

CITY OF UNION CITY
HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING : TRANSCRIPT OF
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EMERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
318 18th Street
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, January 7, 2025
Commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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1 MS. ROSARIO: Can we please stand for
2 the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

3 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was
4 recited.)

5 MR. AUTERI: This is a regular public
6 meeting of the Union City Board of Commissioners
7 being held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at
8 7:00 p.m. at the Emerson Middle School, 318 18th
9 Street, Union City, New Jersey.

10 This meeting has been called in
11 accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.
12 Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided
13 to The Jersey Journal, The Record and has been
14 posted on the bulletin board in City Hall and made
15 available to the public in the office of the
16 Municipal Clerk.

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18 **ROLL CALL:**

19 MR. AUTERI: Roll call. Commissioner
20 Fernandez.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

22 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon.

23 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Here.

24 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia.

25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

1 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti.

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

3 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack.

4 MAYOR STACK: Here.

5

6 **PRESENTATION HONORING THE RECREATION CHIEFS**

7 **FOOTBALL TEAM:**

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9 MR. AUTERI: First item on the agenda is
10 a presentation honoring the recreation Chiefs
11 Football team. Commissioner Fernandez.

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13 (Presentation honoring the recreation
14 Chiefs football team.)

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16 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
17 action on the following item:

18 **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING -**
19 **DECEMBER 23, 2024.)**

20

21 MR. AUTERI: We're ready to resume the
22 meeting. The next item on the meeting agenda is
23 the approval of meeting minutes. May I have a
24 motion to approve the meeting minutes from
25 December 23, 2024?

1 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

3 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Mayor Stack,
4 second by Commissioner Martinetti.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We can't hear you.

6 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Fernandez.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

8 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon.

9 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

10 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We can't hear you.

12 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

13 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti.

14 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

15 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack.

16 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

17 MR. AUTERI: If you stop talking, you'll
18 be able to hear us.

19

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

22 **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:**

23 **1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 296 OF**
24 **THE CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY REGARDING FINES**
25 **FOR VIOLATIONS.)**

1 MR. AUTERI: Next is ordinance for
2 introduction. Adoption on first reading
3 authorizes the Municipal Clerk to advertise the
4 ordinance with a notice of introduction, together
5 with a notice of the time and place when the
6 ordinance will be considered for the final
7 passage.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can you speak up?

9 MR. AUTERI: The ordinances will be
10 considered at the meeting of the Board of
11 Commissioners to be held on Tuesday, January 21,
12 2025, at Sarah M. Gilmore Academy, 1600 Kerrigan
13 Avenue, Union City, New Jersey, at 7:00 p.m.

14 The ordinance is an ordinance amending
15 Chapter 296 of the code of the City of Union City
16 regarding fines for violations.

17 May I have a motion to introduce?

18 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

20 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Mayor Stack,
21 second by Commissioner Martinetti.

22 Commissioner Fernandez.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon.

25 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

1 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia.

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

3 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti.

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

5 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack.

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

7

8 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
9 action on the following items in total:

10 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

11 (1) MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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13 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
14 action on the following items in total:

15 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

16 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims.

17 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
18 Concurrent Claims.

19 (3) Resolution Approving the Escrow Refunds.

20 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll
21 December 7, 2024, to December 20, 2024.

22 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
23 December 7, 2024, Through December 20, 2024.

24 (6) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
25 Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholders.

1 (7) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Premium
2 Monies Collected At the Tax Sale.

3 (8) Resolution Authorizing Payment to RF
4 Consultants and Management, LLC, For Emergency
5 Facade Removal and Exterior Repairs At 408 35th
6 Street, Union City, NJ 07087.

7 (9) Resolution Designating the Depositories For
8 the City of Union City.

9 (10) Resolution Approving the Cash Management
10 Plan.

11 (11) Resolution Rescinding Lien Imposed on the
12 Property Known As 822 19th Street in Union City,
13 New Jersey.

14 (12) Resolution Rescinding Lien Imposed on the
15 Property Known As 822 19th Street, Union City.

16 (13) Resolution Authorizing Extraordinary and
17 Unspecifiable Services Contract For Risk
18 Management Consultant Services For the City of
19 Union City For 2025.

20 (14) Resolution Authorizing Contract For Opioid
21 Prevention and Training Services Consultant For
22 2025.

23 (15) Resolution to Authorize Bidding For the City
24 of Union City to Purchase Flowers and Planting
25 Supplies For 2025.

1 (16) Resolution Authorizing Receipt of Bids For
2 Tree Trimming Services.

3 (17) Resolution Authorizing Bidding For 2025 Tree
4 Planting Services For the City of Union City.

5 (18) Resolution Authorizing Receipt of Bids For
6 2025 Pothole Repair Program.

7 (19) Resolution Authorizing Receipt of Bids For
8 the 2025 City of Union City Sinkhole and Sanitary
9 Sewer Service Lateral Repair Program.

10 (20) Resolution Authorizing the Receipt of Bids
11 For the 2025 Sidewalk Repair Program.

12 (21) Resolution Authorizing Receipt of Bids For
13 the 2025 Central Avenue Streetscape Improvements
14 Project.

15 (22) Resolution Authorizing Receipt of Bids For
16 the 2025 EECBG City Hall Lighting Improvements
17 Project.

18 (23) Resolution Authorizing Receipt of Bids For
19 Chlorine and Pool Chemicals 2025.

20 (24) Resolution to Recognize January As Muslim
21 Heritage Month in the City of Union City.

22 (25) Resolution Amending the 24-25 Schedule of
23 the Board of Commissioners.

24 (26) Resolution Appointing a Municipal Housing
25 Liaison.

1 (27) Resolution Endorsing the Municipality of
2 \$750,000 From the County Trust Fund to Fund the
3 Improvements to Ellsworth Park.

4 (28) Resolution to Obtain a Grant From the New
5 Jersey Department of Community Affairs For a
6 Project to Make Improvements to Ellsworth Park.

7 (29) Resolution Rescinding Resolution Number
8 2017-64.

9 (30) Resolution to Authorize Bidding For Social
10 Media Services For the City of Union City.

11 (31) Resolution Authorizing Receipt of Bids For
12 Pools and Spray Grounds Opening, Maintenance, and
13 Closing 2025.

14 (32) Resolution Approving and Authorizing
15 Settlement of Litigation Related to County Wide
16 Equalized Assessment Valuation.

17 (33) Resolution Authorizing Contract For Planning
18 and Zoning Board Consultant Services For 2025.

19 (34) Resolution Authorizing the Receipt of Bids
20 For Webmaster Services For 2025.

21 (35) Resolution Authorizing Contract With D'Anna
22 Electric Corp. For Emergency Call Station Repairs
23 Throughout the City of Union City.

