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SUFFOLK COUNTY

SOLID WASTE COMMISSION
MEETING

July 26, 2007

9:30 A.M.

HELD AT:

Office of the County Executive
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[MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER]

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

Does everyone have an agenda and a copy of the report outline?

We have both a stenographer today and I've asked Gail Rosco (phonetic) from one of my divisions to take shorter minutes because there's been a long delay in getting the minutes back from the court reporter. We just got them yesterday for the meeting two months ago. I'm sure none of you had time to read through those 50 pages of notes.

MR. SCULLY:

I did review them briefly. Not to make an issue of it. I'm not sure if it's going to deter the end product of the commission. With regard to some of the comments that I made, there were gaps. I will speak more slowly. I just didn't feel that some of the content was accurate. It's not a criticism, just an observation.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

For their sake, let's go around. There's a couple of new people in the room. Let's go around and do introductions. I'm Carrie

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Gallagher, Commissioner of the Department of
Energy. I Chair the Commission.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I'm Jay Schneiderman. I'm the Legislator of
the Second District and also Chair of Public
Works.

MR. WILLIAMS:

Tom Williams, Cornell.

MR. DES GAINES:

I'm Mike Des Gaines, Cornell.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

Vivian Vilorio-Fisher, 2nd District.

MS. BROUGHTON:

I'm Lisa Broughton. I'm here representing Jim
Morgo, Commissioner of Economic Development.

MR. BALBIERZ:

Robert Balbierz, Covanta Energy sitting in for
Robert Wafenschmidt.

MR. NOHS:

Don Nohs, Winter Bros.

MR. CAVA:

Tony Cava, New York State DEC.

MR. SCULLY:

Peter Scully, DEC.

2 MR. SANCHEZ:

3 Alan Sanchez. Commissioner of the DEC for the
4 Town of Islip.

5 MR. SWANSON:

6 Larry Swanson, Stony Brook University.

7 MR. MAHER:

8 Tom Maher. Director of Environmental
9 Conservation, Nassau County.

10 MR. HOFFMAN:

11 George Hoffman, interested observer.

12 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

13 Josephine. She is my intern and it is her
14 last day today and Gail Rosco (phonetic). I
15 think we'll bypass the minutes. What I think
16 we're going to do is put them together, into one
17 package. I don't think it got done yet, the
18 minutes from the first meeting before, the minutes
19 from the meeting in May, and we'll send out the
20 minutes, at least the short version notes of the
21 minutes from this meeting, and then at the next
22 meeting in September, we can just approve all of
23 the minutes. By then everyone will have had time
24 to have read through them and any gaps or
25 inaccuracies, you know, let us know about them,

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for the record. I don't know if you want to say anything, Jay, about Legislator issues. There has been some discussion about getting some additional funding.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Right. All right, I'll try. When this commission was started it didn't have a budget line and Michael White, who is now planning the Long Island Regional Planning Board, is trying to start a similar effort in Nassau County and trying to put it together into a Long Island solid waste plan. He said he would be willing to kind of compile the report for us. That's what, really, the big expense is. He came to me and asked me, Larry Swanson's group warned me, and they have an intern who is apparently very competent and wanted to get that person on board. So, the first bit of funding, I think \$25,000 would get us through the end of the year in bringing this intern in to help compile some of the stuff formulated in the report. I have a resolution which has been introduced and that ought to get out to committee this week. It uses legislative funding for outside consulting. I expect that to pass in

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early August and the funds to be available to hire that intern -- I believe it's a woman, to get her started this year. In terms of budgeting for next year, I really have to depend a little bit on Carrie and Michael to tell me how much money is going to be needed to get this report assembled, edited and compiled. That money ought to be in the County Executive's budget. So, when he does his budget for August and September, it would be nice if there was money set aside for that.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

We've already had to submit our budgets for 2008 for that.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Has any money been requested for that purpose? If it doesn't end up in the budget, then I have to go to the Legislature to try and get it out of there. Also Michael White's organization, they obviously need money too, they're going to have a strong Long Island Regional Planning Board but they're not going to be getting too much unless they have some staff. The money could come out of there.

I have to see how they end up getting funded

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as well. So, one way or the other the money will be there to compile the report, and hopefully \$25,000 for this year and when I hear a number, we'll go for that number next year.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

I have a question about this, a couple of questions. As you know we have a number of very active task forces in Suffolk County which have to compile pretty comprehensive reports and I haven't yet seen one that requires a \$30,000 legislative budget line for it. So, I would like to see some kind of breakdown as to why we need this \$25,000 for this report. It just seems like a lot of money. We have so many task forces and I think we have to look at this to set aside, to do a compilation of reports.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Can I respond to that? Typically, and I've seen a lot of these reports. We did them when I was Chairman of the Parks Committee. It was always the Parks Department that used its own staff and Planning Department staff to do that. It can be done in-house. That's preferable to me but you have to identify the money. I don't think

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that the Department of Environment has the resources and funding. It needs to compile a report.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

The Endangered Species Task Force which put out quite a comprehensive report.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

[INTERPOSING] Who put them together?

