilgrim Pipeline.  
11 So once again thank you. I appreciate your time.

12 My job as mayor is to express the  
13 concerns of our residents and protect our resources.

14 With the announcement of the Pilgrim  
15 Pipeline, residents came out to our council meeting  
16 and were very clear about the concerns, and that is  
17 why we are here. Many communities are represented  
18 here this evening. Mahwah is just a small part of  
19 that puzzle.

20 Here are our concerns:

21 Pilgrim Pipeline proposed a path  
22 directly through Mahwah, Bergen County parkland, and  
23 directly on top of our pristine drinking water as a  
24 sole source aquifer.

25 Think of our aquifer as a huge bathtub

1 that stretches from Upstate New York to the Newark  
2 Basin, where millions of people draft water and serve  
3 millions of residents, it's not just Mahwah. We are  
4 linked together in this battle both in Bergen County  
5 and in our surrounding municipalities.

6 First of all, we have a common cause.  
7 I do not believe for one moment that the county is  
8 any less concerned about a crude oil pipeline  
9 traversing our municipalities in the Bergen County  
10 Highlands on its way to Linden, New Jersey refineries  
11 with a potential for failure.

12 I've said that drinking water will be  
13 more valuable than crude oil, and today in Bergen  
14 County, with your help, that day has come.

15 We are challenged to make the right  
16 decision to protect our pristine wells and our  
17 quality of life.

18 We are witnessing here a simple fact  
19 that across the nation communities, county  
20 governments, and the federal government is waking up  
21 to the threats of our drinking water supply and the  
22 threat posed by pipelines, fracking, and the quality  
23 of water as we have seen in the Flint, Michigan  
24 disaster.

25 Our future is on the line here. We are

1 simply asking for your help and your leadership.

2 Many of those behind me will speak in  
3 more depth about these concerns.

4 In light of the recent news reports  
5 from New York State regarding the pipeline potential  
6 impact from the 1907 report, we're asking you to  
7 consider rescinding the permit issued to Pilgrim  
8 Pipeline to survey the Ramapo Mountains.

9 (Applause.)

10 MAYOR LAFORET: We are fighting an  
11 organization which has enormous wealth, no  
12 transparency, and we have no way to know the path of  
13 the pipeline or where or when it will file for a  
14 permit. We are simply fighting a ghost, and we have  
15 no way to know their next move. Simply stated, I  
16 believe you share the same concerns. I have no doubt  
17 in your dedication.

18 In fact, no less concerning, we are not  
19 only talking about a crude oil pipeline from Albany  
20 to Linden refineries, we're also talking about a  
21 return pipeline from Linden back to Albany in the  
22 form of refined product which is called RBOB. RBOB  
23 is a base product for many fuels, diesel, jet fuel,  
24 and including gasoline.

25 In New Jersey, service stations across

1 the state --

2 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, mayor.

3 MAYOR LAFORET: -- are required to meet  
4 Phase II vapor recovery standards. Those standards  
5 mean that even if an ounce of gasoline were to leak  
6 from the station, the station would be shutdown by an  
7 underground monitoring system.

8 The Pilgrim Pipeline is not upheld to  
9 those same standards. It's unlikely that any  
10 pipeline would fail in the first few years of  
11 operation, it is unlikely that the failure would  
12 occur in the first 10 years of operation. However, I  
13 would suggest that the failure would likely occur in  
14 the next 15 to 20 years. That means that decisions  
15 that we make today affect many generations after we  
16 are gone. Chances are, we'll be long gone, but we  
17 have an obligation to protect our drinking water for  
18 our children.

19 After what we watched going on in  
20 California, with the devastating droughts and farmers  
21 are at war over supply, rescinding this survey permit  
22 will sound a very large message to Pilgrim Pipeline.

23 I certainly can appreciate the time and  
24 effort and dedication it takes to be a Freeholder.  
25 Together we have a responsibility to our communities,

1 and we are both often asked to make difficult  
2 decisions, and we do so with the residents in mind  
3 and the impact of those decisions on our future.

4 Now I would ask you to allow others  
5 behind me to express their concerns, and, once again,  
6 thank you for allowing me to speak.

7 (Applause.)

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

9 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Just really quickly,  
11 we do have a three-minute time limit. I'm going to  
12 try to give people an opportunity to wrap up their  
13 statements, but with the number of people that want  
14 to speak, we want to make sure everyone gets an  
15 opportunity. So just bear with us, if we have to  
16 extend it a little bit, we'll try to do that, but  
17 just be mindful that there's a lot of people who want  
18 to speak tonight.

19 Ken Dolski.

20 MR. DOLSKI: Good evening. Thank you  
21 very much for the opportunity. I would like to read  
22 to you from the April 1st letter that was sent to the  
23 Bergen County Freeholders and County Executive  
24 Tedesco.

25 The Coalition Against the Pilgrim

1 Pipeline and over a thousand Bergen County residents  
2 are writing to ask that you rescind Bergen County's  
3 survey permission to Pilgrim Pipeline.

4 Our patience is worn out. After many  
5 meetings and communications among our coalition, and  
6 the Freeholders, County Executive and staff, we have  
7 yet to receive any promised documentation from the  
8 county that justifies the county continuing to permit  
9 Pilgrim to access county-owned land.

10 Based on our decades of experience and  
11 contrary to Bergen's statements, we are very  
12 confident of the following:

13 The pipeline company does not have the  
14 right to survey.

15 Denying survey permission does not put  
16 the county at great risk of a lawsuit.

17 The DEP and Green Acres would not  
18 assume control of the process, if Bergen County  
19 rescinded access.

20 Allowing the survey does not improve  
21 the county's ability to attempt to redirect the  
22 pipelines.

23 Denying permission to survey would not  
24 result in the county losing the ability to have any  
25 input on the path of the pipeline.

1           Pilgrim is a private company, not a  
2 utility, and it has no power of eminent domain. We  
3 know of no statute, regulation, or governmental  
4 process that gives them the right to survey.

5           Other entities, including Union County,  
6 Chatham, and Montville, have prohibited surveys and  
7 have not been sued. Even Hunterdon County, who  
8 denied survey permission for the PennEast pipeline,  
9 and Mercer County, who rescinded survey permission  
10 for the same pipeline, which does have eminent  
11 domain, have not been sued.

12           We understand the county's concerns  
13 about lawsuits and financial losses. However, even  
14 if denying survey permission did result in a lawsuit,  
15 Bergen County would still have the option to allow  
16 the survey, if it felt it was not on firm legal  
17 ground. This would have been a very simple and  
18 reasonable thing to do, instead of just folding as  
19 soon as they ask for permission.

20           Certainly, you agree there are times  
21 when a lawsuit must be fought and the potential costs  
22 weighed against the alternative. In this case, we're  
23 talking about the irreplaceable source of drinking  
24 water for over a million Bergen County residents.  
25 How much would it cost the county and its

1 municipalities, if this water supply were polluted  
2 for years, or decades, as happens when oil enters an  
3 aquifer system? More than the cost of defending a  
4 lawsuit of this type? You betcha.

5 Bergen County is playing Russian  
6 roulette with our water supply - a very dangerous  
7 game.

8 The DEP confirmed the county has every  
9 authority to deny survey permission, and that the DEP  
10 would not force the county to issue permits, nor  
11 would they sue the county as a result of this action.

12 A spokesman for Green Acres said, "At  
13 this point, and as we have advised the county in the  
14 past, it is up to Bergen County to make their own  
15 best determination on whether or not to grant  
16 permission for access to their parklands."

17 We're at a total loss to understand how  
18 providing survey permission will give the county  
19 greater influence over the route. There has been no  
20 documentation to this effect in any of the OPRA  
21 requests that we received. Did the Bergen  
22 administration make a secret verbal agreement on  
23 this? Pilgrim has not even requested the ability to  
24 survey other routes, implying that they're not  
25 seriously considering them.

1 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr. Dolski.

2 MR. DOLSKI: Negotiating parties only  
3 get what they want when they have leverage. Bergen  
4 County has given away all of its leverage and  
5 weakened its negotiating position by permitting  
6 access. By showing such fear of a lawsuit, the  
7 county has signaled how Pilgrim can get whatever it  
8 wants in the future. Bergen County has totally  
9 mishandled this situation and alienated residents in  
10 the process with bad decisions and lack of  
11 transparency. Bergen County is not stupid. What is  
12 the real story here?

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Peggy Bost.

17 MS. BOST: We've had one meeting with  
18 the county administration, which Joan Voss, thank  
19 you, helped us arrange.

20 During that meeting with residents,  
21 several promises were made by the County  
22 Administrator to investigate the county's authority  
23 to deny survey permit, including contacting Union  
24 County and the dozens of municipalities who have  
25 called for an immediate moratorium on surveying

1 activities related to the proposal.

2 The administration has not provided us  
3 with any of the promised information.

4 We have even offered to stop advocating  
5 for rescinding survey permission, if they could  
6 convince us that their actions are in the best  
7 interest of the county.

8 Our repeated requests for a follow-up  
9 meeting have never even generated a reply.

10 We are convinced that the most  
11 effective position for every municipality and county  
12 is to deny survey permission. This has been shown  
13 time and again to cause pipelines major delays, and,  
14 in some cases, plans have even been shelved.

15 Pilgrim must provide survey results in  
16 order to meet DEP requirements. Preventing them from  
17 doing this will strengthen the county's position.  
18 Giving them survey access will weaken it.

19 In central New Jersey, along the  
20 PennEast Pipeline route, 70 percent of landowners  
21 have denied PennEast survey access, and Mercer County  
22 itself has rescinded survey permission.

23 This has also slowed the approval  
24 process, because PennEast doesn't have enough data to  
25 submit an application to the New Jersey DEP, and the

1 New Jersey DEP doesn't have enough information to  
2 review. This has made it much harder for PennEast to  
3 achieve necessary permits. None of the landowners or  
4 Mercer County have been sued.

5 In New York State, the Constitution  
6 Pipeline has been delayed for more than two years  
7 because no one has let them on their property. They  
8 have not received a 401 water quality permit, which  
9 Pilgrim also needs, because there's not enough survey  
10 information.

11 As demonstrated in these two  
12 situations, our best strategy and our best strength  
13 is to act together with other counties and landowners  
14 by not letting them onto your property and not  
15 supporting an alternative route. We can stop Pilgrim  
16 Pipeline. Bergen County is now a weak link in our  
17 ability to effectively implement this strategy.

18 Residents do not believe Bergen County  
19 is taking the steps necessary to protect their water,  
20 property values, health and safety, and particularly  
21 in the Highlands region of Mahwah and Oakland, where  
22 the pipeline would cross the Ramapo River aquifer.

23 This stands in stark contrast to the  
24 past responses.

25 In 2015, the county Freeholders passed

1 a resolution opposing the project, citing risk to  
2 public health, safety, and the drinking water. The  
3 County Executive has said he supports the resolution.

4 Our window of opportunity to stop  
5 Pilgrim from surveying is really short. Action must  
6 be taken immediately.

7 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes.

8 MS. BOST: Even a moratorium on  
9 surveying until the related issues have been  
10 investigated would be a positive step forward.

11 The public outcry against Pilgrim  
12 Pipeline in Bergen County and throughout the region  
13 gives you the support to rescind the survey  
14 permission.

15 We urge you to do the right thing. We  
16 want to continue to work with you to prevent Pilgrim  
17 from constructing their pipeline. Rescinding survey  
18 permission is one of the best ways to stop their  
19 proposal from going forward.

20 Protect our safety and the environment  
21 and restore public faith in our elected officials and  
22 institutions.

23 Thank you for your anticipated actions  
24 on this issue. Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

1                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI:   Matt Smith.

2                   MR. SMITH:    Hi.   Can I approach the --

3                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI:   You can give it to  
4 this gentleman.

5                   MR. SMITH:    These are letters for the  
6 County Executive handwritten from Bergen County  
7 residents calling on the Executive to use his  
8 authority to rescind the survey permission.

9                   I want to thank everyone who came out  
10 tonight.  I think it's telling that this many people  
11 are here.

12                   We all know what the course of action  
13 is, yet our elected representatives seem to not know  
14 what to do in this scenario.

15                   (Applause.)

16                   MR. SMITH:    So thank you all.

17                   This is a non-utility oil pipeline  
18 project that threatens our health, safety, and  
19 drinking water, and demonstrates a complete lack of  
20 courage and conviction on the Freeholder Board and  
21 the administration to fail to act on the power they  
22 have to keep this private oil venture company out of  
23 our parks and out of our watershed.

24                   To date, our elected representatives  
25 have given us multiple excuses for not taking action.

1           They've cited legal liability, which  
2 clearly the two previous speakers have stated that  
3 other counties who are denying survey permission are  
4 not facing legal challenges.

5           They said that the DEP would force  
6 their hand, and the DEP has responded in saying that  
7 that's not accurate.

8           They've cited governmental structural  
9 differences as to why the Freeholder Board can't pass  
10 a resolution calling on the administration to deny  
11 and rescind survey permission.

12           All of these excuses are just that,  
13 excuses.

14           Bergen County voters have good  
15 memories. So basically do you want to be remembered  
16 as the Board who stood by and did not act on your  
17 power to keep this oil company out of our parks and  
18 protect the water supply for millions?

19           Because the voters are here, and  
20 they're going to remember. This issue is not going  
21 away.

22           We've heard that resisting surveys has  
23 a proven track record.

24           The other thing that we haven't talked  
25 about is the big elephant in the room, which is the

1 climate crisis. Here we are in 2016, scientists and  
2 politicians of all stripes, district attorneys from  
3 12 states are now stepping up to the plate to enforce  
4 greenhouse gas emissions on the dirtiest fuels on the  
5 planet.