24 (36) Resolution to Authorize Memorandum of
25 Agreement Between the City of Union City and the

1 Union City Police Benevolent Association, Local 8.

2 (37) Resolution Endorsing the Municipality of
3 \$650,100 From the County Trust Fund to Fund
4 Improvements to Peru Park Phase 2.

5 (38) Resolution Authorizing the Placement of a
6 Lien on the Property Known As 408 35th Street,
7 Union City, New Jersey Block 209, Lot 10 in the
8 City of Union City For Emergency Repair Costs.

9 (39) Resolution Authorizing the Placement of a
10 Lien on the Property Known As 306 43rd Street in
11 Union City, Block 251, Lot 12, For Tenant
12 Relocation Costs.

13 (40) Resolution Awarding Contract For Library
14 Board Counsel For the City of Union City For
15 2025.)

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17 MR. AUTERI: There are 40 items on the
18 consent agenda.

19 One, resolution approving the payment of
20 claims.

21 Two, resolution approving the payment of
22 concurrent claims.

23 Three, resolution approving the escrow
24 refunds.

25 Four, resolution approving the City

1 payroll December 7, 2024, to December 20, 2024.

2 Five, resolution approving the library
3 payroll December 7, 2024, through December 20,
4 2024.

5 Six, resolution authorizing the refund
6 of redemption monies to outside lienholders.

7 Seven, resolution authorizing the refund
8 of premium monies collected at the tax sale.

9 Eight, resolution authorizing payment to
10 RF Consultants and Management, LLC, for emergency
11 facade removal and exterior repairs --

12 MAYOR STACK: Please stop talking.
13 Thank you.

14 MR. AUTERI: -- at 408 35th Street,
15 Union City, NJ 07087.

16 Nine, resolution designating the
17 depositories for the City of Union City.

18 Ten, resolution approving the cash
19 management plan.

20 Eleven, resolution rescinding lien
21 imposed on the property known as 822 19th Street
22 in Union City, New Jersey.

23 Twelve, resolution rescinding lien
24 imposed on the property known as 822 19th Street,
25 Union City.

1 MAYOR STACK: Captain Bergbauer, I would
2 appreciate that all the talking would stop,
3 please. There's got to be some level of respect.

4 MR. AUTERI: Thirteen, resolution
5 authorizing extraordinary and unspecifiable
6 services contract for risk management consultant
7 services for the City of Union City for 2025.

8 Fourteen, resolution authorizing
9 contract for opioid prevention and training
10 services consultant for 2025.

11 Fifteen, resolution to authorize bidding
12 for the City of Union City to purchase flowers and
13 planting supplies for 2025.

14 Sixteen, resolution authorizing receipt
15 of bids for tree trimming services.

16 Seventeen, resolution authorizing
17 bidding for 2025 tree planting services for the
18 City of Union City.

19 Eighteen, resolution authorizing receipt
20 of bids for 2025 pothole repair program.

21 Nineteen, resolution authorizing receipt
22 of bids for the 2025 City of Union City sinkhole
23 and sanitary sewer service lateral repair program.

24 Twenty, resolution authorizing the
25 receipt of bids for the 2025 sidewalk repair

1 program.

2 Twenty-one, resolution authorizing
3 receipt of bids for the 2025 Central Avenue
4 streetscape improvements project.

5 Twenty-two, resolution authorizing
6 receipt of bids for the 2025 EECBG City Hall
7 lighting improvements project.

8 Twenty-three, resolution authorizing
9 receipt of bids for chlorine and pool chemicals
10 2025.

11 Twenty-four, resolution to recognize
12 January as Muslim Heritage Month in the City of
13 Union City.

14 Twenty-five, resolution amending the
15 24-25 schedule of the Board of Commissioners.

16 Twenty-six, resolution appointing a
17 municipal housing liaison.

18 Twenty-seven, resolution endorsing the
19 municipality of \$750,000 from the county trust
20 fund to fund the improvements to Ellsworth Park.

21 Twenty-eight, resolution to obtain a
22 grant from the New Jersey Department of Community
23 Affairs for a project to make improvements to
24 Ellsworth Park.

25 Twenty-nine, resolution rescinding

1 resolution number 2017-64.

2 Thirty, resolution to authorize bidding
3 for social media services for the City of Union
4 City.

5 Thirty-one, resolution authorizing
6 receipt of bids for pools and spray grounds
7 opening, maintenance, and closing 2025.

8 Thirty-two, resolution approving and
9 authorizing settlement of litigation related to
10 county wide equalized assessment valuation.

11 Thirty-three, resolution authorizing
12 contract for planning and zoning board consultant
13 services for 2025.

14 Thirty-four, resolution authorizing the
15 receipt of bids for webmaster services for 2025.

16 Thirty-five, resolution authorizing
17 contract with D'Anna Electric Corp. for emergency
18 call station repairs throughout the City of Union
19 City.

20 Thirty-six, resolution to authorize
21 memorandum of agreement between the City of Union
22 City and the Union City Police Benevolent
23 Association, Local 8.

24 Thirty-seven, resolution endorsing the
25 municipality of \$650,100 from the county trust

1 fund to fund improvements to Peru Park phase 2.

2 Thirty-eight, resolution authorizing the
3 placement of a lien on the property known as 408
4 35th Street, Union City, New Jersey Block 209, Lot
5 10 in the City of Union City for emergency repair
6 costs.

7 Thirty-nine, resolution authorizing the
8 placement of a lien on the property known as 306
9 43rd Street in Union City, Block 251, Lot 12, for
10 tenant relocation costs.

11 Forty, resolution awarding contract for
12 library board counsel for the City of Union City
13 for 2025.

14 Mayor, at this time, would you like to
15 take public comment?

16 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Anyone wishing to
17 comment on the items that were just read into the
18 record on the consent agenda. This is only on the
19 consent agenda only. Any comments right now must
20 be on one of the 40 items that were just read for
21 the consent agenda only. Please step forward,
22 sir, state your name and address for the record.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Are you pointing at
24 me?

25 MAYOR STACK: Yes, if you're going to

1 comment on the consent agenda. Just on the items
2 that were read into the record.

3 MR. AUTERI: We're going to have another
4 public comment at the end.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You don't need to tell
6 me -- you don't run my life, sir. I know how to
7 speak during public comment on the resolutions.
8 Thank you.

9 COURT REPORTER: Can you state your
10 name, please?

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: To the Chair, Brian P.
12 Stack, under the fourth amendment and Daniel's
13 law, I do not have to give my name. The Open
14 Public Meetings Act says when it is time for the
15 public to speak, let them speak. May I continue?

