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HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018
COMMENCING AT 4:38 P.M.

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FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

- THOMAS J. SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN
- GERMAINE M. ORTIZ, VICE CHAIRWOMAN
- MARY J. AMOROSO, CHAIRWOMAN PRO TEMPORE
- DAVID L. GANZ
- TRACY SILNA ZUR
- STEVEN A. TANELLI
- DR. JOAN M. VOSS

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

NONE

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ALSO PRESENT:

JAMES J. TEDESCO III
BERGEN COUNTY EXECUTIVE

LARA RODRIGUEZ
CLERK TO THE BOARD

LAURIE BIANCHI
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

JULIEN X. NEALS, ESQUIRE
ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WILLIAM J. MASLO, ESQUIRE
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1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I call the meeting
2 to order at 4:38 p.m.

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

6 Thank you.

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

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

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will the Clerk
22 please call the roll.

23 (At this point in the proceeding roll
24 call is taken with Freeholders Amoroso, Ganz,
25 Tanelli, Voss, Silna Zur, and Chairman Sullivan

1 present, with Vice-Chairwoman Ortiz absent.)

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Ortiz
3 just stepped out.

4 MS. RODRIGUEZ: She's in the building.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Will you
6 please all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

7 Marc Shrieks, please lead us in the
8 Pledge of Allegiance today.

9 MR. SHRIEKS: Please join me in
10 honoring America.

11 (At this point in the proceeding all
12 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance,
13 led by Mr. Shrieks.)

14 (Vice Chairwoman Ortiz is now present.)

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Please note that
16 Freeholder Vice Chair is now present.

17 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Next week's public
19 meeting will be held on-the-road at 7:30 p.m. in
20 Lyndhurst at Lyndhurst Township Hall in the Council
21 Chambers, 367 Valley Brook Avenue.

22 The 4:30 p.m. Work Session on that day
23 will still be held here, as usual, in Hackensack in
24 the Calabrese Caucus Room.

25 Before we begin our meeting tonight, we

1 have three presentations regarding resolutions the
2 Board will be voting on this evening.

3 4:40 PM PRESENTATION: INSTITUTING GOLD

4 STAR PARENT IDENTIFICATION CARD PROGRAM

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Our first
6 presentation is from the County Clerk, Mr. John
7 Hogan, regarding Resolution #337-18, Institute of a
8 Gold Star Parent Identification Card Program.

9 Mr. Hogan, can you please join us.

10 COUNTY CLERK HOGAN: Okay.

11 John Hogan, Bergen County Clerk,
12 Northvale, New Jersey.

13 I went to the last COANJ meeting, which
14 is Constitutional Officers, and this subject came up.
15 There were individuals who had attended, Scott
16 Colabella, I think he's the Ocean County Clerk, if I
17 remember right, his whole presentation/press
18 conference. And, at that time, there was someone
19 from Paramus, and they told him you can't have it
20 done here, you got to come to Bergen County. So
21 pressure was on for us to get this done.

22 On March 15th, my attorney,
23 Mr. Kaufman's office, put together everything we
24 needed to know, except for the fact that the
25 Freeholders had to pass a resolution, which I happen

1 to find out in the actual law, where it had to be
2 authorized. So, we're set to go. Your resolution
3 looks fine. It's covering everything that our
4 attorney said to.

5 At this point, there have been 14
6 servicemen that perished in Bergen County, according
7 to the Gold Star organization, and there's seven
8 parents attending so far next week. You got our
9 invitation. I think we sent that out on the 28th or
10 something like that, Steve?

11 MR CHONG: Yes.

12 COUNTY CLERK HOGAN: At that point,
13 County Executive, we'll be asking you to preside at
14 that. It's May 2nd, 3:00 p.m. We're going to have
15 it in the Carl Hartmann Room, because we don't expect
16 a tremendous crowd, so we should be able to handle it
17 in the wedding room where we do all our weddings.

18 If you have any questions of us,
19 they're from all throughout the county too.

20 Anyone?

21 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Very good.

22 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Just for the
23 record, the Gold Star Parent Identification Card
24 program accomplishes what?

25 COUNTY CLERK HOGAN: What it does is,

1 it offers them certain discounts, but not limited to
2 New Jersey beaches, state parks, forests, and New
3 Jersey State Museum. We had asked that for the
4 Freeholders, if you can continue and the County
5 Executive, not to put you on the spot now, perhaps
6 maybe we can expand that a little more to something
7 in the county.

8 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Okay.

9 COUNTY CLERK HOGAN: Okay. I know it's
10 difficult, with budgetary constraints and stuff, it's
11 just when Scott Colabella had done it, some people
12 were a little disappointed that that's all the card
13 did for them, but that's what the law said, so we
14 just have to follow what Christie signed.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: It says here that
16 it's free or reduced price admission to New Jersey
17 beaches, free admission to state parks and forests,
18 free admission to the New Jersey Museum.

19 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Thank you.

20 COUNTY CLERK HOGAN: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Do you have
22 anything else to add?

23 COUNTY CLERK HOGAN: No, I don't. I
24 have to go home to my beautiful family now.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

1 COUNTY CLERK HOGAN: Do have a pleasant
2 evening. Thank you.

3 4:44 PM PRESENTATION: RECOGNITION OF 95TH ANNUAL
4 NATIONAL COIN WEEK

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Our second
6 presentation is from Freeholder Ganz, who will be
7 offering Resolution #343-18 in recognition of the
8 95th Annual National Coin Week.

