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1 MR. CABELLO: Ready?

2 MS. DILLON: Yes.

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

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7 MR. CABELLO: I want to welcome everybody
8 back. I hope everyone has a great New Year and
9 healthy and happy one and prosperous, whichever
10 your preference comes. You know, that's up to
11 you, you know.

12

13 **ROLL CALL:**

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15 MR. CABELLO: Okay, roll call.

16 Chairman Martinetti?

17 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yes.

18 MR. CABELLO: Vice Chairman (sic)

19 Gutierrez?

20 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yes.

21 MR. CABELLO: Commissioners Cornelio?

22 COMMISSIONER CORNELIO: Yes.

23 MR. CABELLO: Delsa Martinez (sic)?

24 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Yes.

25 MR. CABELLO: Edwin Marinez?

1 Absent.

2 Dennis Gonzalez?

3 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Here.

4 MR. CABELLO: Dorothy Jetter?

5 COMMISSIONER JETTER: Here.

6 MR. CABELLO: Okay. All present, account
7 for.

8 Okay, should be a short meeting today. We
9 have a few things.

10

11 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12 2013, REGULAR**

12 **MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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14 MR. CABELLO: First of all, the Approval of
15 the Minutes of last month.

16 We have two minutes; the Regular minutes,
17 plus the Executive Session.

18 That was the one that we had discussed at
19 large.

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

22 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: We're on the
23 minutes, right?

24 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: The minutes, yes.

25 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: I make a motion to

1 approve the minutes.

2 MR. CABELLO: Okay.

3 Second?

4 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Second it.

5 MR. CABELLO: Second by Vice Chairperson
6 Gutierrez.

7 Roll call.

8 Chairman Martinetti?

9 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yes.

10 MR. CABELLO: Vice Chairman (sic)
11 Gutierrez?

12 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yes.

13 MR. CABELLO: Ms. Cornelio?

14 COMMISSIONER CORNELIO: Yes.

15 MR. CABELLO: DeMartinez?

16 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Yes.

17 MR. CABELLO: Edwin Marinez?

18 Absent.

19 Dennis Gonzalez?

20 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: And Dorothy Jetter?

22 COMMISSIONER JETTER: Yes.

23 MR. CABELLO: Thank you.

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25 **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

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2 MR. CABELLO: Now, the Approval of Bills.
3 That's the next one here.

4 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
5 proceedings while the documents were located.)

6 MR. CABELLO: Bills. Okay.
7 All right.

8 What's that, Marty?

9 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: No, I was going to
10 just show her.

11 MR. CABELLO: Oh, okay.

12 COMMISSIONER JETTER: What do I have?

13 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Bills.

14 COMMISSIONER JETTER: Where am I?

15 MR. CABELLO: All right, need a motion on
16 the Payment of Bills.

17 Motion by Miss Cornelio.

18 Second by Delsa.

19 Roll call.

20 Chairman Martinetti?

21 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yes with my normal
22 abstention.

23 MR. CABELLO: Abstention with the
24 regular --

25 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right.

1 MR. CABELLO: -- crew.

2 Vice Chairperson Gutierrez?

3 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yes.

4 MR. CABELLO: Cornelio?

5 COMMISSIONER CORNELIO: Yes.

6 MR. CABELLO: DeMartinez?

7 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Yes.

8 MR. CABELLO: Marinez; absent.

9 Dennis Gonzalez?

10 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Yes.

11 MR. CABELLO: And Dorothy Jetter?

12 COMMISSIONER JETTER: Yes.

13 MR. CABELLO: Thank you.

14

15 **BOARD RESOLUTION:**

16 **Resolution # 2014-01 - Operating Budget Revision**

17 **FYE 2013-2014**

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19 MR. CABELLO: Next one is the Resolution

20 2014-01.

21 That's a revision to our operating budget.

22 Which considering it's our first Resolution of

23 the year, it's a good one; it's a positive one.

24 So that's why I'm kind of excited about it. At

25 least for six months we'll be in good shape here.