16 MR. AUTERI: This public comment portion
17 is on the consent agenda, we're going to have
18 another --

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you.

20 MR. AUTERI: On the consent? Okay.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you.

22 MR. AUTERI: The floor is yours.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm against the
24 resolution approving payment of claims. I'm
25 against it because of the corruption of that board

1 headed by Mayor Brian P. Stack. I'm against
2 resolution number two.

3 Okay. Let's see what other things we
4 have here that we didn't quite hear. Number 15,
5 resolution to authorize bidding for the City of
6 Union City to purchase flowers and plant supplies
7 for 2025. You want to purchase some flowers, but
8 you don't even write here how much you're going to
9 spend on the flowers. It's like you're going
10 to -- what is this? An open check for you to just
11 spend away on flowers? I've seen this scam before
12 in Edison. Just like Joe Coyle, he's purchasing
13 flowers and they end up dead, they end up dead.

14 Number 30, resolution authorizing
15 bidding for social media services for the City of
16 Union City for 2025. Are you paying for somebody
17 that's going to -- when you claim provide social
18 media services, to attack your political
19 opponents, Mayor Brian P. Stack? To provide you
20 good media coverage, Mayor Brian P. Stack, under
21 the disguise that they're talking about the town?
22 Okay. He doesn't want to answer.

23 So I'm against consent agenda number
24 one, all the way to 40. Can you hear me, Mayor
25 Brian P. Stack? I have a hearing problem, so I

1 don't -- forgive me if I'm screaming -- can you
2 hear me? Am I at a good enough -- yes? Thumbs up
3 if you can hear me. Can you hear me?

4 So number 15, again, Mayor Brian P.
5 Stack, how much in taxpayer funds are you going to
6 use to purchase flowers and what kind of flowers?
7 What kind of flowers?

8 Point of order, what are you saying? I
9 can't hear you. What kind of -- I asked what kind
10 of flowers are they? And how can you assure that
11 before you replant them that they're not going to
12 die? If they died in Edison, New Jersey, over
13 60,000 wasted on flowers? What kind of flowers,
14 the kind you can smoke?

15 Now, this social media company. Who is
16 the last social media company you used, Mayor
17 Brian P. Stack? He doesn't want to answer me. He
18 sits there like a fucking idiot, like a fucking
19 idiot. What the fuck is going on in this -- is it
20 me?

21 How much time do I have? 13 seconds.
22 Mayor Brian P. Stack, what kind of flowers are
23 they, Mayor Brian P. Stack? Can you hear me? Are
24 they the kind you can smoke? Are they cannabis
25 flowers, Mayor Brian P. Stack? What are you

1 laughing?

2 MAYOR STACK: Thank you for your
3 comment. Next one on the consent agenda? Seeing
4 no other on the consent agenda, motion to close
5 the public comment period on the consent agenda.

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

7 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Mayor Stack,
8 second by Commissioner Valdivia.

9 Commissioner Fernandez.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

11 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon.

12 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

13 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia.

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

15 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti.

16 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

17 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack.

18 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

19 MR. AUTERI: Motion to approve all items
20 on the consent?

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

22 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Commissioner
23 Valdivia.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

25 MR. AUTERI: Second by Commissioner

1 Fernandez.

2 Commissioner Fernandez.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

4 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon.

5 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

6 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia.

7 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

8 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti.

9 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

10 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack.

11 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

12

13 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
14 action on the following item:

15 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

16 1. Resolution approving the 2025
17 temporary budget.)

18

19 MR. AUTERI: Next is the regular agenda.
20 There's two items on the regular agenda. The
21 first is a resolution approving the 2025 temporary
22 budget. May I have a motion to approve item one
23 on the regular agenda?

24 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

25 MR. AUTERI: Motion made by Mayor Stack.

1 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

2 MR. AUTERI: Second by Commissioner
3 Grullon.

4 Commissioner Fernandez.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

6 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon.

7 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

8 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia.

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

10 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti.

11 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

12 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack.

13 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

14

15 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
16 action on the following item:

17 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

18 2. Resolution approving the payment of
19 claims to the Union City Board of Education.)

20

21 MR. AUTERI: The next item on the agenda
22 is a resolution approving the payment of claims to
23 the Union City Board of Education.

24 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

25 MR. AUTERI: The Board will invoke the

1 doctrine of necessity. Motion made by Mayor
2 Stack.

3 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

4 MR. AUTERI: Second by Commissioner
5 Grullon.

6 Commissioner Fernandez is recusing.

7 Commissioner Grullon.

8 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

9 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia.

10 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

11 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti is
12 recusing.

13 Mayor Stack.

14 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

15

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

17

18 MR. AUTERI: Next, Mayor, would you like
19 to take public comment?

20 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Anyone wishing to
21 comment at this time on any matter concerning
22 municipal government in the City of Union City,
23 please step forward, state your name and address
24 for the record.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We can't hear you. Is

1 this public comment time?

2 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment?

3 MR. AUTERI: Public comment time.

4 MAYOR STACK: Please step your forward,
5 state your name and address for the record.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It is pretty crazy.

7 COURT REPORTER: Can you state your
8 name, please?

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No.

10 MR. AUTERI: Floor is yours.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: All right. The
12 parking over here is horrendous. You have a
13 handicapped man that had to park 15 blocks away to
14 get to the meeting. There's not even that many
15 people here. And I mean it's ridiculous.

16 I want to start off by saying I'm
17 nervous to be here, why? Because I'm afraid I
18 might get kicked out or removed by this fucking
19 guy over here. That's the kind of fear that this
20 administration has put into these meetings. Let's
21 also address the last meeting. It was changed and
22 it wasn't notified properly. You need two
23 publications and at least 48 hours notice, where
24 was that? You wasted my time and my gas I. Want
25 to know where my compensation is for that. I

1 drove 120 miles to get here, I'm from Egg Harbor
2 Township, that's near Atlantic City.

3 But this isn't just a wake up call, the
4 corrupt police and those in power are tearing
5 apart our democracy, but we're not letting them
6 get away with it, not today, not ever. We have a
7 system that protects predators, plain and simple.
8 Let's hear it, Lieutenant Sergio de Rojas, who
9 faces credible sexual assault allegations, yet
10 somehow in charge of the children's safety. We're
11 in a school here now, there was kids getting
12 awards and all that stuff. And whenever this --
13 are you speaking while I'm speaking? Mayor Stack,
14 are you not listening? That's the respect we get?
15 That's the respect we get.

16 Point of order. I lost my train of
17 thought because I'm getting ignored here. So he
18 faces credible sexual assault charges and yet
19 somehow he's in charge of children's safety.
20 That's beyond outrageous and it's dangerous. And
21 it's not a mistake, it's a deliberate choice by
22 those in power, Mr. P. Stack.