9 Freeholder Ganz, would you like to say
10 a few words, sir?

11 FREEHOLDER GANZ: I would be happy to.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, sir.

13 FREEHOLDER GANZ: National Coin Week
14 began in 1924, by declaration of the American
15 Numismatic Association, an organization I've been
16 involved with for many, many years, served as its
17 president 15 or so years ago, and what we have now,
18 since then, President Reagan has declared that the
19 third week in April shall be celebrated as National
20 Coin Week, and this is prepared along those lines.
21 They have a different theme every year, and each year
22 that I've been on the board, the last 15 years, we
23 have honored American Numismatic by declaring it
24 appropriate to celebrate National Coin Week in Bergen
25 County.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
2 Freeholder.

3 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you, Chairman.

4 4:46 PM PRESENTATION: RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE
5 PROFESSIONALS DAY

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Our final
7 presentation is in recognition of the Administrative
8 Professionals Day, Resolution #347-18. The Board
9 would like to present Diane Gumble, Randi Rudd,
10 Stephanie Gallina, and Katie Burke with commendations
11 as a token of appreciation for their hard work. I'd
12 ask them to join us for pictures.

13 Would my colleagues like to say a few
14 words about these individuals before I bring them up?

15 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: We love them!
16 They're so good to us.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thanks, Mary.

18 FREEHOLDER VOSS: They're like my
19 family.

20 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Guys, thank you
21 so much for all that you do to make this place go.

22 (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Tanelli
24 would like to say a few words.

25 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: I just want to

1 thank you guys, because there's so much work that
2 gets done behind the scenes, and, every once in a
3 while, we get to acknowledge you and appreciate you
4 for what you do. Tonight it was great we got to do
5 it as a group, because when you sit in Tom's
6 position, as most of us have at least once, we know
7 the work that gets done up to the last minute of our
8 meetings; meetings on the road, we ask you guys to
9 pack things up and take them on the road so we can be
10 more accessible to the people of Bergen County, and
11 that couldn't happen without your work and without
12 Lara's leadership, so I just want to thank you guys
13 for all your efforts.

14 MS. GUMBLE: Thank you.

15 MS. RUDD: Thank you.

16 MS. GALLINA: Thank you.

17 MS. BURKE: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I just wanted to
19 also say basically what Steve said. Steve had the
20 best point, that when you are the chairperson, you
21 realize when you come in here, how hard you all work.
22 Laurie, thank you. Lara, thank you. Our recipients,
23 thank you. This county, it's a team, I've said this
24 numerous times. The County Executive stresses it's a
25 team. We stress it's a team on our side, and,

1 without you the team doesn't work, and we really
2 appreciate everything you do for this county. So
3 from the bottom of my heart, I want to say thank you.

4 Dr. Voss.

5 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Well, you guys know
6 how I feel about you, you're like my extended family
7 and you listen to me every day and make me laugh and
8 you make me happy. I appreciate all of the hard work
9 that you do and how supportive you are of all of us.
10 I can't say enough good things about you. So it's a
11 pleasure to be working with you, and, as Tommy said,
12 we're a team, but we're also like a family.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Anybody else?

14 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: I went up to
15 them earlier today, but again I just wanted to say
16 thank you. You are truly an asset to all of us,
17 because we couldn't function without you. So we
18 thank you from all of us for everything you do for us
19 on a daily basis, even if we annoy you at times
20 (indicating).

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: For the record,
22 that was Freeholder Ortiz.

23 Yes, Freeholder.

24 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: You're so
25 professional, but you're also so kind. You feed us

1 and you take care of us. We really appreciate it.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Anybody else?

3 Freeholder Zur.

4 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: You are also the
5 frontline for the general public when they come into
6 this office. The professionalism you exhibit when
7 you deal with them, in sometimes trying moments, is
8 really so appreciated. So I just want to add my
9 gratitude to the pile, but keep it up, we have a lot
10 of work ahead of us on this Board, and you guys are
11 such an invaluable part of that. So thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Anybody else?

13 Freeholder Ganz.

14 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Thank you.

15 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: A man of few
16 words, but very mighty.

17 I also put the County Executive on the
18 spot, if he'd like to come up to say a few words
19 about the administrative assistants.

20 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you,
21 Chairman.

22 First, let me start by saying thank you
23 personally to all of you that are here and for
24 everything that you do. As the Chairman and many of
25 you said, we work together and we work together as a

1 team, and as the team grows, so do we. And you're
2 the backbone of that team, so thank you so much.

3 And to the other administrative
4 professionals that are here throughout the county, we
5 also want to recognize and thank them. Michele
6 brought a few plants today on our side of the floor,
7 but to all of the administrative professionals that
8 are here throughout the county that make the county
9 run --

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Absolutely.

11 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: -- we also
12 recognize and thank them for their service and for
13 the service to the people of Bergen County, not only
14 to us but making a true difference, as true
15 professionals here at Bergen County.

16 So thank you, Chairman. On behalf of
17 the rest of the staff here in the county, thank you
18 so much.

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, County
20 Executive.

21 We didn't forget you, Storm and
22 Michael, you guys are great. Thank you for
23 everything.

24 4:54 PM MINUTES

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will the Clerk

1 please read the minutes to be accepted.

2 MS. RODRIGUEZ: March 14th - Public
3 Session; Freeholder Zur absent. March 28th - Public
4 session; all present. April 4th - Work Session; all
5 present. April 4th - Public Session; all present.
6 April 11th - Work Session; all present.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
8 to accept the minutes?

9 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Move the minutes.

10 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

12 (All present Freeholders respond in the
13 affirmative.)

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Unanimously
17 approved.

18 4:55 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
20 to open the meeting to the public?

21 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

22 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: So moved.

23 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

24 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

1 (All present Freeholders respond in the
2 affirmative.)

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now have a
6 Hearing of the General Public, with a three-minute
7 time limit in effect, in accordance with the Bergen
8 County Freeholder bylaws.

