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Sara M. Gilmore Academy
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Union City, New Jersey

Friday, May 18, 2018
Commencing at 6:52 p.m.

M E M B E R S P R E S E N T:

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MARYURY A. MARTINETTI, COMMISSIONER
CELIN J. VALDIVIA, COMMISSIONER
WENDY A. GRULLON, COMMISSIONER
BRIAN P. STACK, MAYOR

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1 CITY CLERK: Good evening.

2 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
3 proceedings.)

4 CITY CLERK: Good evening.

5 This is a Special Public Meeting of the
6 Union City Board of Commissioners being held on
7 Friday, May 18th, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., at Sara M.
8 Gilmore Academy, 1600 Kerrigan Avenue, Union
9 City, New Jersey.

10 This meeting has been called in accordance
11 with the Open Public Meetings Act.

12 Adequate notice of the meeting has been
13 provided to The Jersey Journal, The Record, The
14 Hudson Reporter, and has been posted on the
15 bulletin board in City Hall and made available to
16 the public in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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18 **CEREMONIAL ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE FOR**
19 **THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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21 CITY CLERK: The first item on the agenda
22 is a Ceremonial Administration of Oaths of Office
23 for the Board of Commissioners.

24 Commissioner Fernandez.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm going to ask

1 you all to please stand for our colors being
2 displayed by the Union City Police Department
3 Honor Guard.

4 Please join our Police Chief, Richard
5 Molinari, with our Pledge of Allegiance.

6 CHIEF MOLINARI: Please join me in honoring
7 our country.

8
9 (Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was
10 said by all.)

11
12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Please remain
13 standing.

14 Singing our National Anthem will be John
15 Jay Herbert.

16
17 (Whereupon, the National Anthem was
18 performed by John Jay Herbert.)

19
20 (Applause.)

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Please remain
22 standing as the Union City Police Honor Guard
23 resets themselves.

24 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
25 proceedings.)

1 (Applause.)

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Please be seated.

3 We will now administer the oath of office
4 to the five -- the four -- the five
5 Commissioners.

6 Administering the oath of office to the
7 first -- first four Commissioners will be our
8 Honorable Judge Lilia Munoz.

9 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

10 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
11 proceedings.)

12 CITY CLERK: Judge Munoz will swear in
13 Lucio Fernandez first.

14 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
15 proceedings.)

16 JUDGE MUNOZ: Repeat after me.

17

18 (Whereupon, Lucio P. Fernandez was sworn as
19 Commissioner of the Union City Board of
20 Commissioners by the Honorable Lilia A. Munoz.)

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22 JUDGE MUNOZ: Congratulations,
23 Commissioner.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

1 CITY CLERK: Judge Munoz will now swear in
2 Wendy Grullon.

3 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
4 proceedings.)

5 JUDGE MUNOZ: Congratulations.

6 MS. GRULLON: Thank you.

7 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
8 proceedings.)

9
10 (Whereupon, Wendy A. Grullon was sworn as
11 Commissioner of the Union City Board of
12 Commissioners by the Honorable Lilia A. Munoz.)

13
14 JUDGE MUNOZ: Congratulations.

15 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 CITY CLERK: Judge Munoz will now swear in
18 Maryury Martinetti.

19 (Applause.)

20 MAYOR STACK: Congratulations, Wendy.

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Congratulations.

22
23 (Whereupon, Maryury A. Martinetti was sworn
24 as Commissioner of the Union City Board of
25 Commissioners by the Honorable Lilia A. Munoz.)

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JUDGE MUNOZ: Congratulations.

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COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Thank you.

4

(Applause.)

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CITY CLERK: Judge Munoz will now be
swearing in Celin Valdivia.

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(Applause.)

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MAYOR STACK: Congratulations.

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(Whereupon, there was a pause in the
proceedings.)

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11

(Applause.)

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JUDGE MUNOZ: Come on, don't -- don't be
shy. Come on.

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(Whereupon, there was a pause in the
proceedings.)

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JUDGE MUNOZ: Do you prefer to swear or
affirm?

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COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Swear.

