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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

TOWN BOARD MEETING

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

February 14, 2023

7:00 P.M.

BEFORE: DONALD CLAVIN, JR.

SUPERVISOR

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APPEARANCES :

- DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY
- COUNCIL MEMBER CARINI
- COUNCIL MEMBER DUNNE , SR.
- COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER
- COUNCIL MEMBER MUSCARELLA
- TOWN CLERK MURRAY
- DEPUTY TOWN CLERK POKALSKY
- TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE
- CHIEF OF STAFF LIBERT
- COMPROLLER MASTROMARINO



HEMPSTEAD TOWN BOARD FEBRUARY 14, 2023

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Good Evening, welcome
2 to the February 14, 2023 of the Hempstead Town
3 Board Meeting.

4 Madam Clerk, will you, please, call the Page | 3
5 roll.

6 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I am here.

8 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

9 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Here.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

11 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Here.

12 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Here.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Here.

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I will ask Councilman
17 Carini to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

18 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Hand over your heart.

19 (Whereupon, Councilman Carini led
20 the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. After,
21 the following ensued.)

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, would you
23 please, call the Public Hearing.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Redistricting of the Town of
25 Hempstead's Councilmanic Districts as required

1 by Federal and State law to be codified as an
2 amendment of Chapter 7-A of the Hempstead Town
3 Code - Town of Hempstead.

4 As a reminder, this is also a continuation ^{Page | 4}
5 of the February 7, 2023 Meeting.

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Town Attorney, you
7 wanted to add something?

8 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Yes, Supervisor,
9 with your permission, I would remind the public
10 that this is a continuation of the Public Hearing
11 which began on February 7, 2023.

12 It is one continuous Public Hearing, so, in
13 accordance with the Town Board rule 7-A3 and just
14 as we do with the Town Budget Hearing, each
15 participant can only speak once.

16 If you spoke on February 7th, then, your
17 comments are apart of the record and you cannot
18 speak, again, today.

19 Again, this is one Public Hearing, so, a
20 speaker cannot make comments twice.

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you.

22 I have a couple slips in here.

23 I will start with Stephen Edmondson.

24 Please, go in the back and give your name
25 and address for the record, that would be awesome.

1 STEPHEN EDMONDSON: Okay, Stephen
2 Edmondson. 80 Atlantic Avenue, Oceanside, New
3 York.

4 Did I bust the mic, already?

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: No, you are good.

6 STEPHEN EDMONDSON: I don't know how you
7 are going to vote on these maps when you don't
8 even have a full Town Board Meeting because we are
9 missing a Councilman from our area in Oceanside.

10 I don't know how you are going to vote on
11 the maps when we are missing a Council person.

12 And, when is the Town Board going to
13 appoint somebody or elect somebody for that?

14 And, also, I want to say congratulations,
15 now, Senior Supervisor Goosby - -

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: What is your title? He
17 said "Senior Supervisor Goosby."

18 STEPHEN EDMONDSON: Deputy Supervisor. I
19 remember when there was a Presiding Supervisor in
20 the Town and you did away with that.

21 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Thank you.

22 STEPHEN EDMONDSON: Welcome. Supervisor,
23 you haven't, um, named anything after the other
24 Council person who was here, the first African
25 American.

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Curtis Fisher?

2 STEPHEN EDMONDSON: Yes, Curtis Fisher.

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: We did, we named a
4 marina after him.

5 STEPHEN EDMONDSON: A marina?

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: In Point Lookout,
7 absolutely, we did that seven or eight years ago
8 and Angie Cullin, she was the first female Town
9 Board Member and Receiver of Taxes.

10 STEPHEN EDMONDSON: I don't know how you
11 are going to vote on these maps and nobody is
12 going to be happy and you know that.

13 And, the problem is on both sides of the
14 aisle.

15 We, actually, had more people come out in
16 the last election because I worked the polls.

17 Got to get the Board of Elections on both
18 sides of the aisle to start paying us sometime.

19 Nobody is going to be happy and the ones
20 who come out to vote will decide who gets elected
21 and who doesn't, so, that way, it is going to be
22 done.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thanks, Stephen.