9 The Board Attorney will keep the time.
10 When the time of the speaker expires, the Board
11 Attorney will announce that the time has expired.

12 I have a list of individuals who had
13 notified us of their intent to speak.

14 Helen Archontou, CEO of the YWCA of
15 Bergen County.

16 MS. ARCHONTOU: Hi. I'm Helen
17 Archontou. I'm the CEO of the YWCA of Bergen County
18 and a former student of Dr. Voss.

19 So, you will definitely be impressed
20 with my presentation, because she was my teacher.

21 But, as you may know, April is Sexual
22 Assault Awareness Month, and the YWCA of Bergen
23 County houses healingSPACE, a sexual violence
24 resource center, which is the statewide resource
25 center for sexual violence victims for Bergen County

1 and we are the only service of its kind in Bergen
2 County. I have with me our program manager, Caitlin,
3 who will I think say a few words as well. But really
4 I just wanted to share with you that this is a month
5 where we have a lot of events and do additional
6 awareness than we do normally. And obviously we've
7 been doing this work since the mid '70s, but we know
8 last fall this work got a lot more present in the
9 media, and although it wasn't new to us, it's
10 obviously raised a lot more awareness around us.

11 With that, and I know many of you know
12 because you were with us last week, we had a press
13 conference with First Lady Tammy Murphy to update the
14 community on a coalition that we launched, the Time
15 is Now Action Coalition, where we put together a
16 support network of community organizations and key
17 individuals to be able to allow individuals in Bergen
18 County who have been sexually harassed or sexually
19 assaulted in the workplace to know that you don't
20 have to be a celebrity to have the community stand
21 with you and that we are working to help eradicate
22 this issue here. We're starting locally, and our
23 plan is to go statewide shortly.

24 With that, I just want to make sure
25 that people are aware of the statistics, that one in

1 five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some
2 point in their lives. In the United States, one in
3 three women and one in six men experience some form
4 of sexual contact in their lifetime. In eight out of
5 ten cases of rape, the victim of the perpetrator was
6 actually known to them. And eight percent of rape
7 cases occur while the victim is at work.

8 The lifetime cost of rape per victim is
9 \$122,461. And rape is the most expensive crime that
10 exists, according to the national statistics, even
11 above assault, murder, and drunk driving.

12 So it's important that we provide
13 services and support sexual survivors for many
14 reasons. We know a lot of issues that exist. We
15 know there's a lot of conversation about the opioid
16 crisis that happens. We know there's a very high
17 statistic of individuals that they're medicating with
18 drugs because they were sexually assaulted and that
19 is how they are just, you know, managing, because
20 they haven't really been able to address it.

21 Our organization works closely,
22 obviously, to support the community.

23 Caitlin, we're hoping, could talk more
24 about healingSPACE in particular.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Sure.

1 MS. GEORGE: So, happy Sexual Assault
2 Awareness Month.

3 Today just happens to be Denim Day,
4 which is why I'm wearing this button, which is an
5 annual Sexual Awareness Month event that started when
6 a judge in Italy told a sexual assault survivor that
7 she had to have consented to her rape because her
8 jeans were too tight and she must have helped her
9 rapist take off her pants.

10 We wear denim on this day to support
11 survivors and stop the plaque of victim blaming in
12 this country and all over the world.

13 Since 2017, and the start of the #MeToo
14 movement, we have seen a surge in numbers from
15 survivors coming forward. We saw a 24 percent
16 increase in counseling and a 54 percent increase in
17 hotline calls in the past year, since actually
18 November of 2017.

19 We are ecstatic to see more survivors
20 coming forward and telling their stories. This,
21 however, brings me to the segue into the importance
22 for funding and volunteers and just general community
23 awareness of the issue.

24 We are in need of monetary donations;
25 dignity kits, which are given to survivors when

1 leaving the hospital after a sexual assault forensic
2 exam is done. Most of the time, the survivors have
3 to leave their clothing for evidence purposes, and
4 need sweatshirts, sweatpants, and other clothing
5 items to return home.

6 I just want to tell you a little bit
7 about our services at healingSPACE. So, Helen went
8 over that we're Bergen County's only sexual violence
9 resource center. We are a safe and welcoming space
10 for survivors of sexual violence and their loved
11 ones. We have support groups and loved ones'
12 counseling also to help them navigate the trauma of
13 sexual violence and its aftermath. Our crisis
14 intervention hotline is 24 hours a day, seven days a
15 week, and it provides free and confidential
16 assistance.

17 We have trained advocates who provide
18 individual counseling, facilitate support groups
19 accompanied through medical, legal and other
20 proceedings. And we are out in the community every
21 week raising awareness and educating schools,
22 organizations, workplaces, and among diverse
23 individuals on the front lines of the sexual violence
24 movement.

25 HealingSPACE also sponsors events

1 throughout the year to raise community awareness
2 about sexual violence, and we just were awarded a
3 legal advocacy grant, our newest program, where we
4 provide legal advocacy services and access to legal
5 services to survivors with our partnership with
6 Northeast New Jersey Legal Services.

7 We recently launched an app, which is
8 24-hour mobile text services through survivors, which
9 is another avenue for a hotline. We are in the
10 process of developing clinical services for human sex
11 trafficking victims.

12 Thank you for having us here. We are
13 ecstatic, obviously, to see the Board of Chosen
14 Freeholders of Bergen County giving us this
15 resolution.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you for
17 everything you do.

18 MS. GEORGE: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you for all
20 the time you invest for the betterment of the county
21 for everybody. Thank you very much.

22 Freeholder Zur.

23 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: First of all,
24 thank you so much for the amazing work that you're
25 doing on so many levels, specifically regarding

1 healingSPACE.

