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Public Hearing

Re:

Suffolk County Legislature  
Senior Task Force

3:30 p.m.

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Held at:

Suffolk County Legislature  
275 Veteran's Memorial Highway  
Hauppauge, New York

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Appearances:

Susan J. Harty  
Thelma White  
Elizabeth Lorenz  
Robert Kern  
Nicholas Maletta  
William I. Stoner  
Tanya Gillard  
Christopher Halucha

11 Priscilla DeMasi  
12 Gene Pritz  
13 Holly Rhodes-Teague  
14 Mary Young

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MS. HARTY: We will welcome everybody.

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We have a couple new members, introduce

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yourself. If you tell us a little bit

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about yourself.

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MR. MALETTA: Nick Maletta. I live in

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Moriches. I am retired from two careers,

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both of which I enjoyed until I retired. I

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was a Latin teacher and then I became a

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full-time trustee of the New York State

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teacher's retirement pension fund. I went

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from teaching Latin to handling billions of

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dollars.

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MS. HARTY: Welcome. Nice to have you

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here Nicholas. We have our introduction of

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the town of East Hampton, Christopher

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Halucha.

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MR. HALUCHA: Chris Halucha. I am the

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chief claimer for the town of Easthampton.

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I drove here from Montauk. Any way, I am a

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social worker for like nineteen years now

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or something like that. I have been

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involved in lots of different levels. We

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provide a number of different services.

25 Easthampton Human Services encompasses a  
1 lot of services for youth and family and  
2 seniors. We do a lot of direct services  
3 including a nutrition program like a lot of  
4 other towns do. We provide direct in home  
5 services, mental health counseling and  
6 transportation on and on again. We do a  
7 number of different services and contract  
8 with outside agencies.

9 In our town since we are isolated we  
10 have had to make do with what we have. We  
11 have gotten support from the town to make  
12 us get the things that we couldn't get from  
13 the county or the state. It's nice to have  
14 that support there. I am replacing Amanda  
15 Cook. We did a senior needs study for our  
16 town to get an idea what kind of things  
17 that people are having problems with and  
18 it's pretty comprehensive.

19 MS. HARTY: I am sure that will be  
20 valuable as we round everything up after  
21 the public hearing and everything. Welcome  
22 and thank you Christopher.

23 As the agenda says we can start off how  
24 everybody thought the first public hearing  
25 was.

1 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: No, I didn't really  
2 want to think first so someone else can go  
3 first.

4 MS. HARTY: Priscilla, you can go then.

5 MS. DeMASI: I thought it went well. I  
6 thought that Paul's remarks that we should  
7 take people in order, I think that was  
8 something we should really do. We said  
9 that we would. People traveled, and I am  
10 sure they had issues about getting there,  
11 and everybody is sitting as long as they  
12 did waiting to speak and finding out that  
13 we weren't following, you know, through  
14 with what we had said that it was in order  
15 with limitation and things like that. We  
16 should look at that.

17 MS. YOUNG: Stephen didn't feel that it  
18 was necessary at this hearing because it  
19 wasn't a really big turn out of seniors so  
20 he didn't want to time anybody. He feels  
21 that the Riverhead will be big and we will  
22 time everybody.

23 MS. DeMASI: I thought the order of  
24 appearances if you got there early and you  
25 thought you were going to go and then you

1           didn't, you know, that was like I just  
2           think it doesn't set a good tone for what  
3           we want so I think that is something we  
4           have to do. All in all, I thought it was  
5           good. I enjoyed everybody's testimony. It  
6           sort of got the wheels spinning. When I  
7           was silting there I was like this is great.  
8           That is my comments about it generally.

9           MS. HARTY: Anybody else?

10          MR. PRITZ: I couldn't agree more with  
11          Priscilla. I hope at the next one we will  
12          time the people because that was the one  
13          comment that I got from people that were in  
14          the audience that we expected to be timed  
15          and a lot of people went on and on and they  
16          were a little disturbed.

17          MS. HARTY: Is it a three minute or?

18          MS. YOUNG: It's five, I think.

19          MS. HARTY: So okay.

20          MS. DeMASI: We should time ourselves.

21          MS. HARTY: That is what people said to  
22          me.

23          MS. DeMASI: Our intro ductions took  
24          forty-five minutes.

25          MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: Forty-five minutes

1 for all of us that is less than three  
2 minutes. If you time yourself I don't  
3 think anybody took more a than a couple  
4 minutes to speak.

5 MS. DeMASI: Maybe there is some other  
6 way to address that. It's a timed open  
7 hearing. It's from this time to that time.  
8 Maybe if we can do bios and hand them out.

9 MS. LORENZ: Do the introductions take  
10 place at the beginning of every meeting?

11 MS. HARTY: I am not sure. I don't  
12 know if legislature Stern he was the one  
13 that requested we do a brief introduction  
14 of ourself so the audience would know a  
15 little bit about us. I don't know if it's  
16 necessary.

17 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: How would you do it  
18 otherwise? It's new people at every  
19 hearing. They want to know who they are  
20 speaking to.

21 MS. DeMASI: I don't say that it's not  
22 valuable and not important. I don't know  
23 if we all were brief. Everybody wants to  
24 share, and I think everybody wanted to  
25 express how committed they are to, you

1 know, the seniors of Suffolk County and I  
2 don't know. I was thinking it took a  
3 significant portion of the hearing. It was  
4 about forty-five minutes.

5 MS. HARTY: Yes. I didn't time it but  
6 somebody brought that to my attention.

7 MS. DeMASI: I thought maybe we can do  
8 bios and see who is on and things like  
9 that.

10 MS. HARTY: If you are looking at --  
11 there is twelve people on the board and if  
12 you shrink this from the three minutes to  
13 two minutes or one if you do a quick thing  
14 you got twelve minutes inside of fifteen  
15 minutes.

16 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: Name and title  
17 should be good.

18 MS. HARTY: That would be fifteen  
19 minutes as opposed to forty-five.

20 MR. PRITZ: And who you represent that  
21 is what it should be.

22 MS. LORENZ: Do you know why the  
23 turnout was limited at the last meeting?  
24 Is there anything I could do as an  
25 individual to increase participation?

1 MS. HARTY: For seniors themselves I  
2 know Holly mentioned at our last meeting  
3 that we had in this format there was a  
4 short period of time in order to get the  
5 word out. I do think that contributes to  
6 people being able to free their schedules  
7 and coming to an event like that.