24 Next, I have Terry Bain.

25 Good Evening, if you would give your name

1 and address for the record, thanks.

2 TERRY BAIN: Good Evening. My name is
3 Terry Bain.

4 And, I live at 461 McDermott Road in
5 Rockville Centre.

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6 I am against the proposed Redistricting
7 plan that the Town of Hempstead has advanced.

8 I am a retired Immigration Judge where I
9 served for over twenty-five years at the U.S.
10 Immigration Port.

11 Voting Rights are not my specific area of
12 expertise but the law is.

13 The proposed Council map boundaries split
14 Baldwin, North Bellmore, Uniondale and West
15 Hempstead into multiple districts.

16 Baldwin, Uniondale and West Hempstead have
17 significant Minority populations according to the
18 latest U.S. Census.

19 These maps frankly are gerrymandering,
20 using the tactic of cracking, which, according to
21 the Center for Justice, splits the group of people
22 with similar characteristics, such as, Party
23 affiliation across multiple districts.

24 With their voting strength divided, these
25 groups struggle to elect their preferred candidate

1 in any of the districts.

2 Thus, Minority groups voting strength is
3 weakened by these maps which split groups of
4 people with similar characteristics.

5 The New York State Constitution holds the
6 districts cannot be drawn to discourage
7 competition or for the purpose of favoring or
8 disfavoring incumbents or any other particular
9 candidates or Parties.

10 This amendment was voted in by New Yorkers
11 all across the State.

12 It looks to me like this proposal may
13 violate the spirit, as well as, the letter of our
14 State Constitution.

15 Thank you.

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

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

19 Patricia Malizio?

20 Good Evening, if you would give your name
21 and address for the record, thank you.

22 PATRICIA MALIZIO: Patricia Malizio. I
23 reside in Merrick, New York.

24 And, I am here to share that I believe
25 these maps which you have drawn up, again, still

1 do not represent equity.

2 They still do not represent justice.

3 They need to be changed. It is not fair.

4 It needs to be changed.

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

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Next I have Clavin
8 Kabetchi (phonetic spelling) Calvin?

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

11 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Next, I have Brandon
12 Gimpelman?

13 How are you doing? If you would give your
14 name and address for the record.

15 Thank you.

16 BRANDON GIMPELMAN: Brandon K. Gimpelman.
17 757 Norman Drive, North Bellmore.

18 I was here in November and one of the
19 things that I had told the Redistricting Committee
20 at the time was not to preserve the core of
21 existing districts as a higher priority as equal
22 representation.

23 It seems that you have done exactly that,
24 um, for the most part, have done exactly that.

25 And, for the life of me and what I would

1 like to understand, why North Bellmore or, at
2 least, a portion of North Bellmore is being drawn
3 into what would be District 5.

4 My reading of this is that actually,
5 District 5 is the largest in terms of population
6 as being proposed, so, surely that section should
7 be reviewed.

8 So, I would like an explanation on that.

9 Um, as I said at the time, as well, there
10 are higher priorities, such as, what is being done
11 to Uniondale and other Minority communities, um,
12 but this, you have to go to the drawing board.

13 This is unacceptable.

14 This is totally unacceptable.

15 Thank you.

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

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

19 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Mr. Supervisor,
20 just a comment, the North Bellmore question, there
21 are sixty hamlets, incorporated villages in the
22 Town of Hempstead, fifty-six of them were, in
23 fact, kept together by this map, a portion of
24 North Bellmore was left out.

25 I also want to comment because there seems

1 to be a theme that Uniondale and Baldwin will be
2 split up.

3 Well, we received a very well written
4 letter from the Legal Defense Fund signed and
5 authored by none other than Fred Brewington.

6 And, he proposed two plans to the Town and
7 in both circumstances, Mr. Brewington proposed
8 maps, both, where Uniondale and Baldwin were
9 split.