2 Can you just provide me with the
3 information of where donations can be directed, so we
4 can put an appropriate post or forward that to us in
5 some link form?

6 MS. GEORGE: Sure. They're dedicated
7 to Mary Elie Santos. I can give you her email.

8 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Is there where
9 folks who have new sweatshirts?

10 MS. GEORGE: Yes. It's new
11 sweatshirts, new sweatpants. We also ask for some
12 type of sanitary napkin, if needed. But they can be
13 dropped off at our location in Hackensack, which is
14 214 State Street.

15 MS. ARCHONTOU: We have a formal flyer
16 that we can send you.

17 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: That would be
18 great.

19 MS. GEORGE: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can we ask that
21 their flyer be attached to the minutes?

22 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Sure, and also
23 if it could be forwarded to the Clerk, so it can be
24 disseminated, that would be great.

25 MS. ARCHONTOU: I'll give it to you as

1 we're walking out.

2 FREEHOLDER VOSS: May I just say how
3 proud I am of all the work you do, Helen, and you're
4 just a star in my book, thank you, because this is a
5 very serious problem. About 25 percent of young
6 ladies in college are going to experience, if not
7 more, sexual assault, and I think a lot of it goes
8 unreported, and so it's really greater than what we
9 are aware of.

10 MS. ARCHONTOU: Absolutely.

11 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So thank you so much.

12 MS. ARCHONTOU: As you know, I've spent
13 the last year sitting on the statewide task force of
14 campus sexual violence. We put out a report looking
15 at this issue, specifically around how to address
16 campus sexual assaults. A lot of it does go
17 unreported. There is a lot happening, and so we did
18 put together some formal recommendations throughout
19 the state that the Legislature now is looking at in
20 terms of formalizing, but there's a tremendous amount
21 of education happening with our healingSPACE program
22 locally in all of our colleges and universities here
23 in Bergen County, so you can all feel confident that
24 we are on-site, and speaking to students and working
25 with faculty to make sure that they're engaged and

1 understand to know where to go to services, if
2 they're needed. But there's definitely a lot of work
3 to be done, and, quite frankly, we need to start
4 younger, all the way in pre-K to explain, you know,
5 age appropriately to understand these issues so that
6 there is more of an opportunity and comfort level of
7 people sharing, if something were to happen, so they
8 can come forward.

9 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you.

10 MS. ARCHONTOU: We'll be pushing that
11 agenda as well.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: As the father of
13 three girls, I couldn't ask for more.

14 The County Executive would like to make
15 a presentation to you as well.

16 MS. ARCHONTOU: Thank you so much.

17 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: I happened
18 to see Helen the other day.

19 MS. ARCHONTOU: Yes, I get to see you
20 regularly, it's a lovely honor for me.

21 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: On behalf of
22 the people of Bergen County, I want to say thank you
23 for the hard work that you do everyday in making a
24 difference.

25 While I said it the other day, in most

1 women's lives and especially in young people's lives,
2 but also this is not just a female issue, it's an
3 unfortunate issue across genders, but, the efforts
4 that you are putting forward to help people in need
5 is something that I thank you on behalf of all the
6 people of Bergen County and that we can make a
7 difference and get rid of it and let people
8 understand that everybody has a right to say no.

9 So thank you.

10 MS. ARCHONTOU: Thank you. Thank you
11 for acknowledging our work.

12 MS. GEORGE: Thank you.

13 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you.

14 MS. ARCHONTOU: Can we trouble you for
15 a photo too, so we can put it on our social media?
16 Can we do one with the Freeholders?

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Certainly. Step
18 into the photo booth.

19 (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

20 MS. ARCHONTOU: Thank you.

21 MS. GEORGE: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Our next
23 presentation will be by Sandra Melicharek, principal
24 of Program for Students with Autism, Bergen County
25 Special Services. Thank you for being here.

1 MS. MELICHAREK: Thank you for having
2 me.

3 I just wanted to say thank you on
4 behalf of Dr. Lerner, our superintendent, Bergen
5 County Special Services School District; our stellar
6 staff, our families, our students, for all the
7 support that you continue to provide for us so that
8 we can continue to provide support and education to
9 young individuals with autism.

10 We appreciate your recognition of
11 Autism Awareness Month. We work hard daily to move
12 past just awareness, towards appreciation of our
13 individuals and acceptance of them in all walks of
14 life. So thank you for your support, we appreciate
15 that, and thank you to the County Executive also.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The County
17 Executive has some presentations to you as well.

18 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: They get to
19 the resolution and vote yes, yes, yes, so we get to
20 give you a commendation, and I have a few of them
21 here for the different schools, and that we can read.

22 Thank you for everything that you do
23 everyday to make a difference in the lives of the
24 students and those that truly need that special help.
25 You are helping to raise their quality of life and

1 their ability to live a long, prosperous life
2 everyday, so thank you for that.

3 MS. MELICHAREK: Thank you.

4 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Chairman, may I
5 say that our Freeholder Zur jumped off a building to
6 promote autism awareness, just recently.

7 MS. MELICHAREK: Well, that is
8 impressive!

9 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: I think she
10 "repelled" off the building.

11 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: I didn't jump
12 off, I repelled down.

13 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: She thought about
14 jumping.

15 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: That's scary.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So why don't we
17 take a picture. Come on up.

18 (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The next is Bill
20 Schmalz, principal of the EPIC School.

21 MS. MELICHAREK: He's not here. He
22 could not make it.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Moving right
24 along.