23 And then there's Raoul Genao, the
24 department of parks, three women have come and
25 accused him of sexual assault. But those cases

1 were swept under the rug. There were interviews
2 and there's no justice. Why? Because Brian
3 Stack, his sister, and the Union City Board of
4 Education are covering up for him. This isn't
5 just a coincidence, it's a pattern of corruption
6 designed to protect predators while silencing out
7 those who choose to speak, like Leroy Truth. I
8 wore a shirt that says, Leroy Truth, investigating
9 Union City. That's why we're here. Because of
10 the corruption here.

11 This is happening everywhere, right here
12 in Union City and towns like Edison, where the
13 mayor was accused of rape and tried to shut down
14 free speech. They're scared because the people
15 are waking up. I don't know if you know this, but
16 it was world news that the flag was banned. We're
17 going to bring that here to Union City.

18 Here's what we demand we demand an
19 investigation into Brian's -- Mayor Stack's role
20 in protecting de Rojas. We demand that he fires
21 him immediately and he should have never been put
22 near the children. Hold the Union City Board of
23 Education accountable for its role in this cover
24 up, reopen the case against Raoul Genao and
25 investigate the cover up fully. Lastly, the

1 public meetings must be in a space where the
2 people's voices are heard. And politicians aren't
3 protecting their own.

4 Union City, your children deserve
5 safety, your community deserves accountability.
6 We won't stop, we won't back down. We won't be
7 silenced. Together, we're strong and we will
8 expose every last bit of corruption. The people
9 are watching. The truth is coming out.

10 So I mean I would hope that we can get
11 some microphones in here because it's a real --
12 it's really a damn shame that I can't hear you.
13 We're literally half court from you guys. I mean
14 I'm projecting to you so you can hear me. But
15 that guy over there, he was mumbling under his
16 breath. We couldn't hear a damn word. I didn't
17 even know when public comments was. Chris had to
18 tell me. And I had to quickly raise my hand, I
19 had no idea. That is insane.

20 MAYOR STACK: Next.

21 PETER: How you guys doing?

22 COURT REPORTER: Can you state your
23 name, please?

24 PETER: Peter. So I'm here about my
25 second amendment, which was denied because of my

1 first amendment by Union City, the police
2 department, and City Hall. They're forcing me to
3 pay an online fee when I was there in person,
4 telling me that they can not give me services.
5 When there's a bill that Mayor Stack signed in
6 2019, I believe, that it's a mandate for them to
7 give me in person services.

8 I just became a citizen of the U.S. and
9 I was denied my CCW and I don't understand why. I
10 haven't done anything wrong in this country. I
11 don't understand. Is it because the way I look?
12 The chief of police denied me. Now here, I am
13 paying \$3,000 for a lawyer to go speak in court.
14 So now I'm buying my rights when I was never a
15 criminal or a felon, I never been to prison.

16 I believe the lawyer for the city should
17 know about this. I sent a couple emails to Brian,
18 Mayor Stack, and he responded. But at the end of
19 the day, I only had 30 days to appeal my case and
20 I shouldn't be paying \$3,000 for any of this.
21 What's the point? It was passed and it was a
22 mandate, it wasn't up to the chief or the
23 detective or the sergeant or the detective in City
24 Hall to deny me my rights. I hope you guys fix
25 this problem. Thank you.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Since I'm his wife,
2 I'm going to speak as well. He just got his --

3 MR. AUTERI: Please step behind the
4 podium.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Within the year, less
6 than a year, he got his gun permit. So I got my
7 gun permit, he got his gun permit. He went to do
8 the hold. When we went to the police station and
9 he spoke to the chief, the chief did not know that
10 my house got broken into, my car got stolen, and
11 my other car got broken into in a matter of seven
12 years that I lived here. I lived in Jersey City,
13 not one time has my house been broken into. I
14 move my kids to Union City because everybody made
15 a big deal how great Union City is. Three times,
16 my whole entire house? You go in front of the
17 chief, the chief has no idea. Oh, hold this, hold
18 this, hold this. I feel like it's ridiculous.

19 And as for you, you're saying there's no
20 handicapped, how come -- I lived here seven years
21 and in a matter of a year, there's like ten new
22 handicaps? I work in the medical field. Just on
23 one block is seven, two, two, two, randomly, where
24 he needs a handicapped plaque, it's such a
25 process, that I'm -- I'm coming home, I work 8 to

1 8, I can't find parking. I'm searching, searching
2 everywhere. They're like, oh, there's this space,
3 this way here. I live on 15th and West, I'm right
4 in the thing. And you guys hold meetings there,
5 but there no way that there's eight, nine, ten new
6 parking spots, just made, they just go up. Like I
7 don't understand that.

8 And for the safety, I don't know --
9 everything, I feel like I'm in -- I used to live
10 in Jersey City my whole life. Everything was
11 known. Union City, everything is kept quiet. My
12 kids are going to school, I have to bring my kids
13 to school, I have to do this, I have to do that.
14 And meanwhile, we're just leaving our car parked
15 in front, nobody has cameras, there's no police
16 patrol. When I go, it's oh, I think it's an
17 inside job. You're telling me that my house got
18 broken into on an inside job when I live in a
19 house? We have cameras. Like --

20 MAYOR STACK: If you can, I'd like to
21 you see, before you leave, Captain Bergbauer.
22 He's in charge of the detective bureau, he'll meet
23 with you on --

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I did -- when my car
25 got stolen I had to do the investigation myself.

1 And they only go, well, usually cars always get
2 stolen. My brother is a Jersey City cop, he's
3 like, yeah, within two, three months over 300 cars
4 and I understand that.

5 But I'm telling you that someone was
6 following my husband. We have it on camera on the
7 corner of -- where is it? Manhattan going down.
8 And I had to go to them because I told the
9 detective that the cameras there, there's someone
10 following my husband, but he just got denied.
11 This is four incidents in less than three years,
12 four years that happened and you're denying him.
13 He just got his citizenship, you guys just
14 approved him for his permit. So he got approved
15 for his gun permit, so how is he not approved from
16 the same people that spoke to him? Saying that he
17 can't have it.

18 How do I feel safe? I have a 17-year
19 old and a 14-year old boy. Boys are -- they jump
20 kids around here, they're carrying guns. I went
21 to the detective when I got a threat on Instagram.
22 My son got threatened that we're watching you in
23 First Street Park, we're watching you. I'm going
24 to blow your head off. I went to the police.
25 They literally straight up told me to my face,

1 honestly, we can't trace it, we don't have the
2 ability to trace Instagram threats. So that made
3 me go get my gun permit. Because if I feel like
4 you're threatening my son, that you're watching
5 him at football, my son doesn't know who you are,
6 you have a fake Instagram. And then I do the
7 protocol by going to the detective and they're
8 telling me there's nothing I can do. What's the
9 only choice? You have to protect your family,
10 right? Because nobody else is going to protect
11 your family. There's no police in the -- these
12 are all teenage kids having problems.