8 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: The Riverhead one I  
9 don't know if you are getting feedback. I  
10 would imagine you would get a much better  
11 turn out.

12 MR. KERN: I live in the senior  
13 complex. I have it posted all over the  
14 complex. If we don't have every one of  
15 them there they will be sorry.

16 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: I think that was a  
17 couple of towns bussing people in.

18 MR. KERN: I think Southampton is.

19 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: And I think  
20 Southold as well.

21 MS. HARTY: That will solve that.

22 MR. KERN: This is just passing along.  
23 I know the way the seniors act if anybody  
24 has BINGOs that day shut it down for the  
25 day. I am serious. They will go to the

1 end of the earth to play BINGO.

2 MR. PRITZ: On a negative note, I was  
3 disappointed that the press didn't show up.

4 MR. KERN: That is right.

5 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: There is going to  
6 be one in West Islip. If you can bus them  
7 from the other centers.

8 MS. HARTY: We are trying to get  
9 Huntington over there as well.

10 MR. MALETTA: I just found out about  
11 this meeting this morning so.

12 MS. HARTY: Anybody else have any input  
13 regarding the evaluation of the public  
14 hearing?

15 MS. DeMASI: Are we going to get a copy  
16 of the testimony?

17 MS. YOUNG: Yes, you will. It's going  
18 to take a while.

19 MS. DeMASI: I have notes but I want to  
20 go back and look at the testimony to cross  
21 reference it.

22 MS. HARTY: I thought it was very  
23 positive. It happened to be a senior  
24 resident in the town of Huntington. He  
25 spoke and how informative he thought it was

1 he came in late and he didn't get to hear  
2 the initial speakers. I did a quick  
3 summary for him and I handed it out. He  
4 was speaking up at the board of directors  
5 and his satellite and stuff so a senior's  
6 perspective it's nice to hear he thought it  
7 was a benefit.

8 Anybody else? So for next meeting we  
9 have in the morning and then we have a  
10 break.

11 MS. YOUNG: Do you know how that sets  
12 itself up regarding the afternoon as  
13 certainly people who live on the western  
14 side are not going to eat?

15 MS. HARTY: Stephen said pack a lunch.

16 MR. KERN: There is a lot of nice  
17 restaurants in the town of Riverhead.

18 MS. HARTY: Will you give us a private  
19 tour.

20 MS. WHITE: Right. Sure. Maybe they  
21 will show you a movie.

22 MR. PRITZ: Maybe they will serve us  
23 lunch. Maybe we ought to pass out  
24 directions unless everybody knows how to  
25 get there.

1 MS. YOUNG: I can get directions for  
2 you.

3 MR. PRITZ: I know. I am thinking of  
4 otherwise.

5 MR. MALETTA: Where is it in Riverhead?

6 MS. YOUNG: The Evan K. Griffing Center  
7 300 Center Drive.

8 MR. MALETTA: I didn't realize that  
9 there is also going to be a hearing that  
10 night that I can't make.

11 MR. PRITZ: Neither can I.

12 MS. YOUNG: I know.

13 MR. MALETTA: I would appreciate notice  
14 in advance when these meetings take place.

15 MS. YOUNG: Do you have an e-mail  
16 address that I could notify you by?

17 MR. MALETTA: Yes, I do.

18 MS. HARTY: Here.

19 MR. MALETTA: That is the public  
20 hearing notification? Thank you. How are  
21 these things advertised?

22 MR. PRITZ: That is what we are  
23 complaining about.

24 MR. MALETTA: How was the last one  
25 advertised?

1 MS. YOUNG: We sent fliers.

2 MR. KERN: I had it in the Suffolk  
3 Life. Another part of the Suffolk Life,  
4 which we learned through trial and error  
5 all of a sudden we found, we didn't know,  
6 Suffolk Life produces 30 different  
7 districts. Now, at any given time and with  
8 our column they are just blip it out if  
9 they get enough advertising. The column  
10 goes and the ironical part of it is we  
11 cannot use the same column or information  
12 again because of the fact that it's been  
13 written in a column somewhere within  
14 Suffolk County. We have to start all over.  
15 My wife had written a very nice column two  
16 or three weeks ago and it missed a lot of  
17 the towns.

18 The reality is that it has to do with  
19 the medical insurance and the rates, which  
20 we both thought that it was very important  
21 and it got bumped right out of the paper.  
22 What we are doing now to sort of supplement  
23 it is I put it on the web site that night.  
24 After it goes out we put it on our web  
25 site.

1 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: What is that web  
2 site?

3 MR. KERN: Sad seniors dot org. That  
4 is why when somebody asked me about my  
5 picture in the paper. I said I got to be  
6 sad. I can't be happy.

7 MR. PRITZ: The same thing happened  
8 with Fifty Plus Life Styles. It's a  
9 monthly and they had a half a column.

10 MR. KERN: My wife has a column. It  
11 will be there next month. It's in response  
12 the letter was written a year ago. Some  
13 guy wrote into Newsday, and they published  
14 his -- it has to do with the pharmaceutical  
15 city and this guy praised him up and down  
16 and the reality he worked for the  
17 pharmaceutical industry. They didn't  
18 produce our response to him so now Fifty  
19 Plus is going to run it next month.

20 MS. DeMASI: What about the local  
21 papers like the Suffolk Times, the  
22 Easthampton Star, the Southampton Press?

23 MS. YOUNG: We have immediate  
24 distribution and it depends on whether they  
25 pick it up or not.

1 MS. HARTY: We publicized it at all the  
2 big events. There was hundreds of people  
3 at the St. Patrick's Day all of the clubs  
4 it went out to all of those. It was  
5 thousands of seniors and I think there is a  
6 building of, you know, the second meeting  
7 as the word gets out about these meetings,  
8 too. There is that component of it. I  
9 think people hearing about it.

10 MR. PRITZ: I think we ought to advise  
11 Claire, I reminded her the last time I  
12 think channel 18 has a bulletin board. I  
13 don't know whether she missed the deadline.  
14 It wasn't on there. We ought to try again.  
15 I called the assignment desk at Newsday.  
16 They told me someone from this office had  
17 already notified them. They never said  
18 anything. Like you say it depends on what  
19 is happening that day whether they have  
20 something they can send out.

21 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: Does News 12 put  
22 anything on the bottom of the screen?