25 Peter Gerhardt, Executive Director of

1 EPIC School.

2 MR. GERHARDT: I'm Peter Gerhardt. I'm
3 the Executive Director of the EPIC School in Paramus,
4 New Jersey. We've been here for 20 years. I
5 consider myself quite lucky to be here today in front
6 of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Bergen County.
7 I was born in Hackensack Hospital and then my family
8 moved away, so it's always like old home week. I
9 know if my parents were still here, they'd be amazed
10 that I can sit down with you guys. I want to thank
11 you for that opportunity.

12 I've been working with individuals with
13 autism for 38 years. It makes me a outlier in my
14 field, not that I've done it for 38 years but I
15 worked for 38 years with individuals who are older,
16 adolescents with autism has always been my expertise.
17 And a couple of things I learned along the way is
18 that community matters. And if we say it takes a
19 village to raise a child; with autism, it takes two
20 villages, a small city, a commune, a temple, the
21 Hells Angels, a liquor store. It takes a lot to
22 raise a kid with autism. And in my travels across
23 the country, I don't think there's a more inclusive
24 community than one can find in Bergen County.

25 I think it makes my job so much easier

1 that I go out and people know autism, and I don't
2 have to worry about he is doing something that looks
3 a little bit odd, because everybody knows, and the
4 people around him know his name, and it's not just by
5 his disability. And I think that that's just
6 indicative of what it's like to live here and be part
7 of this community.

8 The last thing I want to say, besides
9 thank you for this, for giving me this opportunity,
10 is, I really am tired of talking about deficits.
11 When people talk about autism, they always talk about
12 deficits, what people can't do. But I like to point
13 out, there's plenty more things that I can't do than
14 I can do and nobody talks about them. Nobody says
15 Peter can't fly a plane or can't juggle; I talk about
16 the things that I can do.

17 One thing I do know is people with
18 autism can grow up to have adult lives, where they
19 are included, where they are happy, where they have
20 friends, where they're your neighbors, where they are
21 an active part of your community, and they have lives
22 of competence, dignity, and quality. I want to thank
23 you for being part of that process for all the people
24 with autism in Bergen County, so I want to thank you
25 on behalf of EPIC School.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you very
2 much. I know my colleagues will have something to
3 say. At the end of all the presentations, I ask if
4 everyone could stay around for one big picture.

5 MR. GERHARDT: I think that makes
6 sense.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: And our County
8 Executive would like to give you a presentation.

9 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: So, Peter,
10 you're in the center of the universe, Paramus.

11 MR. GERHARDT: Yes, that's where the
12 sun rises and falls, right there.

13 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Absolutely.

14 Peter, on behalf of the people of
15 Bergen County, we want to recognize you and EPIC for
16 the dedication and the commitment that you have to
17 the special children and the special people.

18 Because, you know why, while no one says anything
19 about what we can't do, we want to recognize and say
20 all the good things that they can do.

21 MR. GERHARDT: Right.

22 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: And, really,
23 that's the mission and the goal for us in the county
24 and for us to continue to fund programs like this and
25 things like that. So thank you for doing what you do

1 everyday for the 38 years that you've been doing it,
2 and just keep doing it.

3 MR. GERHARDT: Thank you very much. I
4 really appreciate that. Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can I ask everyone
6 to please come up to take a picture.

7 (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Next, I would like
9 to ask someone who gave me an education my first day
10 on the job, Sue Debiak, the head of the Office of
11 Alcohol and Drug Dependency, would you come forward.

12 MR. DEBIAK: I did, I gave you an
13 education.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: You did. You
15 helped me understand.

16 MR. DEBIAK: Thank you for inviting me
17 here this evening for Alcohol Awareness Month.

18 In light of the news about the opioid
19 epidemic, it's often not recognized that alcohol is
20 still a very strong and powerful part of the
21 addiction process. Just recently, we had the Helping
22 Hand initiative with the Prosecutor's Office, and my
23 clinicians did the assessments, and we asked: How
24 did you start? Where did this begin?

25 And every single person that we

1 interviewed, it began with alcohol or pot, mostly
2 alcohol. Which leads me to just say that when you
3 have the disease of addiction, it encompasses
4 everything. I would love to see this being called
5 "National Addiction Awareness Month," because it's no
6 longer about opioids, alcohol, pot, it's about this
7 illness that we've been treating for such a long
8 time, and hopefully working toward destigmatizing it
9 and allowing it to be treated just like any other
10 illness.

11 I want to thank the Board of
12 Freeholders and the administration of the County of
13 Bergen for giving us the opportunity to offer the
14 kind of services that I feel are above par for all
15 the people of this county in our programs: Spring
16 House, the ARP program. We are able to afford the
17 population of this county quality care, and we're
18 very pleased to be able to do that, and I thank you
19 for making that possible.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, Sue.

21 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you.

22 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Thank you.

23 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Thank you.

24 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The County

1 Executive would like to give you a presentation.

2 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: So, one of
3 the things that we get to do is say thank you to Sue,
4 but there's also a lot of other people behind the
5 scenes. And for those of you who have gone to Spring
6 House and those who have been to our other programs,
7 you know that. And while Sue is the head, and we
8 thank you for that leadership, it really couldn't be
9 without the team.

10 MR. DEBIAK: It's interesting you say
11 that, because they couldn't be here tonight because
12 they're working, and with 24/7 facilities or programs
13 where we have outpatient services, that's where they
14 are and that's where they're needed.

15 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Right. And
16 we do the recognition, but, again, we ask Sue to come
17 on their behalf. Thank you for everything you do.
18 Please express our thanks to them --

19 MS. DEBIAK: I will.

20 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: -- for
21 everything that they do, and thank you for making a
22 difference. As you said, while it's called Alcohol
23 Awareness Month, it's really awareness for addiction
24 and for the other outcomes that addiction has. And
25 we're working hard, we're going to continue to

1 support it, because we believe that that's what the
2 people of Bergen County need and want, and we're
3 going to continue to do that, that's why we operate
4 as a team. Thank you for being part of that team.