6           And, yet, here we are and we can't even  
7 get our local Freeholder Board to keep a pipeline  
8 company, which provides no benefit for the county,  
9 and would just lock us into more and more extreme and  
10 dirty fossil fuels, we're rolling out the red carpet  
11 for them and letting them into our parklands.

12           First responders, no one's talking  
13 about that. Who's going to be there to put out the  
14 fire when this pipeline goes boom?

15           It's not going to be you.

16           That's why yesterday the Mahwah Fire  
17 Chief signed onto our letter endorsing our campaign  
18 to keep the Pilgrim Pipelines out of New Jersey and  
19 to stop this pipeline project.

20           A major pipeline spill like the ones  
21 we've seen in the Yellowstone and Kalamazoo rivers,  
22 or the ongoing water crisis in Flint, Michigan,  
23 should be all the impetus that you need to take the  
24 action that we're asking from you.

25           But, apparently, with this Freeholder

1 Board and with this administration, the only way to  
2 get what we, your voters, need is through organizing,  
3 so that's what we're going to continue to do. And  
4 with our water facing an unprecedented threat, now is  
5 not the time for excuses, now is the time for courage  
6 and conviction, and we're asking you to act before  
7 it's too late.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: John Wende.

11 MR. WENDE: Good evening.

12 My name is John Wende. I'm a resident  
13 of Bergen County. I reside in Moonachie, New Jersey.

14 I'm also the business manager for  
15 pipefitters Local 274 here in New Jersey. And, along  
16 with my partners, the operating engineers, laborers  
17 and teamsters, we support the Pilgrim Pipeline.

18 I've been doing this pipeline work for  
19 over 43 years. The Pilgrim Pipeline is the safest  
20 way to move oil and refine products that we all need,  
21 and will create well-paying jobs for New Jersey  
22 working families.

23 I live in New Jersey. I love my town  
24 as much as anyone else, and I have a 30-inch high  
25 pressure gas main running down my street. I'm not

1       afraid of it. They're all installed in the most  
2       safest manner possible.

3                       I am here to tell you our pipefitters  
4       are among the most skilled in the nation. We've done  
5       thousands of miles of pipeline work, and we know what  
6       we're doing.

7                       I have complete confidence that Pilgrim  
8       will be built in an environmentally responsible  
9       manner. It's simply the best and safest way to move  
10      oil and refined products that we all depend on.

11                      Bergen County must continue to provide  
12      survey access to Pilgrim Pipeline. Pilgrim is  
13      conducting these surveys in accordance with state  
14      law. The surveys are noninvasive, ecological  
15      surveys.

16                      The irony here is that Bergen County's  
17      own Pilgrim resolution calls for a full environmental  
18      review, and that's exactly what Pilgrim is trying to  
19      do, yet some in this room are telling you not to  
20      allow it.

21                      Bergen County must allow Pilgrim  
22      Pipeline survey access it needs to complete the  
23      environmental review, as required by law and by this  
24      Freeholder Board's own resolution.

25                      And I hope you take that into

1 consideration.

2 Thank you very much.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Paula Rogovin.

5 MS. ROGOVIN: Paula Rogovin,

6 R-O-G-O-V-I-N, Teaneck.

7 Hi. I'm from the Coalition to Ban  
8 Unsafe Oil Trains. I've been here before.

9 When I was here last time, I brought a  
10 bottle of water and shook it, representing regular  
11 crude oil and a bottle of Coca-Cola representing  
12 Bakken crude. And I scared you a little bit, but I  
13 didn't open the bottle, but you guessed what would  
14 happen when I shook the Coca-Cola. And if that stuff  
15 ignites, there's a firebomb. It's dangerous. It's  
16 volatile. It's scary.

17 As you know, our coalition has been  
18 working to end the transport of volatile Bakken crude  
19 on the CSX river line through 11 Bergen County  
20 communities. It goes over our reservoir, affecting  
21 800,000 people and our drinking water.

22 So you might wonder why a bunch of us  
23 from the Coalition to Ban Unsafe Oil Trains is here  
24 supporting the people who are trying to prevent this  
25 survey of Pilgrim.

1                   We don't want the survey, and we don't  
2 want the construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline.

3                   We are united, those of us who are  
4 opposed to the oil trains and those of us who are  
5 opposed to the barges and the pipelines. They're all  
6 dangerous, and the track record for the pipelines is  
7 very, very bad. It's dangerous. When there's an  
8 explosion, when there's a leak, when there's any kind  
9 of explosion, when it goes into a water supply, when  
10 it gets into the land, when it gets into the water  
11 where there are fish, where there's drinking water,  
12 it's dangerous, and it lasts a long time.

13                   And Lac-Megantic, Quebec, where there  
14 was a Bakken crude oil explosion, they're still  
15 trying, almost three years later, to clean the water,  
16 their drinking water and the earth where the oil  
17 leaked.

18                   The pipelines are no safer than the oil  
19 trains.

20                   So you say, "Well, how do we get the  
21 oil transported?"

22                   We want a transition to clean, safe,  
23 renewable energy. That's what we need and we need  
24 money to be invested.

25                   (Applause.)

1 MS. ROGOVIN: We need money to be  
2 invested in that for research and development of  
3 clean, safe, renewable energy. So our coalition  
4 stands with everyone here.

5 Now, I'm a union person. I'm a  
6 teacher. I'm in the United Federation of Teachers  
7 for 42 years in New York City, and I heard our  
8 colleagues in another union talking about the jobs.  
9 And jobs we know are so important, but the jobs  
10 building a pipeline are short-term. And while we  
11 support the effort to get jobs, those are short-term  
12 jobs, and we need to protect our safety.

13 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr.  
14 Chairman.

15 (Applause.)

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Lisette Gonzalez.

17 MS. GONZALEZ: Good evening, everyone.  
18 My name is Lisette Gonzalez.

19 More importantly, I am here to support  
20 what everyone has been saying about how much they  
21 oppose the pipeline being built. But the reason why  
22 I'm here is because I have questions.

23 One of the questions is, maybe somebody  
24 here can answer to me.

25 AUDIENCE VOICE: Speak a little louder.

1 MS. GONZALEZ: Yes.

2 The reason why I'm here is because I  
3 want to ask some questions regarding the reason why,  
4 why the Freeholders have allowed for this pipeline  
5 issue, for you to hear about it.

6 When the company came to you and have  
7 the plans to build this pipeline, why didn't you  
8 reject that project from the start? Why are you  
9 taking into this consideration?

10 My other question. If they're going to  
11 be building these pipeline in a government lot, how  
12 much money, what are they giving in return? Because  
13 you're not giving the land for free, there is  
14 something in exchange.

15 Those are the two questions.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. FLORIO: Ms. Gonzalez, the form of  
18 government in Bergen County is under the Optional  
19 County Charter Law, it's called the County Executive  
20 form of government.

21 This body is the legislative branch,  
22 and does not have the authority to entertain the  
23 kinds of inquiries that you just referenced in your  
24 question.

25 So no representatives of that agency

1 that you mentioned could come to this Board and ask  
2 for the board to do something, because this Board  
3 does not have the authority to take that kind of  
4 action. The county administration is the place where  
5 those kinds of decisions are made.

6 The Freeholder Board last year passed a  
7 resolution that opposed the project that you've asked  
8 about, and that is all of the activity that has been  
9 engaged in by this Board of Chosen Freeholders with  
10 respect to the Pilgrim Pipeline to this date.

11 MS. GONZALEZ: So what power are you  
12 tonight, what power do you need to give in order for  
13 the survey to proceed?

14 FREEHOLDER VOSS: We have no power.

15 MR. FLORIO: This Board does not have  
16 authority over the survey process.

17 AUDIENCE VOICE: Why are we here?

18 MS. GONZALEZ: So what are you saying,  
19 what will be the Freeholder saying?

20 MR. FLORIO: And your three minutes has  
21 expired.

22 MS. GONZALEZ: Yes, my last question,  
23 if you can answer, please.

24 What is the vote you have to give in  
25 order for this pipeline to be built or not built?

1 What is your power?

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: There is no vote.

3 MR. FLORIO: There is no vote on that.

4 I'm sorry.

5 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Oh, I'm sorry.

6 Just as a point of order. For the  
7 pipeline to be built, there would need to be a vote  
8 before this Freeholder Board.

9 MR. FLORIO: Ultimately.

10 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Ultimately, yes,  
11 right.

12 MR. FLORIO: That's not what's  
13 happening here now.

14 MS. GONZALEZ: Okay. Thank you so  
15 much.

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: You're welcome.

17 (Applause.)

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: John Roth.

19 COUNCILMAN ROTH: John Roth from  
20 Mahwah, New Jersey.

21 I'm here tonight as a constituent of  
22 yours. I'm also here tonight as a councilman from  
23 the Township of Mahwah. As president of that body, I  
24 also speak for that body.

25 But my reason for being here is to

1 implore this body to please pass a resolution  
2 requesting that the County Executive rescind the  
3 permits for surveying the Pilgrim Pipeline.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCILMAN ROTH: My request is made on  
6 behalf of the 25,000 plus residents of the Township  
7 of Mahwah, who also are constituents of yours.

8 We are familiar, and I am sensitive to  
9 the legal issues that you have broached and brought  
10 up in connection with this request. We also  
11 understand those issues very closely, because we have  
12 dealt with them in Mahwah, we have passed an  
13 ordinance, we have passed a resolution prohibiting  
14 this pipeline.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILMAN ROTH: We have done so,  
17 because we considered the health, the safety, and the  
18 well-being of the residents of Mahwah to be paramount  
19 and a higher priority than the protection from a  
20 lawsuit. I'm asking you to take the same view. Take  
21 a longer view here. And in considering a longer  
22 view, ask yourself the question: Is Bergen County  
23 prepared to step up in the event of a disaster or  
24 some catastrophe with that pipeline and replace the  
25 water that would be lost in the Township of Mahwah?

1 (Applause.)

2 COUNCILMAN ROTH: Does the Bergen  
3 County budget have a line item to deal with such a  
4 disaster or catastrophe? Because, if not, then  
5 perhaps you need to reconsider the actions permitting  
6 this project to go forward, inclusive of surveying  
7 any part of this. Please do not hide behind the  
8 shield of a lawsuit. I challenge you here to step  
9 up, consider the safety of our residents in Mahwah  
10 and all of Bergen County. There are tens of  
11 thousands in Mahwah alone, there are probably a  
12 million in Bergen County that could be negatively  
13 impacted should something go wrong with this  
14 pipeline, and I don't think you're fully prepared to  
15 accept the consequences of that at this point in  
16 time.

17 So, please, would you please consider  
18 passing that resolution. The County Executive needs  
19 to hear from you, and he needs you to step up and  
20 take a position and a point of view in rescinding  
21 these survey permits. Believe me, he'll listen,  
22 because all the residents of Mahwah and all of Bergen  
23 County will be listening too.

24 Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

1                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I'm just going to  
2 take one more out of order.

3                   Mr. Peck.

4                   MR. PECK: Hi. My name is Jeffrey  
5 Peck. I represent the Health Care Professionals and  
6 Allied Employees at Bergen Regional Medical Center.

7                   FREEHOLDER GANZ: Good evening.

8                   MR. PECK: Hi.

9                   I just wanted to, I know you guys read  
10 the papers, I read the paper today. You hear me talk  
11 about the hospital often. You basically know what my  
12 opinions are. You know that I don't normally defend  
13 the managers of the hospital, but I take personal  
14 umbrage at one of allegations that was made in an  
15 article in The Record.

16                   There are a lot of things wrong with  
17 that institution that could be corrected, and we look  
18 forward to the day that they are done.

19                   There are many, many different  
20 personalities on the management side and on the  
21 workers' side, and some of those managers are not  
22 perfect. But the notion that was put forth that our  
23 managers are racist, it's just despicable. It's just  
24 a card that should not have been played. It's not  
25 true. They will look to make money on the illness of

1 anybody of any race, creed or color, because that's  
2 all they care about is making money.

3 And the workers at the hospital will  
4 try to cure and help the people that come before us,  
5 and we don't particularly care either.

6 So, you know, did somebody maybe  
7 possibly do something wrong? I don't know the ins  
8 and outs of any particulars, but I can assure you, as  
9 one of the workers and as a union representative in  
10 that hospital, that that part is not true.

11 And in that same vein, I know that  
12 you're being asked to put forth resolutions and  
13 stuff, whatnot. If it would be possible for you to  
14 possibly craft a motion that anybody who does  
15 contracting work or works in the name of the county  
16 and employs a number of people, that they should all  
17 make \$15 an hour.

18 (Applause.)

19 MR. PECK: I've brought it forth to the  
20 management in the past, and I am told that the people  
21 that don't make \$15 an hour are not of my bargaining  
22 unit, but they take care of my patients and my  
23 residents in the hospital, and we would hope that  
24 they should get the same respect. If you can make  
25 \$15 an hour flipping a burger in McDonald's, you

1 should be able to make \$15 flipping my parents and  
2 cleaning them up. You know, I think you have that in  
3 your authority.

4 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr.  
5 Chairman.

6 MR. PECK: Three minutes?

7 MR. FLORIO: Yes.

8 MR. PECK: I also wanted to, you'll be  
9 getting an invitation May 3rd, a Legislative  
10 breakfast at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton. I hope you  
11 can all attend.

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Glen Feinberg.