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21

(Whereupon, Celin J. Valdivia was sworn as
Commissioner of the Union City Board of
Commissioners by the Honorable Lilia A. Munoz.)

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JUDGE MUNOZ: Congratulations.

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COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Thank you, Judge.

1 (Applause.)

2 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
3 proceedings.)

4 CITY CLERK: I'd like to call Mr. Dennis
5 McAlevy to the podium please.

6 Mr. McAlevy will swear in Brian P. Stack.

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. McALEVY: You ready?

9 MAYOR STACK: I'm ready.

10

11 (Whereupon, Brian P. Stack was sworn as
12 Commissioner of the Union City Board of
13 Commissioners by Mr. Dennis McAlevy, Esquire.)

14

15 MAYOR STACK: So help me God.

16 Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
19 proceedings.)

20

21 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
22 action on the following item:

23 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

24 1. Resolution Appointing the Mayor.)

25

1 CITY CLERK: There are two items on the
2 Regular Agenda this evening.

3 The first item is a Resolution Appointing
4 the Mayor.

5 May I have a motion?

6 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I nominate Brian
7 P. Stack for Mayor of the City of Union City.

8 CITY CLERK: May I have a second?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I second --

10 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- that motion.

12 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: I'm sorry.

13 CITY CLERK: Motion made by Commissioner
14 Martinetti.

15 Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

16 Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

18 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

19 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

20 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

22 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

24 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

25 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Congratulations.

2 (Applause.)

3 CITY CLERK: Congratulations, Mayor.

4

5 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
6 action on the following item:

7 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

8 2. Resolution Approving the Designation of
9 Department for Commissioners.)

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11 CITY CLERK: The second item on the Regular
12 Agenda is a Resolution Approving the Designation
13 of Departments for Commissioners.

14 May I have a motion?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

17 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
18 Fernandez.

19 Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

20 Commissioner Fernandez?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

22 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

23 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

24 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

4 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time would you
6 like to make public comments of each
7 Commissioner?

8 MAYOR STACK: Why don't you -- maybe just
9 announce if you could, like what department each
10 Commissioner will be in.

11 All right? That will be good.

12 CITY CLERK: Of course.

13 So the Resolution tonight appoints the
14 following Departments:

15 The Department of Public Safety is Mayor
16 Brian P. Stack.

17 The Department of Public Affairs is
18 Commissioner Lucio Fernandez.

19 The Department of Public Works is
20 Commissioner Wendy Grullon.

21 The Department of Parks and Public
22 Property, Commissioner Celin Valdivia.

23 And the Department of Revenue and Finance
24 is Commissioner Margie Martinetti.

25 (Applause.)

1 CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time would each
2 Commissioner like to make public comment --

3 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

4 CITY CLERK: -- and you as well?

5 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

6 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti can
7 start.

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Good afternoon to
9 all.

10 Thank you.

11 Thank you so much for being here today.

12 This is a wonderful day. Not for Union --
13 not for us but for Union City because we elected
14 again our Mayor, Brian Stack, for four more years
15 of progress.

16 (Applause.)

17 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm simply proud
18 and humbled to be standing here before you.
19 Thank you for the honor of making me your new
20 Commissioner again.

21 I promise you to continue working next to
22 Brian Stack and my colleagues to continue the
23 progress that Union City has had. We see it
24 every day, everywhere we go.

25 We're sitting here in this beautiful school

1 that was built under our Administration. And we
2 see it in the streets. We see it in the
3 pavements. We see the trees -- every time we
4 come out of the house and we see the beautiful
5 trees, that's thank you to Brian Stack. His
6 Administration, his vision for Union City.

7 (Applause.)

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I would like to
9 say thank you to my family.

10 My husband Martin, my son Martin, my
11 daughter Angelina, my mom, my nieces and nephew,
12 for your love, your support and understanding;
13 because being in public office is not easy. But
14 they're there. And that's the reason that I get
15 up every morning and say I'm going to do this
16 again.

17 And with a love for Union City -- I love my
18 people here. Thank you for making me part of
19 your family. Thank you so much for being here.