5 MS. DEBIAK: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Zur.

7 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: I want to take
8 issue with one thing you said, which is, you said
9 "above par." So far above par. You provide such
10 excellent service, and it really comes down to the
11 dedication of your entire staff and team. And I know
12 I speak for all of us when I say that we support and
13 will continue to support the programs that we need to
14 do to make sure we see an end to addiction or an
15 awareness of addiction, which enables us to provide
16 all encompassing services to get people to the other
17 side. So thank you very much for all that you do.

18 MS. DEBIAK: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Come on, let's take
20 individual pictures.

21 (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So, last, but
23 certainly not least, Debbie Yankow, Director of
24 Bergen County Animal Shelter.

25 MS. WILDONER: Good afternoon.

1 MS. YANKOW: Good afternoon, everybody.
2 Since all of you are animal lovers, I'm
3 going to share a quick feel good story, before I talk
4 about animal cruelty.

5 We had a little black pit bull come
6 into the shelter in January as a stray. Very
7 difficult dog. She kenneled so badly she hurt
8 herself in the kennel, and she didn't like other
9 dogs. So, my staff and all the wonderful people that
10 work at the shelter, we would take turns bringing her
11 into our office. She'd stay in the animal control
12 trailers, because we have an officer on duty 24/7.
13 She lived in the animal control trailer overnight.
14 When we were out of the office, she'd go in a crate,
15 but we were very frustrated and didn't know where to
16 take this dog. No one wanted to adopt her.

17 So, last week, a couple of our great
18 volunteers, who you honored last week, did a video,
19 we blasted it all over Facebook last week.

20 Lo and behold yesterday, the family
21 that lost her in January showed up at the shelter
22 because they saw the video. They thought she was
23 gone forever, and it was a big reunite. We didn't
24 give up on her. They came, they had a little baby,
25 and it was like the nicest thing. So I just wanted

1 to share that with you.

2 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: That's so good.

3 MS. YANKOW: Now, on to animal control.

4 As some of you know, some of you may
5 not know, this is going to be a year of great change
6 for animal cruelty in the State of New Jersey. The
7 Governor passed S-3558 in January, it abolishes over
8 this year the state SPCA completely. It's not an
9 organization that's going to be around anymore.

10 The good news is that the impact on
11 Bergen County in this mishmosh of nobody really
12 knowing what they're going to be doing and moving
13 forward across the entire state, this is probably
14 going to be fine in Bergen County.

15 I brought Chief Wildoner with me.
16 She's going to say some words. She's the Chief of
17 the Bergen County SPCA, which is going to turn into
18 the Bergen County Animal Cruelty Task Force.

19 Roni and I have worked together over
20 the past five years on animal cruelty cases in Bergen
21 County. We, as the Bergen County shelter, cross all
22 county lines to assist them when we're called. This
23 is not a contractual obligation, this is a county
24 obligation and a humane and an animal rights
25 obligation. So we handle animal cruelty over the

1 entire county with Roni and her group. And Bergen
2 County SPCA, soon to be the task force, is
3 100 percent volunteer organization, and I don't think
4 a lot of people realize that. And most of our calls
5 come in at midnight on Sunday. You know, I'm just
6 saying, we do hoarding cases. One of the big things
7 Roni and I work very closely on is educating people;
8 not all the animals that come in through this process
9 are the result of misdirected abuse, a lot of them
10 are an educational process, meaning people just don't
11 know any better. And I've actually had people that
12 we convicted in court, that they came to the shelter
13 and worked with me so that they could understand
14 better what we do. We try to educate people. Yes,
15 we do see deranged animal cruelty, that's a whole
16 different story, but a lot of it is not that. And I
17 think, you know, a lot of people don't realize that a
18 big piece of what we do at the shelter involves this.
19 It's kind of the silent piece that nobody hears
20 about. So I'd like to introduce Chief Wildoner to
21 you.

22 CHIEF WILDONER: Thank you for having
23 me.

24 MS. YANKOW: You're very welcome.

25 CHIEF WILDONER: We are a task force.

1 We have been with the Prosecutor's Office for the
2 last 12 years, but we've been operating as the Bergen
3 County SPCA, which we will continue to do so, but we
4 are now completely under the county jurisdiction. We
5 will continue to enforce the Title IV the same way we
6 did before. We will be available to any municipality
7 that needs us, although, with the new law, each
8 municipality will have to appoint a humane law
9 enforcement officer. It will be a municipal humane
10 law enforcement officer. They'll have to go through
11 all of the training that we have, and they can, if
12 they choose to, do their animal cruelty
13 investigations in their municipalities. We will
14 assist them any way we can, and if it's something
15 that's out of their comfort zone, we have a lot more
16 experience. Last year alone in Bergen County, we
17 responded to and investigated over 400 cases of
18 animal cruelty and abuse and neglect. A lot of our
19 clients have mental health issues, financial issues,
20 other criminality is involved. We deal with the
21 links with domestic violence. So it's all
22 interconnected. Even though it seems like it's cut
23 and dry, food, water, shelter, not everybody can
24 comply with the needs, because they don't have the
25 means, quite often. So for us to write summonses, it

1 doesn't always solve the problem. If you write
2 somebody a summons and they can't pay it, they still
3 can't take the dog to the vet, it's not going to
4 help. So we work closely with the clients, we work
5 closely with the shelter, with animal control.