23 MR. PRITZ: That is what I am saying.  
24 If you notify this bulletin board I think  
25 it's channel 18 they will put a panel and

1 put it on running on the bottom.

2 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: Who watches channel  
3 18?

4 MS. YOUNG: Seniors.

5 MR. PRITZ: It's Long Island's bulletin  
6 board, and if you have ever watched it they  
7 have everything on there from golf  
8 tournaments to senior events. You have to  
9 give them, I don't know what the deadline  
10 is, advanced notice. I know Claire did it.  
11 Claire, those of you don't know handles  
12 public relations for Steve's office. It  
13 was never up there.

14 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: I am thinking if  
15 there is a way for Stephen to get these,  
16 you know, these he does the human interest.

17 MS. YOUNG: They really tried.

18 MS. HARTY: What about Virginia  
19 Cravota? She does the senior issues with  
20 the news channel. If she or even --

21 MS. YOUNG: I am getting a lot of phone  
22 calls from the articles from senior  
23 citizens that want to come to Riverhead.

24 MS. HARTY: You mentioned Holly about  
25 the buses.

1 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: I though from the  
2 senior centers you can maybe get from the  
3 east end towns that way.

4 MR. HALUCHA: How many people were at  
5 the last one?

6 MR. KERN: Three, four people. I would  
7 say. That is it.

8 MR. MALETTA: And there were ten of you  
9 on the panel.

10 MR. PRITZ: He is talking about  
11 seniors.

12 MR. KERN: There were organizations.  
13 They were looking for hand outs for grants  
14 and things. Again, I say it like it is.  
15 Trust me, I have a very sharp mouth, okay  
16 and I just feel that is what they were  
17 there for. They were begging to get more  
18 money thinking this is going to be a hand  
19 out. Am I wrong Holly?

20 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: No.

21 MR. PRITZ: That last gentlemen who  
22 spoke I thought that was very, very nice.  
23 Remember he got up and congratulated Steve  
24 for holding the meetings.

25 MR. KERN: That was the gentleman from

1           Huntington, the director for the  
2           opportunity of Huntington and Human  
3           Services.

4           MR. PRITZ:  Let's hope more people like  
5           that will shown up.

6           MR. MALETTA:  Is it possible to get a  
7           copy of these minutes?

8           MS. YOUNG:  With the county you have to  
9           wait for them to get it together.  Once I  
10          get it you will get it.

11          MS. HARTY:  We will continue to  
12          publicize with any avenue we have and call  
13          centers and newspapers.

14          MS. DeMASI:  Did we try the radio?

15          MR. KERN:  Walk fm.

16          MS. DeMASI:  The local radio stations  
17          love the talk to you.  They talk to me all  
18          the time.  Ellen G on the east end they  
19          will tape a live interview.  They will play  
20          it throughout the day.  There is WRIV.  
21          That is Bruce Trea(phonetic).

22          MR. HALUCHA:  Sometimes you have to pay  
23          for that interview process or sometimes  
24          they will do a one time shot.

25          MS. DeMASI:  I know WRIV has a regular

1 interview with Scott Russell, the town  
2 supervisor. They will chat with him once  
3 in a while. Maybe there is some local  
4 stuff to tap in to.

5 MR. PRITZ: Anyone have any connection  
6 to Ed Low? He does a column and it's like  
7 the Suffolk Life. He returns a column in  
8 that paper.

9 MR. KERN: What is it the Long Island  
10 Press he is writing?

11 MR. PRITZ: He writes the kind of  
12 stories that this would really fit in. I  
13 don't know anybody on that paper or have  
14 any connection. Maybe Claire has.

15 MS. YOUNG: I am sure she would have  
16 done it if she knew. I will find out.

17 MR. HALUCHA: It is challenging to get  
18 seniors to come out? We have tried to do  
19 that in the same town with transportation.  
20 That is like why we went to a different  
21 mode of contacting the home and doing a  
22 research study.

23 MR. KERN: We should send buses and say  
24 they are all going to Atlantic City then  
25 they will come. I live in the senior

1 complex for ten years. Trust me they will  
2 go.

3 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: We are required to  
4 do local meetings and we have started going  
5 to senior centers to do it. We did it in  
6 Sues in Huntington and Southampton. We are  
7 trying to get out there to do these  
8 hearings. They will be there. Sue had a  
9 whole room listening but nobody wanted to  
10 say anything.

11 MR. KERN: They all sat there like a  
12 bump on a log.

13 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: In terms of getting  
14 up and speaking about an issue in front of  
15 everybody they looked at each other.

16 MR. HALUCHA: One thing to discover  
17 seniors sometimes don't say anything until  
18 the situation hits them and they have to  
19 like find some long term care or find  
20 yadda, yadda, yadda. Then they start  
21 looking into getting services by being  
22 proactive about it is very challenging.

23 MR. KERN: They basically are being  
24 held back from different reasons, financial  
25 reasons and things of that nature. They

1           should be speaking out. I am going to  
2           point out again just they are looking to  
3           get the school tax frozen at age 70. It's  
4           one of the things we are pushing now. We  
5           are meeting Friday about it. Yet, you will  
6           try to push them into things. But like I  
7           said tell them, hey I got a bus going out  
8           to Atlantic City or going to Foxwoods and  
9           they will be right there.

10           MS. HARTY: So we will put a couple of  
11           slot machines for them to do.

12           MS. DeMASI: Maybe though it's an  
13           incentive, you know. That is what  
14           motivates people. I don't know, get  
15           somebody to donate, you know, discount  
16           something or other, some corporation to  
17           sponsor you, discount something or other  
18           and they would motivate people to come.  
19           Maybe offer twenty percent off your  
20           Friendly's meal?

21           MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: Maybe they are not  
22           that interested. If they can't speak for  
23           five minutes about an issue that is  
24           important maybe we think it's important.

25           MS. WHITE: I think a lot of them got

1 to the point where they think nothing is  
2 going to happen.