20 And a special, special thanks to the
21 volunteers. Thank you from the bottom of my
22 heart.

23 (Applause.)

24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: You come to
25 Headquarters when it rains, when it snow, when

1 it's sunny, every time that Brian Stack calls you
2 were there.

3 Thank you so much for being part of our
4 family. Thank you for your support. Thank you
5 for your love.

6 And, again, thank God for the -- for this
7 day, for my family, and for making part of yours.

8 Thanks, again.

9 Have a wonderful day.

10 God bless.

11 (Applause.)

12 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm sorry, I just
13 wanted to say some words in Spanish. I just got
14 a lot of nervous.

15 (Whereupon, Commissioner Maryury A.
16 Martinetti addressed the audience in Spanish.)

17 (Applause.)

18 CITY CLERK: Next, Commissioner Valdivia.

19 (Applause.)

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Good evening,
21 everyone.

22 (Whereupon, there was a chorus of good
23 evening.)

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: To our residents of
25 Union City, it is an honor -- I am honored,

1 grateful and humbled to serve as your
2 Commissioner.

3 When I mean the residents of Union City, I
4 mean all residents. Doesn't matter your race,
5 your creed, whether you're a citizen, whether
6 you're not a citizen, whether you voted, whether
7 you didn't vote, this Administration is here to
8 serve you and to serve everyone.

9 I also want to thank publicly -- publicly,
10 our Mayor, Mayor Stack, for giving me the
11 opportunity to serve in your Administration.
12 It's been a wonderful experience. I'm looking
13 forward to the next four years to serve this
14 community with all of you.

15 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: I also want to
17 thank my fellow Commissioners, Margie, Lucio and
18 Wendy the new member of -- of the team. I am
19 very proud of you. I respect you. Because you
20 all have the same vision of serving Mayor Stack
21 and this community and giving a hundred percent
22 in doing so.

23 (Applause.)

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: I want to make this
25 short but I want to thank my family.

1 My mother's been over here with me. My
2 father is under the weather right now but I am
3 blessed that I have my Uncle -- (indiscernible)
4 -- representing my father.

5 (Applause.)

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: I was very
7 fortunate, I grew up with a very large family on
8 both sides. On the Valdivias I had six uncles
9 and aunts. Not only -- (indiscernible) -- my
10 Uncle Luis and my father who's not doing too
11 well.

12 I also want to thank my wife, Odalis.

13 (Applause.)

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: You saw some of my
15 kids up here; Peter, Celin Alexander, Mimi, and
16 my four grandchildren. And my two sisters, who I
17 love very much; Yolanda, who is here, Dalila's
18 not here.

19 (Applause.)

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: And I only have one
21 of my cousins, I have so many, but one of them is
22 here, is David Valdivia. David is somewhere
23 around here. I love you, David.

24 Thank you very much and God bless you.

25 (Applause.)

1 (Whereupon, Commissioner Celin J. Valdivia
2 addressed the audience in Spanish.)

3 (Applause.)

4 MAYOR STACK: Good job, Celin.

5 Erin? Announce Wendy.

6 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon.

7 (Applause.)

8 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Thank you, everyone,
9 for being here tonight.

10 First of all I want to thank God for all my
11 blessings. To my family for being here tonight,
12 thank you for always being there for me.

13 It's a great honor for me to be sworn in as
14 your Commissioner tonight.

15 Thank you, Mayor, for your confidence and
16 giving me this opportunity to serve my community
17 and to be part of this here team.

18 Thank you.

19 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: And to everyone here
21 for the great victory on Election Day.

22 Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Today --

25 Thank you.

1 Thank you, everybody.

2 Today, as I take this responsibility, I
3 promise that I will do my best to continue the
4 great job that my friend Commissioner --
5 (indiscernible) -- Tilo Rivas who assisting here
6 --

7 (Applause.)

8 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Thank you, again,
9 for all your guidance and all your support.

10 Thank you very much.

11 And to all of you for my Union City First
12 family for the daily support and all your love,
13 thank you very much.

14 (Applause.)