6 The case we had last year in Garfield
7 where we ended up with all those puppies, it was a
8 nightmare. It ended up being completely out of what
9 we thought it was going to be, people selling puppies
10 in a parking lot. The puppies were imported,
11 underage, not vaccinated, from Columbia. All
12 fictitious paperwork. So it became a bigger problem
13 than just an animal cruelty problem. It was
14 multi-country, USDA involved, the Centers for Disease
15 Control, medical issues in all of these animals that
16 had to be addressed, foster homes for all of these
17 puppies. With Deb's help, we were able to get them
18 all into foster homes. They all were adopted
19 eventually. It was logistically just crazy. The
20 paperwork would have spread out everywhere in here,
21 trying to figure out which puppy was which and who
22 has medical issues. I mean, one puppy no longer has
23 the use of his legs because these puppies are puppy
24 mill puppies, but they're coming out of another
25 country. So we're addressing the puppy mills in the

1 United States to a point, but now they're bringing
2 them in from elsewhere.

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

4 Freeholder Tanelli has a question for
5 you.

6 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: I have a question.

7 If a municipality does not agree to get
8 a humane officer, will the county oversee those
9 municipalities?

10 CHIEF WILDONER: They must appoint one,
11 but we can do their animal cruelty investigations, if
12 they so desire.

13 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: State law, they
14 must appoint one?

15 CHIEF WILDONER: Correct.

16 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Is there a
17 deadline?

18 CHIEF WILDONER: May 1st.

19 MS. YANKOW: One of the options we
20 talked about is, part of our shared service
21 agreements, because we do have animal cruelty
22 investigators through our Animal Control Division, to
23 make that part of a shared service on request.

24 The problem is, there's so little
25 guidelines right now. One of the big pieces is the

1 animal cruelty investigators' certifications are no
2 longer valid, so whoever does this is going to have
3 to go back to school by the end of the year.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: It sounds to me
5 like the state realizes it's a lot of work and that
6 each municipality should have someone appointed,
7 that's why I assume that they asked for that, so this
8 way, you're not overworked, actually, with the amount
9 of work that's going on.

10 CHIEF WILDONER: What it was was most
11 counties did not have a task force like Bergen
12 County, only Bergen, Morris, and there were a couple
13 of other counties.

14 MS. YANKOW: Cape May, I think.

15 CHIEF WILDONER: Cape May had their own
16 county SPCA that is doing that.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: That law should
18 help.

19 CHIEF WILDONER: The rest of the state,
20 once the state SPCA was disbanded for law enforcement
21 purposes, has nothing in place.

22 MS. YANKOW: Nothing.

23 CHIEF WILDONER: So we are at an
24 advantage, where the other counties are at a
25 disadvantage.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you for
2 coming and explaining it to us. We appreciate it.

3 Thank you for what you do.

4 The County Executive will step up and
5 give you a commendation.

6 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you,
7 Chairman.

8 This is almost the same thing, as I
9 said to Sue before, while Deb gets the thanks from us
10 here today, it's really about the people that are
11 working in the shelter.

12 MS. YANKOW: It absolutely is.

13 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: And the
14 volunteers that we got to recognize the other night.

15 I've committed to Deb that we're going
16 to continue to put forth the resources and the money
17 towards to the shelter that it needs to have. We're
18 going to be doing some improvements there. We're
19 going to be making the facility a better facility
20 than it is. And, yes, we will offer, depending on
21 how the law is written, the option for a shared
22 service agreement with the municipalities, like we do
23 for other services, and work with the county ASPCA in
24 trying to eradicate the cruelty to animals and at
25 least continue to educate people on why this is such

1 a horrible thing.

2 So, Deb, thank you on behalf of all the
3 people of Bergen County.

4 Roni, thank you for everything that you
5 do. We truly appreciate it, and we thank you.

6 MS. YANKOW: Thank you for supporting
7 us.

8 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: No, thank
9 you. Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Come on up and
11 we'll take a picture.

12 (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We have one more
14 presentation?

15 MS. WYCHE: Yes.

16 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Jill Nadison
17 from REED Academy.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Please come up.

19 MS. NADISON: I am Jill Nadison. I'm
20 CEO of the REED Foundation for Autism.

21 Thank you so much for having me here
22 today. Just bear with me, as I read a one minute
23 remark, otherwise I'll speak for four hours and that
24 would be really, really bad.

25 What we talk about a lot on our team at

1 REED is, there's beauty in awareness but brilliance
2 in acceptance. Each year, one in 41 children are
3 diagnosed with autism in the State of New Jersey.
4 That is the highest rate in the country, as cited by
5 the CDC. This large and growing population may need
6 adjusted accommodations and perhaps require support
7 for many basic life skills. Like you and me,
8 individuals with autism deserve an opportunity to
9 live, work, thrive and be a part of their community.
10 Dedicating a month to autism is a great platform for
11 organizations like myself and like for my friend
12 Peter, to continue to make a meaningful difference in
13 the lives of people with autism and their families in
14 a state where it is demonstrating such growth.

15 On behalf of our foundation, I thank
16 the Board of Chosen Freeholders for inviting us here
17 today to really allow a continual discussion and
18 exposure about autism and the critical needs and
19 services that we have at all stages of an
20 individual's life, whether it be early intervention
21 services, school services ages 3-21, adult services
22 and resident services. So thanks so much for having
23 me.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you. You
25 know this is obviously near and dear to a lot of our

1 hearts here, Freeholder Voss, Freeholder Zur, myself.
2 So we just want to say you thank you for everything.

3 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Yes, thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Our County
5 Executive would like to come up and say a few words.

6 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you.