3 MR. KERN: That is true. Again, I  
4 believe we initially got started is the  
5 medical insurance. Now, hear we are seven  
6 years later still paying and yet nobody in  
7 the city they get it all for nothing. We  
8 went out, and I am not going to elaborate  
9 we got petitions signed, twenty-four  
10 thousand signatures. We got one hundred of  
11 them from Nassau County. We submitted it.  
12 The next thing we knew Nassau County got  
13 knocked down to zero co pays. They got it.  
14 We did all the work. Nassau County got it.  
15 I understand it because I said to my wife I  
16 am just burned out at the end of this year.  
17 I really am very close to giving it all up  
18 because I am tired of it, the negative.  
19 You get from the various politicians,  
20 congressmen, senators. People say this  
21 time again. One example is the fact the  
22 congressman that was pushing that bill to  
23 the hills. He pushed it. I forget his  
24 name now. That was his thing. He pushed  
25 it and he got that through. Ten weeks

1 later he got a job as the President of the  
2 pharmaceutical industry lobbyist group as  
3 the head of it at an annual salary of two  
4 million dollars. With that that was only a  
5 small part of that whole program that they  
6 have pay offs for mention.

7 MR. PRITZ: With all due respect it  
8 happens every day.

9 MR. KERN: I understand that. When  
10 seniors see that they say what chance do we  
11 have?

12 MS. HARTY: Legislator Stern, just to  
13 bring you up to the minute I am going to do  
14 these segways but it played into they  
15 mentioned the possibility of why we had  
16 such low turn out from the senior  
17 population was due to their maybe a little  
18 cynical at this point, and they don't feel  
19 anything is going to be done. Bob was  
20 bringing up some of the examples.

21 MR. KERN: They knew the issues of  
22 medical insurance and to be honest with you  
23 the freezing of the school taxes at the age  
24 of 70 and a half. At that stage it's not a  
25 federal issue. That has been bounced

1 around for three to four years and keeps  
2 dying in committee.

3 MR. STERN: I think that is the exact  
4 reason regardless of the particulars is one  
5 of the big reasons why I felt it was so  
6 important to form this group because --

7 MR. KERN: I think it's great.

8 MR. STERN: There is that feeling out  
9 there and because I felt that it is  
10 important to come up with ideas but to show  
11 that at least our level of government  
12 something that I have a role to play in  
13 that we can take good ideas and turn them  
14 into action at the end of all of this.

15 MR. KERN: Right. If you don't bring  
16 it up what the hell good? If you bring it  
17 up then it could be directed to the  
18 appropriate person. That is what is  
19 needed. I agree. That is why I wanted to  
20 be a part of this.

21 MR. STERN: I think we all hope in the  
22 sessions and Riverhead we are doing two  
23 hearings on one day I know we all hope to  
24 have more input from seniors themselves.  
25 That is what this is all about. Now, D P W

1 has informed us they are doing work in the  
2 lobby of the auditorium but that will not  
3 interfere with the auditorium's ability to  
4 hold a large amount of people. I know we  
5 talked about turn out and participation.  
6 We can accommodate everybody that we hope  
7 to come on out.

8 MS. HARTY: Did you want anything else?

9 MR. STERN: What else?

10 MS. HARTY: Did you want to give any  
11 input on your thoughts from the last  
12 meeting?

13 MR. STERN: Did everybody have an  
14 opportunity? Yes, I thought we got off to  
15 a wonderful start. We heard from a lot of  
16 those involved in the aging field. It was  
17 great to get some input from the members of  
18 the task force and I think that we started  
19 off by sending the right message that we  
20 are here and we are here not just to give  
21 our own two sense and to bring our  
22 background and experience but more  
23 importantly to listen. I think that  
24 message was sent, and I think Mary  
25 distributed some of the feedback in the

1 press. I received several calls, not just  
2 from members of the press where you see  
3 people from the community. We received  
4 plenty of phone calls to our office. Great  
5 job, good start and looking forward to what  
6 you guys can do in the coming months but  
7 certainly off to a good start. We will  
8 keep going.

9 MR. KERN: I know one of your things  
10 was affordable housing. I had this in the  
11 hoping that somebody would have stood up  
12 about affordable housing. I don't know if  
13 you have ever seen this one. These are two  
14 senior complexes being built right now.  
15 One is in Riverhead down on Route 51  
16 Encore. It's in the wilderness and another  
17 one is right over here by the Smithhaven  
18 Mall where it used to be the golf course.  
19 These are senior complexes. They start at  
20 four hundred and fifty thousand to six  
21 hundred thousand dollars.

22 MR. PRITZ: John, you cannot buy that  
23 unit for five hundred thousand. If you  
24 want a kitchen that is even more.

25 MR. KERN: They talk about affordable

1 housing and this is what they are doing so  
2 how does a senior stand the ghost of a  
3 chance?

4 MR. STERN: One of the issues before us  
5 before my committee and I am the vice  
6 chairman of the public works committee  
7 there is a bill before us right now that  
8 would require developers in order to  
9 receive their sewer hook-ups that have to  
10 go through the legislature a certain  
11 percentage has to be affordable. It's a  
12 good start. One of things we will put it  
13 on the record one of the things that I am  
14 going to be working on is these kinds of  
15 developments. Although the county has no  
16 authority over zoning and land use we do  
17 control the sewers, and so if there is  
18 going to be these developers that are  
19 seeking to create this kind of housing a  
20 certain percentage will have to be set  
21 aside as affordable housing to get the  
22 sewer hook up. One of the issues that I  
23 have, which has no applicability to seniors  
24 but it makes sense to do it because it  
25 would not just be for the initial purchase

1 but there has to be some ongoing  
2 requirement because how many times have you  
3 seen you can buy it for one-eighty and then  
4 in a couple years they will sell it for six  
5 hundred. That doesn't give or do anybody  
6 any good. I am going to be working on that  
7 as well. It goes very much to this type of  
8 document that you are talking about. Now,  
9 with the kind of density required for this  
10 kind of community going forward sometimes  
11 the county is going to have a roll to play  
12 in the sewer hook up. In the situation you  
13 are certainly going to see that kind of  
14 requirement is put in place and not just  
15 put in place initially but ongoing.

16 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: Is that because of  
17 size when the county gets involved, because  
18 the size of a project?

19 MS. STERN: It could be the sewer hook  
20 up where, you know, the county has the  
21 authority over the sewer hook ups. The  
22 other might be not just size but in  
23 proximity to a town line so if it's a  
24 certain square footage and certain distance  
25 from the town line that triggers the

1 specific county plans commission although  
2 now it has the ability to give a favorable  
3 determination or unfavorable determination  
4 it turns it back over to the individual  
5 towns. They can accept what the county  
6 plans commission has to say or vote it down  
7 or override it. The City of New York state  
8 institution says that it was the lowest  
9 form of government which is the towns and  
10 the villages that have the land use  
11 authority so we are trying to come up with  
12 creative ways that the county can play a  
13 larger role in some of the determinations.  
14 And a lot of times you have to get creative  
15 at it because ultimately the decision  
16 making authority is with the towns.