1 So, I sent with the original package -- I
2 have the backup documentation, so we just made
3 this one up just today.

4 So if you go there I'm going to turn it
5 over to Raf, so he will explain what increase and
6 what decreases and how we came about having to do
7 that revision.

8 MR. NATERA: Right.

9 The intention of the of the budget -- the
10 approved budget revision is to reflect the actual
11 financial position of the Housing Authority.

12 And there were two changes that we wanted
13 to communicate to you and to get them approved
14 into our -- tried to change the actual budget to
15 this -- to implement the revision of this budget.

16 MR. CABELLO: And before you go on; and
17 when are the auditors coming in?

18 MR. NATERA: Oh, the auditors will be here
19 the 18th and 19th --

20 MR. CABELLO: Right.

21 MR. NATERA: -- of February.

22 MR. CABELLO: Right.

23 So we had to get this, you know, done so we
24 could --

25 MR. NATERA: Right.

1 MR. CABELLO: Because HUD requires a
2 balanced budget.

3 Go ahead, Raf.

4 MR. NATERA: Right.

5 In that budget that you have over there --
6 I don't have the exact copy; sorry.

7 Can I see the --

8 MR. CABELLO: Take it --

9 MR. NATERA: Yes.

10 What you have in front of you, if you see
11 that orange -- light orange kind of color on top,
12 is the current budget for each AMP for each site.

13 All right? That's what that is.

14 And --

15 MR. CABELLO: The green one.

16 MR. NATERA: -- the green one, that
17 highlighted green over there, is the revised
18 budget.

19 Right. You already voted in the first one,
20 now you vote in this one.

21 If you see the common color, the blue light
22 color, -- and then you see the dark pink, light
23 pink and purple -- okay, those are each AMP.

24 All right?

25 So then just so we -- you could follow me

1 when I go through this.

2 All right, so what happened to the right
3 hand -- to the right hand side column what you'll
4 see there -- you could compare as you want, if
5 you have any question I'd be happy to answer it.

6 But if you go to the right hand side column
7 those two -- what that reflects is a 4.7 percent
8 of increase in our subsidy.

9 MR. CABELLO: That's a HUD subsidy.

10 MR. NATERA: That's the HUD subsidy.

11 Right. That is due to the fact that we finally
12 end the sequestration period.

13 MR. CABELLO: Thanks to Obama.

14 MR. NATERA: And the Senate -- the Senate
15 and everybody else over in Washington decided
16 they needed to do something, so they're agreeing
17 one of the budget that was presented. And we
18 will be getting a little bit more money than we
19 were getting before.

20 They -- across the board they were just
21 subsidizing about 82 percent of the presented
22 budget for each Housing Authority. They put it
23 right across the board.

24 But after the sequestration was over,
25 sequestration period was over, they are giving

1 some more money.

2 We don't know exactly how much money it's
3 going to be but I want you to know I was very
4 conservative about putting my numbers together
5 and I went under the projected amount three
6 percent. Just to have some cushion; just in case
7 Washington changes his mind -- their mind over
8 there.

9 But also we have a little bit of increase
10 in our rental income and that is due to the fact
11 that more people are getting back to work and we
12 are being more aggressive in getting their fair
13 share of rent. We're doing over the calculations
14 and everything else.

15 MR. CABELLO: We have also found a lot of
16 people that were not -- I don't want to say were
17 lying but they were not properly informing us as
18 to their sources of income.

19 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yeah. Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER CORNELIO: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Um-hum.

22 MR. CABELLO: You know, through the systems
23 they coming up.

24 Gee, I didn't know I was working like, you
25 know, a part time for 20 hours a week somewhere.

1 I -- I didn't know.

2 So, --

3 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: But they don't
4 have -- you guys don't have to do the review
5 every year for them?

6 MR. CABELLO: That's how it's been
7 happening, yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER CORNELIO: Yeah. Um-hum.

9 MR. NATERA: Um-hum.

10 Yeah but one -- another thing that is
11 helping us is the fact that the EAB, which is the
12 verification of employment, which is -- it's a
13 federal site, --

14 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Um-hum.