13 Glen Feinberg.

14 Is there a Glen?

15 John Markus.

16 MR. FEINBERG: Hi. My name is Glen,  
17 and I live in Hackensack.

18 And this pipeline is a disgrace. It's  
19 going to hurt a lot of businesses. It's going to  
20 have a lot of suing, because businesses going to be  
21 suing. You're going to lose a lot of economy in this  
22 town, in Bergen County, and you just make the town  
23 even worse. A lot of sick people around here and  
24 people will be packing up and leaving and moving to  
25 other towns or other cities or other states. And at

1 the end, you have nobody here, because everybody will  
2 be dead from being sick or sick in the hospital with  
3 cancer.

4 All you have are huge lawsuits from  
5 each business and homeowners, but that wouldn't do  
6 any good when people are sick.

7 The thing is, it's a disgrace. If I  
8 was running the county, I would not let that happen.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. FEINBERG: Terrible.

11 I don't want any cat getting sick, I  
12 don't want to get sick, and I don't want anything  
13 else to get sick. I don't want my neighbors get  
14 sick. I don't want brown water coming out of my  
15 faucet, and having to go to the store and buy water  
16 and having no water there because people bought it.  
17 I'm not a rich person, I can't afford to buy water  
18 all the time. And I'm not going to walk around with  
19 dirty clothing and smell like a skunk, because I  
20 can't shower, I can't wash dishes, I can't wash the  
21 clothes. And then I get sick from that. And I've  
22 been in the hospital and I die, just because you want  
23 to make a profit. Money before people, that's  
24 disgusting. Money before people and nature, that's  
25 disgusting.

1                   When I lived in the '70s, we never had  
2 this problem. We never had this problem. The  
3 animals would live in no fear, the trees could live  
4 in no fear, the animals could life in no fear and  
5 everybody could live just fine and everybody was  
6 happy and there was less noise.

7                   And then people are going to be losing  
8 the value of their houses and businesses will be  
9 leaving. Businesses would pick up and leaving. And  
10 then if they leave, that means that you would lose  
11 revenue. If businesses leave, because of this, they  
12 would lose revenue. The town, county would lose  
13 revenue. You want it to be like Detroit where  
14 they're losing revenue? You want it to be like  
15 Atlantic City, they're losing revenue? It's going to  
16 look like Detroit, it's going to look like Atlantic  
17 City where the residents live. It's going to look  
18 like that. The casinos have packed up and left.  
19 Businesses will pack up and leave to another state.  
20 And if they leave to another state, that means the  
21 county would lose money. And then everybody, the  
22 residents here will pack up and leave too, and they  
23 have no, and then you have lines and lines and lines  
24 of houses, lines and lines of businesses for sale,  
25 for sale, for sale, for sale, for sale, and people

1 are going to be looking up on the computer saying --

2 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes,

3 Mr. Feinberg.

4 MR. FEINBERG: They're going to say,  
5 oh, fracking, oh, fracking, oh, fracking, and nobody  
6 is going to buy a house because of that.

7 MR. FLORIO: It's three minutes,

8 Mr. Feinberg.

9 MR. FEINBERG: Nobody is going to move  
10 in and have a business here.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mr. Feinberg, the  
12 time is up.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. FEINBERG: They want to live. They  
15 don't want to live in crap.

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you. Thank  
17 you.

18 MR. FEINBERG: I would never vote for  
19 you guys. This is why I don't vote. I don't vote,  
20 because all you guys care about is money.

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,  
22 Mr. Feinberg. Your time is up.

23 MR. FEINBERG: All you care about is  
24 time and money.

25 (Applause.)

1                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Jonathan Marcus.

2                   MR. MARCUS: Good evening.

3                   I'm here as a resident of Mahwah and as  
4 Vice Chair of the environmental commission in our  
5 town.

6                   Eighteen months ago, our commission  
7 raised our hand in our town, and we said this Pilgrim  
8 Pipeline is a danger.

9                   Our town responded. Our town came out  
10 with a strong voice, and that sent a cavalcade  
11 through Bergen County, through New Jersey, through  
12 the Senate, Legislature, everybody was coming out  
13 saying we don't like this, including yourselves, and  
14 I thank you for it.

15                  But, at the end of the day, when we  
16 allow actions to happen like what's going on in our  
17 town now, it makes us feel in our town that we're not  
18 being listened to, because we are residents of this  
19 county. We have a history, unfortunately, of  
20 pipelines. We have a natural gas pipeline that a  
21 former version of this Board paved the way for, to  
22 let it be expanded in our town. There are residents  
23 in our town that are impacted by that. They have had  
24 to deal with the outcome from that from a company  
25 who, in many cases, has made promises they haven't

1 kept, their quality of life has been injured by it.  
2 So we're stunned a little bit. We're sitting here  
3 saying: What's coming next?

4 As was noted by Ms. Bost, you know, if  
5 this pipeline has issues, it's Mahwah firefighters,  
6 Mahwah EMTs, Mahwah residents that are going to be on  
7 the frontline here. It's our schools that are going  
8 to be impacted in our town.

9 The land is in our town. It is  
10 parkland. It is your county parkland that we are all  
11 a part of, but it's in Mahwah. We've made a strong  
12 voice, we've made it very clear, we don't want this  
13 pipeline in our town, and we're asking that you join  
14 our voice, that you evidence that this Board agrees  
15 with Mahwah, agrees with Oakland, agrees with all the  
16 other towns across this state, and ask the county  
17 administration to please rescind the surveying going  
18 on, because if you don't, all you're doing in my mind  
19 is you are enabling it to go on. Speak with a voice,  
20 as the other towns have. You represent all of us,  
21 but, most importantly, from my point of view, the  
22 residents of my town are going to be on the frontline  
23 of your actions.

24 Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Rob Hermansen.

2 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Good evening.

3 FORMER FREEHOLDER HERMANSEN: Good  
4 evening.

5 Didn't expect to be back here, but  
6 former Freeholder and Councilman here in the Township  
7 of Mahwah.

8 First of all, let me just state that I  
9 want to thank you guys for doing the resolution and  
10 putting a resolution forth that had a passing against  
11 the pipeline.

12 The County Executive then stood up and  
13 said that he was also for this resolution.

14 Somehow now we're still sitting here in  
15 a room, though, where there's a survey going through  
16 my town allowing them to come in, talking about  
17 putting a pipeline in, even though "they're against  
18 it."

19 To me, I don't want to hear about the  
20 protection, about the lawsuits, and saying this is  
21 the best way of doing this. That's all garbage. I  
22 sat on this Board, I know what the deal is.

23 (Applause.)

24 FORMER FREEHOLDER HERMANSEN: The only  
25 way this pipeline goes through and allows them is if

1 the state tells us it has to go through.

2 We can protect ourselves by telling  
3 them not to do the survey. Why we have them in  
4 there, I have no idea. Personally, I think that it's  
5 a mistake for our town.

6 I am personally looking at this, and I  
7 say about jobs, you know, I'm not against jobs. I'm  
8 not against having pipefitters work or whatever, but  
9 I am against having a pipeline go through our main  
10 water source in our town that's going to affect all  
11 of our people.

12 (Applause.)

13 FORMER FREEHOLDER HERMANSEN: You know,  
14 right now you guys are dragging your feet, and the  
15 longer you drag your feet, the more survey work gets  
16 done. The more survey work gets done, the better  
17 chance they have of getting a pipeline through.

18 To me, I don't understand why this is  
19 not being stopped. There should have been a  
20 resolution put through this board right now. In  
21 fact, I noticed the County Executive, who generally  
22 makes most of the meetings, is not here tonight. But  
23 I know he made sure he was at the dinosaur park to go  
24 in there and show up for the dinosaur picture,  
25 because he made sure he was in the paper for that.

1 But, you know what, he's not here to face the people.

2 The bottom line to me is very simple,  
3 it's very, very simple. This should have been  
4 stopped. It should be stopped for the people here in  
5 this room. Why we're doing this and why we're  
6 sitting on our hands, I don't understand. You have  
7 the ability right now on this Board, as I've sat  
8 here, to have two of you have the guts to have one  
9 make a motion and the second one to second it right  
10 now to tell these people here that you're going to go  
11 in to rescind the survey for the pipeline.

12 I'd like to see who actually has the  
13 guts on this Board to do it. Because, you know, it's  
14 one thing --

15 (Applause.)

16 FORMER FREEHOLDER HERMANSEN: When I  
17 sat on that Board, there was many times I made very  
18 difficult decisions, not ones that everyone was happy  
19 about or the ones that people thought that we should  
20 do. But, you know what, we did the things that were  
21 right. Mr. Driscoll and I sat there, and we know how  
22 things work. I sat here with Maura and David, I sat  
23 up here with the people, and with John knowing what  
24 has to be done.

25 You have the opportunity right now in

1 front of these people to stand up and show that you  
2 put your money where your mouth is. The 5/1 vote  
3 that you made means that you should pull the surveys,  
4 means that you should go in and tell the County  
5 Executive now.

6 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr.  
7 Chairman.

8 FORMER FREEHOLDER HERMANSEN: I want to  
9 know which two of you, who is going to make the  
10 motion now and who will second it?

11 (Applause.)

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

13 MR. FLORIO: Time's up.

14 (CROWD CHANTS: "Raise your hands!  
15 Raise your hands!")

16 FORMER FREEHOLDER HERMANSEN: Who is  
17 going to make the motion?

18 (CROWD CHANTS: "Raise your hands!  
19 Raise your hands!")

20 MR. FLORIO: There is no motion. Your  
21 time has expired.

22 FORMER FREEHOLDER HERMANSEN: All talk,  
23 no action.

24 FREEHOLDER ZUR: Speaking of all talk,  
25 Mr. Chairman, if I may?

1                   AUDIENCE VOICE: We need to see your  
2 hands!

3                   FREEHOLDER ZUR: Excuse me, ma'am.  
4                   When you sat on this Board,  
5 Mr. Hermansen, you voted --

6                   FORMER FREEHOLDER HERMANSEN: For a  
7 natural gas pipeline. You got it.

8                   FREEHOLDER ZUR: You voted to take  
9 acreage and take it out of Green Acres so you could  
10 expand a pipeline. You voted to clearcut trees in  
11 Mahwah, so that you could build a pipeline. You  
12 voted, without seeing what the effect this was going  
13 to have on the residents or the residents of Mahwah.

14                   FORMER FREEHOLDER HERMANSEN: No, no.

15                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mr. Hermansen, you  
16 had your three minutes.

17                   FORMER FREEHOLDER HERMANSEN: She's now  
18 addressing me.

19                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: No, you had your  
20 three minutes. Please have a seat.

21                   FORMER FREEHOLDER HERMANSEN: I'm  
22 answering the question. I'm answering this.

23                   I had that pipeline put through,  
24 because it was natural gas pipeline that was already  
25 there for over 50 years, to put a safer one through

1 for my residents, to protect the people of Bergen  
2 County. Get your facts straight, Ms. Zur.

3 FREEHOLDER ZUR: This Board cares  
4 profoundly and deeply and has acted by voting for a  
5 resolution --

6 FORMER FREEHOLDER HERMANSEN: Make the  
7 motion.

8 AUDIENCE VOICES: Make the motion.

9 FREEHOLDER ZUR: You continued to --

10 FORMER FREEHOLDER HERMANSEN: Put your  
11 money where your mouth is.

12 FREEHOLDER ZUR: We have continued to  
13 not only walk the walk, but talk the talk.

14 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: This Board was  
15 diligent in allowing the man to speak. I would  
16 appreciate respect from everyone else in the audience  
17 to allow the Freeholder to speak.

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,  
19 Freeholder.

20 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: This has been a  
21 political grandstanding, and I understand that this  
22 is a football game to you, you're concerned about  
23 scoring points. I respect every single one of you,  
24 and I applaud you being here tonight. I am so  
25 pleased to hear the perspectives of every single one

1 of you in this audience, because you are genuinely  
2 and sincerely committed to making sure -- I'm in  
3 Franklin Lakes, this is my backyard too. I want to  
4 make sure we're doing things in a manner that is  
5 protecting all of our residents.

6 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Mr. Chairman, if  
7 I could. I think that we have to get away completely  
8 from the politics of this right now.

9 FREEHOLDER ZUR: Exactly.

10 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: And address the  
11 people who are here and the concerns that they do  
12 have.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: So I'd like to  
14 continue.

15 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Yes, there was a  
16 pipeline vote, natural gas pipeline. The vote I  
17 believe was 6/1. I am proud to say I was the one who  
18 voted against it.

19 AUDIENCE VOICE: Thank you. Thank you.

20 FREEHOLDER ZUR: Actually it was 4/3.

21 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: The final vote  
22 for the easement on that? Well, I would like to look  
23 at what you're looking at, because I do believe --

24 FREEHOLDER ZUR: You did vote, though,  
25 against it, you did.

1 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: I did.

2 I do think that we owe the public and  
3 those that have been e-mailing us and calling us and  
4 wanting to meet with us a response. We have so many  
5 more people that want to speak here this evening on  
6 the same issue, I am imagining with the same  
7 perspective. I do think that if we all feel as  
8 strongly as Freeholder Zur says, that we should have  
9 a motion to request the County Executive to rescind  
10 the permit to survey.

11 (Applause.)

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Right now we're  
13 going to continue to let everyone speak. I'm calling  
14 the next speaker. The next speaker is --

15 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: I thought this  
16 was not going to be political?

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Cesar Gamio.