13 Did you know that Union City, they went
14 down to Hoboken and half of them -- some of them
15 got almost jumped? And my son's over here getting
16 a threat that he -- and he's not in the street, my
17 son is never in the street. I'm a full time
18 mother, he's a full time father. He's not in the
19 street.

20 But when they see him playing football
21 and there's jealous kids out there because my
22 son's becoming like a player that everybody is
23 noticing and he's getting threats. And I made the
24 Instagram just for football, I monitor it. I'm on
25 it. He has no other things and my son's getting

1 threats that he's going to get his head shot off?
2 And I'm going to the detective and that's what
3 they tell me to my face? There's nothing I can
4 do.

5 And then now I have -- what's the only
6 thing to do? You have to protect your child. No
7 one else is going to, the parent has to protect
8 their child. I got it he got it because our house
9 got broken into, our cars. I went to the police
10 with the message, can you trace it? No, no.

11 MAYOR STACK: If you could, ma'am,
12 Captain Bergbauer is in charge of the detective
13 bureau, you'll meet with him for a few minutes,
14 you and your husband. And we'll set up a meeting
15 with him and the chief right away. We'll do it --

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- everything that's
17 going on, then he gets denied, it's very
18 upsetting.

19 MAYOR STACK: We'll do it at your
20 convenience, but Captain Bergbauer will see you
21 right now, if you could.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: How do you get your
23 pistol permit, but get denied your CCW?

24 MAYOR STACK: Ma'am, ma'am, if you could
25 just --

1 MR. AUTERI: Sir, you had your
2 opportunity.

3 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Next speaker.
4 Sir, you spoke already. Next speaker, please come
5 up. Anyone else wishing to speak at this time?

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Charles Pratt's on the
7 phone.

8 (Unreportable speaking from a phone.)

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Charles -- Brian, can
10 you give him respect? He's on the phone. Come
11 on, he's in Virginia, he has a lot of problems
12 there with the court systems and everything. If
13 he wants to know if you have anything to do with
14 the it? Also everything else, him driving a
15 train, going up and down the trains.

16 (Unreportable speaking from a phone.)

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: He wants to know if
18 you're pleading the Fifth?

19 (Unreportable speaking from a phone.)

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Let him know about
21 your Section 8, Charles, what happened.

22 (Unreportable speaking from a phone.)

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You got two minutes.

24 (Unreportable speaking from a phone.)

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: He's asking if you're

1 trying to kill him, Brian. He said that you asked
2 him --

3 MR. AUTERI: Sir, you had -- wait your
4 turn, then you can make your comment.

5 (Unreportable speaking from a phone.)

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: He said in Edison, why
7 they tried to kidnap him using the police coming
8 off the train. Do you have anything -- do you
9 know what's going on? Because you did get
10 \$100,000 from Middlesex County, right, is that
11 Edison? Why would they give you \$100,000, Brian?
12 For what? Can you tell us why? \$100,000 from
13 Middlesex County, tell us why? Why so much money
14 when you're running for reelection? You're not
15 running against anybody, you need all that money?
16 For what? You got nothing to say. So you got
17 19 seconds, Charles?

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Everybody in the room,
19 he wants all the board members to know --

20 MAYOR STACK: Thank you for your
21 comments. Next one, please. Angelo, call the
22 next.

23 MR. AUTERI: Anyone else wishing to make
24 a public comment?

25 MAYOR STACK: Anyone else wishing to

1 comment at this time.

2 MR. MITCHELL: Raymond Mitchell --

3 MR. AUTERI: No, you just --

4 MAYOR STACK: Anyone else wishing to
5 comment? Seeing no other, we're going to close
6 the public comment --

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes, yes.

8 MR. AUTERI: Step up.

9 MAYOR STACK: Somebody has to come up
10 and make a comment.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We have five minutes.
12 The first guy here is going to give a minute, a
13 minute, we're going to skip Stack because he's --

14 MAYOR STACK: Next one wishing to
15 comment, please step forward.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- the last --

17 MAYOR STACK: Captain Bergbauer.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I want to know right
19 now about the letters --

20 MAYOR STACK: Captain Bergbauer, he's
21 finished already. He had five minutes.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I was --

23 MAYOR STACK: Next one wishing to speak
24 or we're going to close the public comment period.

25 MR. AUTERI: You can speak, you don't

1 have to go behind the podium.

2 MAYOR STACK: Sir, you can speak.

3 Captain, the gentlemen would like to
4 speak. We won't allow him to speak, he already
5 had an opportunity, he's disrupting the public
6 meeting. Let the record reflect the meeting is
7 being disrupted once again.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's when Charles --

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You've been disrupting
10 the meeting the whole --

11 MAYOR STACK: Let the record reflect --
12 sir, sir, please speak.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I am El Rapador, I'm
14 with citicross.org, we're a 501c3 here in Hudson
15 County fighting for disability rights and for
16 cannabis patients rights. I came here a couple
17 years ago and spoke to you about this issue, about
18 disabled rights. And you told me the story about
19 your, he was in a wheelchair, and you were denied
20 access to a restaurant. Well, last week, last
21 council meeting, I had to park 10 blocks away on
22 Kennedy Boulevard. I went to the meeting, in my
23 wheelchair. Get to the meeting and it's closed,
24 there's nothing -- there's no -- there's a sign on
25 the door that says you got to go 10 more blocks up

1 here and it's at 4:00, I'm like gee, am I late. I
2 don't know was that 4:00 then, when they put the
3 sign up? I don't know, so I went 10 more blocks
4 to the next meeting and that was closed.

5 This is not how you treat disabled
6 people. If that was your father in the
7 wheelchair, how would you feel if your father had
8 to go 10 blocks and another 10 blocks to get to a
9 council meeting? It's absolutely ridiculous.

10 Now, when I talk about police stations
11 without with wheelchair access, one of the ones I
12 talk about is Union City. I came here a couple
13 years ago and you put up a sign because there is
14 no wheelchair access to the lower precinct. You
15 put up a sign giving us access to the ramp in the
16 restricted area. However there's -- an officer
17 has to be there to open the door, so it's really
18 not access because you got to wait for an officer
19 to come open the door, and then give the reason
20 why you have to come in there. That's not
21 accessibility.

