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HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

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ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL
700 Central Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Thursday, November 6, 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
BRIAN P. STACK, MAYOR

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

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1 MS. ROSARIO: Please stand for the
2 Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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7 MS. ROSARIO: This is a regular public
8 meeting of the Union City Board of Commissioners
9 being held on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at
10 7:00 p.m. at the St. Anthony School, 700 Central
11 Avenue in Union City. This meeting has been
12 called according to the Open Public Meetings Act.
13 Adequate notice of this meeting was forwarded to
14 The Bergen Record, The Star Ledger, has been
15 posted on the bulletin board in City Hall and has
16 been made available to the public in the office of
17 Municipal Clerk.

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19 **ROLL CALL:**

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21 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Fernandez.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Here.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

1 MAYOR STACK: Here.

2 Commissioner Martinetti and Commissioner
3 Valdivia are on their way. They're running late
4 from a prior meeting.

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6 **APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

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8 MS. ROSARIO: Thank you. The first item
9 on the agenda is approving the previous meeting
10 minutes. May I have a motion to approve meeting
11 minutes for the September 23rd, October 7th, and
12 the October 21st, 2025, Board of Commissioners
13 meetings.

14 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
16 Stack. Second?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

18 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Fernandez.
19 Commissioner Fernandez.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

22 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

24 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

(1) Resolution Approving Payment of Claims

(2) Resolution Approving the Payment of Concurring Claims

(3) Resolution Approving the City Payroll 10/11/2025 - 10/24/25

(4) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll 10/11/25 - 10/24/25

(5) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholders

(6) Resolution Canceling Taxes on Property Deemed Exempt

(7) Resolution Cancelling Taxes

(8) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Premium Monies Collected At the Tax Sale

(9) Resolution Regarding Review of the 2025 Best Practices Inventory

(10) Resolution Authorizing Ch. 159 DCA Social Services Grant FY26

(11) Resolution Authorizing Ch. 159 National Opioid Settlement Funds

(12) Resolution to Adopt and Allocate Funds For an Outdoor Fitness Court As Part of the 2026

1 National Fitness Campaign
2 (13) Resolution Re-Appointing Benjamin Temberella
3 to the Union City Library Board of Trustees.)
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5 MS. ROSARIO: There are 13 items on the
6 consent agenda. Could you please take a moment to
7 review all 13 items. Seeing none, may I continue
8 and may I have a motion?

9 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment
10 on the consent agenda, please step forward, state
11 your name and address for the record. On the
12 consent agenda only.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I would add I haven't
14 had a chance to look at the consent agenda yet,
15 since we're not allowed into the meeting until
16 6:59. So I'm going to take a look at it here.

17 POLICE OFFICER: Time has started.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: All right. And can
19 you all put that freaking --

20 MAYOR STACK: What is your comment on
21 the consent agenda?

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Don't interrupt me,
23 stop --

24 MAYOR STACK: What is your comment on
25 the consent agenda.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- since we were just
2 allowed into the meeting --

3 MAYOR STACK: Comment on the consent
4 agenda --

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And it was 7:00 when
6 the meeting starting, so hold on a minute. Got to
7 read the agenda here. Resolution for payment of
8 claims. So first question is when it says
9 resolution approving the payment of claims, what
10 claims are going to be paid, Mayor Brian Stack?
11 Why can't you talk, Stack? I thought you had some
12 brain -- (inaudible) your voice -- who is this
13 person?

14 POLICE OFFICER: An attorney.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Stop talking to me.
16 You're a cop, you have no business talking to
17 me --

18 Is that why you made director of EMS --
19 because you kissed Stack's butt so much? Attorney
20 seems like a nice person, but she has no idea what
21 she's doing. So what are the payment of claims?

22 MS. BLAKE: Sir, they're just payments
23 that the Union City treasurer is paying out of
24 certain accounts.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I appreciate getting

1 an answer, you're the best attorney I've seen here
2 in two years, thank you. What is your name,
3 please?

4 MS. BLAKE: Samantha Blake.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Samantha Blake, all
6 right. For the record, what is the total payment
7 of claims that you have? Because you vote on
8 these items and the public doesn't even know how
9 much that you're --

10 MS. BLAKE: \$318,701.90.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: If you're paying that
12 \$318,000 and what's -- just name a few items that
13 are on there?

14 MS. BLAKE: PSE&G, United States Postal
15 Service, 2005 Investments Corp., Housing Corp.,
16 North Hudson Storage.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay, appreciate it,
18 thank you. Again, you're the most professional
19 attorney here. I always acknowledge and celebrate
20 when someone is professional here.