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

Well, the Task force put it together. There was a lot of help by the Nature Conservancy, who was very helpful in putting it together. But the reason we have a task force is that we have to get the input of the various members of the task force. We've done a lot of emailing. We've done a lot of editing by email. There's been a lot of email with the Members of the Board. I'm not clear on why we need to have this, at this point in the process. We're faced with a lot of budgetary issues right now, because as we know we are in a crunch. I just want to be very circumspect about any kind of budgetary lines.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

That brings up two points that I wanted to

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make. One thing is that we probably could have gone through the outline first, but I didn't think about that when drafting up the agenda. What George did do, and I'll have him run through it. He went through the outline and talked with Michael White and was kind of able to identify which things on the report outline you think you can do with existing resources and which things we absolutely can't. And then maybe it's a decision that we make as a group, that, well, we'll only include those things that we think we can do with existing resources, and just eliminate some of the things where we think it would be nice to have that information, but that can just become part of the report itself, saying here's additional areas that need to be researched. We just didn't have the resources at the current time and would like to see other people come forward with providing that. Because piggy backing on that, of course, is the change of the budgetary situation and hopefully Albany will call when they're back into session. Well, they're back into session today.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

Maybe sales tax is a suggestion.

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CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

Right, maybe a quarter of a percent. We'll see. We don't know how long this is going to go on. So, I think it would be unlikely in the current environment to get any additional funding. I just had to -- Tom, I wasn't able to come out and see you the other day because I had to put together a budget reduction plan that I had to submit by Tuesday. So, I was cutting two months worth of expenditures with the assumption that we're going to lose two months worth of sales tax this year, you know, worst case scenario. So, given that, maybe what we should do is actually jump to that discussion and then come back. The reports on the subcommittee, it could happen as we're going through the outline, where we may have input on the outline and the subcommittee can provide additional information.

MR. PROIOS:

Hopefully you all picked up a copy. I just did a very simplistic copy. Actually, Mike and I have original copies which are worked up even more, and I didn't want to get too complicated. What we tried to do is what we think we have the

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information for, things that we definitely can't do, and things we don't have the time and resources to do, and question marks. The question marks are primarily whether or not any of you want to undertake this because I guess the information exists. An example is Peter Scully mentioned at the last meeting, talking about history and how in the world we are different down here than the rest of the State in terms of how the garbage is handled. The rest of the State, it's the County that does it and down here it's Townships and Cities. I don't know if you volunteered at that time but it's almost as if you had a good prospective in terms of how it's moved from one State to the other. It sounds like it would be a good portion of it and, again, somebody would have to write that up and take time to do it.

MR. SCULLY:

To give you just a narrative?

MR. PROIOS:

Yes. So when we get down to that, that's some of the question marks. Let me go quick and people say yes that they want to volunteer or they know where the information is. To some degree

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2 we're going to rely on your agency to have some of
3 this stuff compiled and go to Townships and find
4 out some information about recycling and whether
5 it's tabulated in any form. I talked to the guys
6 up in Albany who said actually the last time they
7 put out the recycling spreadsheet was several
8 years ago. I think it's current data -- Well,
9 it's not current because the latest one is 5 years
10 old.

11 MR. SCULLY: `

12 I think that there's a scarcity, no policy for
13 the staff to keep these. The other source of
14 information, I think the website -- commission on
15 solid waste, they have published, "Where does the
16 garbage go in several years?" One of the earlier
17 meetings, we seem to have to deal with the fact
18 that the data may not be as accurate as we'd like
19 and presented data that's available.

20 MR. PROIOS:

21 If you let us know and as can go down and we
22 do have some of that stuff. If not, we'd have to
23 get it from the individual towns in order to
24 compile a good summary. The first part is easy,
25 not easy, but self-explanatory as far as the

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outline of legislation. A couple of questions marks, we talked generically about ways to reduce air pollution. I don't know where we can get specific data on the number of trucks and emissions coming out of the trucks. We want to quantitatively come up with some numbers. One of the first resolutions from one of the first meetings, we talked about the reduction of greenhouse gases. We need to get a handle on how many 18 wheelers are moving garbage around, more accurate than we currently have and need to have that number.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Larry, do you have those numbers?

MR. SWANSON:

We don't have them but I think it's possible to get them.

MS. BROUGHTON:

Now the actual gas pumps, at the State Office Building, it seems to me that there were numbers, green cities, going through in May. At least speaking about how many garbage trucks and what the emissions of those vehicles are. It seems to me he extrapolated out to the amount of trucks on

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2 Long Island and what the emissions and the impact
3 on the air would be and the purpose of showing the
4 differences if you're using the other kind of gas.
5 Clean cities like Long Island --

6 MR. MAHER:

7 [INTERPOSING] That's collection vehicles
8 rather than long haul vehicles.

9 MS. BROUGHTON:

10 They do seem to want to show the impact on our
11 air quality. That seems to be one of their goals.
12 It's worth asking what they do and don't have.
13 They have a new coordinator now.

14 MR. PROIOS:

15 A lot of the issues are related to economics.
16 If you do have a list let us know so we can
17 investigate lower more predictable costs. There
18 are alternatives, rail and barge. Those are
19 economic things and cursory information in talking
20 with the railroad and this issue about going round
21 trips going in one direction with a full load, and
22 coming back with none? We're going out to come up
23 with better pricing. If they're only going one
24 direction and there's nothing coming back, it's
25 going to greatly increase the costs. How do you

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2 go out and investigate things when you want to
3 ship things back to the Island. It's an example
4 of some additional work, outside consultant
5 studies, go to Ohio, go to West Virginia where the
6 garbage is being dumped and find out there's a
7 commodity coming back to the east coast, rail
8 transport brings back.