18 AUDIENCE VOICE: No response?

19 AUDIENCE VOICE: Where's the motion?

20 AUDIENCE VOICE: Yeah, what happened to  
21 the motion?

22 MR. GAMIO: I promise you, I'll be less  
23 than three minutes and not insult any one of you.

24 Chairman Tanelli and fellow  
25 Freeholders, thank you for the opportunity to speak

1 before you. I'm a resident of Bergen County. I live  
2 in Glen Rock, New Jersey. I'm also a business agent  
3 for Local 825 Operating Engineers. I represent 7,000  
4 members who are in favor to build the Pilgrim  
5 Pipeline who need the work.

6 We also have kids that live in this  
7 town. We just don't work in the short-term, that was  
8 mentioned before.

9 I have daughters. I want to see them  
10 grow up healthy with nothing growing out of them  
11 because we built the pipeline. It's the safest form  
12 of transportation, transporting oil in our county.  
13 We have the safest and the most skilled workers in  
14 the nation. And those are only a few reasons I ask  
15 you to support the pipeline.

16 Thank you, and that's all I have.

17 (Applause.)

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Next speaker is Toni  
19 Granato.

20 MS. GRANATO: Good evening, Board Chair  
21 and Freeholders. I come again today to this meeting  
22 on behalf of the New Jersey Sierra Club. I represent  
23 hundreds of members and supporters in Bergen County  
24 and over 100,000 in New Jersey who care about the  
25 environment, protecting open space, water and air

1 quality, and much more.

2 We're here today, first and foremost,  
3 to thank you for taking your first step to oppose the  
4 pipeline. And as you've heard from some of our  
5 speakers and elected officials, which we appreciate,  
6 who were able to come out tonight, there's another  
7 step that we need you to take, and it is to urge the  
8 County Executive to rescind the permission that was  
9 already given to Pilgrim Pipeline to survey county  
10 parklands.

11 We are here today to ask Bergen County  
12 to rescind the survey permission they gave to  
13 Pilgrim, to prevent this dangerous pipeline from  
14 being built. By denying survey access, there's a  
15 much better chance the county can stop Pilgrim from  
16 receiving permits and stop the pipeline.

17 Pilgrim would be a huge threat to our  
18 wetlands, streams, and water supply, not to mention  
19 the humongous safety risk it would inflict on our  
20 communities. The only jobs this would really create  
21 is jobs for first responders to come during a crisis  
22 situation.

23 We're talking about a highly flammable  
24 and toxic crude oil pipeline going right through New  
25 Jersey towns. There could be leaks, there could be

1 explosions, and it could be catastrophic for Bergen  
2 County. You all know this, and you've already taken  
3 a stance, but what I'm bringing today is the New  
4 Jersey Sierra Club's perspective of the battles we've  
5 been fighting around the state pipeline after  
6 pipeline proposal.

7                   Unfortunately, I have seen pipeline  
8 proposals that actually got built, but in our success  
9 stories even this week we've had the PennEast  
10 Pipeline that would go from Pennsylvania into Mercer  
11 and Hunterdon counties. That pipeline company has  
12 now had a 7 to 10-month delay, because they don't  
13 have enough information in their application to  
14 submit permits to state agencies and regional  
15 agencies. They are scrambling, because they don't  
16 have enough information, and that is because  
17 70 percent of property owners along the proposed  
18 route, like Peg Bost said, have denied permission,  
19 and that includes counties such as Mercer County who  
20 rescinded permission, like the position that this  
21 county is in, and Hunterdon County. Mercer County  
22 actually rescinded permission when, and in fact they  
23 were, their pipeline, PennEast pipeline was causing  
24 environmental damage during the survey, and we can  
25 provide you information on what happened. Basically

1 they were drilling for soil bearings and they caused  
2 a tremendous amount of damage to Bald Eagle Mountain.

3 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes.

4 MS. GRANATO: So we're really asking  
5 you to do what's best for Bergen County again and  
6 work with us. You know the facts and we've presented  
7 them in a informal letter on Friday. And we want you  
8 to please do what's best for Bergen County and oppose  
9 this pipeline once again by passing a resolution to  
10 urge the Executive to rescind permission immediately.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Christine Lozier.

15 MS. LOZIER: Hi. I have a statement  
16 from Sally Geller (phonetic). She's a very well  
17 known environmentalist. Sally Geller is a very  
18 famous environmentalist, very well known. She's with  
19 Food & Water Watch, 350.org, OccupyBergen, many, many  
20 organizations. Most of what she has in her statement  
21 has already been discussed.

22 She questions whether this oil is for  
23 our consumption or is it being shipped overseas for  
24 profit?

25 I also have read that these pipelines,

1 the new ones, are much worst, they have a much higher  
2 failure rate than the old ones from the 1940s. They  
3 have a high corrosion rate, and the new technology to  
4 detect does not detect.

5 Since the pipeline is underground, it's  
6 not detected. It does all the damage before anything  
7 can be done.

8 Nothing is safe with this oil, and it's  
9 distracting us from moving on to renewable energy.

10 (Applause.)

11 MS. LOZIER: I also would like to talk  
12 about the Trans-Pacific Trade Agreement, which will  
13 override the rights of the nation's states. If there  
14 is a spill from this oil, the company has the right  
15 to sue the country for the damages. The taxpayer  
16 will pay the damages. And this can't be overturned.  
17 These multinational corporations have total control.

18 Once the damage is done, that's it.

19 Also the Suez Water Company is going to  
20 have a windfall from these oil spills and the  
21 fracking. There will be no clean water. It would  
22 not be inconceivable that we'll be paying \$20 for a  
23 bottle of water.

24 This is a multinational monster. It's  
25 one of the 10 of the worst multinational corporations

1 in the world. It already owns 70 percent of the  
2 water supply in the world.

3 Also, the privatization issue, when you  
4 have one multinational corporation owning the fossil  
5 fuel supply or the water or whatever, you have no  
6 control over this anymore. So we have to stop it  
7 now.

8 And that's it. Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Don Sena.

11 MR. SENA: Don Sena from Oakland.

12 I just would like to say, it's  
13 unacceptable that our elected officials in Bergen  
14 County will not take every action in their power to  
15 protect the health and well-being of the citizens of  
16 this county. It seems like, since you passed a  
17 resolution, that the Bergen County Executive is  
18 ignoring your will. It seems like you should be able  
19 to do something about that.

20 I know the Bergen County Executive is  
21 ignoring our will, because I was part of a  
22 demonstration here the other day, and he didn't even  
23 bother to talk with us. He sent a representative,  
24 and all the representative did was accept our  
25 thousand petitions, there were 1,000 signatures on

1 our petitions.

2                   Anyway, thousands of Bergen County  
3 residents depend on the soil source Ramapo aquifer  
4 for their water. The best thing that the county can  
5 do is to rescind the survey permits for county land  
6 granted to Pilgrim.

7                   They have been assured by the NJDEP  
8 that they have the right to do that, to rescind the  
9 permits.

10                   The county is allowing Pilgrim to move  
11 forward, based on fear of a lawsuit. Other counties  
12 and municipalities have refused permission, with no  
13 consequences.

14                   We will remember in November how you  
15 guys are going to react.

16                   Thank you.

17                   (Applause.)

18                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Gail Brunner.

19                   MS. BRUNNER: Good evening.

20                   It's an honor to be here and also very  
21 intimidating.

22                   I happen to be a River Edge resident,  
23 and my name is Gail Brunner. I have a bachelor of  
24 science from Rutgers University, and previously a  
25 health inspector licensed by the State of New Jersey

1 for 32 years in over 12 communities in Bergen County.

2 I worked on the front lines serving  
3 Ridgewood, Westwood, Wyckoff, Waldwick, Ho-Ho-Kus,  
4 Midland Park, Montvale, Hillsdale, Fair Lawn, Old  
5 Tappan, and the Bergen County Health Department in  
6 the past and other communities protecting the  
7 public's health, all here in Bergen County.

8 I was involved with H1N1 swine flu,  
9 Ebola, Hurricane Sandy, including setting up shelter  
10 and working with our various first responders,  
11 including police, fire, and ambulance, and an OEM  
12 Office of Emergency Management official in Ho-Ho-Kus,  
13 and I am very well respected in my communities.

14 At the Health Department, we track and  
15 monitor diseases, illnesses, including odor  
16 complaints and drinkable, potable water concerns. We  
17 have a public health nurse on staff to reach out to  
18 these ill people to determine what illnesses they  
19 have and where they were, so we can prevent them.

20 We receive the panicked phone calls of  
21 local residents that are sick, scared, and desperate.

22 By approving this pipeline survey, it  
23 will only bring more environmental and public health  
24 concerns to our areas. We need to be concerned about  
25 our first responders, such as our police officers,

1 volunteer ambulance and volunteer firefighters, who  
2 are our family members, friends, and coworkers, that  
3 will be responding when accidents happen of this  
4 highly volatile shale oil transporting through our  
5 area. Shale oil fracking has harmful impacts and  
6 contributes to climate chaos, of which we have been  
7 experiencing with this unusual weather.

8 (Applause.)

9 MS. BRUNNER: I was a Cub Scout leader  
10 for Pack 95 in River Edge, and we often hiked in this  
11 beautiful parkland. If I recall, John Felice, we  
12 hiked with you and your son, Nicholas.

13 FREEHOLDER FELICE: That's right.

14 MS. BRUNNER: This is absurd that this  
15 proposal is even being considered.

16 We invested tax dollars to preserve  
17 this land, not to hand it over --

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. BRUNNER: -- to private oil  
20 companies for-profit. Please remember there is no  
21 benefit for Bergen County or for New Jersey. And I  
22 am respectfully requesting that you rescind  
23 permission for Pilgrim to survey on county parkland.

24 Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Warren Stella.

2 MR. STELLA: I'm a lifetime resident of  
3 Bergen County. I grew up in Ridgefield Park, and I  
4 now reside in Midland Park.

5 I'm here to express my support for the  
6 Pilgrim Pipeline.

7 If New Jersey is going to remain a  
8 great place to live, with an economy that can compete  
9 globally and create good jobs for ourselves and  
10 future generations, we need modern energy  
11 infrastructure.

12 The Pilgrim Pipeline is a great  
13 opportunity to build the safest, most environmentally  
14 responsible, and most efficient way to move oil and  
15 refined oil products.

16 We'd be able to get the oil off the  
17 Hudson River, out of those tank cars that go down  
18 through Bergen County every day.

19 AUDIENCE VOICE: Wrong.

20 AUDIENCE VOICE: Not true.

21 MR. STELLA: Excuse me?

22 Whether we like it or not, our  
23 livelihoods will continue to rely on oil for decades  
24 to come.

25 All Pilgrim is trying to do with these

1 surveys is to conduct environmental reviews.

2 I see no reason why Bergen County  
3 should deny that. Isn't that what everyone wants, a  
4 full environmental review?

5 Bergen County must continue to give  
6 Pilgrim Pipeline the access it needs to conduct these  
7 surveys.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Jack Daly.

11 MR. DALY: Good evening, Board of  
12 Freeholders. My name is Jack Daly. I'm a professor  
13 of sustainable studies at Passaic County Community  
14 College, and I come here tonight to address the  
15 committee.

16 You know, I'm sure you know the  
17 political metrics. You see a roomful of people  
18 here --

19 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please address the  
20 Board, please.

21 MR. DALY: Okay.

22 Probably each one of these people  
23 probably represents the sentiment of more than 1,000  
24 people.

25 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Mr. Chairman, if I

1 may, you know, we have given each of these people the  
2 opportunity to speak to this Board, and I am offended  
3 by people interrupting this young man who is  
4 speaking. So, Mr. Chairman, I would ask you to  
5 please ask the audience to refrain from comments when  
6 this gentleman is trying to give his public comment.

7 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Okay. Thank you.

9 Just one second. I please ask everyone  
10 to refrain from commenting and give everybody  
11 courtesy at the microphone, please.

12 MR. FLORIO: And I stopped the clock  
13 for you.

14 MR. DALY: Thank you.

15 You see these people who came and many  
16 other people could not come, but probably every  
17 individual, according to political metrics, probably  
18 represents a sentiment of 1,000 people.

19 So, many people have their families to  
20 deal with, working, keeping up with high property  
21 taxes, mortgages, and the like.

22 I come here also, you know one  
23 statistic I wanted to keep with you, I teach  
24 environmental science, is that globally speaking, all  
25 of the water on the planet that we have, only one

1 percent of it that humans have access to is  
2 freshwater.

3 So this is not only the issue of water,  
4 next to people, this is our most precious resource.  
5 Human beings cannot live three days without water,  
6 and we're jeopardizing this.

7 I am a longtime -- I grew up, I live in  
8 Harriman, New York, but my family is longtime  
9 residents of Fort Lee, New Jersey -- hello,  
10 Ms. Voss -- and we've been there for over 100 years  
11 now.

12 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Hello.

13 MR. DALY: And the last time I went to  
14 my cousin's house and I turned on the faucet to drink  
15 a glass of water, I could not believe how awful it  
16 was. I had to spit the water out. I was like, "This  
17 is terrible!"

18 We live in a state that has an  
19 unbelievable toxic legacy.

20 I live up on the New York border, and I  
21 applaud the Mahwah leadership for coming down here to  
22 represent thousands of people who feel this way.

23 We are still digging out from the Ford  
24 legacy of a company that voluntarily dumped tens of  
25 thousands of car paint all over that area. And if

1 you go to the United Water wells right there in  
2 Hillburn, New York, they dug right through the paint.  
3 That stuff all goes right into our watershed, all  
4 into our aquifers, trickling down.

5 How many of you in this room have had  
6 cancer visit your family?

7 That is testament to this state, which  
8 we live in a country that has -- I can't even express  
9 it, it's so upsetting to me, that our resources --  
10 no, I'm getting off base here.