21 By the way, Stack, why did you -- first
22 thing you said, did you say --

23 MAYOR STACK: Sir, any comments on Union
24 City business, on the consent agenda? This is on
25 the consent agenda. You're out of line, you're.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're out of line.

2 MAYOR STACK: You're out of line.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So no --

4 MAYOR STACK: Any other comments on the
5 consent agenda?

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- appoint Benjamin
7 Temberella to the library board of trustees. What
8 qualifications does Benjamin Temberella have
9 before you vote to re-appoint him?

10 MS. BLAKE: He's 18 years old and he
11 lives in the City of Union City and has expressed
12 an interest in being a --

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can you talk up a
14 little bit, it's very hard to hear.

15 MS. BLAKE: He has expressed an interest
16 in continuing to be a trustee for the Union City
17 public library.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: All right. Thank you
19 for saying that, but why doesn't the entire
20 Commission have an answer? The attorney should
21 not be answering any of these questions. Stack,
22 why do you have her answering? Why aren't you?
23 Aren't you the Mayor?

24 MAYOR STACK: You're disrupting the
25 meeting.

1 POLICE OFFICER: 7:06.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You need to stop
3 talking.

4 POLICE OFFICER: It's 7:06.

5 MS. BLAKE: Sir, you're not commenting
6 on the agenda.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: This is (inaudible) I
8 have five minutes to talk about the agenda.

9 POLICE OFFICER: Right now, you have 60
10 seconds to talk about the agenda only.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Resolution authorizing
12 National Opioid Settlement funds. Mayor Stack --
13 I don't forget about you -- when you were young,
14 the EDP person, what do you say about -- what do
15 you know about the resolution authorizing national
16 opioid settlement funds. What can you tell me
17 about that? What are the funds specifically going
18 to and how much are they?

19 All of them just say yes, none of them
20 have brains.

21 MS. BLAKE: If the City of Union City
22 does not adopt the resolution authorizing the
23 acceptance of the opioid settlement funds, then
24 they waive those funds and they'll go elsewhere.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you. Why

1 couldn't she answer that? Wendy Gullon, are you
2 qualified to be a Commissioner?

3 POLICE OFFICER: It's 7:07, it's not on
4 the consent agenda, you're still disrupting the
5 meeting.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Stop. I'm talking and
7 this is my time, I still have 21 seconds. You're
8 disrupting the meeting. Sergeant Zeron, will you
9 remove him from the meeting, please, he's
10 disrupting my time. You have a gun and a badge.

11 (Disruption from the public.)

12 POLICE OFFICER: Anyone else, on the
13 consent agenda?

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You need to stop
15 talking and disrupting the meeting. That's
16 Captain Michael Bergbauer. He has no business
17 talking at all.

18 CAPTAIN BERGBAUER: Time's up.

19 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Next one on
20 the consent agenda?

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. So on the
22 opioid settlement funds, how much is the fund
23 settlement that Union City is supposed to get? If
24 you don't know --

25 MS. BLAKE: I'm not aware of the amount.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- investigate --

2 MS. BLAKE: I don't access to the --

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Do you have statistics
4 regarding the opioid usage or how many people are
5 addicted to opioids in Union City?

6 MS. BLAKE: That has nothing to do with
7 the consent agenda.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We're talking about
9 the opioid settlement funds.

10 MS. BLAKE: And that's the only thing
11 that's on the agenda.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Right, so you get the
13 settlement because people are addicted.

14 MS. BLAKE: We were awarded funding
15 because of a settlement that was reached with the
16 pharmaceutical companies that were distributing
17 the opioids.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Just for anyone, not
19 because there's actually people who are addicted
20 to opioids in the City?

21 MS. BLAKE: Of course there are people
22 addicted --

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's what my
24 question is, you said it has nothing to do with
25 this.

1 MS. BLAKE: That doesn't have anything
2 to do with the resolution approving the settlement
3 funds.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. That's all I
5 have.

6 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Anyone else on
7 the consent agenda? Seeing no other, close the
8 public hearing on consent agenda.

9 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack and
10 Commissioner Fernandez.

11 Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

13 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

14 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

16 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

18 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

19 MS. ROSARIO: May I have a motion to
20 approve all items on the consent agenda?

21 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

22 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
23 Stack.

24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Second, Commissioner

1 Martinetti.

2 Commissioner Fernandez.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

5 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

6 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

7 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

8 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

9 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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11 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
12 action on the following item:

13 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

14 1. Resolution approving payment to
15 Grace Theater Workshop, Inc.)