22 So there's other police stations in New
23 Jersey, like South Amboy with no wheelchair access
24 where you got police violating their
25 constitutional oath by stepping over human rights

1 violations every day. The police union has done
2 nothing about it, the politicians have done
3 nothing about it. Our disabled vets deserve
4 better, yet nobody is doing anything about this
5 for our disabled vets. Police stations. How do
6 you have police stations without wheelchair
7 access? Post offices? You got police stations in
8 Montclair without wheelchair access, Brielle has
9 no wheelchair access. And as a matter of fact,
10 Brielle has no wheelchair access for their council
11 meetings. Could you imagine going to speak your
12 First Amendment right and not be able to get in
13 there. However, Brielle will take your money in
14 Manasquan. If you got a ticket in Brielle, they
15 would take your money to go to court in Manasquan.
16 They take your money, but you can't use your First
17 Amendment in Brielle. How is this not an issue?

18 And in Union City, you have Urban
19 Enterprise Zones that are discriminatory towards
20 the disabled, it's a 14th Amendment violation.
21 You have businesses all over the Urban Enterprise
22 Zone that offer tax breaks to people that are able
23 bodied. If you're disabled, you could not get the
24 same tax breaks as able bodied people, that's
25 discrimination, that's against the 14th Amendment,

1 that's against human rights. You need to disband
2 the UEZ, it is discriminatory. There's no way if
3 a disabled vet can't get into that business why
4 they should have their tax breaks taken away. How
5 do you do that? How do you take tax breaks away
6 from disabled vets? We should elevating our vets,
7 we should put the last first.

8 You should put a sign up saying no
9 cripples wanted, keep your cancer home, keep your
10 wheelchairs home, little cripple, we don't want
11 you here. Remember when they had signs on the
12 door saying no Jews allowed, no Blacks allowed, no
13 gays allowed? Well, it's the same thing here in
14 Union City, no wheelchairs allowed, no cancer
15 allowed, keep your wheelchairs home, disabled vets
16 not wanted. How do you treat your disabled vets
17 this poorly? Absolutely disgusting.

18 And also we built an industry, a
19 cannabis industry was built on the backs of sick,
20 dying and disabled people here in New Jersey. You
21 think they'd have wheelchair access at
22 dispensaries, no. You got wheelchair issues at
23 dispensaries, also in UEZs. In Jersey City,
24 there's a dispensary in an Urban Enterprise Zone
25 with no wheelchair access. No 3.5 percent tax

1 breaks, no nothing, ugatez, bupkis, ridiculous. I
2 don't need to be here, I need to be here on Zoom,
3 but you have no -- absolutely no compassion for
4 people in wheelchairs here. You got a camera
5 there filming us, you got a camera there filming
6 is, nothing filming you guys. I can't even hear
7 you guys, I can't hear you. When I complained I
8 can't hear you, this guy says he's going to send
9 us a summons for disrupting a meeting. That's how
10 they treat disabled people here in Union City, no
11 fucks given.

12 They went with songs to the battle, they
13 were young, Straight of limb, true of eye, steady
14 and aglow. They were staunch to the end against
15 odds uncounted, they fell with their faces to the
16 foe. They shall grow not old, as we that are left
17 grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years
18 condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the
19 morning, we will remember them.

20 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

21 MR. AUTERI: Thank you, sir.

22 MAYOR STACK: Next. Who's next? You?

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Mayor Stack, do you
24 know who I am? Do you know why I'm here? Who's
25 the guy he hired? Mayor Brian P. Stack, you hired

1 de Rojas, a well known sexual predator that's head
2 of security for the schools? Head of security for
3 the schools, who's going to keep the children
4 safe, who's going to keep the children safe from
5 de Rojas? A known sexual predator. Are you
6 kidding me? What a sick fuck, just ignoring me.

7 Mayor P. Stack, head of the judiciary
8 committee, Edison, New Jersey, that's filed so
9 many fake felony cases, but I'm going to beat them
10 all. Even if you persecute me and I lose, fuck
11 you. Fuck the judges that you put in, fuck all
12 the senators and all the congressmen in New
13 Jersey, and fuck that piece of shit Governor
14 Murphy, he can go back to -- why are you fucking
15 laughing? Do you find it funny? Do you find it
16 funny when the state maliciously falsifies police
17 reports in order to maliciously prosecute their
18 political opponents? I'm sure he loves it because
19 he wants to do exactly what they did to me, he
20 wants to do to Leroy right there. And you've been
21 doing it to Leroy. How many false charges have
22 been filed on you?

23 MR. TRUTH: At least ten.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: At least ten. Are you
25 kidding me? That's unethical. Unethical,

1 maliciously falsifying police reports in order to
2 prosecute this man using township employees --

3 (Unreportable speaking from the
4 audience.)

5 MR. AUTERI: This gentleman is making a
6 comment, please.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Are you stopping my
8 time?

9 MR. AUTERI: What?

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Would you stop my
11 time? Thank you. You're using your own township
12 employees for personal gain in order to go after
13 your political opponents -- filing an ethics
14 claim. It's coming.

15 Head of judiciary. Mayor Sam Joshi is a
16 scumbag, you've been accused of allegedly sexual
17 assault, possibly rape allegations. And then you
18 go to Edison, New Jersey, another rapist, Mayor
19 Sam Joshi. Then they give you -- Middlesex County
20 gives \$100,000, for what? For what? You're all a
21 country club of racists and sex predators, every
22 single one of you. Each and every one of you are
23 racist and a sex predator.

24 Why are you shaking your head, Mayor
25 Brian P. Stack? Why is the State of New Jersey

1 coming after me? Head of the judiciary committee.

2 The whole system here in the State of
3 New Jersey is corrupt, they claim I criminally
4 restrained a child predator, when I was a third
5 party that recorded one man asking questions to
6 another man. That's what your state does. You're
7 all pieces of shit. You all fake charges on
8 people, you've been faking charges on Leroy --
9 Rosenfeld versus New Jersey, I'm allowed to curse.
10 Lozman versus Riviera Beach, my time has started,
11 I dare you to try to throw me out.

12 You're a piece of shit, Mayor Brian P.
13 Stack. You're a piece of shit, your police
14 department is a bunch of pieces of shit. Kevin
15 McCabe right here is a piece of shit, we all know
16 how Kevin McCabe came to power. He was the driver
17 for McGreevey. And then McGreevey banged him in
18 the Woodbridge janitor's closet and up his career
19 went.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Who's his mentor,
21 who's his mentor, Brian Stack?

22 MR. AUTERI: Sir, you have to be quiet.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Now you're trying to
24 put McGreevey in Jersey City, piece of shit Nazi
25 leprechaun Coughlin right there, a Nazi

1 leprechaun. Here's another piece of shit Deenan,
2 here's another piece of shit scumbag Vitale,
3 you're all fucking scumbags. I came here to Union
4 City to tell you you're a piece of shit scumbag,
5 your State of New Jersey is fucking scumbags.