17 MR. PRITZ: A case in point town of  
18 Smithtown with the new development they are  
19 holding it up because it's the use of  
20 parkland from what I understand, and I  
21 don't know what the ins and outs are but  
22 they said something like three thousand  
23 dollars an acre. That is sixty percent  
24 higher than it should be. They have held  
25 that up. That is not a senior development

1 as far as I know but your legislature has  
2 nothing to do with that which is a shame.

3 MR. STERN: No. That is what's  
4 frustrating. Whether it's myself or my  
5 colleagues we have some pretty good ideas  
6 but the jurisdiction becoming an issue that  
7 goes back to one of the original points of  
8 membership of this task force was to reach  
9 out and bring in representatives of the  
10 various towns because everybody has heard  
11 me say it already in order to have anything  
12 done you need to cooperation of the towns  
13 at the very least. What else?

14 MS. HARTY: Should I review what we  
15 have done?

16 MR. STERN: I have time. Briefly, if  
17 you could.

18 MS. HARTY: It was mentioned about  
19 taking people in order and Mary had  
20 explained when people go to testify that  
21 that would be in Riverhead that will be the  
22 format and we also mentioned about the  
23 members of the task force ourself to  
24 shorten maybe do a minute quick  
25 introduction of what we are and where we

1 are from. If we could get a copy of the  
2 testimony that was given on that first  
3 public hearing and just to talk about  
4 publicizing to get the word out to have  
5 more seniors at the next hearing.

6 MR. STERN: I guess the order, I know  
7 there was a comment I walked in on but  
8 there is a protocol that elected officials  
9 and commissioners and department heads so  
10 someone who comes early expecting to speak  
11 first has that expectation. It's not  
12 unreasonable. When there are elected  
13 officials and commissioners they will go  
14 first. We follow the protocol. That is  
15 the protocol screen.

16 MR. PRITZ: Steve, the other comment  
17 was made about timing the speakers.

18 MR. STERN: Yes. In a public hearing  
19 the public portion the speakers are usually  
20 limited to three minutes. This is because  
21 you can see how the turnout was and because  
22 there weren't so many seniors themselves  
23 lined up out the door to speak kind of let  
24 it go over here and there, which I felt was  
25 right and, you know, a lot of people are

1 given the opportunity to say a lot more  
2 than their prepared remarks in response to  
3 the questions being asked. We could limit  
4 it to three minutes and be up there for  
5 fifteen. I am sure someone out in the  
6 crowd would say they are not sticking to  
7 the time. Try to stick to some time.  
8 Anybody who came up to speak I thought did  
9 a limited job, a great job. Nobody went on  
10 and on and on. They can do that with a  
11 question. There is no time limit on that  
12 unless we shut them out. If there is a  
13 larger crowd than of course we will be  
14 sticking to the three minutes much more  
15 religiously, but I think that we all have  
16 that hope, that expectation that coming up  
17 in Riverhead will have a much greater  
18 turnout to hear from seniors themselves. I  
19 guess one of the things we had talked about  
20 in our planned meetings publicity and how  
21 to get the word out. Does anybody have any  
22 feedback on some of the things you have  
23 been able to do in posting notices?

24 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: We talked earlier a  
25 couple of the east end towns will provide

1                   some transportation to help out.

2                   MR. STERN: That would be great. Do  
3 you have any ideas if it's for the morning  
4 session or the evening session?

5                   MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: It's probably the  
6 morning session would be easiest.

7                   MS. HARTY: Rob was talking it up and  
8 sending out flyers.

9                   MR. KERN: As much as I can get out.  
10 Primarily in the paper and the column.

11                   MR. STERN: I am expecting a  
12 significant turn out on the east end. The  
13 issues that seniors face are many ways  
14 different and unique than others on the  
15 east end. There are more issues to learn  
16 about and come up with creative ways to  
17 meet those challenges. Holly went with us  
18 on a tour of the Northport Veterans tour.  
19 We did spend a little time talking about  
20 the efforts to bring a veterans facility to  
21 the east end, which is very related to the  
22 issues that we are talking about in access  
23 to the level of care. So whether you  
24 portray it as a senior issue or as a  
25 veteran issue either way we all would like

1 to hear from the seniors on the east end as  
2 to the need and what would work best for  
3 them. It couldn't be more timely than now.

4 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: Because the east  
5 end has such a higher concentration of  
6 seniors it really is what the rest of  
7 Suffolk is going to look like down the  
8 road. The east end's concentration is  
9 thirty percent. What they are doing right  
10 now all of Suffolk is going to look like  
11 not too far down the road. It's a good  
12 place to see what is going on right now.

13 MR. STERN: I think that there is a  
14 point here and I don't know how important  
15 it is, but I have been told there will be  
16 several different members of the press at  
17 the Riverhead.

18 MR. KERN: It would be nice if they  
19 were.

20 MR. STERN: Which is great. The flip  
21 side is what will they say if there are  
22 only five seniors there to speak up for  
23 themselves. It can send an important  
24 positive message and perhaps there isn't  
25 quite the challenge that we perceive there

1 to be. That is an important message when  
2 those of us want to bring about change in  
3 terms of procedure and dollars what kind of  
4 credibility are we going to have so it's  
5 critically important to have the  
6 participation.

7 MR. KERN: I remember at the hearing  
8 here I said to you, "nobody has got a  
9 problem?" I said that.

10 MR. STERN: I remember.

11 MR. KERN: Go to the senior clubs and  
12 listen for a moment.

13 MR. PRITZ: Holly can attest to that.

14 MR. KERN: They will chew your ear off.

15 MS. HARTY: It's going to them as  
16 opposed to them coming to us doesn't have  
17 the same ring.

18 MR. KERN: My phone, we have got  
19 problems. Various issues come up and they  
20 call us, but then when we try to get them  
21 to the point of doing something can't you  
22 do it for me?

23 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: That was Ed's  
24 biggest frustration. He worked very hard  
25 on health insurance issues for seniors.

1           There were an awful lot of seniors with  
2           health insurance. He said as long as it  
3           wasn't their problem they wouldn't get  
4           involved for the other seniors. They don't  
5           see that it's an issue for everybody and  
6           they should all be on the same page.