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17 MS. ROSARIO: There's one item on the
18 regular agenda. Resolution approving payment to
19 Grace Theatre Workshop, Incorporated.

20 MAYOR STACK: I'll move it.

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

22 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack, Commissioner
23 Martinetti. Commissioner Fernandez recuses on
24 this item.

25 Commissioner Grullon.

1 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

2 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

5 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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7 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
8 action on the following item:

9 **ORDINANCE FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION CONSIDERATION:**

10 **1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4,**
11 **ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 65, TO UPDATE THE TABLE OF**
12 **ORGANIZATION FOR THE UNION CITY POLICE**
13 **DEPARTMENT.)**

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15 MS. ROSARIO: There's one ordinance FOR
16 hearing and adoption consideration. It's an
17 ordinance amending Chapter 4, Article XIII,
18 Section 65, to update the table of organization
19 for the Union City Police Department.

20 Mayor, at this time, would you like to
21 take public comment on this ordinance?

22 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment
23 at this time, please step forward? Seeing none,
24 I'll make a motion to close the public comment.

25 MAYOR STACK: Motion made by Mayor

1 Stack. Second?

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

3 (Disruption from the public.)

4 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

5 Commissioner Fernandez.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

8 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

9 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

10 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

11 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

12 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

13 MS. ROSARIO: May I have a motion to

14 adopt?

15 (Disruption from the public.)

16 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor

17 Stack. Second?

18 (Disruption from the public.)

19 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

20 Commissioner Fernandez.

21 MAYOR STACK: You're interrupting the

22 meeting.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

25 (Disruption from the public.)

1 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

2 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

5 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

6 (Disruption from the public.)

7 MS. ROSARIO: Motion to adopt? Mayor

8 Stack. Second, Commissioner Fernandez.

9 Commissioner Fernandez.

10 (Disruption from the public.)

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

13 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

15 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

16 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

17 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

18 (Disruption from the public.)

19 MS. ROSARIO: We have now liquor license
20 hearings.

21 (Disruption from the public.)

22 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Captain, if it
23 continues, I want them removed from the meeting.

24 They're taking direction from North Bergen's
25 mayor, that's why --

1 (Disruption from the public.)
2 MAYOR STACK: -- I apologize.
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LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

- 1. S. Manchego Tapas Bar & Restaurant-UC, LLC
T/a Maracaibo Venezuelan Flair
1218 Kennedy Boulevard
0910-33-104-004**
- 2. Jay Mataji, Inc.
T/a Power Liquors
1001 Bergenline Avenue
0910-44-070-005**

1 **1. S. Manchego Tapas Bar & Restaurant-UC, LLC**
2 **T/a Maracaibo Venezuelan Flair**
3 **1218 Kennedy Boulevard**
4 **0910-33-104-004**

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Ramon Gonzalez,
6 G-O-N-Z-A-L-E-Z, on behalf of the ABC hearing. We
7 have two matters before the Board today, one is
8 Manchego Tapas Bar and Restaurant.

9 We're here because during our normal
10 regular investigations that we generally do, it
11 was informed during the inspection that they did
12 not have proper paperwork and certain information
13 that's required statutorily. And we give them
14 seven days to present that and produce it. They,
15 in fact, during that period of time. I would
16 respectfully then recommend that this matter be
17 dismissed since they did have everything and they
18 did provide it within the seven days as required.
19 I would request that be dismissed.

20 MAYOR STACK: I'll make a motion to
21 dismiss on Mr. Gonzalez's recommendation.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor Stack
24 and second by Commissioner Fernandez.

25 Commissioner Fernandez.

 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

1 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

2 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

5 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Thank you very much.

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1 2. Jay Mataji, Inc.
2 T/a Power Liquors
3 1001 Bergenline Avenue
4 0910-44-070-005

5 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter is Power
6 Liquors. Just state your name for the record.

7 MR. PATEL: -- Patel, Power Liquors.

8 MR. GONZALEZ: Mr. Patel has one charge
9 and it is a not wearing badges, identification,
10 the bar cards as we call them. What they did
11 though is I confirmed in fact they did have the
12 badges and the bar cards. I've instructed them
13 that they had no prior violations on this, please,
14 make sure that they wear them. We have gone back
15 since and they have been wearing it. So I would
16 recommend that this matter be dismissed with a
17 warning as a first offense with no penalty.

18 MAYOR STACK: Upon the recommendation of
19 Mr. Gonzalez, I make a motion to approve.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
21 Stack. Second?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

1 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

4 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

5 MR. GONZALEZ: That concludes the liquor
6 license hearings.

7 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

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

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3 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor, at this time, would
4 you like to take public comment.