9 MR. NOHS:

10 A lot of this what you're talking about that
11 here and bring up what is being talked about at
12 the seminar. They're also talking about
13 backhauling. You wouldn't backhaul containers.
14 You'd backhaul stone, and open top containers and
15 open top rail cars, CMD. You wouldn't see a
16 backhaul. Even this will be discussed at the
17 seminar, the rail seminar.

18 MR. PROIOS:

19 You should have a sheet on that through Aug
20 22. I ran it off in a separate email. It
21 actually has a proposed agenda. It found ways to
22 promote recycling. If there's someone that's
23 involved in this and want to take this on, I guess
24 there are a number of documents out there. I've
25 seen some State ones, Office of General Services,

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and I've seen the one that the DEC has put out.
You can take a generic one and someone can work on
taking that and tailer it to Suffolk County.
It's a matter of putting someone in charge of that
particular task.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

Are we talking about the last bullet?

MR. PROIOS:

Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

We have to get the material out there.

MR. PROIOS:

Some of the material is out there. It's not
site specific. We want to look specifically into
Suffolk County. Office of General Services has a
very detailed one in the commercial office
buildings. Take that and cut it down to how would
it work in Suffolk County.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

What about residential recycling? I think the
different towns have different approaches on how
they run their programs. We should look at how
they run their programs. If you look at East
Hampton, some towns incur more recycling, more

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than others. Some make it more mandatory. I don't know if we wanted to do something County wide to encourage recycling. Recycling rates, overall, it's a lot of more money to get rid of garbage still less -- We are not making the money that was once envisioned and the cost to get rid of the recycled materials and MSW's. It seems like it would be a good initiative environmentally and financially to see if we can get the recycling back to where they were 10 or 15 years ago. I'm not sure how we do that. Whether it's a legislative thing or happens on the town level. It's like an old suite.

MR. SCULLY:

Education and enforcement. You're right about the inconsistencies in the municipalities in terms of both their level of involvement and their level of aggressiveness on the education side. They're not involved. On the enforcement piece, there has been an apparent reluctance to take some course of action for noncompliance. It dates back to 1980's when I think the Town of Islip picked the wrong defendant-respondent, apparently an elderly woman,

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who appeared before a judge and the Town was trying to make a point, by making the recycling program mandatory. The judge was like, so. Since that time, I'm not aware of a Town or Village, correct me if I'm wrong, but not a single enforcement case where the resident was brought to task for failing to comply, by participating in the recycling program or by putting valuable commodities in their garbage can. Aluminum is probably the most valuable. Throwing aluminum cans out in the solid waste garbage, that's sad.

MR. MAHER:

Needless to say we still require solid management plan updates.

MR. SANCHEZ:

One item, talking about recycling and solid waste, and being involved in this for a while, residential is mandatory and then there's commercial. Talking about recycling, how about commercial and apartment buildings, and schools and things that are convoluted and mixed up because of the way the municipalities are doing it, by cubic yard. All the residents have scales. I'd like to bring it to one pinpoint. I think

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residential should be looked at in one facet,
because that's where all of the education goes to.
We do have house counts. We have densities and I
think we have collection districts. We can
pinpoint solid waste garbage and recycling very,
very accurately in each and every Town.

MR. SCULLY:

You can in your Town have a Town district, and
you can close up your scale because theoretically,
there's no economic incentive to do it other ways.
Other Towns don't have a system. One of the
points that Al is making, indirectly, is that you
raise the issue of how the recycling rates have
fallen. I would question that whether a hard look
would show a good idea of how much waste is
recycled, but I would also say it is clear that
education and enforcement is not adequate.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

You all mentioned commercial and that's the
big problem.

MR. SCULLY:

I think you're right about that.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

How do we wrap our arms around that?

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MR. SCULLY:

It's entirely difficult because, in this new environment that we're operating in, the private sector plays a much larger role. The private sector manages so much of the waste stream. Public scales don't record that data. We're relying on private sector to record it. There's no use of the data and hard look at the data to determine how accurate it is. The other thing, continuing an honest appraisal from my standpoint, the Solid Waste Management Act of 1988, the statutory framework in which we operate the solid waste programs, Section 125.08 of the General Municipal Law, requires that recyclables be separated at point of generation, not only on the residential side but on the commercial side as well. There are inherent difficulties on the commercial side, an Islip shopping center, requiring multiple containers for multiple commodities and those issues have yet to be dealt with.

MR. PROIOS:

Here on Long Island.

MR. SCULLY:

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I think there's going to be a refocus on those issues.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

Who would do that? Where is there an example?

MR. PROIOS:

They're doing it in part of what they call smart growth areas especially in subdivisions where you have your places of drop off and multiple containers where you keep your plastic, paper and glass separated.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

That's still residential.

MR. PROIOS:

It would be the same type with planning commercial buildings. Where are the recyclables going to go?

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

What about single stream technologically? Doesn't that come a long way where the user doesn't necessarily have to do that recycling, but the people with the commercial carter that picks it up? They then process it in a facility that separates it out. Is that not at the level it needs to be? Is that successfully happening

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anywhere?