10 So, your question with regard to districts
11 and respecting them, one of the most important
12 thing was that.

13 Deputy Supervisor Goosby won a very
14 historic Court case many years ago and the
15 District was drawn and this District keeps it, in
16 fact, in fact, if you look at the maps that were
17 proposed and in existence with regard to the
18 Assembly and the County Legislature.

19 This is the only one that keeps Hempstead
20 whole.

21 So, we have endeavored to live up to the
22 Federal and State requirements.

23 Thank you.

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Mr. Town
25 Attorney.

1 Next, I have Mary Ellen Kreye.

2 How are you doing? Name and address for
3 the record.

4 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Of course, Mary Ellen Page | 12
5 Kreye. 436 Locust Avenue, Uniondale.

6 This Hempstead final map copies a
7 horrendous mistake of the U.S. Constitution by
8 stacking our Minority population in one district.

9 It has the affect of treating us as 3/5th
10 citizens.

11 You can vote to pass it, but know it will
12 be challenged and not upheld.

13 We urge you to do the right thing and adopt
14 the Bluebird map, a fair and equitable recognition
15 of our voting rights.

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

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

19 Next, I have Heidi Sanft.

20 Good evening, name and address for the
21 record.

22 HEIDI SANFT: Good Evening. Heidi Sanft.
23 116 Florence Avenue. I live on the border of
24 Hempstead and Uniondale.

25 And, my family has owned a home on the

1 Hempstead/Uniondale border since 1967.

2 I am the Vice-President of the Nostrand
3 Gardens Civic Association in Uniondale.

4 I am against the proposed redistricting ^{Page | 13} for
5 the following reasons:

6 Uniondale needs to be kept whole.

7 This new map only includes South of
8 Hempstead Turnpike with one little area North
9 included, Museum Row which is in Uniondale, the
10 area of the HUB which is in Uniondale and many
11 other locations nearby.

12 AAs you know, there has been a fight for
13 the longest time to remove "East Garden City,"
14 from the map, the Census map and "East Garden
15 City," was removed but there was still those
16 people that want for that to be slipped back in,
17 again.

18 And, it is my opinion that the whole - -
19 the whole attitude of having Museum Row called
20 "Garden City" and the whole attitude of calling
21 that area "East Garden City," is racist because
22 for some reason developers figure they can make
23 more money by building, you know, commercial
24 properties.

25 And, they can make more money on the rent

1 if a place is called "Garden City," or "East
2 Garden City," instead of Uniondale which is what
3 that area is.

4 So, for those of you who are in powerful Page | 14
5 positions right, now, it is your opportunity to
6 right a wrong.

7 It is unacceptable for areas that are
8 actually Uniondale to be called "Garden City."

9 And, we want Uniondale to be whole and it
10 is an error that was made.

11 It is racist. I don't care what anyone
12 else wants to call it, but, that is what it is.

13 So, make things right and put all of
14 Uniondale all in District 1.

15 Thank you.

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.

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

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Next, I have Kathryn De
20 Santis.

21 Good evening, name and address for the
22 record. Thank you.

23 KATHRYN DeSANTIS: My name is Kathryn
24 DeSantis.

25 I live in Rockville Centre.

1 Thank you for the opportunity to address
2 the Town of Hempstead Council regarding the
3 proposed redistricting maps that will be used for
4 the next ten years.

5 The materials distributed for the February
6 7th Meeting laid out the Town Council's goals for
7 the proposed map.

8 Those goals were defined as creating
9 districts that are fair, compliant with all
10 applicable Federal and State laws that are
11 compact, respectful of the communities of interest
12 and minimizing cracking.

13 I respect the efforts of the Town Council
14 to acknowledge and define these five goals and the
15 efforts that were made to achieve the goals.

16 But the Council did not take into account
17 the data from the most recent Census.

18 According to the 2020 Census, the Town of
19 Hempstead population is, now, fifty-three percent
20 White, so, if the White population is, now, fifty-
21 three percent, what is the non-White population?