6 When I call Governor Murphy to tell him
7 he's a fucking scumbag, I said he can go fuck
8 himself. What's his wife's name? Yeah, Tammy can
9 go fuck herself -- yeah, yeah, call Governor
10 Murphy, call Governor Murphy. Tammy can go fuck
11 herself, too. He's laughing because he knows it.
12 He knows Tammy is a stupid bitch, too. He knows.
13 What are you guys going to do about it? It
14 doesn't matter. I don't care if you guys
15 persecute me, I'm going to come back even
16 stronger. That's what they're supposed to do,
17 they persecute Christians. We're not supposed to
18 be popular, we're supposed to come here --

19 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much. Next
20 speaker, please. State your name and address,
21 sir, if you can.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Full Court Press,
23 Hudson County. Traveling through Hudson County,
24 New Jersey, when you arrive in Union City and find
25 a door. You unlock this door with the key of

1 accountability. Beyond it is another dimension, a
2 dimension of arrogance, a dimension of corruption.
3 A dimension where public meetings mysteriously
4 vanish and are moved to a time in the past.
5 You're moving into a land of manufactured chaos
6 and unchecked power. You've just crossed over
7 into the tyrant zone.

8 Now, I stand here navigating through
9 this strange warped reality, a dimension where
10 rules bend and time bends with them. Meetings are
11 rescheduled without warning, shifting into time
12 frames that belong in the past as though they
13 never existed.

14 You think you can erase truth with a few
15 manipulative maneuvers, but here I am, wandering
16 through your illusion, holding a mirror to the
17 chaos you've created. You've pushed us into this
18 realm of disarray, but we won't be lost.

19 We came here today, not because we're
20 confused, but because this dimension, this twisted
21 system you've created is one that needs to be
22 exposed. These meetings that vanish like smoke,
23 the lies you perpetrate, these corrupt dealings
24 that occur behind closed doors, they don't belong
25 in the realm of -- they belong in a place where

1 truth is constantly suppressed, where those in
2 power believe they're untouchable. But guess
3 what, that's not this dimension. Every time you
4 move the goal post, every time you try to hide
5 your actions behind layers of manipulation, it
6 just further reveals how unstable this dimension
7 really is. You thought you could rewrite history
8 after time itself, but we're not falling for it.
9 We see your tricks. We see your desperate
10 attempts to control the narrative. And we're not
11 just sitting here as spectators, we're here to rip
12 the veil off and expose this twisted farce you've
13 built.

14 This isn't just a meeting. This is a
15 battle field, a battle field where your corruption
16 and dishonesty can no longer survive. Every
17 attempt to silence us, every attempt to derail the
18 truth is just another crack in your false reality.
19 You can't hold this dimension together with smoke
20 and mirrors, it's crumbling. And we're the ones
21 who will finish the job.

22 I see the weirdness that goes on here.
23 I felt the weight of the manipulation and I'm
24 standing strong in the face of it. Every move you
25 make to push us down, every attempt to shift the

1 conversation to some other place or time, those
2 are signs of a corrupt system trying to stay
3 alive. But no matter what you do, we keep coming
4 back stronger and more determined. Your attempts
5 to confuse us only add fuel to our fire. You
6 think you're in control of this dimension, but you
7 don't. The more you resist, the more you fight
8 transparency, the more you try and suppress the
9 truth, the more you reveal your weakness.

10 We're not here to play by your rules.
11 We're here to tear down the walls you've built
12 around your corruption. So keep trying to hide in
13 the shadows, keep trying to escape the inevitable
14 reckoning, but know this: Truth doesn't bend.
15 The truth doesn't disappear into some alternate
16 timeline. The truth always finds a way. Have the
17 night you deserve.

18 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Next speaker.

19 MR. TRUTH: I want to thank the entire
20 response team for being here. They're here
21 because of you, Mayor Stack, not because you're
22 doing a good job, but because you're a lowlife
23 corrupt scumbag who is disrupting the meeting
24 right now. You're disrupting my time, Stack.
25 Shut your mouth.

1 Point of privilege. Stop my time,
2 please. I'm going to wait until they're done
3 speaking. Stop my time.

4 MR. AUTERI: Make your comment.

5 MR. TRUTH: Stop my time.

6 MR. AUTERI: Make your comment.

7 MR. TRUTH: No. They were disrupting --
8 I need to start now because this is to Mayor
9 Stack, so please --

10 MAYOR STACK: We're going by that clock
11 right there.

12 MR. TRUTH: Please restart my time.
13 You're a scumbag, too, Angelo Auteri, you're going
14 to lose your job, too. You're the most corrupt
15 mayor and morally bankrupt mayor in America, Mayor
16 Brian Stack of the Board of Commissioners and any
17 resident in Union City. This speech is beyond a
18 speech. It is not a request, it is a war cry. I
19 stand here tonight to deliver the harsh unfiltered
20 truth.

21 Under your leadership, Mayor Stack,
22 Union City has become a cesspool of rape,
23 corruption, and unchecked abuse of power. To put
24 it in terms your woman-hating brain will
25 understand, you have turned Union City, New

1 Jersey, into a rape cage. You've turned the city
2 into a fortress for predators, like Sergio de
3 Rojas, a nightmare for women, and a monument to
4 your depravity.

5 Let's call it what it is, Brian Stack.
6 You're not a leader, you're a facilitator of
7 sexual violence, a protector of rapists, the head
8 of the state judiciary committee and a disgrace to
9 the office you hold. You don't have the courage
10 and the gut to look me in the eye, man to man, as
11 I expose you.

12 You made Union City synonymous with
13 systemic abuse, retaliation, and soul-crushing
14 corruption. Let's start with the most egregious
15 example of your betrayal, the alleged rape of a
16 female police dispatcher by Lieutenant Sergio de
17 Rojas, formerly Sergeant de Rojas.

18 The woman endured months of relentless
19 stalking and harassment. She begged you for a
20 transfer, a desperate plea for help for two months
21 and your response? No. Then in the ultimate act
22 of cowardice and cruelty, according to the victim,
23 she was forced to give oral sex to Lieutenant
24 Sergio de Rojas while working in a police trailer.
25 And what did you do, Brian Stack? You allegedly

1 covered up. Allegedly, you had the semen-stained
2 chair destroyed. Then the retaliation began. And
3 to you, Brian Stack, the alleged kingpin of this
4 network of corruption, I will not stop, neither
5 will my colleagues here stop until you are exposed
6 and indicted and in prison, and a little -- maybe
7 a little pink prison outfit for you.