MR. SCULLY:

Very limited effectiveness. There's a question as to whether or not it complies with Section 128 of the General Municipal Law. As far as the recycling, it's separated at the point of generation.

MR. MAHER:

It drops significantly at a point.

MR. SCULLY:

The ratio of residual waste material and stuff that is being disposed of as garbage is high.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

So you're depending on your homeowners and businesses to do all the work.

MR. SANCHEZ:

One Town, Tulsa, a much smaller town to deal with. They went out and did it. A small town is easier to do.

MR. SCULLY:

Not forcing separation at commercial. And Town of Babylon, also has a commercial district. Bottom line is we can spend all day talking about it. Recognize that the data is not perfect.

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When Larry and Jim were involved, it was a lot of work trying to compile the best available interpretation and information, compiling a lot of work and compiling information. A group involved Larry and Jim and Mike Cahill. It is valuable when you look at what is required. You would go from town to town and get available data from 2005 and 2006 data.

MR. SWANSON:

I would just like to make a comment about education. We get a call, probably once a month from somebody saying, "How do we get our public schools to recycle," and that is where we really should be setting the standard and where the next generation should go, and it's required by State Law at different schools to recycle and they ignore it and with this information, just the information to get that started, I think we'll be --

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

[INTERPOSING] How about County Government?

MR. SWANSON:

Well, I agree with that too.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

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We're working on it. George is working on it.

MR. SWANSON:

What I'd like to see us really emphasize that in Suffolk County and Nassau County that we somehow try to enforce school recycling. I understand it's commercial.

MR. SANCHEZ:

It's commercial and a it's a problem. It's difficult to inventory.

MR. SWANSON:

They're thumbing their noses at us now.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Is there a way to form a sub-committee on recycling, reuse and reduction?

MR. NOHS:

We just touched on education which is probably the most important. Even with that we're going to educate, and particularly the big problem with recyclables, is glass. Some municipalities on Long Island that have removed glass out of the programs because they are such a problem and it is problem on Long Island. I was in touch with EWG. Historically, for years, it was the only entity handling recycled glass. I called him the other

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day about a presentation, and he thought I was trying to get him to take glass. He said, I don't want to do it and have you cleaned the glass up? I said no, I'm suggesting we do a presentation on the future of recycled glass. He didn't want to do it. So, glass is a real problem. So, we can educate and encourage recycling, and glass, what do you want to do with it? We really have to take a good look.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Crush it up into sand.

MR. SANCHEZ:

That's being done in Florida. There are regulatory agencies.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Does the DEC allow that?

MR. SANCHEZ:

They spent a million and half on studies and still do not have findings.

MR. SCULLY:

I wouldn't bank on that.

MR. SANCHEZ:

What I was getting to is that they haven't implemented it yet.

2 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

3 You can use it on drainage projects, right?

4 Back fill, that kind of thing, no?

5 MR. NOHS:

6 You're nibbling. There's a lot of glass and
7 the problem is that you're not going to have an
8 outlet for the amount of glass that's going to be
9 recyclable.

10 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

11 We could do it if it could be approved, right?

12 It's a lot of sand.

13 MR. PROIOS:

14 We're getting off the topic here. The issue
15 here is that we're trying to get someone to accept
16 these topics and write it up. So, whoever would
17 like take on this issue here.

18 MR. SCULLY:

19 This is really part of recycling.

20 MR. PROIOS:

21 Right, the subcommittee will take on that
22 issue, that would be great. We can discuss every
23 one of these but we all agree that there's a lot
24 of information out there, and who is going to
25 compile it, and give us a specific recommendation

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2 on the report. So, we're down to Number 3, A and
3 B and may be something the DEC might be able to
4 provide some historical background.

5 MR. HEIL:
6 We're doing that.

7 MR. SCULLY:
8 Number 2, A and B or 3?

9 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:
10 Number 3.

11 COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:
12 Current trends.

13 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:
14 Yes, current trends.

15 MR. HEIL:
16 We'll cut that conversation to a quick.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:
18 Thank you.

19 MR. PROIOS:
20 C and D current statutory, regulatory
21 framework.

22 MR. HEIL:
23 We'll take care of that one.

24 MR. PROIOS:
25 Work with private parties on that. So you can

2 do it.

3 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

4 That's good.

5 MR. PROIOS:

6 Talking to Mike, we're talking about putting
7 some of the terms up in front.

8 MR. SWANSON:

9 Which Mike are you talking about?

10 MR. PROIOS:

11 Mike White.

12 MR. HEIL:

13 Whose doing that?

14 MR. NOHS:

15 There's more to number 5.

16 MR. PROIOS:

17 Mike, again said that he wanted to at least
18 interject where there are opportunities for the
19 rail cars that are going to come up there. Okay,
20 so C,D,E, and F. We set out some of the critical
21 issues on transportation costs, are you going to
22 be able to put that? Are they beyond our
23 capabilities?

24 MR. HEIL:

25 We'll do whatever we can.

2 MR. PROIOS:

3 Population, commercial and industrial growth,
4 and if somebody can get that, great. Number 4,
5 Solid Waste Management Facilities. They all
6 exist. Who can put that together into a format we
7 can use?