22 It is simple, one hundred minus fifty-three
23 is forty-seven.

24 So, if the White population is fifty-three
25 percent, the non-White population is forty-seven

1 percent and forty-seven percent of the six Town
2 Council seats is 2.8 seats.

3 2.8 seats is closer to 3 seats than to 2
4 seats.

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

7 KATHRYN DeSANTIS: It means that the Town
8 of Hempstead should have three voting districts
9 that are minority/majority districts not the one
10 minority/majority district that is in your current
11 proposal from the Town Council.

12 So, what should you, the Town Council do?

13 You should carefully review the letter sent
14 to you on January 9th from the Legal Defense Fund,
15 Fredrick Brewington, Randolph McGlaughlin and
16 Latino Justice, PRLDEF, that letter defines
17 alternative maps that satisfies you, the Town
18 Council set out for yourself and shows how to
19 create two minority/majority districts.

20 Then, you, the Town Council should make
21 some adjustments to your current proposal to find
22 a map that is more fair, more compliant, more
23 compact, more respectful communities of interest
24 and has less cracking.

25 Thank you for the opportunity to speak

1 this evening.

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

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Ellen Smiley? (phonetic ^{Page | 17}
5 spelling)

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

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Janine Maynard?

9 How are you doing?

10 If you would give your name and address for
11 the record, thanks.

12 JANINE MAYNARD: Janine Maynard. 255 Percy
13 Street, Hempstead, New York.

14 In full disclosure, I did speak last time.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Oh, okay, if you spoke
16 the last time, this is a continuation of the
17 Hearing.

18 I appreciate you being straight forward.
19 You had the opportunity, so, thank you very much.

20 JANINE MAYNARD: We do try to do things
21 fairly.

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.

23 Judy Cataldi? (Phonetic spelling)

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

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Meta Mereday, how are
2 you doing?

3 If you would give your name and address for
4 the record, thank you.

5 META MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday, Baldwin
6 resident.

7 And, in recognition and homage of Black
8 History Month for this particular occasion, I
9 refuse to speak from the back of the room just
10 like Rosa Parks refused to sit in the back of the
11 bus.

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

14 META MEREDAY: Where does one begin?

15 We already know that the fix is in to have
16 all of you sitting there and folks don't already
17 realize, you know, the fix is already going to be,
18 we are heading to Court.

19 Let me be the first one to tell you, okay,
20 so, you might as well spread the word, like I said
21 before, pack the lunch, Pepsi, popcorn, um, you
22 know, collect those bottles because once again,
23 the lawsuit and the ramifications will hit all of
24 us.

1 We have been here for months, now, trying
2 to plead a case with regard to redistricting, the
3 gerrymandering, the packing, the cracking and the
4 compacting that is taking place, here as was so Page | 19
5 eloquently said tonight and on the 7th.

6 We are supposed to have three
7 majority/minority districts, not the same old same
8 old.

9 No disrespect to anyone.

10 We talk about laws and abiding by them and
11 being fair and being just.

12 We say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
13 that for so many years has discriminated against
14 people of color and in this instance and in this
15 moment in time we are reinventing the same
16 revisionist, segregationist history that has kept
17 so many people behind.

18 But, I stand before you, today, on this
19 hallow ground, in this special, shortest month of
20 the year and just so you know, Black History,
21 whether the Governor decides it is not going to be
22 taught, it still will be taught to all of the
23 children the same way Hispanics, Asians and
24 indigenous people, their history will be taught.

25 And, if we are going to stand, here,

1 today, because we already know we are going to
2 Court.

3 We all know you are sitting there after you
4 had your little powwow in the back, so, you are **Page | 20**
5 going to make your decision.

6 Our voices have not been heard all of this
7 time.

8 It is not going to be anything different
9 but just know that people are watching.

10 The room may not be packed, today but voter
11 registration is on the rise, just so you know,
12 Supervisor Clavin.

13 And, you have the honorary position, here,
14 according to State Law and Deputy Supervisor is a
15 ceremonial position.