11 Let me just frame this. This is a  
12 security issue. This is a water security issue.  
13 It's been stated the wars of the 20th century were  
14 fought over oil, the wars of the 21st century will be  
15 fought over water. Water is running out all over the  
16 world, and it's important, not just to look at this  
17 county, we are connected to everything. And this is  
18 one thing I try to get across, indicate to my  
19 students, is that everything is interconnected. And  
20 not just to act in our own shallow interests as one  
21 county, one town, let's think about the broader  
22 picture.

23 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr. Daly.

24 MR. DALY: All right. That's all I'd  
25 like to say. Thank you very much.

1 (Applause.)

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Robert Lane.

3 MR. LANE: Good evening.

4 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Good evening.

5 MR. LANE: I'm a member of Local of  
6 825, and a resident of Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

7 I'm here tonight to express my support  
8 for the Pilgrim project.

9 Unlike some people here tonight who  
10 oppose this project, many of our members live in and  
11 work right here in Bergen County. We love our county  
12 as much as anyone, and choose to live here and raise  
13 our families.

14 Our economy and our community needs to  
15 keep thriving. Oil and refined products are moving  
16 through communities every day. This project will  
17 just provide a safer, more modern way of transporting  
18 that.

19 The current approaches of using barges  
20 and trains is outdated and ineffective.

21 Our local members are some of the best  
22 trained and most skilled pipeline workers in the  
23 country. I will tell you firsthand, these projects  
24 are built in an environmentally responsible manner.

25 People discuss that the jobs created

1 are temporary, but that's the nature of the  
2 construction business, plain and simple, jobs come  
3 and they go. The jobs have to pay our mortgages,  
4 send our kids to college, and allows us to spend the  
5 money in our local Bergen County businesses.

6           Once we are finished with a project,  
7 the upgraded infrastructure helps attract and retain  
8 businesses to the area too. For this reason, I urge  
9 the full and thorough environmental review to be done  
10 in accordance with state law.

11           Thank you for your time.

12           CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

13           FREEHOLDER FELICE: Thank you.

14           (Applause.)

15           CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Alfred Frontauria.

16           MR. FRONTAURIA: Good evening. How are  
17 you?

18           I'm Al Frontauria. I live in Bergen  
19 County, in Lodi.

20           I'm here to represent the Pilgrim  
21 Pipeline, and as far as any other pipeline. My  
22 theory is, I think it's the safest way to move oil,  
23 safer than by truck, train or barge. With the impact  
24 that those vehicles and trains leave on the earth,  
25 it's much safer for the earth. Once it's done, you

1 restore the land back to its existing condition, if  
2 not better, and it's just a safer way to move it.

3 Thank you.

4 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Rachel Funcheon.

7 MS. FUNCHEON: I just have a brief  
8 statement to make, basically in solidarity with all  
9 the other people who have spoken against the  
10 pipeline.

11 I live in Watchung, in Somerset County.  
12 I'm a member of the environmental commission there,  
13 and a concerned citizen.

14 Watchung was one of the first towns to  
15 pass a resolution. We've passed two resolutions now  
16 to stand against the pipeline and try and keep it  
17 from going through our town, and our Board of  
18 Education has also adopted that resolution.

19 A crude oil pipeline would greatly  
20 reduce property values in all the towns that it would  
21 go through, all 28 towns. If you could buy a house  
22 in a town that didn't have a crude oil pipeline going  
23 through it, wouldn't you? I would buy in a different  
24 town.

25 But, much more importantly, the

1 pipeline would pose serious health and safety risks  
2 to nearby residents and first responders alike. And,  
3 by the way, Watchung, like many local towns, has a  
4 completely volunteer first responders, and they would  
5 be completely ill-equipped to handle any kind of  
6 catastrophe related to the pipeline.

7 Other serious risks include toxic and  
8 carcinogenic fumes, forced evacuations of homes for  
9 prolonged periods of time, and permanently polluted  
10 drinking water.

11 Many people in my town use well water,  
12 and the Pilgrim Pipeline would literally be within  
13 200 feet of their backyards, their backyard wells and  
14 the wellheads.

15 If these pipelines are approved, it  
16 will set a precedent for future oil development  
17 through our watersheds and through our densely  
18 populated communities.

19 I do not believe that this pipeline has  
20 any business going through our suburban backyards or  
21 through our precious watersheds.

22 You must stop this pipeline now and  
23 rescind survey permission. It's the single most  
24 effective way to stop the Pilgrim Pipeline from being  
25 built in our communities. You have the power to do

1 something so important, and I urge you to use it.

2 Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Susan Reeves?

5 Susan Reeves?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Jaklin Girgan.

8 MS. GIRGAN: Good evening. My name is  
9 Jaklin Girgan. I'm the founder of Sustainable  
10 Bergen.

11 As we can see today, more and more  
12 people are putting the environmental issues at the  
13 frontline, and they are expecting the political  
14 leaders to do the same.

15 Cities around the world are leading the  
16 way in the fight against climate change for this  
17 reason. The worlds cities account for 70 percent of  
18 greenhouse gas emission. That is why Sustainable  
19 Bergen has written the proposal to the County  
20 Executive and to the Freeholders.

21 We outlined ways the county could help  
22 municipalities to become more sustainable through  
23 best practices, and lower the carbon footprint, while  
24 improving the quality of life of the residents.

25 In addition, cities in Bergen County

1 will get thousands of dollars in grants.

2 We could also help municipalities to  
3 become more resilient and prepare for climate change.

4 It is going to take policy leaders,  
5 political leaders, the private sector, and ordinary  
6 citizens to work together to make an impact on  
7 climate change.

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Karen Tiedens.

12 MS. TIEDENS: Thank you for letting me  
13 speak tonight. Can you hear me?

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Yes.

15 MS. TIEDENS: In a March 10th letter,  
16 County Administrator Dominic Novelli said, "Denying  
17 Pilgrim the opportunity to survey could leave the  
18 county without any input on the path of the proposed  
19 pipeline. However, denying access will not mean the  
20 county will not have input, because they own the  
21 land."

22 Denying access is actually the most  
23 effective way of stopping the project.

24 In New York State, the Constitution  
25 Pipeline was unable to move forward with their

1 application for a water quality 401 permit because  
2 landowners on the proposed route have not given  
3 survey access. After two years awaiting approval for  
4 the 401 quality permit, the company said, in early  
5 March 2016, that it will have to delay its projected  
6 date of the natural gas pipeline, because it has not  
7 received the permit.

8           Devastating incidents around the  
9 country raise many concerns regarding the  
10 transportation of the dangerous Bakken crude, whether  
11 by rail, barge or pipeline.

12           Whether it is traveling by rail, barge  
13 or pipeline, it is a disaster waiting to happen,  
14 endangering our families, property, and environment,  
15 and it cannot be repaired once it has happened, as  
16 you can see.

17           Bergen County has already passed a  
18 resolution against this project, along with all 28  
19 towns on the route, and both houses of the state  
20 legislature.

21           The county must rescind the approval  
22 for Pilgrim to survey on their property and protect  
23 it from further damage. And I applaud the one person  
24 on your board tonight that had the courage to stand  
25 up. I hope to see a second.

1 (Applause.)

2 MS. TIEDENS: And I'd like to know what  
3 our next step is in order to stop this?

4 Can you tell me?

5 No one has an answer?

6 AUDIENCE VOICE: A motion.

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: As I explained  
8 earlier, it was explained earlier that this Board  
9 does not have the authority.

10 MS. TIEDENS: Where do we go though for  
11 the next step, can you tell me that? Excuse me?

12 There's no direction on what we should  
13 do next as a community?

14 AUDIENCE VOICE: Ask for a resolution.

15 MS. TIEDENS: Can't somebody look that  
16 up and get back to me?

17 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Mr. Chairman, if I  
18 may, once again, you know, we give this young lady  
19 the opportunity to speak, and there are others who  
20 are interrupting her and also interrupting, and I  
21 would like once again for you to ask the public to  
22 please refrain from comments during public comment  
23 period.

24 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

25 MS. TIEDENS: How do I get direction on

1 what else I can do, as someone who lives in this  
2 county?

3 AUDIENCE VOICE: Somebody?

4 Oh, my God.

5 AUDIENCE VOICE: Somebody.

6 AUDIENCE VOICE: Somebody.

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

8 Mary Blehl Walsh.

9 MS. WALSH: I am a member of the North  
10 Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club. And my fellow  
11 members and I went to the woods to get signatures on  
12 petitions a couple of weeks ago, actually we started  
13 about a month ago. The first time I had to wait  
14 15 minutes for a parking space, this was 12:00 on a  
15 nice day. One of our other members could never make  
16 it, he sat in the parking lot for half an hour  
17 waiting to get into the reservation.

18 If you've never gone up to McMillan  
19 Reservoir, it's absolutely pristine. It's just a  
20 magnificent place. It's magnificent because it's  
21 real woods. It's not an Overpeck, it's not the  
22 Saddle River Park, it's real woods.

23 If you put these pipelines through real  
24 wood, it becomes not real woods, and it really  
25 devalues the land.

1                   Regarding the \$700,000 that was paid to  
2 the county by the Tennessee Gas Pipeline in 2012.  
3 The New Jersey Code 7:36 states that compensation for  
4 that must have been remitted to the Department of  
5 Environmental Protection for deposit in a fund prior  
6 to the formal release of the Green Acres occurrences  
7 on the parkland. The monetary compensation must be  
8 used for land acquisition.

9                   I would like to know what land was  
10 acquired to compensate for the parkland that was  
11 destroyed in Ramapo? It was never publicized.

12                   I realize that you're a legislative  
13 body and you cannot probably answer that, but I would  
14 like to correct the impression that if the County  
15 Executive thinks he's going to collect big bucks for  
16 this pipeline, the money doesn't stay in the county,  
17 it has to go back to Green Acres.

18                   I really urge you not to destroy our  
19 woods.

20                   Thank you.

21                   (Applause.)

22                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mike Gallo?

23                   (No response.)

24                   Edna Berkovits.

25                   MS. BERKOVITS: I'm also here to ask

1 the Freeholders to rescind the permit for a gas  
2 pipeline survey in northern Bergen County through the  
3 Ramapo Mountain area of Mahwah.

4 I'm a resident of Teaneck, and I often  
5 hike up there.

6 The area is one of too few areas left  
7 for hikers, walkers, birders, and others who are  
8 concerned about leaving the earth habitable for  
9 future generations.

10 The source of the gas is from the  
11 Marcellus shale oil fields, and it's a frack gas that  
12 is extremely explosive. Such a pipeline is a ticking  
13 time bomb.

14 The fracking process itself poisons  
15 drinking water in the areas around the oil fields.

16 In answer to the gentleman who says the  
17 pipelines are safe, what about the May 2015 ruptured  
18 pipeline in California that dumped 21,000 gallons of  
19 oil into the ocean? The estimated cost so far is  
20 about \$500 million. What about the oil covered  
21 beach? There's no price you can put on that, and the  
22 birds and the other wildlife.

23 As a homeowner myself, I've had the  
24 experience of a leaking oil tank in the ground from  
25 my heating oil. I don't know how old the tank itself

1 was, but the estimates by the environmental company  
2 was it leaked for about 16 years before it was  
3 discovered. And it cost close to \$100,000 to just  
4 remediate my front lawn, paid for by my insurance  
5 company, but in truth paid for by everyone who pays  
6 homeowners insurance. That was a very small spill  
7 compared to what we're talking about tonight, a  
8 possible spill of a pipeline.

9 We don't want to turn the clock back.  
10 We want to look forward to a safe, healthy future for  
11 our children and grandchildren in Bergen County or  
12 New Jersey or wherever they are. And I believe it's  
13 time to support renewable sources of energy and not  
14 allow the expansion of dirty sources.

15 Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Katey DePinto.

18 MS. DePINTO: Good evening. Thank you  
19 so much for listening to everybody. I really  
20 appreciate it.

21 I'm from Chatham, New Jersey, Morris  
22 County, and I felt it was really important to be  
23 here.

24 I was one of the original founding  
25 members of Chatham Citizens, which was a grassroots

1 organization to oppose to pipeline.

2 (Applause.)

3 MS. DePINTO: And it was a pretty  
4 watershed occasion, we had a couple hundred people  
5 show up at town hall to oppose it and to ask our  
6 committee members to oppose it, and they did and it  
7 just started the ball rolling.

8 I just wanted to say a couple things.  
9 I want to thank you for passing the resolution, so  
10 obviously we know you're opposed to it, but we really  
11 need you to step up and do the next step, as a  
12 mother, as a citizen, as a father, brother, uncle,  
13 anything. Our water is our most precious resource,  
14 and it's something that you can't fix. If we had  
15 some disastrous thing happen, it won't be fixable.

16 And before you leave tonight, I'd like  
17 you to think about, would you want this in your  
18 backyard? And how would you feel if one person, just  
19 one person got sick or one first responder get sick,  
20 because they couldn't handle this, how would you feel  
21 about that? It's in your power to do something, and  
22 I think tonight's the night.

23 Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: David Stolt?

1 AUDIENCE VOICE: He left.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Nancy Krause.

3 MS. KRAUSE: Nancy Krause from Oakland.

4 Good evening, I'm from the Oakland  
5 Environmental Commission. I'm the chairperson there.  
6 And I just wanted to ask you to please rescind the  
7 permit to survey in the Ramapo Reservation. You  
8 know, it's one of the treasured parks of Bergen  
9 County, and a year and a half ago, the Oakland  
10 Borough, we passed a resolution to oppose the  
11 pipeline. A few months ago we passed a resolution  
12 banning all unregulated pipelines, and we look at it  
13 very simply of that the geology of our area will not  
14 allow us to have any kind of accidents like that that  
15 would be able to be cleaned up. You have fractured  
16 rocks, you have fault lines, and you have oil that  
17 would go down in there, how are you going to get that  
18 out? You've got a problem that's going to last for  
19 years, for generations to come. And we have a sole  
20 source aquifer that we have to protect, and it was  
21 clean and simple, we have to protect our water  
22 source.