8 MR. SCULLY:

9 To the extent so that it's reflected in the
10 minutes, indicate that we agree that Syed Rahman
11 of our staff will take responsibility.

12 MR. HEIL:

13 He missed the meeting. Does he know?

14 MR. SCULLY:

15 He would welcome the opportunity.

16 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

17 Okay.

18 MR. PROIOS:

19 Number 5, Regional Waste Management, Mike
20 White said he would try to look into that himself.
21 Number 6, Transportation Alternatives.

22 MR. NOHS:

23 We can do that.

24 MS. BROUGHTON:

25 DOT inter-model meeting.

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MR. NOHS:

I think that the brochure is not complete, and the third speaker might be the Commissioner of the DOT.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

The Aug 22nd event?

MR. NOHS:

Yes.

MR. PROIOS:

Do you want to look at the environmental impacts of the various alternatives?

MR. NOHS:

I guess we could.

MR. SCULLY:

You can speculate and theorize in the absence of any hard data. There are ways in a particular area that the industry likes.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

In the end, by consensus, the commission will agree what goes in the report and what doesn't.

MR. PROIOS:

I mean, If you look at how much gasoline it takes to move a barge.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

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Okay, the subcommittee will deal with that.

MR. CAVA:

I believe that's a discussion, one route you're not counting is the rail garbage route off the Island. If that was to become disabled in any way and now we've reduced the availability of any trucking. The rail is a tremendous safety valve outlet but when it starts to replace trucking, the trucking disappears. It's not there anymore. At that point, in making a decision as to how we move forward, you should recognize that trucking is part of our infrastructure and the rail will replace trucking. The trucking will not stay vacant. It has got to go where there's work. I think that should be addressed somewhere too. They're going to go where the work is. I think we're not addressing and handling that and once you start getting into making shipping easier, either by rail or any other ways, you're going to lose something down the road. If there is a problem, there's only way to get it off the Island. This is two problems I have.

MR. SCULLY:

They'll be doing other work and you know what,

2 we'll pay you double.

3 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

4 That is the objective, to start decreasing the
5 amount of trucking, and at the same time lessening
6 the amount of traffic and air pollution.

7 MR. CAVA:

8 How are you going to address it if the rail
9 gate goes down for whatever reason, or another
10 moratorium through Queens?

11 MR. PROIOS:

12 Number 7, Feasible Solid Waste Management
13 alternatives. At one point John Waffenschmidt
14 said he can talk to a couple of those or get
15 somebody else that he said could.

16 MS. BROUGHTON:

17 I think I volunteered and Jim came to the
18 following meeting. We haven't had a subcommittee.

19 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

20 Make sure I have your phone number.

21 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

22 There is an email list. Did everyone get
23 this, George, or is this just mine?

24 MR. PROIOS:

25 That's just yours.

2 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

3 Can we circulate that? I have that list.

4 MR. PROIOS:

5 Some items on here go beyond what we
6 discussed, yard waste.

7 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

8 I think the new technologies subcommittee is
9 not going to take on most of these things. I
10 think that basically they're going to look at
11 emerging environmental technologies, what type of
12 volumes are needed? What are some of the pros and
13 cons of some of those technologies, and where
14 they're being done successfully, and how much
15 land, if needed, is available to do them? So, I
16 think it would be fairly limited and we'll
17 probably look at 4, 5 or 6 different technologies.
18 That's really, basically, only one portion of
19 Number 7, new technologies. I don't think we're
20 going to get into anything else.

21 COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

22 In waste programs, when I have legislation
23 that sought to mandate recycling of new materials,
24 there have been a few of us, we compiled quite a
25 bit of data on a number of programs throughout the

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United States and I'd be happy to pass that on to the committee.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I think that ought to be done by the recycling committee. It's not a technology issue.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

New technology for managing waste and not how to manage new technology waste.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Unless you think we should create some sort of facility to handle all of the waste.

MR. PROIOS:

Following the State philosophy, to reduce would be the first goal, and then recycle and try to dispose of it. For each one it's a commodity. That's why when it's yard waste, manage to the extent that you can homogenizes the waste. It makes disposal much more easier. Removing glass doesn't create slaging (sic), make incinerators or do anything that makes it a little more uniform material. I think the portion dealing with waste reduction is critical because everything else flows in its direction makes it much more enforceable for the alternatives that are out

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there. Yard waste is coming up left and right. There a lot of problems coming under regulatory framework and don't need a permit. Is that good? Is it bad? Farmers want material but we need standards for that material. It's a grab, and it's a mix, in terms of what is in compost and what is the alternative if you can't monitor what's there, that's the problem. You're allowing the farmers use the material on their crops and feed it to our public.

MR. SCULLY:

The crops have enough pesticides.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I'm not sure. On Number 7, only the new technologies I think were covered by this.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER:

Can you take on the E-Waste issue? Don, in your committee?

MR. NOHS:

Yes.

MR. PROIOS:

There's a lot of ash work done in waste management. Maybe we can get our friends over there.