16 It means non-voting, just so you know, just
17 for clarity, so, you can look down all you want
18 to, write your little notes, continue to be
19 disrespectful but the people are watching.

20 The election is coming.

21 And, unfortunately, in the Town of
22 Hempstead, scandals get you out faster.

23 Thank you.

24 (Whereupon, the three-minute bell rang.
25 After, the following ensued.)

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

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Mrs.
4 Mereday, always a pleasure.

5 Barbara Epstein?

6 How are you doing? Give your name and
7 address for the record, thank you.

8 BARBARA EPSTEIN: Barbara Epstein. 142
9 Party Lane, South Wantagh, New York.

10 Good Evening, Supervisor Clavin and Members
11 of the Town Board, I am Barbara Epstein, a Member
12 of the League of Women Voters in East Nassau.

13 The League is a non-partisan organization
14 that encourages informed and active participation
15 in government, influences public policy through
16 education and advocacy.

17 I am here, today, advocating for a fair and
18 transparent process, redistricting the Town's six
19 Councilmanic Districts that will affect us for the
20 next ten years.

21 Ten years ago, the League proposed two
22 minority/majority districts.

23 Here we are, today, with two and possibly
24 three majority/minority districts.

25 2010 the White and Hispanic population

1 was 59.9 percent and 2020, 50.7 percent.

2 Hispanic/Latino population went from 17.4
3 percent to 22 percent and Black population went
4 from 15.7 to 15.9 percent.

5 Asian population went from 5.1 to 7.5.

6 The total Minority population is over
7 forty-five percent and you are only looking at one
8 truly minority/majority district.

9 District 3 is in fifty-one percent of
10 minority population.

11 The district should be continuously about
12 and fairly representative of the communities of
13 interest and must adhere to the Federal and State
14 Voting Rights Act and the New York State Municipal
15 Law.

16 At the Hearings, the Commission heard
17 public comments and at the Commission Work
18 Session, they did not support the Republican Map
19 that was presented but instead explained concerns
20 of the residents.

21 You should not be dividing the Village of
22 Freeport, which goes against Municipal Home Rule
23 Law.

24 Go back to the drawing board and create a
25 more equitable map for the Town.

1 By the way, when do you plan to vote on the
2 map, Supervisor Clavin?

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Just so you know, John,
4 Freeport is whole.

5 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Freeport is
6 whole.

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Freeport is not split.

8 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Of the 56 hamlets
9 or villages, only four have been split up, North
10 Bellmore, Baldwin and Uniondale, which I might add
11 as proposed by Mr. Brewington and the Legal
12 Defense Fund which was mentioned, both of his maps
13 split up those two main hamlets in the Town.

14 BARBARA EPSTEIN: The point is the Villages
15 per Municipal Home Rule Law should be kept intact.

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I know you said
17 Freeport was split up and it is not.

18 BARBARA EPSTEIN: It is split into more
19 than one district.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: No, it is not.

21 BARBARA EPSTEIN: Well, pointing to the map

22 - -

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: It is not factually
24 correct.

25 BARBARA EPSTEIN: Okay, I will look

1 at it.

2 My question to you is when do you plan, as
3 a Town Board, to vote on the map?

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I can't answer, we have ^{Page | 24}
5 a lot of speakers, so, we will see as it goes.

6 BARBARA EPSTEIN: You will let us know this
7 evening before we finish?

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: We will see how it
9 goes. Thank you, Mrs. Epstein.

10 Next, I have Joyce Stowe. How are you
11 doing?

12 If you give your name and address for the
13 record, thank you.

14 JOYCE STOWE: My name is Joyce Stowe,
15 Elmont, New York.

16 TAMMIE WILLIAMS: I will speak for Mrs.
17 Stowe because her throat hurts.

18 But, I do have a copy for the Attorney.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Is that a prepared
20 statement from her?