5 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing at this
6 time on any other matter concerning municipal
7 government in the City of Union City, please step
8 forward, state your name and address for the
9 record.

10 GARDEN STATE ACCOUNTABILITY: Am I
11 allowed to speak?

12 MAYOR STACK: That's what we just said.

13 GARDEN STATE ACCOUNTABILITY: All right.
14 You closed the public portion too quickly, you got
15 to wait for people to come up and you know --

16 MAYOR STACK: Sir, please --

17 GARDEN STATE ACCOUNTABILITY: I was --
18 I'm trying to see who was going to go up, and then
19 I went to the podium and you're closing the
20 meeting. That's a violation of the Open Public
21 Meetings Act.

22 MAYOR STACK: No, it's not.

23 GARDEN STATE ACCOUNTABILITY: It's
24 crazy. Yes, it is. Wouldn't you find to be
25 crazy -- I just got up to the podium and they're

1 closing the public comment, that's crazy. Paid by
2 Sacco, come on.

3 MAYOR STACK: Yeah.

4 GARDEN STATE ACCOUNTABILITY: Grow up.
5 Grow up. So good evening, Commissioners. I mean
6 I wish you guys would take your job seriously.
7 I'm Garden State Accountability, out here
8 representing the people of New Jersey. We believe
9 that no child in the public schools should ever
10 feel unsafe, unheard -- or unheard in their own
11 school. Over the past three weeks, Union City
12 High School graduate Jonathan Almeida, class of
13 2003 came forward publicly with a powerful
14 interview with Leroy Truth Investigations and
15 David Snow with The Exposure Report. In that
16 interview, Jonathan made deeply disturbing
17 allegations against Union City teacher and
18 assistant principal Edwin Martinez or Marinez.
19 Before I continue, I want to make this absolutely
20 clear, everything I'm saying tonight is alleged.
21 These allegations are not proven facts. But every
22 person mentioned is innocent until proven guilty
23 in a court of law. Jonathan alleged that Union
24 City New Jersey assistant principal teacher Edwin
25 Marinez used to ask students while he was coaching

1 football, some as young as 7 years old, if they
2 would like to see his D-I-C-K. And then he would
3 suddenly, according to Jonathan Almeida, whip his
4 D-I-C-K out in front of students. I mean that's
5 disgusting. I mean we need to take these
6 allegations seriously. We need to have an
7 investigation, it's unacceptable. We need to
8 suspend the principal until there's a full
9 investigation.

10 And from what I hear, this is not the
11 first time. Mayor Stack has been accused of
12 protecting and covering up and promoting alleged
13 sexual predators over the past 23 years. Wasn't
14 there an officer or someone you directed to the
15 schools -- Sergio de Rojas was accused by a female
16 dispatcher of forcing her to perform oral sex.
17 And, you know, I mean it's -- these things are --
18 I think you like it. I think you like it.

19 So let that sink in. A man accused of
20 sexual extreme assault -- it's -- man accused of
21 extreme sexual assault whose case resulted in a
22 payout to the victim. Now -- so this is not
23 just -- it's immoral and it's a pattern.

24 Mayor Stack has repeatedly surrounded
25 himself with people accused of predatory behavior.

1 And instead of removing them, he protects them,
2 promotes them and punishes the victims who come
3 forward. People who work for the City.

4 Mayor Stack, superintendent adapt -- how
5 is that name? Adavio, the Board of Education, you
6 cannot keep hiding behind silence -- I guess
7 that's it for now.

8 MAYOR STACK: Anyone else wishing to
9 comment, please step forward at this time.

10 MR. SNOW: Good evening, David Snow, The
11 Exposure Report. I want to talk about something
12 that's been ignored for too long, it's the safety
13 of our children in Union City because Brian Stack
14 isn't protecting the children, he's protecting
15 predators. He doesn't punish them, he promotes
16 them. He campaigns for them, he gets them
17 elected, he puts them right back around our
18 children, like nothing ever happened. Let's start
19 with Sergio de Rojas, the man alleged to have
20 sexually assaulted a female dispatcher. What does
21 Brian Stack do? He appoints him as head of
22 security for Union City Public Schools, the person
23 responsible for protecting our kids. That's not
24 leadership, that's negligence. Then we have Jimmy
25 Davis, who Stack helped get elected Sheriff.