2 MR. SWANSON:

3 Maybe they can take a look at a lot of the
4 glass issues.

5 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

6 Don, that is also under your committee, the
7 ash issues, the expanded markets for glass, things
8 like that, tires.

9 MR. NOHS:

10 Number 7, Waste reduction.

11 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

12 Who's responsibility? Which subcommittee?

13 MR. PROIOS:

14 Maybe overlap it, as long as someone comes up
15 with a document.

16 MR. NOHS:

17 I think I may be jumping around Larry.

18 MS. BROUGHTON:

19 Compost, under yard waste.

20 MR. NOHS:

21 Okay. We're going to tuck that under the
22 recyclable subcommittee.

23 MR. CAVA:

24 So, yard waste we'll take and E-waste and ash.
25 The only thing that is not going to the recycling

2 committee is the technology.

3 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

4 Syed, was he -- I didn't think he signed up.

5 MR. PROIOS:

6 He said he wouldn't be the person but would
7 help find somebody. Number 8.

8 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

9 I don't think Number 8 is realistic for us to
10 try to obtain.

11 MR. HEIL:

12 I can do that one page on it.

13 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

14 Speculation. Basically if you talk about
15 Number 7, the reality is what's economically
16 useable.

17 MR. HEIL:

18 You could do current bids, Southold,
19 Brookhaven and do some industry estimates and
20 leave it at that.

21 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

22 I think the new technology, we'll look at the
23 cost benefit and analysis for those technologies.
24 So, that will be incorporated in some way.

25 MR. PROIOS:

2 Do you need a copy.

3 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

4 Yes, I have it.

5 MR. HEIL:

6 Rely on the vendor, and their numbers are
7 going to be warped.

8 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

9 They are going to be guesses.

10 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

11 Like when FB and L told us what it would cost
12 to build Jones Beach.

13 MR. SCULLY:

14 People come to balk at new technology and
15 think we're going to take solid waste and turn it
16 into gold bars. I remember one presentation and
17 someone balking something and said it would cost x
18 dollars. That's just corrupt.

19 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

20 Let's just eliminate 8.

21 MR. HEIL:

22 You should leave it in and just do best you
23 can with that you got.

24 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

25 Can we incorporate it into the discussion of

2 Number 7?

3 MR. WILLIAMS:

4 I think so. You can do that.

5 MR. HEIL:

6 Everyone has hard data or current bids. No,
7 you can do current bids and contracts.

8 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

9 There are plans where these places were done
10 and we can get the approximate costs.

11 MR. PROIOS:

12 There was a good analysis in that government
13 report, financing. We did have a lot of numbers.

14 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

15 That's 15 years old.

16 MR. PROIOS:

17 We can look at the categories, if they came
18 from somewhere, and maybe just update that.

19 COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

20 There have been work studies done by Paul
21 Cramer (phonetic). Not on this topic but just
22 talking about the BRO, plus benefit analysis.

23 MS. BROUGHTON:

24 I just wanted to say, BRO, the cost benefit
25 analysis. Paul had done a report and BRO came out

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with one person and this is what I'm saying. We have on staff with BRO folks.

MR. SCULLY:

Give them the basic assumptions and give them the numbers to plug in.

MS. BROUGHTON:

You may be able to execute some in-house and say new technologies cost, and latest bids.

MR. HEIL:

So, the cost of living going to be?

MS. BROUGHTON:

We can pay people and --

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Fees change too, as the cost of diesel fuel goes up, and out of State landfills go up.

MR. SCULLY:

There's one economic reality, nobody makes a point. Often we look at these things LIPA taking over LILCO and saying the economic impact to the region is this many billions of dollars. We don't look at solid waste practices that way. The fact of the matter is every business, every institution, every residence generates solid waste and it's an institutional utility type of cost.

2 If you look at the big picture costs of Long
3 Island region of solid waste disposal, it's
4 billions of dollars a year.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

6 You know what would be interesting too, to see
7 what it costs us on some type of per capita basis
8 and if it's any cheaper where the counties do it
9 as a whole.

10 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

11 Also processing it off the Island in another
12 state.

13 MR. SCULLY:

14 Making that argument --

15 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

16 [INTERPOSING] Hundreds of millions of dollars
17 being spent on garbage.

18 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

19 He all ready has enough jobs.

20 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

21 Take space, they're going to add and lease
22 out.

23 MR. PROIOS:

24 Committee public county to coordinate. Some
25 how we get to the same point using legal entities.

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MR. ANDERSON:

One thought I have on the analysis, what would the report look like if it were to be done, so we can at least say, if someone were to analyze this, this is what we'd look at, and this is what we'd want, and that allows a County Legislature or City Legislature to spend more money if maybe it looks like it makes sense, and should be of value. To say what we'd like to have and know about the analysis, but we don't have the ability to get it.

MR. MAHER:

You're saying consolidation, should be considered part of the study?

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

I just thought that we should include information. That would be a recommendation for a future report, and we can just give some factual information and by the way, it costs this much on Long Island and where Counties do it in other parts of the State it costs this much, and some things being equalized. So, would it be worth considering based on that potential cost savings.

MS. BROUGHTON:

Consolidation of functions, not necessarily

2 additions.

3 MR. HEIL:

4 Upstate the counties run landfills. You can't
5 run a landfill here.

6 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

7 That may be why it can't happen here. The
8 point being that I think it should be somehow
9 stated in a mutual manner that, look, it cost X
10 amount here plus X amount there where the counties
11 run it. Is it worth exploring it or not. That's
12 all.