21 TAMMIE WILLIAMS: Yes.

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: We will take that.

23 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Thank you.

24 TAMMIE WILLIAMS: So, Miss Joyce is the
25 President of Elmont Tudor Manor Civic Association.

1 Miss Stowe raised her family in South
2 Floral Park for twenty years and resides in the
3 Elmont community where she has planted her roots
4 over thirty years.

5 Miss Joyce is speaking, tonight, on behalf
6 of the Civics, the Aldon Manor Civic Association,
7 representing four hundred and twenty-six homes,
8 Parkhurst Association representing nine hundred
9 homes, Tudor Manor representing eight hundred
10 homes, Locust Gotham Association representing over
11 fourteen hundred homes.

12 As Civic Leaders in Elmont, we are
13 concerned that the proposed maps for Hempstead
14 Town Council for Districts 2 and 3 presented by
15 the Town of Hempstead Temporary Redistricting
16 Commission on February 7, 2023 violates the Voting
17 Rights Act of John R. Lewis of New York.

18 We are especially concerned that the
19 proposed Districts 2 and 3 maps continue to crack
20 Elmont's voting by separating the homes and the
21 people representing Alden Manor and Tudor Manor
22 Civic Associations into District 3 by renaming the
23 geographic area of our community, "North Valley
24 Stream."

25 For illustration, all the homes South

1 of Dutch Broadway from the Cross Island Parkway to
2 the Southern State Parkway represents Alden Manor
3 and Tudor Manor Civic Association continues to be
4 cacked and placed in District 3. Page | 26

5 Our communities of interest continue to
6 suffer from the impact of gerrymandering and what
7 the lack of representation means, we are denied
8 equal opportunity to participate in the political
9 process and elect candidates of our choice.

10 For example, the Town of Hempstead and our
11 two Council Members from Districts 2 and 3 were
12 nowhere to be found during the local zoning
13 override of Belmont Park.

14 One person, one vote, everyone deserves to
15 be heard - -

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

18 TAMMIE WILLIAMS: - - Political voice of
19 our community.

20 Solution: a non-partisan, independent,
21 citizen redistricting commission which will
22 exclude elected officials from redrawing district
23 maps.

24 Therefore, we urge the Board to vote
25 against the proposed maps for District 2 and 3

1 which continues the trends of gerrymandering by
2 previously implementing the map.

3 Moreover, the Board proposed map does not
4 unify all of Elmont in District 2 to reflect Page | 27
5 public comment from members of our community.

6 We urge the Commission to present a new
7 proposed map that unifies the Elmont Union Free
8 School District, which includes, although not
9 limited to the Incorporated Village - -

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

12 TAMMIE WILLIAMS: - - And hamlet of North
13 - -

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you. I know we
15 got the letter and made it apart of the record, as
16 well.

17 Always nice to see you.

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

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Next, I have John
21 Asmolik? How are you doing?

22 If you would give your name and address for
23 the record.

24 Thank you very much.

25 JOHN ASMOLIK: Yes, sir. My name is

1 John Asmolik.

2 I reside at 261 Montgomery Avenue,
3 Oceanside, New York 11572.

4 And, I like to, um, reiterate what Mr.
5 Edmondson said earlier about having a vote when
6 there is one legislative member missing.

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7 Um, considering this is a ten year, um,
8 proposal that won't be addressed until 1932, which
9 is a long way away - - excuse me, 2032, I think
10 with that said, we should be able to wait until we
11 have a full, um, forum in order to cast this
12 important vote.

13 Um, I am not quite certain whether or not
14 the Presiding Supervisor or the Supervisor, Mr.
15 Clavin would, then, if it was a 3-3 break, would
16 have the deciding vote, but, certainly at 3-2, it
17 kind of stacks the deck one way or the other and
18 takes a lot of heat off of him to make a decision.

19 Um, other than that, thank you.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.

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

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Next, I have Charlene
24 Thompson?