8 Every lie you tell, every alleged crime
9 you cover up, every attempt you make to silence me
10 only strengthens my resolve. I've been here for a
11 year, if I got to be here for 10 years, I will.
12 And you will not stop me. You've going to have to
13 kill me to stop me. That's the only way you're
14 going to stop me. And I've heard it's in the
15 works already. So if anything happens to me,
16 Brian Stack is responsible for my untimely death.

17 Make sure you get a good look at his
18 face. He has people following me, he's hired
19 private investigators all over to try to get dirt
20 on me to attempt to stop me from investigating him
21 and to drop my lawsuit against him and the city.
22 And I will not do it.

23 Few questions, Stack, before we go. And
24 this is for you. Sergio Ruben Rodriguez, he's
25 accused of some very serious crimes. I heard you

1 told Esther Suarez, the prosecutor, and that Chief
2 Facchini told him to make them go away. Is that
3 true, Mayor Stack? Did you try to cover up
4 alleged crimes of Reuben Rodriguez, sergeant of
5 Union City Police Department.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Esther Suarez comes up
7 a lot of stuff, especially in Secaucus, too.

8 MR. TRUTH: Now, what do you have to say
9 about the alleged -- the allegations of Ruben
10 Rodriguez, that he assaulted an emotionally
11 disturbed homeless man. And that he lied on a
12 police report and it's the second time because in
13 2009, he apparently he did it. And he's on the
14 Brady list because of that. And it was
15 recommended by the Hudson County prosecutor to
16 fire him, but you said, no, I will not fire a
17 corrupt cop, I will embrace him and give him a
18 promotion.

19 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

20 MR. AUTERI: Sir, your time is up.
21 Anyone else?

22 MAYOR STACK: Anyone else wishing to
23 speak that hasn't spoken before, please step
24 forward.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good evening, Mayor

1 Stack, Commissioners and residents of Union City,
2 tonight, you must confront the horrific truth
3 about what has been allowed to thrive under your
4 leadership, Mayor Stack. This city, which you
5 were entrusted to lead, has become a haven for
6 predators, a place where victims are silenced, and
7 where corruption shields the guilty at the expense
8 of justice.

9 Mayor Stack, you orchestrated a culture
10 of sexual violence, retaliation and cover ups.
11 And have left brave women who come forward to
12 share their stories, shattered and unsupported.
13 Let me make one thing clear to you, your time of
14 hiding behind your power is over, Brian P. Stack.
15 The case of Lieutenant Sergio de Rojas exemplifies
16 your corrupt reign. A man accused of raping a
17 female police desk dispatcher, a woman he harassed
18 for months, was not only protected, but promoted
19 under your watch.

20 Evidence, including a semen-stained
21 chair was allegedly destroyed on your orders. The
22 victim was retaliated against while de Rojas was
23 promoted to lieutenant. And now, upon his
24 retirement, you orchestrated his appointment as
25 safety coordinator for Union City schools, putting

1 him in charge of 11,000 children. What kind of
2 New Jersey state senator and mayor entrusts the
3 safety of children to someone accused of such
4 heinous crimes? What kind of New Jersey state
5 senator and mayor assures that victims are
6 silenced while predators are empowered? I'll tell
7 you what kind, a corrupt one.

8 This whole meeting is the worst meeting
9 I've ever been to. I've been to hundreds of
10 meetings all over New Jersey, I've never seen such
11 a shit show. I can't hear anything, I could hear
12 nothing that's going on. You guys have cameras
13 facing us, nothing on you, except for our camera.
14 I couldn't hear a God damn thing throughout this
15 whole meeting. Absolutely ridiculous, horrible
16 use of tax dollars is what that is. Absolutely
17 unreal.

18 And none of this is an isolated case,
19 nothing that I just -- let me talk about Raoul
20 Genao, the brother of Board of Education president
21 Yolanda Genao, who is the woman sitting at the
22 head of the board who just hired this rapist
23 Sergio de Rojas. Yolanda's brother, Raoul Genao,
24 is accused of sexually assaulting at least six
25 women and one man who work in the parks department

1 of Union City with him, including three women who
2 came forward and reported the alleged sexual
3 assault to the Union City Police.

4 You're not even listening to me, Brian
5 P. Stack. Mayor Brian P. Stack, can you at least
6 show me the consideration and look toward me while
7 I'm speaking? You have any respect? This is
8 disgusting. Stop my time. Stop my time. The
9 mayor is interrupting the meeting. This is
10 ridiculous. I came here to address you, Mayor
11 Brian P. Stack, and you just sit here -- you won't
12 even look at me. Absolutely disgusting.
13 Absolutely disgusting. That's what a coward does,
14 a coward looks away. He doesn't look another man
15 in the eye. That's what a coward does, unreal.

16 Here's what we demand. Fire Sergio de
17 Rojas immediately, a man accused of rape has no
18 place overseeing the safety of children.

19 Demand the immediate resignation of the
20 entire Union City Board of Education, including
21 Ydalia Genao, who has enabled this corruption.

22 Reopen the investigation into Raoul
23 Genao and ensure it be conducted by an independent
24 prosecutor, not Esther Suarez, who has personal
25 ties.

1 Launch a federal investigation to Mayor
2 Brian Stack, the FBI and the department of justice
3 must examine your role in covering up sexual
4 assaults, retaliating against victims and
5 fostering this culture of violence.

6 To the women of Union City, you are not
7 alone, your bravery in coming forward has gone
8 unnoticed and we will not stop until you are heard
9 and justice is served. Again, you just looked
10 down, you can't even look at me. The indecency --
11 and she's recording -- there's not enough cameras
12 facing this way, right. No microphone and I can't
13 even hear you. No microphone for me, that's why
14 I'm shouting. You're forcing me to shout so I can
15 make sure that you can hear me.

16 So, Mayor Stack, you can intimidate, you
17 can retaliate, but you cannot silence the truth.
18 The work of Leroy Truth and the voices of this
19 community will ensure that your corruption is
20 fully exposed. We will not stop. I will not
21 stop. Leroy will not stop. Justice will come and
22 so will accountability. Your reign of corruption
23 is coming to an end in 2025, Mayor Brian P. Stack.

24 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Seeing no
25 other for public comment --

1 MR. AUTERI: May I have a motion to
2 close?

3 MAYOR STACK: I'll make a motion to
4 close.

5 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

6 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Mayor Stack,
7 second by Commissioner Grullon.

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9 **ADJOURNMENT :**

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11 MR. AUTERI: May I have a motion to
12 adjourn?

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

15 MR. AUTERI: All in favor?

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17 (All Board Members indicate in the
18 affirmative.)

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20 (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at
21 8:19 p.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of the testimony and proceedings as taken stenographically by me at the time, place, and on the date hereinbefore set forth.

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