15 (Whereupon, Commissioner Wendy A. Grullon
16 addressed the audience in Spanish.)

17 (Applause.)

18 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
19 proceedings.)

20 CITY CLERK: Next is Commissioner Lucio
21 Fernandez.

22 MAYOR STACK: All right, Lucio.

23 (Applause.)

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Wow!

25 You know Brian and I go back a long ways.

1 He's our Mayor. He's our friend. I cannot be
2 more honored -- couldn't be possibly more honored
3 than serving with such a great man. He's not
4 only the best Mayor the City of Union City has
5 had, he's the best Mayor in the State of New
6 Jersey by far.

7 (Applause.)

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Listen, I grew up
9 in Union City. I grew up in Union City. Look at
10 the schools. Beautiful schools. Look at the
11 parks. Look at the streets. Look at the trees.
12 Look at the people. And this is in great part to
13 our Mayor.

14 A CITIZEN: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's incredible
16 the work that he does day in and day out.

17 (Applause.)

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's --
19 (indiscernible) -- at six o'clock in the morning
20 coming home to Mercedes at midnight. And
21 Mercedes says it's okay, honey. But he's there.
22 And the thing is he cares. The guy cares. I can
23 tell you honestly the guy cares because he'll
24 call me and bust my chops about everything.
25 Because he wants everything right for us.

1 We have a great, great Mayor. He's a -- a
2 gem. And I hope he serves until his last breath
3 on this Earth and serves as Union City Mayor.
4 Because the things he has accomplished in Union
5 -- Union City are just incredible. They're
6 memorable.

7 I grew up here and I see it. I see it. I
8 see it day in/day out. You walk on the streets
9 it's incredible. And to serve with this great
10 Mayor and this great Board of Commissioners,
11 Wendy, Celin, Margie; it's such honor. Such an
12 honor for someone who came -- who grew up here,
13 who grew up poor, who had nothing -- the schools.
14 And to see the schools how they turned out for
15 our kids.

16 I'm so proud for my son to attend Union
17 City schools because they're beautiful. And --
18 and Brian did it. Brian did it.

19 (Applause.)

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I met him before
21 he became Mayor; I told you he was going to do it
22 and he's doing it.

23 (Applause.)

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: All the
25 volunteers, all the volunteers, -- you, too,

1 James San Martino. All the volunteers, all of
2 you, every single one of you, I cannot thank you
3 enough on behalf of all of us.

4 (Applause.)

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Listen, day in and
6 day out, like Margie says, in the rain, in the --
7 in the snow, when you guys have to do pee-pee,
8 when you're hungry, you're out there doing it.
9 You're making it happen for all of us. And I --

10 You know, we cannot be more grateful to
11 each and every one of you who comes out every
12 single day to canvass the community, to put up
13 signs, to talk to people, to be the messengers
14 for us.

15 Listen, Union City -- Union City's our
16 City. It's our home. Every single one of us.
17 Every single one of you, belongs up here with us.
18 And Brian could tell you that. Because you guys
19 make it happen every single day. It is so
20 beautiful.

21 Our Police Department, come on, we have the
22 best Police Department in the State of New
23 Jersey.

24 (Applause.)

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No more race --

1 there's no race problems in Union City.

2 Everybody gets along.

3 (Applause.)

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Whether you're
5 Jewish, you're Arab, you're Hispanic; it doesn't
6 matter. And this comes from the top. Because
7 the Director of this Department is Brian P.
8 Stack.

9 (Applause.)

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Brian, you --
11 (indiscernible).

12 Let's open up the dance floor, I'll do a
13 little salsa.

14 MAYOR STACK: Tilo, --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sincerely, ladies
16 and gentlemen, -- ladies and gentlemen, from the
17 bottom of our hearts, not just mine, all of us,
18 thank you. Thank you very much.

19 Brian, thank you for having confidence --

20 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Lucio.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- in myself and
22 the other Commissioners --

23 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- to be part of
25 your team.

1 It is a true honor to grow up here and
2 serve with you.

3 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm serious. We
5 -- all of us, the four of us, I speak for the
6 four of us, we genuinely love you, man.