15 MR. NATERA: Everybody's putting a lot of
16 pressure on it. Because we were losing money.
17 Because they were not -- they were not updating
18 their system accordingly.

19 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Um-hum.

20 MR. NATERA: So every -- all the Housing
21 Authority and other institution were putting
22 pressure on them, so now the information is
23 coming a little more accurate than before.

24 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Okay.

25 MR. CABELLO: And faster.

1 MR. NATERA: And faster, too.

2 Before it was just like about six month
3 backup.

4 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Wow.

5 MR. NATERA: Okay? And for anybody that is
6 making whatever amount of money, it might
7 represent a few thousand dollars per tenant in
8 the Housing Authority.

9 So that -- that help us a lot.

10 We also -- I notice an increase of some
11 other incomes like laundry and other income that
12 we're getting and that's because we've been --

13 First of all, the laundry, we seen a better
14 return in the laundry machines. People are using
15 it more I guess. And they're I guess not going
16 outside to do their laundry.

17 So I was able to project and forecast an
18 increase of about 11 percent on the -- that
19 laundry collection income -- revenues.

20 Also, basically, that's generated almost a
21 hundred and forty thousand dollars of extra
22 income just on that.

23 And then we worked --

24 One thing I wanted to mention is the -- the
25 boilers that were able to install, the new

1 | boilers, with some funds that we got from Obama
2 | with the --

3 | MR. CABELLO: ARRA -- ARRA.

4 | MR. NATERA: -- the ARRA program, they're
5 | finally paying back. I mean we're getting --
6 | they're paying off now.

7 | The efficiency of the boilers are much
8 | better and we could see that they're burning less
9 | gas.

10 | And we are able to project a saving of
11 | about 24 to 25 percent less in oil --

12 | MR. CABELLO: In the consumption.

13 | MR. NATERA: -- in the consumption, as well
14 | -- and therefore because we'll also -- will not
15 | be as big as previous years.

16 | MR. CABELLO: Obama said, man, --

17 | MR. NATERA: Therefore, basically, compare
18 | to one year to the other, our revenue increased
19 | for about three percent; our utility went down,
20 | basically, four and a half -- something like
21 | that, including administration and utilities.

22 | Therefore, if you compare, -- I didn't give
23 | you an exact number there but the surplus,
24 | compared to the previous budget that we had, it's
25 | like about \$230,000.00 less.

1 So now we have from a hundred and fourteen
2 thousand I think it was, -- from a hundred and
3 twenty-four thousand we went up to 363,000 as a
4 surplus.

5 Again, this was very conservative. I'm not
6 putting -- I'm not dreaming of anything. As I --
7 as I said before, I was conservative; I even cut
8 three percent just in case.

9 And the reason why I said three percent is
10 because two and a half to three percent is
11 inflation factor that HUD grant us so we could
12 work with.

13 So in this case, that's why -- that's --
14 instead of getting exact amount that I was
15 projecting, I cut it down to three percent.

16 So it could be a bigger surplus but I want
17 to be conservative about it.

18 MR. CABELLO: I have to say Raf did a good
19 job doing this. He's been here early in the
20 morning and late at night, so he'd --

21 MR. NATERA: I hope those colors don't
22 confuse anybody, right?

23 I tried to make it easier.

24 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: No, no.

25 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: No, no, it's

1 clear.

2 MR. CABELLO: And, yeah, I certify this
3 that this is the true and accurate thing, so.

4 So if we can have a vote on that, please, a
5 motion?

6 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: I make a motion.

7 MR. CABELLO: Or anybody has any questions
8 on it?

9 No.

10 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: No.

11 MR. CABELLO: Okay.

12 Delsa?

13 A motion by Commissioner Delsa Martinez
14 (sic).

15 Second by Teresa Cornelio.

16 Roll call.

17 Commissioner Martinetti?

18 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yes.

19 MR. CABELLO: Vice Chairperson Margarita
20 Gutierrez?

21 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yes.

22 MR. CABELLO: Cornelio?

23 COMMISSIONER CORNELIO: Yes.

24 MR. CABELLO: DeMartinez?

25 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Yes.