25 How are you doing?

1 If you would give your name and address for
2 the record, thank you.

3 CHARLENE THOMPSON: Good Evening. Charlene
4 Thompson. I reside in Baldwin. Page | 29

5 I have been a resident of the Town of
6 Hempstead for fifty-six years.

7 I debated on whether I was going to speak
8 at all tonight but I felt it warrants just a few
9 comments as the gentleman before me just said,
10 this process only happens every ten years.

11 I am a Mother of three; my eldest daughter
12 is twenty-four, she will be thirty-four.

13 My son is twenty-one and he will be thirty-
14 one.

15 My youngest is nineteen, she will be
16 twenty-nine.

17 Someone asked me what will Long Island look
18 like in ten years from, now?

19 A lot of that will depend on what we decide
20 today and time is not on our side.

21 I would like to take a moment to
22 acknowledge some things that we have seen evolve
23 over this process.

24 I like to thank you for shifting Baldwin.

25 I am a resident of Baldwin, so,

1 I appreciate the fact that you took us from being
2 split up into three districts and, now, for the
3 most part, we are in two districts.

4 I also like to acknowledge the fact that Page | 30
5 you took the Coliseum project and placed it back
6 in District 1.

7 I think that is important and I appreciate
8 that fact.

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

11 CHARLENE THOMPSON: I do want to talk
12 about, um, the importance of government's role in
13 relation to the real estate industry and
14 developers' industry because the power that is
15 displayed and integrated in the process of
16 development will meet.

17 And, so, however these maps come out,
18 however the districts are divided, I would
19 encourage you all to keep an eye on what happens
20 at the Coliseum project, in District 5, all along
21 those commercial areas because it will impact all
22 of us.

23 And, ten years from, now, that will be the
24 key difference in how Long Island is developed.

25 These are critical projects that

1 will have lasting impacts for generations.

2 And, just to prove my point, one of the
3 books that I studied was "Powerbrokers," by Robert
4 Moses.

5 Right, we know how Robert Moses assembled
6 so much power under one man, Head of the Tunnel
7 and Bridges Authority, Parks Authority, beaches.

8 He reshaped Long Island.

9 And, we will see the impacts for hundreds
10 of years because he divided us by design to keep
11 the less affluent people off Long Island beaches.

12 He made tunnels and bridges a little lower,
13 right.

14 And, so, we have to be mindful of these
15 kinds of decision that are put in the hands of
16 decisionmakers and developers and the real estate
17 industry and along with government support.

18 He had government positions making these
19 decisions.

20 And, so, it would be crucial to keep our
21 eye on the ball as we develop some prime real
22 estate and how it will impact our future going
23 forward.

24 Thank you.

25 (Whereupon, applause from the audience

1 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you. Thank you
3 very much.

4 Kimberly Malone?

5 KIMBERLY MALONE: Good evening, everyone.
6 My name is Kimberly Malone. I am from
7 Baldwin, New York.

8 I have been a resident of Baldwin for
9 nearly twenty years.

10 I am also the President of the Baldwin
11 Civic Association.

12 And, I would like to just represent once,
13 again, our community's desire to remain whole as
14 one Baldwin in this redistricting process.

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

17 KIMBERLY MALONE: Okay, I will tell you - -
18 thank you - - that Baldwin, for the last decade,
19 as Mrs. Thompson alluded to, has been divided up
20 into three districts.

21 We do appreciate the fact that it is being
22 reduced but we demand that it become one district.

23 What we don't understand is why you can
24 have fifty-six areas that are allowed to remain
25 whole and, then, you have four specific hamlets

1 of Baldwin included, that require to be broken up?

2 We don't believe that this is necessary and
3 nor do we want it.

4 Um, as I am sure you know, we are working Page | 33
5 on the process and we are united in our drive to
6 improve our downtown and our business districts to
7 invest in our Parks and in our public spaces, to
8 make our roadways safer for all users and to
9 create a cohesive community that does not leave
10 out any of our neighbors.