7 Thank you very much.

8 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 (Whereupon, Commissioner Lucio P. Fernandez
11 addressed the audience in Spanish.)

12 (Applause.)

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, ladies and
14 gentlemen, we do have the best Mayor in the City
15 of Union City.

16 Right?

17 Everyone?

18 And the best State Senator.

19 Right?

20 Come on.

21 I love when people attack Brian Stack and
22 say look at all the money he brings to Union
23 City. You damn right. He's going to make Union
24 City greater than it is.

25 Ladies and gentlemen, the best Mayor in the

1 history of Union City, the best Senator, Brian P.
2 Stack.

3 (Applause.)

4 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much everyone.

5 (Applause.)

6 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Thank you very
7 much.

8 First, -- first, I would -- I would just
9 like to start off by thanking -- thanking the
10 person that swore me in tonight, Dennis McAlevy.
11 Dennis has been my friend since I've been a
12 teenager.

13 In fact, I met Dennis because I was working
14 in an election as a teenager and I happened to
15 just to get into a fight down on 9th and Palisade
16 Avenue and everybody told me, if you want the
17 best lawyer in the State of New Jersey go to see
18 Dennis McAlevy.

19 That was the best decision I ever made.
20 Not because he's just a great lawyer -- and he is
21 a great lawyer, because he's a great friend. And
22 Dennis has been there every step of the way. For
23 personal advice, for legal advice, for just
24 advice in general in life, Dennis has always been
25 there.

1 And, Dennis, thank you for everything you
2 have done for me from the bottom of my heart.

3 Thank you very much.

4 (Applause.)

5 MAYOR STACK: I'd -- I'd like to give a
6 special thank you to Mercedes; to my nieces that
7 are here this evening; Joanna's not here but Mya,
8 Jade and Aaliyah. A very special thank you to
9 all of them for being there all the time for me.

10 When I became --

11 (Applause.)

12 MAYOR STACK: Actually, when I became the
13 Mayor, Jade wasn't even born and Mya. And just
14 thank you for being there for me.

15 Thank -- thank you for being family to me.

16 Thank you very much.

17 Most of all, --

18 (Applause.)

19 MAYOR STACK: You know I became the Mayor
20 in late 2000, so this will be the 18th year I've
21 been the Mayor; October 22nd of this year will be
22 18 years as Mayor. And there's no greater honor
23 in the entire world -- and I mean that from the
24 bottom of my heart -- than to represent you as
25 the Mayor of Union City.

1 In no other -- no other role I've had is
2 there anything more pleasing and more satisfying.
3 It's a tough job being the Mayor. It's hard to
4 please everyone all the time but we really work
5 hard at it.

6 My staff in City Hall has been tremendous.
7 Tremendous staff. My staff in the Senate office
8 has been tremendous.

9 But you know something, when it comes down
10 to it, thanks to the people of Union City for
11 having the trust, the faith and the confidence to
12 support us over and over again.

13 Most importantly, -- and I see so many of
14 you here tonight -- thank you to the greatest
15 volunteers in the State of New Jersey.

16 You guys deserve a great round of applause.

17 (Applause.)

18 MAYOR STACK: Sometimes -- sometimes when
19 we meet -- when we meet at night -- and it almost
20 seems, right, that we have Headquarters open the
21 entire year. And when I don't see you guys I
22 miss you guys.

23 In the last week --

24 I really mean that. I really mean that.

25 Come five o'clock I'm ready to leave my

1 office and head across the street. And it's a
2 great feeling. You know why? Not only being
3 together to campaign but being together on a
4 nightly basis and on Saturday mornings when we're
5 all there together as one family.

6 When I became the Mayor of Union City I
7 always said the one thing I want to do is unite
8 Union City. Doesn't matter where we come from.
9 Doesn't matter what religion. Doesn't matter
10 what color our skin is. Or ethnic background.
11 We're all one in Union City. And we set the
12 example to the United States of America.

13 The President that we have right now, could
14 take a lesson from Union City. From you. From
15 you.

16 (Applause.)