7 Nice to see you again.

8 MS. NADISON: Nice to see you.

9 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: On behalf of
10 the people of Bergen County, I would like to
11 recognize the REED Academy and you as the Executive
12 Director and CEO, and for everything that you're
13 doing for those that truly need a little extra and
14 those that we really want to make sure that they have
15 a very fruitful and fulfilling life. And you help
16 that everyday, so thank you so much.

17 MS. NADISON: Thank you. Thanks so
18 much.

19 (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Before you all
21 leave, the Freeholders may want to make some
22 comments, so I ask that if you could just bear with
23 us for two more minutes.

24 I know Freeholder Zur is itching to
25 make some comments.

1 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: We've been
2 lighting up this building blue all month, but all of
3 us on this Board and the administration have been for
4 years not just talking the talk regarding autism but
5 walking the walk, whether it's providing job
6 training, whether it's going out to chambers of
7 commerce to try to change perceptions regarding
8 people's unique abilities and differing abilities and
9 the assets they bring as employees to the table,
10 whether it's been hiring and actually stepping up and
11 changing our vendor over -- Friendship House is our
12 vendor for food services with this building -- and
13 enabling the hiring of individuals with unique
14 abilities as part of our RFP process. All of those
15 things are ways that this administration has
16 continually stood by and made sure that we are
17 trying, not just with our words but with our actions,
18 to improve the lives of all of those with autism.

19 So, to all of you, thank you so much
20 for what you're doing. We have a lot more work to
21 get done, and we look forward to working together as
22 we continue to strive to meet the needs of those who
23 are differently abled in Bergen County.

24 Thank you guys so much.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Voss.

1 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I'm so happy that
2 you're here today. One of my many missions in life
3 is to make people aware of what autism is all about,
4 and that every person who is on the spectrum is
5 absolutely different. If you have met one person
6 with autism, you have met one person with autism. I
7 speak from experience, because my son has Asperger's,
8 he's 43-years-old, and I have had to go through the
9 gambit to get him the assistance that he needs and to
10 make his life good, and I want to do that for other
11 people. They have to know where the facilities are
12 available and what things are available, and, as I
13 said, every single situation is totally unique, and
14 it's capitalizing on their abilities, not their
15 disabilities. Some of the people on the spectrum are
16 geniuses and others are more seriously challenged.

17 As I said, one of my missions in life
18 is to make people aware, because although in the
19 State of New Jersey it's one in 41, in the country
20 it's one in 45, and the majority of people who have
21 the issue are boys. As the young lady said, I can
22 talk for hours on this subject, which I won't, but we
23 have to educate people as to that it's not an
24 intellectual situation, it's a social situation.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,

1 Freeholder.

2 Freeholder Tanelli.

3 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: I would just like
4 to thank you all for coming tonight. I'm going to
5 steal a line from Freeholder Zur that she mentions
6 all the time, that it's all about priorities. It's
7 obvious by the group that here tonight and what we've
8 done on this Board with the administration where our
9 priorities lie. That's never going to change, we're
10 just going to continue supporting all of these
11 tremendous causes. Hopefully, some day we won't have
12 to, we can all sit and have a cup of coffee and say
13 look at the great job we've all done. So I just want
14 to thank you all for your efforts.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Anyone else?

16 Again, thank you all for being here,
17 you do all something special and unique for the
18 county, and it doesn't go unnoticed and it certainly
19 doesn't go unappreciated.

20 Thank you very much.

21 Is there anyone else who would like to
22 address the meeting?

23 (No response.)

24 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Motion to close.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can I have a motion

1 to close the public portion of the meeting?

2 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Tanelli.

4 Is there a second?

5 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Second by

7 Freeholder Ganz.

8 All in favor?

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

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The meeting is
12 closed to the public.

13 5:44 PM RESOLUTIONS

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now review
15 the resolutions.

16 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Resolutions
17 #336-18 through #347-18.

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19 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Can I suggest
20 that we do them all as a Body of the Whole?

21 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

22 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Sounds good.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We are going to do
24 the whole agenda as a Body of the Whole?

25 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Yes. It's a lot

1 of awareness months and grant revenue acceptance.

2 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: And also our Gold
3 Star Parent Identification.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Are there any
5 questions on anything on the resolutions?

6 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: No, sir.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I did want to bring
8 one thing to the attention of the Board -- maybe it's
9 not here. Okay. That's next week.

10 May I have a motion to accept the
11 Resolutions on the Consent Agenda?

12 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

13 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

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

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

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 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Are there any
22 Resolutions of Nonconsent, pulled, postponed or
23 tabled? If so, will the Clerk please read them.

24 MS. RODRIGUEZ: There are none.

25 5:46 CLOSED SESSION

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now go into
2 Closed Session for approximately 20 minutes, and then
3 we will return to the Public Session.

4 Will the attorney briefly state the
5 matter for which we will be discussing in Closed
6 Session.

7 MR. MASLO: Yes, sir.

8 The Board will meet in Closed Session
9 to discuss updates on pending legal matters and
10 discussion on litigation strategy.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will we ever reveal
12 our strategy?

13 MR. MASLO: No, sir.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

15 Freeholder Ganz, I got it for you,
16 buddy.

17 Okay. May I have a motion to go into
18 Closed Session, please?

19 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

20 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

22 (All present Freeholders respond in the
23 affirmative.)

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Motion carries. We
2 are now in Closed.

3 (Whereupon, Closed Session is held.)

4 (Open Session resumes at 5:57 p.m.)

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. We are now
6 back in open session.

7 There being nothing further to come
8 before this meeting, may I have a motion to adjourn?

9 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

10 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

12 (All present Freeholders respond in the
13 affirmative.)

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We are adjourned at
17 5:58 p.m.

18 (Whereupon, the Work Session is
19 adjourned at 5:58 p.m.)

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