11 And, with that in mind, we need a single
12 Town Council.

13 We need a single representative that we can
14 go to when things need to be done and we can hold
15 accountable when things need to be held
16 accountable for.

17 So, once, again, I request and I strongly,
18 strongly ask that you keep Baldwin whole.

19 And, just for the record, we are united
20 with others who resist the idea of cracking our
21 communities and dividing the vote no matter what
22 the reason is.

23 Thank you.

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

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't have any other
2 slips, is there anybody that did not sign in that
3 did not speak previously, that wants to be heard?

4 You didn't speak last time?

5 (Whereupon, "I did not," was heard called
6 out from the audience. After, the following
7 ensued.)

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Go to the mic and give
9 your name and address for the record, thanks.

10 DAN OPPENHEIMER: Good Evening. I am Dan
11 Oppenheimer.

12 I am a resident of the Village of
13 Hempstead.

14 Um, I don't know if it is possible to draw
15 perfect districts, certainly it is possible to
16 draw equitable, fair districts.

17 But, I do know that if you are a registered
18 voter in any of these districts and you are not
19 allowed to vote due to the fact that, um, the
20 Council person is appointed, you're bypassing the
21 electoral system that the districts are supposed
22 to address.

23 This is a two-part problem.

24 Yes, we have a history of gerrymandering.

25 The populations of the individual

1 Districts were way out of whack.

2 I see that your proposed map does address
3 the population variations.

4 I think that is a good thing.

5 But, sitting on the Board, right, now,
6 Dorothy Goosby has been elected every time she had
7 run since 1999, if I am not mistaken.

8 Is that correct?

9 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Correct.

10 DAN OPPENHEIMER: Thomas Muscarella was
11 appointed in 2019, elected later in 2019.

12 Melissa Miller appointed 2022.

13 Vacant, now, Anthony D'Esposito, he was
14 elected in 2021.

15 Chris Carini was elected 2019.

16 Dennis Dunne appointed June, 2017, elected
17 in 2021.

18 This has nothing to do with voting
19 representation when you have a history year in and
20 year out of appointing rather than allowing for
21 voting.

22 I have emailed you a number of time without
23 response as of yet, as to whether you plan to hold
24 a special election for the District, for the 4th
25 District or whether you plan to appoint someone.

1 So, I ask you, tonight, if you are prepared
2 to announce whether there will be a special
3 election or appointment for District 4?

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Oppenheimer, we Page | 36
5 will comply with the law.

6 DAN OPPENHEIMER: What is that?

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: We will comply with the
8 law.

9 DAN OPPENHEIMER: Which law will you comply
10 with?

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

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Town of Hempstead law.

14 DAN OPPENHEIMER: What part of the law?

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Oppenheimer, is
16 there something on redistricting?

17 I gave you the answer, we will abide with
18 the law.

19 It is not on the agenda, Mr. Oppenheimer.

20 DAN OPPENHEIMER: I feel this is part and
21 parcel of redistricting when the majority or, at
22 least, a substantial minority of the districts do
23 not get a chance to vote, period.

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

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1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Anybody that did not
2 speak that did not sign in that wishes to be
3 heard?

4 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After, ^{Page | 37}
5 the following ensued.)

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, any Member of the
7 Board wish to be heard?

8 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
9 the following ensued.)

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: All right, if not, may
11 I have a Motion.

12 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make the Motion that
13 we adopt the map that is shown.

14 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

18 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

20 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

24 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

25 (Whereupon, booing was heard. After, the

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Following was heard. After, the following ensued.)

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: That is nice, ladies and gentlemen.

May I, please, have a Motion to adjourn.

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I move we adjourn.

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second.

CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

(Whereupon, the official meeting of the Hempstead Town Board was concluded.)

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CERTIFICATE BY COURT REPORTER

Whereupon, I hereby certify that the foregoing testimony in the matter of the Hempstead Town Board Meeting held on February 14, 2023, consisting of pages 1 through 39 inclusive is an accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



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