23 Thank you very much.

24 (Applause.)

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Jeff Rapaport.

1                   MR. RAPAPORT: I'm here for my  
2 grandchildren and all the people I see and future  
3 generations.

4                   I'm here to urge you to rescind the  
5 permit, as so many people have. I'm asking you to do  
6 more than that. I'm asking you to dig in your heels.  
7 Water is the key resource of the future, and I think  
8 you really have to get tough here. Bergen's critical  
9 in this. It's a very important county.

10                  If you doubt spills, just go to Google  
11 and put in oil spills, oil pipeline spills, or just  
12 pipeline spills, you're not going to believe the  
13 numbers of them. We haven't had many in New Jersey,  
14 because we don't have very many oil pipelines in New  
15 Jersey.

16                  If you look at this globally, if you  
17 look at Alberta, they just elected a government that  
18 is -- they're the center of the tar sands. They  
19 elected a government based on clean energy.

20                  If you go to Vancouver right next door,  
21 they don't want a pipeline to take the tar sands to  
22 the Pacific Ocean.

23                  Washington State just knocked out a  
24 port to build, despite high unemployment in the area,  
25 that knocked it out.

1           If you go Eastern Canada, well, they're  
2 sort of negotiating, it's hard to say what they want  
3 to do right now, but they've been fighting it, and  
4 the new government there has gone decidedly from a  
5 very pro oil to quite the contrary, because the  
6 population, despite being a resource economy, has  
7 opposed it.

8           You go to the United States, Georgia  
9 just recently -- Georgia just recently knocked out a  
10 pipeline. You look where all the windmills are,  
11 they're in Texas, Iowa. These people know what's  
12 going on.

13           If we are left in this environment, you  
14 could be leaving a legacy to your children and your  
15 grandchildren of not only this pipeline but the  
16 future resistance against other pipelines and other  
17 resources, including gas and trains. We could become  
18 the transport capital, or one of them, of the  
19 country. Not to mention the Keystone Pipeline, you  
20 know, which has been cut. This is very important.  
21 This is a key area, and I urge you to dig in your  
22 heels and take it seriously.

23           Thank you.

24           (Applause.)

25           CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Lorraine Bogert.

1 MS. BOGERT: Bakken shale oil endangers  
2 people, wildlife habitat, endangers real estate,  
3 endangers watershed. It is too volatile and  
4 dangerous to transport whether by trains, pipes, or  
5 by truck. There have been horrendous accidents with  
6 each method of transportation. Is it a wonder that  
7 North Dakota wants it out of the state as soon as  
8 it's out of the ground? Wants it refined somewhere  
9 else? Takes no responsibility monetarily to keep  
10 this shale oil in North Dakota long enough to reduce  
11 the volatility before it is loaded onto a train or  
12 truck or fed into pipes heading to one of the most  
13 densely populated states in the nation. It's going  
14 to travel through our watershed, feet and yards from  
15 our homes. And be refined in Linden, a city that had  
16 over 41,000 people in 2013.

17 Giving Pilgrim Pipeline LLC permission  
18 now to survey the Ramapo Reservation is as good as an  
19 implicit approval of the pipeline for Bergen County.

20 Whatever input this permission gives  
21 the county is inconsequential compared to the real  
22 benefit of outright stopping the pipeline.

23 Your rejection will have a greater  
24 impact for the well-being of Bergen County and help  
25 to stop the pipeline.

1 I hope the Freeholders will rescind  
2 this permission.

3 There has been no application by the  
4 company, so why give the survey permission now? Why  
5 now?

6 We know that an old New York State law  
7 made a game stopper for the pipeline. We know the  
8 State of New Jersey could reject the pipeline.

9 Public pressure matters and what you do  
10 now matters. Please reject the pipeline and please  
11 understand that we're just the beginning of  
12 opposition. Opposition is building. Once people  
13 know what's wrong with the pipeline, it's not going  
14 to peter out, you're going to hear more and more from  
15 us.

16 Thank you.

17 AUDIENCE VOICE: Oh, that's right.

18 AUDIENCE VOICE: Oh, yeah.

19 (Applause.)

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Dr. Frances  
21 Goldstein.

22 DR. GOLDSTEIN: Frances Goldstein,  
23 Englewood, New Jersey.

24 Good evening, everyone. Thank you very  
25 much.

1 I'm not going to reiterate some of the  
2 things that have been mentioned up until now, which I  
3 think are very important scientific considerations  
4 and important things in terms of health.

5 I'm a medical doctor. I was a  
6 professor at NYU School of Medicine for 30 years, and  
7 my area of interest is environmental health and  
8 environmental health risks.

9 I have a particular interest in the  
10 things that are being discussed today, and I wanted  
11 to raise an issue that is not very much publicized,  
12 although if you Google it, you'll find plenty of  
13 information on it, and I hope you will tonight, which  
14 is that there is often, by the nature of things, a  
15 gap between scientific knowledge and public policy  
16 and lawmaking. It's just the nature of things.  
17 Scientists, doctors, make discoveries, it takes a  
18 while for the public to learn about it and it takes a  
19 while for legislatures to learn about it as well.

20 So I want to give you a guys a hot tip,  
21 which you're going to hear more about and, again, you  
22 can Google it, there's plenty of information, and the  
23 National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences,  
24 which is a division of the National Institutes of  
25 Health has had quite a number of conferences and

1 published quite a bit about this, which is that oil  
2 and gas that is not derived from traditional  
3 old-fashioned oil fields, such as those resources  
4 that are derived as a result of hydraulic fracturing,  
5 have much higher levels of radium, which is the type  
6 of radioactivity that is used for cancer treatment  
7 and for X-rays, which I'm sure all of us know about,  
8 and radon, which is a radioactive form, a gaseous  
9 form of radiation, which is quite common in New  
10 Jersey, and anyone who's a homeowner knows about.

11 Radium is far more stable than radon,  
12 and has to be regulated and controlled and  
13 precautions taken care of.

14 As you well know, when they give you a  
15 lead apron when you have an X-ray taken, etc., it's  
16 dangerous. It causes cancer. It causes genetic  
17 damage to all living things.

18 So, even if you have a perfect pipeline  
19 that never leaks, the radiation is still going to go  
20 through.

21 Also, the sludge that, by the nature of  
22 any liquid flowing through a pipe will accumulate,  
23 especially something viscous like oil, you're going to  
24 have the buildup of sludge in this pipeline. That  
25 sludge concentrates the radiation that is contained

1 in these resources, in the oil.

2 So wherever that pipeline is going  
3 through, over time you're going to have the buildup  
4 and the concentration of more and more radiation  
5 going through that pipeline.

6 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, doctor.

7 DR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay.

8 So I just want you all to please try to  
9 Google this, and TENORM, Technologically Enhanced  
10 Natural Occurring Radioactive Material, and take that  
11 into consideration also.

12 Thank you very much.

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you, doctor.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Steven Tanear.

16 Steven Tanear.

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Louis Discepola.

19 MR. DISCEPOLA: Good evening.

20 I'm also going to address the topic of  
21 the Pilgrim Pipeline. And I want to dispel this myth  
22 that transport of fossil fuels by pipelines are safe.  
23 And I'm an engineer, so I like statistics, I like  
24 numbers.

25 So between 1986-2013, the Federal

1 Pipeline Hazardous Material Safety Administration  
2 reported 8,000 significant incidents, not every  
3 incident, significant incidents. That's 300  
4 incidents a year.

5 These incidents resulted in 500 deaths,  
6 2,300 injuries, \$7 billion in damages.

7 I don't consider that safe at all.  
8 Some of the previous speakers spoke that it might be  
9 safe to build them, but they're not safe to operate.

10 Also, these incidents spilt 3 million  
11 gallons of oil, that's 75,000 barrels of crude oil a  
12 year, which comes out to 200 barrels a day.

13 Furthermore, the methods used to  
14 extract these fuel sources are getting more and more  
15 toxic. How much longer are we going to pollute  
16 our -- I don't think our earth could withstand  
17 anymore. I think we need to take a stand. And,  
18 quite frankly, you know, without clean air to  
19 breathe, clean water to drink, and clean food to eat,  
20 there is no life, there is no liberty, and there  
21 could be no pursuit of happiness.

22 Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Stanley Goodman.

25 MR. GOODMAN: Hello. Thank you for

1 listening to us.

2 I just want to address one issue that  
3 has not been discussed, that is, timing.

4 I understand the pipeline -- oh, Jesus,  
5 all of a sudden I'm getting nervous up here.

6 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Survey.

7 MR. GOODMAN: The survey, thank you,  
8 has been going on for a week already. Pilgrim  
9 estimates that the survey will take three weeks. If  
10 action does not occur from you tonight, then I  
11 understand your next meeting is after that, and so it  
12 will be too late.

13 If you act tonight, sometime down the  
14 road if something changes and you really change your  
15 opinion, then you can always start again. But if you  
16 don't act tonight, then you will have missed the  
17 opportunity.

18 Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mr. Tencer.

21 MR. TENCER: Stephen Tencer, New  
22 Milford.

23 I'd like to thank the Board of  
24 Freeholders for allowing so many of us to express our  
25 opinions by our presence and by speaking.

1                   There are a number of points I would  
2 like to get to.

3                   First of all, the proponents of the  
4 pipeline have said that it's the safest form of  
5 transporting the oil.

6                   That is debatable, but none of them can  
7 say that it's a safe way.

8                   It's not safe. There are all kinds of  
9 hazards and there are all kinds of consequences that  
10 people have talked about tonight.

11                   In a cost benefit analysis, people have  
12 brought up all kinds of risks that would be sustained  
13 by the people living in Bergen County and by the  
14 government for the things that it is responsible for.  
15 So there are many costs, but I haven't heard one  
16 benefit to anyone in Bergen County.

17                   Another consideration is if the  
18 pipeline were to be used for many, many years, the  
19 chances of leakage or other problems and pollution  
20 just increase, but the other consideration is that  
21 the shale oil that we're getting is only going to be  
22 profitable for another few years, and, in the long  
23 run, we will have no use for that pipeline except to  
24 have a relic rotting in our parklands.

25                   We also have to consider climate

1 change. By allowing one link in the process of  
2 providing more fossil fuel and a particularly  
3 volatile form and polluting form of fossil fuel, we  
4 are allowing one link to be made that links back to  
5 producing the fuel and the leads back to producing  
6 the fuel, and the fuel is very dangerous and not  
7 beneficial to people. We are fostering the  
8 deterioration of our climate, because fossil fuels  
9 are leading to climate change.

10 There are alternate sources of energy  
11 that are less polluting, much less dangerous, and, in  
12 the long run, much more cost effective.

13 To the gentlemen again who have been  
14 the proponents of the pipeline, there are so many  
15 infrastructure problems in New Jersey that certainly  
16 there are other alternatives that these skilled  
17 workers could work on that many more people could  
18 support rather than providing us with more hazardous  
19 oil.

20 MR. FLORIO: It's three minutes,  
21 Mr. Tencer.

22 MR. TENCER: I just have one question.  
23 I assume that the Board has the authority to pass a  
24 resolution. Am I incorrect in that?

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: It would be nothing

1 more than a ceremonial resolution. It's a  
2 non-binding resolution.

3 MR. TENCER: I understand that, but you  
4 do have the authority to pass a resolution.

5 Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Roger Quesada.

8 MR. QUESADA: I'm a resident of  
9 Weehawken, New Jersey.

10 So I don't have a whole lot to say,  
11 because I just joined this fight for the people that  
12 are living in New Jersey. I'm very affected by it,  
13 because I do believe that water is our most precious  
14 natural resource, and as we know it's beginning to be  
15 more and more of a problem because of pipeline  
16 contamination, pipeline spills. You know, there's  
17 pharmaceuticals that are going into our water that  
18 we're not able to take out. We still have not  
19 developed a great way to desalinate water, so we  
20 really only have a very limited amount of water  
21 resources. It is our most precious resource. It  
22 says a lot when the Rockefeller family, which is  
23 basically one of the most famous robber barons in the  
24 country are divesting from fossil fuels because they  
25 no longer see it as a long-term profitable sector.

1                   So what are we doing instead, from my  
2 knowledge, maybe I'm incorrect, but they're investing  
3 in water and a lot of big corporations are investing  
4 in water, because they know that more and more of our  
5 natural resources and more and more of our drinking  
6 water is becoming contaminated. And what ends up  
7 happening when you make something scarce in  
8 capitalism, it becomes more expensive, and they know  
9 that they can profit from this. So at the end of the  
10 day it comes down to who is going to benefit from  
11 this? Are you guys going to benefit from this? Is  
12 anybody in this crowd going to benefit in this in any  
13 way from a financial standpoint? Definitely not.

14                   I can tell you one thing that people  
15 are not going to benefit from, and it's their health.

16                   My mother had cancer, my partner had  
17 cancer, my grandmother had cancer. I don't have  
18 enough fingers on my hands and toes to count how many  
19 people in my life have cancer, and nobody can figure  
20 out where it's coming from, because we're being  
21 attacked from so many different angles, whether it's  
22 from our water, air. It really breaks my heart to  
23 see little children who can't breathe, who have  
24 allergies. I had the worst allergies when I was  
25 growing up, I happened to overcome them a lot, but I

1 have a long way to go, and I feel every day, every  
2 year there are more children who have asthma,  
3 allergies, childhood cancer or other issues.