1 MR. CABELLO: Edwin Marinez; absent.

2 Dennis Gonzalez?

3 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Yes.

4 MR. CABELLO: And Dorothy Jetter?

5 COMMISSIONER JETTER: Yes.

6 MR. CABELLO: Okay. Good.

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8 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

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10 MR. CABELLO: And finally the Executive
11 Director's Report, which basically -- okay.

12 First, on page 1, is regarding the North
13 Hudson Sewer Authority versus the Housing of
14 Union City. They're taking us to court.

15 So I want to turn this over to Julio, our
16 attorney, so he can go over the details of what
17 we plan to --

18 MR. MOREJON: Sure.

19 MR. CABELLO: -- intend to do here.

20 MR. MOREJON: If you recall last year, last
21 January, the North Hudson Sewer Authority filed
22 really a collection suit against the Housing
23 Authority for nonpayment of our portion of the
24 sewer charges.

25 There had been a decision made by the

1 Housing Authority --

2 When the decision made not to pay? When
3 did it start?

4 MR. NATERA: It was back in 2008.

5 MR. MOREJON: That long?

6 That you haven't paid?

7 MR. NATERA: Yeah, that's right.

8 MR. MOREJON: Oh. I didn't realize --

9 MR. NATERA: No, we issued some payment
10 following the advisement of Mr. Marotta back in
11 the days. We issued some payments back in 2011.
12 All right and there was -- there was no good
13 results out of that because everything was credit
14 to the interest --

15 MR. CABELLO: Right.

16 So we stop making the payments.

17 MR. MOREJON: Yeah, what had happened, some
18 payments -- payments were stopped because the
19 Housing Authority was not satisfied that it was
20 -- that it was being charged correctly.

21 Imagine you're getting a sewer bill at
22 home. You want -- you know, you contact the
23 Sewer Authority and you want an accountability;
24 look -- and we got no response, no response.
25 Payments were stopped. Payments were resumed.

1 When payments were resumed it wasn't being
2 applied towards the principal balance; they were
3 applying it to an interest. We even questioned
4 the ability to charge us interest.

5 Anyway, long and short of it, they filed a
6 lawsuit last January. We went to arbitration I
7 believe in early November. The arbitrator,
8 basically, split the baby in half.

9 He --

10 MR. NATERA: Solomonic (phonetic).

11 MR. MOREJON: Solomonic, yeah.

12 They were charged -- they wanted X, we
13 wanted Y and he decided in the middle.

14 We weren't in agreement with the
15 arbitrator's decision, so I filed a notice
16 rejecting the arbitrator's decision and now the
17 case has been scheduled for trial March 24th.

18 Let me just backtrack. A week -- a few
19 days after our arbitration, --

20 MR. NATERA: Two days.

21 MR. MOREJON: -- two days after, right? We
22 collectively met -- just to refresh your
23 recollection -- we collectively met at the Sewer
24 Authority. Virgilio, Rafael, myself and Nidia.

25 Right?

1 MR. NATERA: Um-hum.

2 MR. MOREJON: We went there and we met with
3 the powers that be to discuss this very same
4 issue; to show us the proof, you know, how did
5 you come to these amounts.

6 They were supposed to send us paperwork,
7 you know, to establish their proofs; we got
8 nothing.

9 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Um-hum.

10 MR. MOREJON: They haven't communicated
11 with us. They have send a call -- you know, give
12 us extra time or nothing.

13 MR. CABELLO: And the agreement was that
14 they would provide us -- because we requested
15 they give us the breakout of the charges that you
16 get from the water company to compare to ours and
17 they never sent anything. So, like since
18 November until now; then we got this notice.

19 MR. MOREJON: Yeah.

20 And what's really --

21 MR. CABELLO: So they're --

22 MR. MOREJON: -- bothersome is -- I mean
23 not even, like I said, not even a phone call, a
24 reach out.

25 MR. CABELLO: Well, that really doesn't

1 | bother me that much. It's the money that really
2 | gets me.

3 | MR. MOREJON: Well, of course, the money.