17 MAYOR STACK: I think it's obvious that the
18 love that all of us have for Union City. There's
19 nothing I wouldn't do for this City. I love this
20 City. I was born and raised in this City and
21 I'll die in this City. And there's no other job
22 in the world that I want than to serve you as
23 your Mayor.

24 And the State Senate seat came along along
25 the way and I'm proud to be the Senator. But

1 | there is no job in the world -- and I say it
2 | again -- like being the Mayor of this community.
3 | And you make it that way.

4 | Union City is a very special place. And I
5 | say that when I'm down in Trenton. I say it
6 | wherever I am. I wear it like a badge of honor.
7 | It's a very special place.

8 | And the turnout that we got last Tuesday,
9 | the final vote was 11,208 votes in Union City.
10 | And --

11 | (Applause.)

12 | MAYOR STACK: You know, --

13 | Thank you.

14 | Thank you.

15 | Thank you.

16 | You know I said this this weekend -- and I
17 | see Justin in the back. Justin's standing by the
18 | back door. Because as soon as I'm done, he's
19 | running out that back door.

20 | (Applause.)

21 | MAYOR STACK: I know, Justin.

22 | But in all seriousness, on -- not on
23 | Wednesday last week but on Thursday I sat down
24 | and I just looked -- not at -- not at the people
25 | that came out to vote but at those that did not

1 | come out to vote. And we're going to work hard
2 | to gain the trust of those people who did not
3 | come out to vote. Because a good Administration
4 | is never satisfied with the vote that we receive.

5 | It's not about the number of votes we
6 | receive. I want everyone to be satisfied and
7 | content living in Union City. And if there's
8 | somebody we're not reaching, I promise you over
9 | the next four years we're going to do our best to
10 | reach those people to bring them part of what
11 | we're doing in Union City.

12 | I look at Election Day as a report card.
13 | And people said to me well you had no opposition
14 | this race. That's right; it's a report card. By
15 | coming out it shows that you support what we're
16 | trying to accomplish in Union City.

17 | And it's not just about clean streets.
18 | It's not just about a great Police Department.
19 | And under the leadership of Chief Molinari --
20 | he's done a tremendous job. He's with me at all
21 | the community meetings.

22 | What do we have a hundred and fifty, Chief?

23 | (Applause.)

24 | MAYOR STACK: It's not just about -- it's
25 | not just about the great job that Silvia has done

1 in the schools or building new schools.

2 We have ten new schools and we're working
3 on building one more school right now uptown at
4 the parking lot.

5 It's not just about the great parks that
6 Commissioner Valdivia has worked hard on. It's
7 not just about that.

8 It's about being there when people need
9 you. It's about being there when somebody calls
10 on the telephone and responding to them. Because
11 that's what municipal government is about.

12 You know people always say I just come out
13 and vote in presidential elections. And that's
14 fine. But the most important layer of
15 government --

16 I'm a little bias because I'm a municipal
17 government guy and I -- I love municipal
18 government.

19 But the most important layer of government,
20 I feel, in our lives on a daily basis is
21 municipal government.

22 And if we can't do the job at the municipal
23 level and provide services, -- but not only
24 providing a service, providing it with respect
25 and being courteous.

1 And I seen that across the board, no matter
2 what Department it's in. Whether it's in Public
3 Works, whether it's in Parks, whether it's in
4 Public Affairs, Revenue and Finance, it's
5 providing people with respect and a good service
6 in the City of Union City.

7 And I pledge to you we'll work hard every
8 single day. And that -- that saying that we
9 have, See Something, Say Something, the same
10 applies to government.

11 If you know of somebody who's not happy or
12 somebody who needs assistance, let us know.

13 If you know of somebody that doesn't have
14 much but needs our help, let us know.

15 Because we all have to look out for each
16 other. It's not just looking out for ourselves;
17 right? That's what this is about, Union City
18 First and what we built in the City of Union
19 City; it's about looking out for each other.