4 I think it's just a matter of morality,  
5 about ethics. I know as human beings we can be very  
6 selfish, and we want money and we want power and we  
7 want all kinds of things, but at the end of the day,  
8 we're social animals, we have a moral responsibility  
9 to each other to take care of each other and protect  
10 water, protect our earth, and protect the environment  
11 that we live in.

12 That's all I want to say.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. BOST: Kevin Bost from Mahwah,  
15 Bergen County's parkland.

16 We want you to know, this is not over,  
17 we're not going away, and we'll not stop fighting you  
18 and the Bergen County administration on this issue.

19 This is our quality of life and we  
20 cannot afford to give it up.

21 Would you guys be able to amend this  
22 resolution you already passed and put a moratorium on  
23 the survey permission? Could you guys do that  
24 tonight?

25 AUDIENCE VOICE: Please.

1 MR. BOST: Please.

2 Would you be able to do something for  
3 us tonight?

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: It's not going to  
5 happen.

6 MR. BOST: Why is that?

7 MR. FLORIO: Nothing would happen  
8 tonight, because before I would counsel the Board to  
9 take any action, I would have to review it to make  
10 sure that it would pass legal muster. And, frankly,  
11 I would discourage the Board from doing anything that  
12 simply caters to the crowd that wants a certain  
13 resolution to be passed --

14 (AUDIENCE SHOUTS.)

15 MR. FLORIO: -- without it having the  
16 full force and authority that the law would enable it  
17 to have.

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Excuse me one  
19 second.

20 We've been very patient for the last  
21 two hours. We've given everybody plenty of  
22 opportunity to speak without being interrupted, and  
23 you continue to have outbursts. I'm going to please  
24 ask you one last time, there's only a few more  
25 speakers, the attorney is addressing his question, I

1 would appreciate if you stayed quiet while he is  
2 doing that.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. FLORIO: So that's my response,  
5 Mr. Bost.

6 MR. BOST: Okay. I mean, because you  
7 do have union people here, which is good, and they  
8 gave their opinion on it, and you have our group  
9 here. So you guys will have to discuss it, and when  
10 will we know something? How would we find this out?

11 MR. FLORIO: I wouldn't attempt to  
12 answer that, sir.

13 MR. BOST: So there's just -- will  
14 somebody reach out?

15 MR. FLORIO: I can't answer that.

16 AUDIENCE VOICE: This is an outrage!

17 MR. BOST: So nothing? You couldn't  
18 even take a little hand vote? That's it?

19 MR. FLORIO: At this time, yes.

20 AUDIENCE VOICE: This is an outrage!

21 MR. BOST: So nobody wants to make any  
22 commitment for it?

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Madam, I've asked  
24 you politely at least six times, I'm not going to ask  
25 you again. I asked you nicely. Stop yelling from

1 the crowd.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. BOST: Because, I mean, in our  
4 local council meetings at least we take a straw vote  
5 sometimes to see who's where. You can't go any  
6 direction?

7 MR. FLORIO: I wouldn't advise that.

8 MR. BOST: You wouldn't advise it?

9 MR. FLORIO: That's correct.

10 AUDIENCE VOICE: How about a  
11 moratorium?

12 MR. BOST: I mean --

13 AUDIENCE VOICE: A motion.

14 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Mr. Chairman,  
15 could I please?

16 MR. BOST: We put so much effort into  
17 this.

18 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: There are certain  
19 ways to put a resolution on our agenda, and of course  
20 we're still at the public portion of our meeting, but  
21 none of them are from the dais during our public  
22 meetings.

23 We have an Agenda Committee, the  
24 Chairman has the power, and we can do it through a  
25 majority before the Public Meeting.

1                   So, unless we're going to amend the  
2 Administrative Code, it doesn't happen from the table  
3 here.

4                   I hear what you're saying about a straw  
5 poll, but I also understand too timing is of the  
6 essence, and our next meeting isn't until next week.  
7 So, really, the only action that could take place is  
8 for each one of us to lobby the County Executive  
9 through the County Administrator, because he's the  
10 one who has the power of the day-to-day operation of  
11 the county.

12                   MR. BOST: So how would you lobby that?  
13 You would have meetings with the Administrator,  
14 emails, letters?

15                   FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Any communication  
16 method that we have available to us, yes.

17                   MR. BOST: Okay.

18                   FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: And that would be  
19 the way to do it.

20                   MR. BOST: And when's your next  
21 meeting?

22                   MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr. Bost.

23                   FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: I'm sorry for  
24 taking up your time.

25                   MR. BOST: And your next meeting is

1 when, next Thursday?

2 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Wednesday.

3 MR. BOST: Wednesday. Thanks.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Mylo Zelaya.

5 MASTER ZELAYA: Protect my water, and  
6 don't forget about the trees.

7 (Applause.)

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Amanda Nesheiwat.

9 You can't top that.

10 MS. NESHEIWAT: I'm always too short  
11 for mics. I don't know, they make it for six-foot  
12 tall people.

13 I'm the environmental director for the  
14 town of Secaucus, but I'd like to use my three  
15 minutes to read a statement from Chief Mann with the  
16 Ramapough Lunaape Nation. I have a statement here I  
17 am going to read from my phone, like a true  
18 millennial.

19 "On behalf of the Ramapough Lunaape  
20 Nation, we would like to first state that as an  
21 environmental justice impacted community, we  
22 adamantly stand against the Pilgrim Pipeline or any  
23 other pipeline and/or fracking wells.

24 "During the past few years, the Ramapo  
25 Mountains, which are not only a sacred place for our

1 nation, but for the tens of thousands of residents of  
2 the State of New Jersey and of neighboring states as  
3 well.

4 "We, the Ramapough Lunaape Nation, have  
5 in fact had taken the lead on many issues regarding  
6 pipelines coming through the Ramapo Mountains since  
7 the first by El Paso in recent years. We had the  
8 opportunity to actually be cultural monitors, as well  
9 as environmental monitors on that project, with  
10 firsthand knowledge of the destruction of our  
11 protected mountains. We were appalled at the sheer  
12 amount of the impact.

13 "This would include the endangered  
14 species, sacred trees, and plants to our Nation, the  
15 change of habitat of our animals in the forest, as  
16 well as the destruction of the use of the many miles  
17 of trails that the larger community has come to use.

18 "As we enter into a new dawn of time,  
19 our water, which is one of the most sacred of all  
20 things, will be potentially in jeopardy, not just for  
21 us, but for the entire State of New Jersey, which  
22 relies on the Highlands protections to ensure that  
23 we, the residents of New Jersey, will always have  
24 clean water to be able to drink and provide life, not  
25 only to us humans, but to the entire ecosystem that

1 we strive to protect.

2 "In ending, our Nation is opposed to  
3 the Pilgrim Pipeline as well as any others that may  
4 be heading our way for mere profit.

5 "Bakken oil is a serious threat to our  
6 way of life and to our water, if the potential  
7 problems that had existed other places, like in  
8 Canada, where a whole town does not exist anymore,  
9 comes to be."

10 Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion  
13 to close the meeting?

14 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

15 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Second.

16 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

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

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

23 I'd like to take a motion for a  
24 five-minute recess.

25 FREEHOLDER FELICE: So moved.

1 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

3 (All present Freeholders respond in the  
4 affirmative.)

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We're in a five  
8 minute recess.

9 (A short recess is held.)

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk  
11 please read the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

12 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Chairman, I have a  
13 question with respect to the transcript of the  
14 portion of the meeting that has just been concluded.

15 Will the Chair allow Freeholders who  
16 wish to add comments to do so at length within the  
17 next 10 days?

18 MR. FLORIO: The record can be kept  
19 open for 10 days to allow Freeholders to supplement  
20 the record.

21 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I would suggest we  
22 each get a copy of it.

23 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Through the  
24 Chair, my question is, and then those comments would  
25 become part of the minutes of this meeting?

1 MR. FLORIO: Yes. Correct. They would  
2 be spread on the record as if they were said in the  
3 transcript at the time that the minutes are approved.

4 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you, Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,  
6 Freeholder.

7 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Will the Clerk  
9 please read the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

10 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Resolutions of  
11 Consent: 341-16 through 347-16, 349-16 through  
12 393-16.

13 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: I'll make a  
14 motion on the Consent Agenda, please.

15 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the  
17 roll.

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

21 RESOLUTIONS OF NONCONSENT:

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Are there any  
23 Resolution of Nonconsent, pulled or tabled?

24 If so, will the Clerk please read them.

25 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: There is.

1                   #1348-16, which is a "Resolution  
2 authorizing to award professional engineering  
3 services contract to CME Associates for bank  
4 stabilization at Valley Brook Golf Course, Riverdale,  
5 New Jersey," in the care of the Department of Parks,  
6 Division of Golf Administration.

7                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I have a motion,  
8 please?

9                   FREEHOLDER FELICE: So moved.

10                  FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

11                  CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Call the roll.

12                  (At this point in the proceeding roll  
13 call is taken and Resolution #348-16 is passed by a  
14 vote of six in favor, with Freeholder DeNicola voting  
15 nay.)

16                  COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM FREEHOLDERS:

17                  FREEHOLDER FELICE: Mr. Chairman, I'd  
18 like to make a motion to suspend committee reports,  
19 because of the lateness of the hour.

20                  CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can I get a second  
21 on that?

22                  FREEHOLDER VOSS: I'll second it.

23                  FREEHOLDER FELICE: Thank you.

24                  FREEHOLDER GANZ: Discussion?

25                  CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Freeholder.

1 FREEHOLDER GANZ: I will abstain from  
2 voting on this, but let that not mean that I am in  
3 agreement with certain statements that were made  
4 earlier in the evening that I would respond to now as  
5 part of my committee report, in addition to  
6 responding in the written record with the extension  
7 the Chair has granted.

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Roll call, please.

10 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Freeholder

11 DeNicola?

12 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Abstain.

13 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Freeholder Felice?

14 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Absolutely.

15 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Freeholder Ganz?

16 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Abstain.

17 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Freeholder

18 Sullivan?

19 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: No.

20 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Freeholder Voss?

21 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Yes.

22 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Vice-Chairwoman

23 Zur?

24 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ZUR: No.

25 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Chairman Tanelli?

1                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI:  Yes -- no, I can't  
2     vote.

3                   FREEHOLDER GANZ:  Mr. Chairman, perhaps  
4     the Board would wish to consider as an alternative  
5     postponing the comments of the evening to our next  
6     meeting.

7                   FREEHOLDER FELICE:  That's an even  
8     better idea.

9                   FREEHOLDER VOSS:  Because we all have a  
10    lot to say.

11                  CHAIRMAN TANELLI:  Before I vote, I'd  
12    be willing to continue with reports tonight, but  
13    because of the hour, if we could all agree to keep it  
14    very brief, instead of the normal five-minute report  
15    on what we did all week, if we can keep it brief and  
16    cover important things, then I would vote no to  
17    cancelling, as long as I get everybody to agree.

18                  FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN:  I agree.

19                  FREEHOLDER ZUR:  I agree.

20                  CHAIRMAN TANELLI:  So we'll have  
21    committee reports.

22                  MR. FLORIO:  The motion fails.

23                  CHAIRMAN TANELLI:  Freeholder Sullivan.

24                  FREEHOLDER GANZ:  I offer a motion  
25    again, Chairman, this time to postpone the reports to

1 the commencement of our next meeting.

2 FREEHOLDER FELICE: I'll second that.

3 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: The motion was  
4 already defeated.

5 MR. FLORIO: It's a different motion.

6 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Even a better  
7 motion.

8 MR. FLORIO: For the record, the motion  
9 is to postpone the committee reports until the  
10 convening of the next meeting.

11 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Discussion.

12 MR. FLORIO: It calls for a motion and  
13 a second.

14 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Discussion?

15 MR. FLORIO: Chair calls for  
16 discussion.

17 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Freeholder Sullivan.

18 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: I just believe  
19 that we have a right to say a few little things, and  
20 we'll keep it very brief, and I don't think we should  
21 ever suspend committee reports.

22 FREEHOLDER ZUR: I second that.

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Roll call, please.

24 MR. FLORIO: There's a motion and a  
25 second to postpone.

1 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Freeholder

2 DeNicola?

3 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Abstain.

4 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Freeholder Felice?

5 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Yes.

6 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Freeholder Ganz?

7 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Aye.

8 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Freeholder

9 Sullivan?

10 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: No. We could

11 have been done with committee reports. No.

12 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Freeholder Voss?

13 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I'll say yes.

14 MR. FLORIO: Yes means you want to

15 suspend.

16 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Yes. I have a lot to

17 say, but not tonight. I mean, I can wait.

18 MR. FLORIO: That's three ayes.

19 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Vice-Chairwoman

20 Zur?

21 FREEHOLDER ZUR: No.

22 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: Chairman Tanelli?

23 MR. FLORIO: If you vote no, it's a

24 tie, it fails.

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I'm saying no, as

1 long as everybody promises to keep them short.

2 FREEHOLDER GANZ: I do not make that  
3 promise.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Except for  
5 Freeholder Ganz.

6 MR. FLORIO: That motion also fails.

7 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: So first report,  
8 Freeholder Sullivan.

9 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: First, I just  
10 want to thank all my colleagues on the Freeholder  
11 Board for resolution #366-16, Cliffside Park  
12 improvements to Zalewski Park for developments in the  
13 United States Housing & Urban Development.