1 Davis settled two lawsuits related to allegations
2 of sexual --

3 MAYOR STACK: This doesn't pertain to --

4 MR. SNOW: -- assault and --

5 MAYOR STACK: -- municipal government in
6 the City of Union City. You're out of line.

7 MR. SNOW: -- you campaigned.

8 MAYOR STACK: This is not government --

9 MR. SNOW: Stack campaigned for them.

10 Brian Stack, the mayor of Union City campaigned
11 for them. He didn't back away, he backed them
12 publicly. Then there's Jim McGreevy, the
13 disgraced former governor, who resigned after a
14 sex scandal, another one from Stack's circle.
15 Different face, same pattern.

16 And now Edwin Martinez, accused of
17 exposing himself to high school students as early
18 as 2003. A former student came forward on record
19 on camera in an interview with myself and Leroy
20 Truth saying he exposed his genitals to student
21 athletes.

22 Since that story, broke we had
23 conversations with other people who attended Union
24 Hill High -- they said he was sleeping with female
25 students as young as 14 or 15, even allegedly got

1 one pregnant.

2 People in this community know, they talk
3 quietly because they're scared of retaliation,
4 scared of losing jobs, scared of being targeted.
5 We've seen that retaliation firsthand. We've been
6 attacked in the streets of Union City simply for
7 existing, for being present, because we've become
8 the enemy for asking the hard questions. Leroy
9 and others were attacked physically, air horns
10 blown in our ears -- pushed, shoved, slammed into
11 cars, even strangled in Brian Stack's Union City.
12 And through it all, no accountability, zero.
13 Instead, they pushed lies saying we're working for
14 Nick Sacco and being paid off by other
15 politicians. That's nonsense. It's a spin move
16 meant to turn Stack followers against us to make
17 them think we're outsiders trying to tear their
18 city up.

19 We're not. We're trying to lift it up.
20 We want Union City to be better, safer, stronger.
21 We want officials who serve with integrity, not
22 intimidation. We want officials -- and that goes
23 for every town in Hudson County, across New
24 Jersey, and across this country. Yet the Board of
25 Education, under Stack's influence, refuses to act

1 regarding Edwin Martinez. He still works as vice
2 principal, walking the same hallways, surrounded
3 by children every day.

4 Let's be honest, this isn't about guilt
5 in a courtroom, it's about protecting kids while
6 we search for the truth. Even if there's a chance
7 that these allegations are real, he should be
8 suspended immediately. That's what any
9 responsible system would do. Brian Stack doesn't
10 see it that way because he doesn't have children
11 in the public schools. He calls his dogs his
12 children. And that's fine, I love my pets. But
13 we have the same concern for actual children in
14 Union City, for the parents sending their kids to
15 these buildings every morning trusting the system
16 to protect them. At the end of the day, it's
17 simple. You can't call yourself a leader if you
18 protect predators more than survivors. You can't
19 say you love Union City like family if you're --
20 to its children. Real family protects their
21 children, real leadership faces hard truths, not
22 hiding behind coward.

23 Suspend Edwin Martinez tonight, launch a
24 full investigation, and start putting children
25 before politics.

1 MAYOR STACK: Anyone else wishing to
2 comment at this time, please step forward. R.

3 MR. TRUTH: Yes. David, please make
4 sure this is framed. I am Leroy Truth of Leroy
5 Truth Investigations. I am speaking now to the
6 most corrupt, vile politician in the history of
7 the State of New Jersey.

8 MAYOR STACK: This isn't --

9 MR. TRUTH: Stop talking during my
10 public comment time. You know -- predators --

11 MAYOR STACK: The City of Union City.

12 MR. TRUTH: Senator Mayor Brian Stack.
13 Stop talking. I want my time back. I am talking
14 for ten seconds and you interrupted me. Stop
15 talking, Stack. I want my 30 seconds back, reset
16 the clock.

17 MAYOR STACK: We're not resetting
18 anything.

19 MR. TRUTH: Reset the clock.

20 MAYOR STACK: This is --

21 MR. TRUTH: Open public meeting --

22 MAYOR STACK: -- for Nick Sacco.

23 MR. TRUTH: The first thing you said,
24 Mikie Sherrill won was --

25 MAYOR STACK: This is not municipal

1 government. Anyone else?

2 MR. TRUTH: You said --

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4 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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6 MAYOR STACK: Seeing no other, motion to
7 close.

8 MR. TRUTH: -- sexual predator --
9 (Unreportable yelling.)

10 MAYOR STACK: Stop the meeting.
11 (Disruption by the public.)

12 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

13 MS. ROSARIO: All in favor to adjourn?
14 (Disruption by the public.)

15 (All Board Members indicate in the
16 affirmative.)

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18 (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing transcript of the AUDIO RECORDED proceedings in their entirety, as taken stenographically by me, is a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings as recorded, and to the best of my ability.

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