7           MR. KERN: Now, you are hear and you  
8           they think it's for nothing. If you take  
9           the same example if you go into Manhattan,  
10          Queens, anywhere in the five boroughs  
11          there's thirty-two different plans  
12          available to them. Out here there is  
13          three.

14          MR. PRITZ: It's down to three?

15          MR. KERN: Three plans; GHI, Bluecross  
16          and you got HIP. HIP is the biggest thief  
17          in the world, trust me.

18          MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: The companies have  
19          multiple plans that you can purchase.

20          MR. KERN: HIP has twenty-two of them.  
21          In Suffolk County you get one. That is it.

22          MR. STERN: I don't know if anybody  
23          heard, I cosponsored a bill with legislator  
24          Romaine to direct the Suffolk County  
25          attorney's office to file a brief on behalf

1 of the Suffolk County seniors in the  
2 lawsuit to try for a reallocation of  
3 Medicare dollars. Everybody has been  
4 dealing with this for ten years now.  
5 Suffolk County as entered the lawsuit in an  
6 official formal way.

7 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: What is the  
8 lawsuit?

9 MR. STERN: To get the federal  
10 government.

11 MR. KERN: We did SADD. Ironically who  
12 it was now that made the comment after you,  
13 it was the state attorneys, the federal  
14 attorneys that are handling the case and  
15 they first did not want that entered into  
16 if courts. They didn't want the Judge to  
17 hear it. They said that we are well  
18 represented now. Here is SADD. We have  
19 pro bono lawyers handling the case, a  
20 father and son doing it pro bono because we  
21 didn't have the money. The state  
22 attorneys, I got my derogatory remark to  
23 congressman. There is minus eight  
24 attorneys after what the white house did.  
25 They fired eight attorneys. They are still

1 fighting it and they still don't want us.  
2 What we are doing is trying to get every  
3 senior to be reimbursed by the federal  
4 government ever since they instituted the  
5 free medical coverage in Queens and  
6 Manhattan. We went everybody to be  
7 reimbursed the monies they spent out in  
8 that length of time. We keep trying.

9 MR. STERN: We will see how it goes.

10 MR. KERN: We are coming to the end.  
11 It looks like we don't know, but the  
12 attorney handling it pro bono we have been  
13 covering it, the funds. When they have to  
14 go in filing fees and things of that nature  
15 our fund is just about gone. We may have  
16 to let the case drop. We think that is  
17 what they are trying to do like the  
18 government does drag you through the court  
19 system until you run out of money or you  
20 die.

21 MR. STERN: I would be interested to  
22 hear what the task force members felt were  
23 some good ideas that we heard at the first  
24 meeting. Any good stuff that stuck with  
25 you they went home sharing? I had one call

1 from that lady and I had her -- before we  
2 do this I have been sitting here thinking  
3 since Bob said maybe they don't have  
4 problems. In Riverhead we have a lot of  
5 senior developments fifty-five and over.  
6 But they are very expensive and maybe they  
7 don't have problems because when they had  
8 problems, one development in particular, if  
9 they had problems with the town they would  
10 send their attorney to the board meetings  
11 so maybe they don't have problems maybe.  
12 You know what I am saying? We have a lot  
13 of those developments in Riverhead. When  
14 they first started opening they were going  
15 like two hundred thousand and now it's up  
16 to four and five so the people that can  
17 afford those don't have the problems that I  
18 have.

19 MS. DeMASI: In five years or ten years  
20 they are going to give the houses to the  
21 children. They will be outside of the five  
22 year look back period. They will go on  
23 Medicaid and then now we have got big  
24 problems in Suffolk County because the  
25 component of the Medicaid so you have this

1 demographic that is exploding in Riverhead.  
2 Now it's okay. The out-patient rehabs are  
3 going to be happy for ten years. After  
4 that what is going to happen as this  
5 population starts to age and have massive  
6 chronic conditions and how to keep them in  
7 the homes, how to do home care and how to  
8 have long term care insurance to cover  
9 that. Who is picking up the tab at that  
10 point? So then they are going to have  
11 problems. Ten years from now it will be an  
12 issue.

13 MR. KERN: Many of them are not looking  
14 as I have seen it do not look for long term  
15 care outside the house. They would like  
16 nothing better if they were to remain in  
17 their house to their last breath.

18 MS. DeMASI: I think everybody would.  
19 We need an infrastructure to do that. How  
20 will we finance it?

21 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: One of the  
22 interesting things is that the senators,  
23 these pilot projects will teach us a lot as  
24 to how to maybe put that in other places  
25 because they will work, the communities

1 keep people home and provide the basic  
2 service for people to stay home. They are  
3 at that pilot project. The New York City  
4 Senators have been working for years.  
5 These pilots will work out I think  
6 eventually.

7 MS. HARTY: In a short few weeks that,  
8 she has started it. She has a decent list  
9 for really two weeks and going and getting  
10 the information that she has gotten from  
11 the people.

12 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: There is interest  
13 in other parts of the county. The only  
14 application that went in initially I think  
15 down the road if there is more funding it  
16 will be a viable way to keep people home.

17 MS. DeMASI: Couldn't there be home  
18 shares with part of the New York funding?

19 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: I don't think that  
20 is part of what they are doing.

21 MR. PRITZ: Do you have any idea of the  
22 speakers that are coming to speak at  
23 Riverhead?

24 MR. STERN: The assemblyman Englebright  
25 will be coming.

1 MR. PRITZ: Wonderful.

2 MS. YOUNG: The director of the  
3 community mental hygiene is coming, Suffolk  
4 County, Mr. Connor from Eastern Long Island  
5 hospital.

6 MR. PRITZ: He has been on television  
7 quite a bit.

8 MS. YOUNG: Tom Romaine from Veteran  
9 Services, comfort keepers and a few other  
10 agencies, seniors sent out invitations to  
11 just about everybody and that is all that  
12 has replied at the moment.

13 MR. PRITZ: That is another issue. We  
14 are talking about the seniors attending.

15 MR. STERN: This is for the upcoming.  
16 There will be others coming to the third  
17 and to the fourth and geography has  
18 something to do with it as well. We do  
19 have an ongoing list of people that said  
20 they will be coming to the one at the  
21 community college and the ones in Islip.

22 MR. PRITZ: Now, you have clarified,  
23 the seniors and these other individuals  
24 will be at the next one and the one after  
25 that.