4 | MR. CABELLO: Because I could care less,
5 | you know.

6 | MR. MOREJON: It shows --

7 | MR. CABELLO: No, I'm not that sensitive,
8 | you know.

9 | MR. MOREJON: It shows --

10 | No, I'm not sensitive either but it just
11 | shows a lack of good faith. A lack of good
12 | faith --

13 | COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Yeah.

14 | MR. CABELLO: And our numbers are based on
15 | the actual billings, which you know again Raf
16 | has, you know, gone through that and this is what
17 | we have for every quarter. And that's where we
18 | had the discrepancies and said, look, show me
19 | where you're getting it from. You know and --

20 | So this is where we are.

21 | MR. MOREJON: So, they -- they're -- if
22 | this case does go to trial, the burden is on them
23 | to show the court, to show the judge, you know,
24 | that they're entitled to collect what they say.

25 | So we'll prepare our defense. You know,

1 Rafael, Nidia, you know they've been working --
2 they've been working on it since the summer, you
3 know, with the paperwork and the detail and we'll
4 see.

5 I mean I don't know that it will get that
6 far but --

7 MR. CABELLO: Mr. Chairman, you had said
8 that other public entities are having these
9 problems with the Sewer Authority also?

10 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: We had problems
11 with the connection fees --

12 MR. CABELLO: Okay, the connection, okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- for the high
14 school.

15 MR. CABELLO: Oh, okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: They were rather
17 large.

18 MR. CABELLO: Really?

19 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Probably close to
20 a half-a-million.

21 MR. CABELLO: Just to connect?

22 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah.

23 MR. NATERA: Yup.

24 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: They were hundreds
25 and hundreds of thousands of dollars.

1 COMMISSIONER CORNELIO: Wow.

2 MR. CABELLO: Why so much? Did it --
3 that's what they charge.

4 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: No explanation.

5 MR. CABELLO: Now you also mention -- and
6 you send us like a little map, the downtown
7 area, --

8 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Passaic Valley
9 Sewer Authority.

10 MR. CABELLO: Okay.

11 MR. MOREJON: What was that?

12 MR. CABELLO: What's with them, Marty?

13 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: There was some
14 litigation between Passaic Valley Sewer Authority
15 and the North Hudson. And Passaic Valley, they
16 prevailed. And part of the City is going to be
17 dedicated to them.

18 They're not sure about the billing because
19 this is all very early on. In fact, there's a
20 meeting tomorrow going on about some of -- some
21 of it.

22 But the connection fees for Passaic Valley
23 and their district will be -- they'll have
24 jurisdiction on it, it will no longer be North
25 Hudson.

1 The billing part of it we're not sure yet.

2 MR. CABELLO: Okay.

3 All right, so really --

4 MR. MOREJON: This is --

5 MR. CABELLO: -- that will have no bearing

6 on what we --

7 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: I gave a map.

8 MR. CABELLO: Yeah, we had the map.

9 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah.

10 MR. CABELLO: I think I gave it to you;

11 didn't I?

12 MR. MOREJON: Maybe.

13 MR. CABELLO: If not you give him another

14 one.

15 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: I submitted a map.

16 I can get you --

17 MR. MOREJON: There's a southern part of

18 town?

19 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- another one.

20 MR. NATERA: I have a map.

21 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: It's broken down.

22 MR. CABELLO: You have -- we have the --

23 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: It's the lower

24 end. It's from --

25 MR. CABELLO: Yeah.

1 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: It's kind of a
2 zigzag the map or --

3 MR. CABELLO: Right. Yes, it's like a --

4 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- more or less
5 from like --

6 MR. CABELLO: But we -- yeah.

7 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- 23rd Street
8 down --

9 MR. MOREJON: Because Passaic Valley, they
10 handle some of Jersey City; no?

11 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yes.

12 MR. MOREJON: So maybe that's why.

13 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right.

14 MR. CABELLO: Yeah but I don't think that
15 will have any bearing on this here right now.
16 Right? Because this goes back like eight years.

17 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Supposedly, since
18 the inception they weren't supposed to be --

19 MR. CABELLO: Oh.

20 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah. So that's
21 why they prevailed in their litigation.