14 Cliffside Park is one of the most  
15 populated towns in Bergen County, and anything we can  
16 do to preserve any kind of open space is a win/win.

17 Freeholder Chairman Tanelli, County  
18 Executive Tedesco, we all attended the dinosaur at  
19 Overpeck Park. They are coming to Overpeck Park. I  
20 think that's a great thing. So I won't read  
21 everything else I wrote about that.

22 I do want to bring up the Irish  
23 flag-raising we had here, to celebrate the hundred  
24 years for the Irish Rising. I was privileged to do  
25 the closing remarks, and I think it's very important

1 and my colleague Joan Voss will agree with me that we  
2 don't forget history, because if we forget history,  
3 it repeats itself.

4 And the last thing as the Chairman of  
5 the Bergen County Transportation Committee, we want  
6 to remind everyone of the New Jersey State  
7 Legislative Oversight Committee hearing is happening  
8 here in the Freeholder Chambers on the 25th of April  
9 at 10:00.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Freeholder Voss.

12 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you.

13 I want to just remember that we  
14 celebrated Greek Independence Day, and it was  
15 wonderful here in the county. We also had a very  
16 large commemoration in Fort Lee.

17 Senate President Sweeney came up on the  
18 30th of last month to tour our Special Services  
19 school in Paramus. That school is absolutely  
20 magnificent. It is a state-of-the-art. And even  
21 though Sen. Sweeney has done a tremendous amount of  
22 work down in Gloucester County, even he commented  
23 that what we have done here in Bergen County is  
24 exceptional.

25 Just a few things.

1           We have a homeless shelter, and last  
2 week a Sikh group, the religious group, the Sikhs  
3 came, and part of their religion is to help other  
4 people, it's one of the basic tenets of their  
5 religion. They donated so many blankets and shoes  
6 and clothing, all brand new. And it was absolutely  
7 marvelous. And I know now that when I speak about  
8 this, other groups will also like to help our  
9 homeless, and this is a wonderful thing.

10           The Asian Advisory Committee, next  
11 month, May, is Asian Heritage Month. We're going to  
12 be doing a lot of commemoration. And I just have to  
13 say, one of the things I'm very concerned about is  
14 safety, safety for our police, safety for our  
15 citizens. And we have put up in Mahwah, which is the  
16 shooting range, a virtual, it's like a reality thing.  
17 And I went up there to experience it, to see how the  
18 police are trained. I got an opportunity to practice  
19 on the virtual thing. We're trying to give  
20 state-of-the-art equipment to our police force so  
21 that they can continue to keep us safe.

22           I have other things to say, but that's  
23 a brief statement. There you go.

24           CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

25           Freeholder Felice.

1                   FREEHOLDER FELICE: I should have voted  
2 no on both of those motions, but that's in the past.

3                   I'm just looking forward to the budget,  
4 making sure that we do our due diligence in that  
5 process, and hopefully sooner than later.

6                   And that's all I have to say for the  
7 committee reports.

8                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

9                   FREEHOLDER FELICE: You're very  
10 welcome.

11                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Best one so far.  
12 Freeholder Zur.

13                   FREEHOLDER ZUR: First of all, I want  
14 to thank everyone who came tonight. I really do  
15 think that hearing everyone's opinions and everyone's  
16 thoughts is a really important part of democracy and  
17 that's what we are here for. So I want to thank you  
18 for coming out and sharing your opinions with us.

19                   What I wanted to say, the most  
20 important thing I've been working on in the last two  
21 weeks, Project Search applications are now online.  
22 Project Search is a pilot program, Bergen County is  
23 one of the pilots where we are partnering with the  
24 Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and the DDD,  
25 Department of Developmental Disabilities, to have

1 internships that will give young adults with  
2 developmentally disabilities portable job skills and  
3 get them employed.

4 This program has a 73 percent placement  
5 rate, compared to 37 percent employment rate we have  
6 for adults with disabilities in the State of New  
7 Jersey now.

8 The applications are available on the  
9 Workforce Investment Board website or on my Facebook  
10 page.

11 Please, if you have a student who is  
12 20-years-old, anywhere from 18 to 21 who could take  
13 advantage of this opportunity, this is going to be  
14 very important. As we celebrate Autism Awareness  
15 Month and all dressed in blue and lighting up the  
16 building in blue and we read in the newspaper that we  
17 have now one in 41 people with autism, programs like  
18 this will really re-define employment going forward  
19 for young adults.

20 Also I wanted to bring to your  
21 attention, Freeholder Voss, Freeholder Sullivan, and  
22 I wrote a letter to Bergen Regional Medical Center  
23 asking for there to be more beds.

24 They complied by providing two.

25 Freeholder Sullivan and I then went up

1 there, we're rearranging walls. I got a letter  
2 yesterday indicating they're going to be building 20  
3 more detox beds up at Bergen Regional. The first 10  
4 won't require construction but the other 10 will.

5 So as we're facing this heroin  
6 epidemic, where we as a board are continuing to push  
7 in the direction of getting more treatment options so  
8 that we can fight this scourge head-on.

9 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

11 Freeholder DeNicola?

12 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Thank you,  
13 Mr. Chairman.

14 The theirs thing I want to say is on  
15 our agenda this evening. We had two resolutions that  
16 impact our veterans, the first is #364, a Community  
17 Development resolution, granting money to Rambo House  
18 in Fort Lee, which was a historical site, but now  
19 will be turned into housing units, including housing  
20 for veterans.

21 And the second is resolution #371,  
22 Community Transportation, which is a state Veterans  
23 Affair grant that's going to afford us approximately  
24 4,000 trips for veterans to either VA hospitals,  
25 doctor appointments, or regional VA offices for

1 services, programs and follow-up.

2 I also want to mention that we had our  
3 second Narcan training here for fighting the heroin  
4 epidemic. It was for families, professionals and  
5 emergency services volunteers. It once again was a  
6 filled room. Narcan kits were given out to those who  
7 were certified that night. And it's just part of a  
8 continuing battle against, especially opioid drug  
9 addiction here in Bergen County, and a attribute to  
10 those here in One Bergen county who work out of the  
11 Office of Addiction Services and really have done a  
12 herculean job, we get to sing their praises. They do  
13 the day-to-day work of rolling up their sleeves and  
14 getting out there in the community.

15 As you heard, it's Autism Awareness  
16 Month. We did have a ceremony at our work meeting  
17 before this meeting.

18 I wanted to mention that this Sunday  
19 we're going to have Autism Day at the zoo. The zoo  
20 will be open to families and children from 10:00 to  
21 4:30.

22 I also had the opportunity to attend  
23 Club Monte Carlo, the fundraiser for Bergen Community  
24 College. And our own Jim Thebery, the head of the  
25 Division of Disability Services, was an honorary

1 host. A portion of the fundraising proceeds from  
2 that night are going to the Turning Point program.  
3 This is a great and still relatively new program at  
4 the college. It's for students with intellectual  
5 disabilities. And they end up with a two-year  
6 certificate, it focuses on four things, academic  
7 enrichment, social and recreational opportunities,  
8 self-advocacy which is so important to independence,  
9 and integrating vocational opportunities and career  
10 skill development. Ultimately helping them find jobs  
11 so that there's routine and quality of life in the  
12 end.

13 I also quickly want to mention that I  
14 went to the Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce  
15 Educational Summit that was held at Seasons. Great,  
16 great conference. A lot of members of the  
17 educational community from Bergen County here. The  
18 presidents of all the colleges that are in our  
19 county. Really looking to educate towards jobs in  
20 the end, and it doesn't necessarily mean a college  
21 degree in the end. The quote that was used at the  
22 beginning of the panel was, they used a Wayne Gretzky  
23 quote, "What makes you so great?" And then he  
24 replies that he doesn't skate to where the puck is,  
25 he skates to where the puck is going to be.

1                   And we are currently educating this  
2 generation for jobs that don't exist yet. So there's  
3 a lot of work and planning that does have to be done.

4                   The last thing I want to mention too is  
5 the 100 years from the Easter Rising. Why is it  
6 important? It was regular people fighting for  
7 freedom, not the soldiers, not the military, and  
8 giving their lives. But freedom doesn't mean much,  
9 if you don't have a good place to live. And that's  
10 why my final comment is we really do have to  
11 follow-up, especially given all of these good people  
12 who were here this evening, and do the right thing in  
13 Mahwah and Oakland and the other places where the  
14 pipeline will cut through.

15                   Thank you.

16                   CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Freeholder Ganz.

17                   FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you, Chairman.

18 I will be brief.

19                   First, I want to say how proud I am of  
20 this Board that it listened and heard the people, but  
21 didn't feel pressured to respond in a way that would  
22 be inconsistent with our rules and inconsistent with  
23 the way this Board has acted under comparable  
24 circumstances over the 15 years that I've been here.

25                   I have a lot to say. I'm going to put

1 it in written remarks. But I do want to say that  
2 Freeholder DeNicola and I and Freeholder Voss found  
3 ourselves in rare agreement on the last pipeline  
4 legislation that was here. We voted no.

5 FREEHOLDER VOSS: That's right.

6 FREEHOLDER GANZ: I want to talk for  
7 just one brief moment about the veterans.

8 We are doing the right thing for the  
9 veterans as well. We're finding opportunities to  
10 make sure that they have transportation, that they  
11 have skills that they can market, and that even  
12 though we don't yet have a VA hospital, we're going  
13 to work on that as a goal with the County Executive.

14 At the Community Development breakfast  
15 the other week, I saw what happens when banks can  
16 work with Freeholders, with the Executive Branch,  
17 and, frankly, the American Dream program is something  
18 that is going to help thousands of people become  
19 homeowners in Bergen County.

20 The Chocolate Competition. One of the  
21 rare treats that I get as a Freeholder and as a  
22 diabetic is the Chocolate Competition. It's done at  
23 the Academy. I don't take that much, I take a tiny  
24 little bit of the chocolate and help judge some  
25 really, really talented kids who are taking a

1 different route than going on to college and  
2 academics, they're going to go into an incredible  
3 opportunity for them, they have great teachers there,  
4 they have beautiful cakes, and they are very good and  
5 very chocolatey.

6 I have one update on the Bergen  
7 Wellness Program, and this is a personal observation.  
8 I needed to get new sets of glasses, and I used my  
9 Bergen Wellness card at Target in Hackensack.

10 The price without the Bergen Wellness  
11 card was 1,200 bucks, with the Bergen Wellness card,  
12 I paid a little bit over \$500, a \$750 savings.

13 The Bergen Wellness card is available  
14 to anybody. You can get it at this address. You can  
15 also get it on the county website. It's free for  
16 discounts on eyeglasses, hearing aids, and, of  
17 course, on pet medication, where the typical cat who  
18 needs tuna-flavored amoxicillin is able to get it at  
19 a 30 percent discount.

20 That does in fact conclude my remarks,  
21 Chairman, except to wish those who observe, a Zisden  
22 Pesach.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you,  
25 Freeholder.

1           I hope I don't regret this, but we have  
2 a brand new aunt of a little niece that you'd like to  
3 give your sister a shout-out.

4           FREEHOLDER ZUR: I just want to first  
5 of all thank everyone at Valley Hospital for the  
6 wonderful care that my sister and my new niece, Zoey  
7 Abigail, received on Saturday. I'm very proud to be  
8 a new aunt and excited, and congratulations to Amy  
9 and Bill Soukas.

10           Thank you.

11           CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I'm going to be very  
12 brief.

13           First I'd like to thank Steven Gelman  
14 and Nate Williams, our camera people tonight. It's a  
15 great program.

16           FREEHOLDER FELICE: Did they leave?

17           FREEHOLDER VOSS: They fell asleep.

18           (Laughter.)

19           CHAIRMAN TANELLI: I just want to  
20 recognize one thing Freeholder Sullivan brought up,  
21 that was the new attraction that we have. It's not  
22 just any attraction, it's a world class attraction  
23 that comes to the Bergen County parks system. And it  
24 I think it's part of the vision to expand our parks  
25 so that they're year round destinations and this is a

1 great benchmark. Not only that, it gives us an  
2 opportunity to use a reclaimed landfill. The final  
3 resting place of this attraction will be one on the  
4 landfills that we are court-ordered to remediate. I  
5 think it's a win/win for everyone to be able to take  
6 that land that's pretty much not usable at the moment  
7 and put something that's more exciting and  
8 educational for the children of Bergen County.

9 I'd like to congratulate the County  
10 Executive's staff for the hard work and for the  
11 foresight of reaching out to them and bringing them  
12 to their new home.

13 Also, just in closing, I want to  
14 congratulate this Board on the resolution we passed  
15 last year and, you know, in opposition of the Pilgrim  
16 Pipeline. This Board has made its voice and its  
17 decision to pass a resolution. We all sat here and  
18 made our point and let everyone know where we stand.

19 We had a lot of people in the audience  
20 tonight that kept asking us to do something that is  
21 not within the scope of our ability.

22 I will sit down with the County  
23 Executive, and I will let him know that we had a  
24 crowd. I'll let him know, as I'm sure the  
25 Administrator will let him know about what actually

1 took place tonight so that he's informed on pretty  
2 much everything that everybody has said.

3 So in that, if there's nothing further  
4 before this Board, may I have a motion to adjourn?

5 FREEHOLDER ZUR: So moved.

6 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

7 FREEHOLDER ZUR: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

9 (All present Freeholders respond in the  
10 affirmative.)

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We are adjourned.

14 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Time noted: 10:13  
15 p.m.

16 (Whereupon, the Public Meeting is  
17 adjourned at 10:13 p.m.)

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