20 And that's what's most important. That's
21 what's made the difference in Union City.

22 As I said before, it doesn't matter where
23 we come from, we look out for each other.
24 Because when I cut my finger I -- I bleed red, I
25 bleed red blood, so does Victor. We're all one

1 in Union City and I always want to continue that
2 in the community. What we have here is very
3 special.

4 The crime rate didn't drop to a 30 year low
5 by accident. It dropped to a 30 year low because
6 we're looking out for each other. And that's
7 what's so important and we need to continue doing
8 that.

9 (Applause.)

10 MAYOR STACK: It wouldn't be possible -- it
11 wouldn't be possible to accomplish what we
12 accomplish without having a Board of
13 Commissioners that works together. Whether it's
14 Lucio, Wendy, Celin, Margie, and to my good
15 friend Tilo Rivas who served us for 16 years.

16 Tilo --

17 (Applause.)

18 MAYOR STACK: We're not -- we're not
19 letting Tilo escape.

20 Tilo is still our Freeholder. And for the
21 first time in the history of Union City as a
22 Freeholder, he'll have an office in City Hall.

23 Effective next week; right, Tilo?

24 (Applause.)

25 MAYOR STACK: Effective next week he'll

1 have an office in City Hall.

2 So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you
3 Union City for trusting in us.

4 Thank you to all of you who work so hard
5 day in and day out, I will never forget that,
6 from the bottom of my heart.

7 And on Tuesday night when we celebrated,
8 that's a moment I capture in my heart forever.
9 And since there's so much energy in this room, I
10 want to remind you of something.

11 Okay?

12 I have to take this opportunity. And no
13 joking around. Headquarters is open tomorrow.
14 We're open tomorrow.

15 Right, Justin, we're open tomorrow.

16 So, we have a lot of -- we don't have a
17 campaign right now but we have a lot of good
18 things that we're working on. So we are there
19 tomorrow. We'll have coffee and rolls for
20 everybody in the morning. I want to see
21 everybody there.

22 But in all seriousness, thank you, thank
23 you, thank you, thank you for how hard everybody
24 worked.

25 Not only working on the campaign but all

1 the civic projects that we do in the community;
2 whether it's delivering turkeys, whether it's
3 helping your neighbor, whether it's supplying
4 food to a family that needs it. Whatever you do
5 on an individual basis, I appreciate that from
6 the bottom of my heart.

7 (Applause.)

8 MAYOR STACK: And, as Lucio said, that he
9 hopes I'm the Mayor for many years to come, as
10 long as you want me I'll be here.

11 (Applause.)

12 MAYOR STACK: Thank -- I know that --

13 A CITIZEN: Love you, Mayor.

14 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

15 Thank you, everyone.

16 Thank you.

17 You guys -- you guys are my extended
18 family. I really mean that.

19 Thank you very much, everyone.

20 Thank you. Thank you very much.

21 Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 MAYOR STACK: I just want -- I just want

24 to --

25 Thank you very much everyone.

1 (Applause.)

2 MAYOR STACK: Thank you from the bottom of
3 my heart.

4 I love you all.

5 Thank you very much.

6 (Applause.)

7 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
8 proceedings.)

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Please be seated;
10 we're going to finish the agenda for this
11 evening.

12 CITY CLERK: Thank you, Mayor.

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14 **OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

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16 CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time would you
17 like to take public comment on the agenda this
18 evening?

19 MAYOR STACK: I'm sorry?

20 CITY CLERK: Would you like to take public
21 comment?

22 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

23 Anyone wishing to comment at this time
24 please step forward.

25 Seeing none.

1 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to close
2 Public Comment?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

4 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner --

5 MAYOR STACK: Second.

6 CITY CLERK: -- Fernandez.

7 Second by Mayor Stack.

8 Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

10 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

11 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

12 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

14 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

15 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

16 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

17 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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19 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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21 CITY CLERK: Mayor, there are no other
22 items on the agenda this evening.

23 May I have a motion to close?

24 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

1 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

2 Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

3 Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

6 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

8 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

10 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

11 CITY CLERK: Congratulations, Mayor and
12 Commissioners.

13 Thank you.

14 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

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17 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded
18 at 7:38 p.m.)

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