13 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

14 Also, we could have a potential situation
15 where it's not the county, but a piece of land
16 where a county wide center, processing MSW having
17 the technology to. To get the volume to work,
18 you'd need the cooperation from all 10 towns to
19 say that we agree to bring our waste there.

20 MR. NOHS:

21 We'll look at the Regional approach to MSW.

22 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

23 I think this report, it's important that
24 people reading it understand what the cost per
25 person is in the way we're handling our garbage.

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How much of your tax bill is related directly to getting rid of garbage. And how is that number likely to change over the next 10 years.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

Maybe this report will get them to look at the solid waste management.

MS. BROUGHTON:

It's sustainable to have someone like that?

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

They haven't looked into it yet.

MR. SCULLY:

It's an upgrade on our on our economy. It's exporting dollars along the way. Even if we go moral and say, we can't afford to ship our solid waste to someone else's neighborhood.

MR. PROIOS:

Let's go on. Number 9, is one of those things. This is something where someone wants to assimilate it in some way, and changes at Federal and State level, Part 360 changes and I can give you copies of all of the old rates. They've changed dramatically over the last 20 years. It's one small section now. I don't know what the proposals are but there are future things that we

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have to address. How it impacts things on
greenhouse gas emissions, and to complicate the
whole Carbon Trading.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

Carbon trading cap advisory.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

That is just getting going.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

What we're going to do it, the same type of
thing, do a report that looks at ways that the
county can reduce it's carbon footprints.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Garbage won't be county function.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

We may address that, on what can the County do
in the County facilities, and how can the County
promote carbon reduction throughout Suffolk County
wide. We really can't control whether that
happens or not. We can just promote it and try to
raise the issue. So, in looking at carbon
reduction act, LIPA and Keyspan's plans and trying
to push them to reduce their emissions and
re-power and so on and so forth. We have another
meeting coming up on August 9.

2 MR. PROIOS:

3 How can we address an issue of taking all of
4 the Island's garbage and shipping it out to
5 another State? Overall, things don't change.
6 I'll be looking at it from a worldwide
7 prospective. There's a great impact on carbon and
8 waste management. Maybe. I think we had
9 alternatives impact on carbon.

10 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

11 Who is going to draft this? Maybe they can
12 figure that out.

13 MR. PROIOS:

14 Green house gases and carbon trading are
15 intertwined.

16 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

17 Trucking is an issue.

18 MR. NOHS:

19 It's really an important part of
20 transportation. Take that under transportation.

21 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

22 It's probably Long Island's number one
23 greenhouse contributors, trucking garbage.

24 MR. MAHER:

25 Actually it's residences.

2 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

3 But overall our contribution to global
4 warming, the way we handle our waste, it's
5 probably our number one.

6 MR. MAHER:

7 We had analysis. Even on Long Island, you'd
8 think transportation was the greatest, it's
9 heating homes.

10 COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

11 Using coal.

12 MR. MAHER:

13 Oil burners.

14 MR. NOHS:

15 Where going to do a transportation seminar a
16 couple of years from now to review the industries.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

18 Who's going to take this on?

19 MR. PROIOS:

20 Mike?

21 MR. NOHS:

22 Maybe Mike would want to hook up with the
23 compost. Leave that with recycling.

24 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

25 Recycling and transportation. You guys are

2 doing a lot. That's number 10.

3 MR. PROIOS:

4 We're putting a lot of weight on their
5 shoulders.

6 CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

7 That's why I want the next meeting to be
8 perhaps something we can discuss. Comprehensive
9 Planning Opportunities?

10 MR. PROIOS:

11 Mike had indicated he would take a stab at
12 doing this and work with different districts.
13 I'm not sure about the marketing use of
14 recyclables. Larry can use some help on that.
15 One thing that Larry had done before is an
16 analysis to look at the impact. So in terms of
17 some of the alternatives, we can't do it for
18 everyone, but we did it for one and thought it was
19 useful information. Outreach we don't have the
20 time or staff to do that and Mike said, no. We'll
21 dispense the report obviously.

22 COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

23 The report had gone to the website, outreach.

24 MR. PROIOS:

25 If we can't do it, we should point out what we

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2 don't have to make it. So, each section, each
3 committee, comes out with an issue that they can't
4 resolve because there's a lack of information, we
5 should make it a point. We should say we need A,
6 B, C, D and the issue we can't resolve, make a
7 point and also highlight the recommendation and
8 everything that you need in order to make some
9 better designs in the future. In every committee
10 highlight it. We'll make that the separate page.

11 MR. WILLIAMS:

12 I was wondering if there's any use in also
13 raising the question, what happens in Long Island
14 or Suffolk County if we have a major hurricane or
15 disaster. But it's a thought that it might be
16 something we may be able to consider. I remember
17 all of the pictures of Katrina. That was one of
18 the things that was so incredible and effected
19 people. So, it might be an issue and something
20 that we need to look into.

21 MR. SANCHEZ:

22 I was just at a seminar yesterday. The debris
23 and removal for each township and county creates a
24 report. These reports, I have a copy and maybe I
25 will bring it to the next meeting. How trees,

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debris, house debris, and how it's going to be
stock piled and how it's going to be chipped and
how it's going to be removed.