1           MR. STERN:  What else?  Where are some  
2           of the other good things to come up with?  
3           One of the things to explore, and I don't  
4           know necessarily whether it's going to be  
5           in an open forum with someone speaking on  
6           the topic, but certainly something to be  
7           studying when the data comes in is the idea  
8           of capping property taxes.  I don't know if  
9           we are necessarily going to have someone  
10          come in and testify on it.  We will be  
11          getting analysis from various state  
12          agencies or departments that put together,  
13          and some have a broad analysis of what it  
14          might cost in various parts of the state.  
15          We can consider that as a part of our  
16          recommendation and some of the things we  
17          will be talking about we cannot control at  
18          the county level of government but we can  
19          make our voices heard to be heard.

20          MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:  One of the things  
21          that Bob said before some of the people at  
22          the hearing he felt were looking for a hand  
23          out.  It's an idea.  There are some really  
24          great programs but you can't expect Suffolk  
25          County government to be about to fund those

1 programs. There are other places that  
2 people will look for funding. It's a  
3 difficult thing. Everybody has great ideas  
4 and how to fund them is another issue. I  
5 am sure the task force will look at that.

6 MR. STERN: We all agree that each of  
7 us has with background experience can come  
8 up with a great idea. The question is how  
9 to fund it, staff it and implement it.  
10 That is an important part of what we are  
11 trying to do here.

12 The challenge is how to take it off the  
13 shelf and put it into place. Hopefully, by  
14 the end of this we can come up with a  
15 couple great ideas and how to put it in  
16 place. We will have accomplished  
17 something.

18 MR. KERN: We got a phone call from an  
19 individual and he called up and he says, we  
20 got this thing and I want you -- he knew  
21 through the column I run the task force --  
22 about LIPA I am trying to think of the  
23 complex out in Ridge, a senior complex.  
24 It's Leisure Village all the electric and  
25 he says I want you to bring it up about the

1 LIPA should be doing something to give them  
2 a discount. There is nothing but electric  
3 in there, the heat, they do the gammett.  
4 They are older houses and the insulation  
5 factor is probably not that great. I told  
6 them when the task force is meeting. He  
7 said, "oh, I can't bring it up there."  
8 Then after I finally talked a while with  
9 him I left him unnamed. He is now telling  
10 me that he is running for the county  
11 legislature. He is looking for somebody to  
12 push his issue. I said, "you can show up  
13 at the task force. I don't give a damn who  
14 you are. It doesn't phase me."

15 MR. PRITZ: I live in an electric  
16 community. We speak to LIPA and copied  
17 Steve Levy. We got a reply from Steve Levy  
18 and not LIPA. Steve's answer was he is  
19 looking for great things happening with  
20 this new person.

21 MR. KERN: That would be a great thing.  
22 Again, you got the biggest complex there.  
23 Again, that Glen Leisure they go from about  
24 a hundred and fifty thousand dollars  
25 something but you go to Leisure Glen and

1                   they start at four hundred and fifty  
2                   thousand dollars. I mean it's ridiculous.

3                   MS. HARTY: The only energy source is  
4                   the electric.

5                   MR. KERN: These houses been there for  
6                   ages. It's the ones on the low end that  
7                   are suffering.

8                   MS. HARTY: To pay for all that  
9                   electricity I can't imagine.

10                  MR. KERN: I can go on and on about the  
11                  phone calls and complaints. It is what it  
12                  is, and what gets me is they won't bother  
13                  showing up there and it's where we have to  
14                  say, "you can lead a horse to water but you  
15                  can't make them drink."

16                  MS. HARTY: Is there a coordinator to  
17                  make a special, send out the flier to those  
18                  things?

19                  MR. KERN: I don't know. I haven't  
20                  seen.

21                  MR. PRITZ: They have specific  
22                  organizations.

23                  MR. KERN: They have homeowner's  
24                  association.

25                  MR. PRITZ: Some time ago I made a

1 presentation to the home owner's.

2 MR. KERN: Leisure Glen they wanted my  
3 wife to talk at the meeting. She has a  
4 whole shelf full of the stuff from the  
5 various organizations, but there they are  
6 tied up until November so my wife they will  
7 call her in November so they got to go to  
8 the casinos and the BINGO and this stuff  
9 like that. I am only saying it from  
10 experience.

11 MS. HARTY: I am seeing them here.

12 MR. KERN: When I left the  
13 congressman's office the other day I said,  
14 "I know why in the elevator they have  
15 padded walls so after talking to the  
16 congressman you can beat your head against  
17 the wall."

18 MS. DeMASI: I thought another good  
19 idea from the hearings was the  
20 volunteering, and they are doing it in  
21 Mississippi for tax breaks in their own  
22 town. I thought that was a very good idea  
23 or something to look at. I don't know if  
24 it works.

25 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: The problem is that

1 each taxing district or municipality would  
2 decide how much money to put into it.  
3 Whatever you give a rebate to a senior some  
4 other person will pay that tax some other  
5 way.

6 MS. DeMASI: Whether they do a  
7 fundraiser to work it off.

8 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: Still somebody is  
9 picking up the taxes.

10 MS. DeMASI: I think it's worth looking  
11 at the model.

12 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: It is in  
13 legislation. It could go through. That  
14 legislation will decide whether to buy it  
15 into. It will put it out there for the  
16 communities to decide if they are  
17 interested in participating on the program.

18 MS. HARTY: On the town level?

19 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: I think county and  
20 town. It doesn't preclude one district  
21 from another. I think it can be county and  
22 local but I can't swear to that.

23 MS. HARTY: They have had success with  
24 the fire fighters compensating them in some  
25 way and it has helped or stepped up.

1 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: Who is picking up  
2 the rest of the taxes?

3 MS. HARTY: That is true.

4 MS. DeMASI: It should come out of the  
5 budget, in your work force budget, in your  
6 operating expenses. If you have, you know,  
7 three FTEs worth of volunteering hours then  
8 it should balance out.

9 MS. LORENZ: Where are you from?

10 MS. DeMASI: Greenport a nonforprofit  
11 nursing home. This is, I think worth  
12 looking at. If you have three FTEs in the  
13 budget you have volunteers to fill those  
14 flats through nutrition or whatever that is  
15 where it would come from then, you know. I  
16 know you have a balance sheet at the end of  
17 the day it has to work.