22 MR. CABELLO: Where can we get more
23 information on this so we --

24 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: I'll give you the
25 attorney's card for Passaic Valley.

1 MR. CABELLO: Okay, great.

2 So, Julio, maybe you can call him and get
3 -- you know, the would help us.

4 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Or even reach out
5 to Christine Vanek, the City Counsel, because she
6 deals with them now. Because they're -- we have
7 to redo our whole way of informing the
8 applicants, you know, how to -- there's two
9 different standards for -- each agency has their
10 own standards, so there's going to be two
11 different ways to handle the sewer connection in
12 the City depending on where they land.

13 MR. CABELLO: So then in the future we're
14 going to split then, one -- downtown one and up
15 here.

16 Okay.

17 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah, that's --

18 MR. CABELLO: Right?

19 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- it's more --
20 more or less a third of a city.

21 MR. CABELLO: A third; okay.

22 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Or a little more.

23 MR. NATERA: Because it covers Jersey City;
24 I assume the downtown area will be --

25 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: But the 4th Street

1 --

2 MR. CABELLO: Yeah, the 4th Street,
3 definitely.

4 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- facilities are
5 going to be -- will be Passaic Valley.

6 MR. CABELLO: Yes, I think it was up to
7 13th Street or something like that.

8 Right?

9 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Well, it goes
10 actually all the way up to the twenties but it's
11 -- the map is --

12 MR. CABELLO: Oh, the twenties.

13 Yeah, like a weird shape, yeah.

14 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah, it's a weird
15 configuration to it.

16 MR. CABELLO: All right.

17 So thank you.

18 We'll check on that then, Julio.

19 All right?

20 MR. MOREJON: But that's it on that folks.

21 So, we'll keep you abreast of what's happening on
22 that litigation.

23 MR. CABELLO: Well, you brought a good
24 point. Remember when Mr. Marotta was our
25 attorney that he had said at one -- at one of the

1 meetings that the Chairman and the Director
2 almost had a fistfight because nobody was paying
3 the bills to this --

4 Remember that comment?

5 I did mention that to the guy. He got
6 really ticked off about it. Did he say that; I
7 go, yeah, he said it.

8 The guy almost beat you up, man, you know,
9 what's --

10 So, yeah, they're having problems there.
11 You know and this guy --

12 Okay, on page 2 we have a request here from
13 the Office of the Mayor to use the facility at
14 the senior citizen's building on February 19th.
15 He's bringing a pharmacist that is going to do a
16 presentation to the seniors about multiple
17 vitamins.

18 Since we have discussed this at-large, the
19 uses of the -- of the rooms in previous meetings,
20 I made a copy, which is attached, of the
21 Resolution that the Board passed regarding the
22 usage of the facilities.

23 So, Julio, I need your opinion about that.

24 MR. MOREJON: I mean it's the first I've
25 heard of it but I'm just --

1 MR. CABELLO: Yeah, we just got this last
2 night. That's why.

3 MR. MOREJON: -- I'm just revisiting the
4 Resolution, 2013-08.

5 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Um-hum.

6 MR. CABELLO: Yeah we had it and then we
7 had to amend it, remember, at the second meeting.

8 MR. MOREJON: Initially the Board had
9 agreed that -- to limit the use of the community
10 rooms to residents, elected officials or their
11 designated department heads of agencies or the
12 like that customarily conduct business and/or
13 interact with the Housing Authority.

14 MR. CABELLO: Um-hum.

15 MR. MOREJON: Depends on how you -- you
16 know, how much you want to interpret this.

17 MR. CABELLO: It's up to the Board.

18 MR. MOREJON: It's up to the Board; of
19 course.

20 But we --

21 MR. CABELLO: Because we've been getting a
22 lot of these requests from -- again from like
23 insurance -- health insurance, day care centers
24 -- I mean senior day care things they use.

25 And we tell them it's only for, you know,

1 the officials and -- elected officials -- same
2 thing as the Resolution.