MR. SCULLY:

After Hurricane Gloria the municipalities just
found areas where they could just burn brush. That
will not happen next time, unless there was some
declaration in the wake of 9-11, reopen Fresh
Kill.

MR. SANCHEZ:

There's a huge amount of money tracking all of
this.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

If you can bring that next time. I think we
should at least make a reference to it or
discussion.

MR. SANCHEZ:

FEMA was talking about one hundred acres, and
set up a site to handle this. Where is 20 acres
to do this? I'll bring it anyway.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

How about the Grucci fire pit?

MR. SANCHEZ:

I think if you get a category three. The

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interesting fact is that most of it also has to be moved out off the Island. Louisiana and Florida, they have a thousand acres that they can stage it at to work on it for a year or two.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It's not considered yard waste. You can't just --

MR. SANCHEZ:

[INTERPOSING] You can chip it.

MR. SCULLY:

You can segregate it into hazardous waste.

MS. BROUGHTON:

Plastic.

MR. SANCHEZ:

You have to have a right of way and documentation. They had a whole analysis on how to remove tree stumps once. It was very enlightening based on the training, but wasted a lot of money in doing it. I'll bring that with me. One other question on the bullets, population and demographics.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

It's some kind background information.

MR. SANCHEZ:

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A lot of towns their population is staggering.
Our biggest growth is the 70s and 80s. Smithtown
reduced per dwelling, they've gone down.
Is that relevant to solid waste reduction?

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

Population growth is growing less than our
region.

MR. SANCHEZ:

Islip is growing. Brookhaven is growing.
Smithtown and Brentwood are flat.

MR. KOWALCHYK:

I'm not sure that's the case.

MR. SANCHEZ:

That's what I'm saying, each of the areas are
different. Demographics, LIPA puts their
population projection.

MR. SCULLY:

It's enough to or something like that where
the characterization waste stream focuses on
population.

MR. SANCHEZ:

You can put that together.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

If you look on line, it's a very short thing.

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We actual got the information from Larry's shop.
If we have enough information from the
subcommittee and made as a discussion report we
can include it, otherwise not going to have the
ability to go into depth.

MR. SCULLY:

I said it before and I'll say it again, given
the range of topics, this threatens to become an
unmanageable project. We should take every
opportunity to simplify it and avoid every
temptation to complicate it.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

Was there anything else from the subcommittees
that didn't get discussed as we were going through
the outline? My goal for our next meeting which
is September 27th, would be the 4th Thursday,
September 27th, would be for people to bring with
them, if you haven't done so, information maybe an
outline even of the sections of the report that
you're doing, so we can start discussing
questions, and so we can continue to make these
working meetings. If we want to have our report
actually pulled together by February when it's due
right now, you're looking at really by December we

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need a pretty good final draft all together so that it could be polished up at that point. It doesn't give us a whole lot of time. We're going to be going over a very busy check list.

MR. ANDERSON:

For this report?

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER

For the 27th. For the next meeting, here.

September 27th at 9:30.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Thursday.

MR. NOHS:

Can we meet on the first floor?

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

There's no nice conference rooms on the first floor.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

You prefer to meet here?

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

Yes. I think this is more conducive to discussion. Otherwise we have to go down to some secret room in the basement.

COUNCILMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

We have the auditorium.

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CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

I don't think -- It's spread out and not conducive to discussion. That gets us the next meeting date. No meeting in August. People need time to compile some of their research. If people wanted to say a little bit more, and we can pass it around.

MR. NOHS:

August 22 at the Babylon Town annex is the seminar, removing waste by rail. A lot of these issues are discussed, pollution, greenhouse effect and Bill Goetz from CSX is also doing a presentation Bruce Lieberman from Anacostia Rail Holdings will be there. I'm still working on that and waiting to hear from the DOT. I also hope to have a representative from APEX, landfill and talking about the future capacity of landfills and really touch upon any question. By the way, if anybody here has any questions you'd like answered, email them to me and I'll make sure we have the answer to these questions. I'm getting a lot of calls on this particular seminar and because doing outside that is why side to outside solid waste commission.

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CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

I think it's a good idea because we have limited time and I think we really want to focus on is to produce a valuable outcome for the commission report and updates, and in alternate months, if other members of the commission want to coordinate some type presentation or trip.

MR. NOHS:

We should have a final brochure by next week.

MR. HEIL:

We're trying to keep it to a half a day. No charge.

MR. SCHNEIDERMAN:

I won't speak more than that.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

Also, I'm just going to pass around, this is the email distribution list. It was emailed to everyone, but in case some of you would like to have hard copies, in case you need it.

MR. PROIOS:

Any issues or topics you want to have a special presentation on?

MR. NOHS:

Glass. There are still some areas that still

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do recycle glass, Philadelphia, all out of state.
Nothing new. All ready to get somebody to touch
on that.

CHAIRPERSON GALLAGHER:

Okay. There's no other business. The meeting
is adjourned.

[MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT
11:00 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATION

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK)

SS:

STATE OF NEW YORK)

I, CHARMAINE DEROSA, Certified Court
Reporter in the State of New York, do hereby
certify:

THAT the foregoing is a true and
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meeting at the H. LEE DENISON BUILDING,
Veterans Highway, Hauppauge, New York on
July 26, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand on this 26th day of July, 2007.

Charmaine DeRosa, CSR

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