18 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: It was interesting.  
19 I think it's in process on the state level  
20 to push that through and what happens  
21 locally is another issue.

22 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: There is, some  
23 other people talked about that. They  
24 talked about RSVP with the senior volunteer  
25 program.

1 MS. YOUNG: They will be in Riverhead.

2 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: There is a lot of  
3 opportunity to volunteerism, but they need  
4 more publicity. Sometimes you forget  
5 volunteer people are doing it out of the  
6 goodness of their heart.

7 MS. HARTY: That is right. It would  
8 almost have to be a work program.

9 MS. DeMASI: Part of the problem is  
10 that the taxes are very high. We want  
11 people to stay in their homes. RSVP is a  
12 great program. There is a whole education  
13 we got to get doing.

14 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: That is true.  
15 Suffolk County Community Counsel is working  
16 on that registry. There is a lot of things  
17 out there that are going to solidify where  
18 you were going to be a volunteer if you  
19 know where the go.

20 MR. PRITZ: Kind of a central agency?

21 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: Yes. There is a  
22 couple places we had it.

23 MS. DeMASI: We need senior TV. Can we  
24 get Cablevision to sponsor a channel to run  
25 adds?

1 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: The volunteer  
2 registry should be all ages.

3 MS. DeMASI: I think the biggest thing  
4 everybody talked about was to share what  
5 they have and how to share it and educate  
6 people about the services that they have.  
7 It was a theme that I thought was good.

8 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: Newsday has done a  
9 pretty decent job.

10 MS. HARTY: That is right. They are  
11 putting in information every week on long  
12 term care and home care. They really have.  
13 Maybe we will see it recreated on TV and  
14 get their own channel.

15 MR. PRITZ: Do you got a couple million  
16 dollars?

17 MS. HARTY: Right, Joan would know.

18 MS. DeMASI: We need corporate  
19 sponsors. Where did the AARP guy go?

20 MR. KERN: He left already.

21 MR. PRITZ: I was going to ask him what  
22 it's all about. They are setting up two  
23 insurance companies and it seems to me that  
24 is a conflict of interest.

25 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: Didn't they have

1                   that issue for a couple years back?

2                   MR. PRITZ:  Yes.

3                   MR. MALETTA:  They are an insurance  
4                   company to begin with.

5                   MR. KERN:  They have a couple plans.

6                   MR. PRITZ:  They were fined 75 million  
7                   dollars.

8                   MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:  They would pay for  
9                   a lot of insurance.

10                  MR. PRITZ:  The issue was you are a  
11                  volunteer organization, quote nonprofit,  
12                  but you are running an insurance company  
13                  that is making a profit.  How do you  
14                  justify it, and the IRS fined them 75  
15                  million dollars.  At that point they set up  
16                  two separate corporations.  One is a  
17                  nonprofit.

18                  MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:  Why weren't they  
19                  smart enough to do that from the get go?

20                  MS. HARTY:  It seems obvious.

21                  MR. PRITZ:  The way I read today's  
22                  paper they are going back to their old  
23                  ways.

24                  MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:  It's not going to  
25                  be a separate entity?

1 MR. PRITZ: No, I don't know.

2 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: Keep us up to date  
3 on this stuff.

4 MR. PRITZ: I am upset about the way I  
5 read the article. Maybe that is why he  
6 left already. I am a volunteer. He is  
7 staff.

8 MS. HARTY: We will ask him at the next  
9 one. If there is any other suggestions or  
10 input regarding?

11 MS. WHITE: Is someone from legal aid  
12 coming to the Riverhead hearing?

13 MS. YOUNG: No, not yet. There were  
14 two of them in that were down.

15 MR. PRITZ: I don't know. They made a  
16 nice presentation.

17 MR. KERN: As a matter of fact I spoke  
18 to someone about writing a column about the  
19 scams being pulled on the seniors.

20 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: Legal aid or for  
21 consumers?

22 MR. KERN: Legal aid. I called him the  
23 other day. I said down the road I want to  
24 meet with him.

25 MS. HARTY: He really expressed the

1 idea of seniors being too nice.

2 MR. KERN: You got to understand too a  
3 lot of them are close to lockins, nobody to  
4 talk to all day. The wife is gone or the  
5 husband or there's days we check in on  
6 them. It's like they can't see now. If  
7 you get somebody to call on the telephone  
8 what happens?

9 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: Have you referred  
10 her to telephone reassurance?

11 MR. KERN: We have referred her to  
12 everyone, everybody.

13 MS. RHODES-TEAGUE: RSVP can tell you  
14 which program does it, if you think it  
15 would help.

16 MR. KERN: She likes a glass of wine  
17 once in a while. I have a very nice  
18 backyard with the water fall and all that  
19 stuff in the back. She says she is so nice  
20 to be back there. I says, "well, good when  
21 you feel like you are in that bad mood,  
22 down and out come over and sit in the  
23 backyard." I says, "knock on the door and  
24 I will bring you and glass of wine or  
25 coffee." She doesn't want to impose on

1 anybody though.

2 MS. HARTY: The telephone reassurance  
3 is a good way to get to them to have the  
4 trust because they are so nice. They can  
5 recommend other services available.

6 MR. KERN: I will try it with her.

7 MS. WHITE: They need people to talk  
8 to. I needed twenty signatures to get and  
9 it took me two weeks to get twenty  
10 signatures. I go to their house. They sit  
11 back and you are there, and I hate to just  
12 leave. That was right in my neighborhood  
13 just twenty signatures.

14 MR. KERN: I have a business. I work  
15 on the sprinkler systems. I retired and  
16 then I started this little business, and  
17 now I have in variable we have eight  
18 hundred and fifty houses, and I worked on a  
19 lot of them. Now, I am going around  
20 turning them on. These are all widows with  
21 no husbands so I help them out. We go into  
22 the house and I am booked for every twenty  
23 minutes. It takes me thirty, thirty-five  
24 minutes to get out of the house. They want  
25 to talk.

1 MS. HARTY: Okay.

2 MS. YOUNG: Is there any way to on the  
3 26 maybe take a tour of the Riverhead  
4 Center?

5 MS. WHITE: I wrote a note to the  
6 Senior Center. I am going to call about  
7 that tomorrow.

8 MS. HARTY: So I guess we will see  
9 everybody next Thursday. Have a great  
10 week.

11 [The hearing was closed at 4:59 p.m.]

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I further certify that I am not related to any  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
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LISA ZENKER