3 MR. MOREJON: Yeah.

4 I mean if it's something that came in under
5 let's say the Community Action, you know North
6 Hudson CAP or, you know, even the Mayor's Office
7 or, you know, hospital, it might fit within the
8 definition of our Ordinance.

9 But a local pharmacist is not -- doesn't
10 come under that --

11 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah, --

12 MR. MOREJON: -- definition of our
13 Ordinance --

14 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- is this an
15 event --

16 MR. MOREJON: -- of our Resolution.

17 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Is this an event
18 being held by the Mayor's Office and that would
19 be like one of the lecturers?

20 You know what I'm --

21 MR. CABELLO: I just got this -- all I know
22 is what's here.

23 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Yeah. I mean is
24 the Mayor --

25 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: It's on his

1 letterhead.

2 MR. CABELLO: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Is the Mayor
4 particip --

5 I mean does the Mayor even know -- I don't
6 know this aide but --

7 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Well, he's our
8 Health Department.

9 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: So this is going
10 through the Health Department?

11 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: He's a Health
12 Department official.

13 MR. MOREJON: Yeah but it's coming from the
14 Department -- I mean the Mayor's name is there;
15 just like the Governor's name is on every letter
16 that's generated at the State.

17 MR. CABELLO: Well, --

18 MR. NATERA: Yeah, but that's the State.

19 MR. CABELLO: -- according to this --

20 COMMISSIONER CORNELIO: But they're coming
21 for the Health.

22 MR. CABELLO: -- the Mayor's requesting to
23 use.

24 MR. MOREJON: Oh, I see.

25 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: No, he requesting.

1 Um-hum.

2 MR. CABELLO: The letter says the Mayor's
3 requesting to use the recreational room, ah ba,
4 ba, ba, with local pharmacists for a free multi-
5 vitamin seminar for all seniors.

6 MR. NATERA: The Mayor.

7 MR. CABELLO: Yeah. The only question I
8 have is -- is that is this going to provide free
9 vitamins for their natural life? Or is this like
10 a little speech about it and then come to my
11 pharmacy.

12 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: This is the first
13 I --

14 MR. CABELLO: Yeah, I know, we got this
15 last night. So.

16 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Well, my one
17 concern is the seminar is free -- for a free
18 multi-- multi-vitamin seminar. So the seminar is
19 free.

20 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Um-hum.

21 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: But is he going to
22 be selling his vitamins, the multi-vitamins?

23 MR. CABELLO: Well, a guy who's in the
24 pharmacy business, right, I would think -- or
25 like if you're in the health insurance business,

1 | if you give a free seminar you're going to sell
2 | your products. Right?

3 | So, I don't know what this guy's going to
4 | do there. Sell the vitamins there or say come to
5 | my pharm --

6 | COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: I know. See that's
7 | the thing, we need more clarity.

8 | COMMISSIONER JETTER: Yeah.

9 | COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Um-hum.

10 | COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: What -- what the
11 | intent is.

12 | MR. CABELLO: Well and this is just a free
13 | seminar for the seniors; I guess something about
14 | multi-vitamins.

15 | COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yeah, maybe that's
16 | what it is.

17 | MR. CABELLO: Not to use for your kidneys,
18 | so you know.

19 | COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yeah.

20 | CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: An educational
21 | thing.

22 | MR. CABELLO: Yeah. I would think.

23 | COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yeah, they have to
24 | be there because --

25 | MR. CABELLO: And then come to the

1 pharmacy.

2 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Mr. Morejon?

3 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Stipulate no -- no
4 pamphlets, no --

5 Right?

6 -- no solicitation, no --

7 It's just --

8 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: No selling --

9 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: No selling.

10 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: -- of products.

11 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Zero selling.

12 Nothing.

13 MR. CABELLO: Yeah because --

14 MR. MOREJON: Yeah, I mean that's why I
15 said, if --

16 MR. CABELLO: -- we're opening ourselves
17 to, you know, --

18 MR. MOREJON: If you look at the Ordinance,
19 paragraph 1, we limit it to residents, elected
20 officials, designated department heads.

21 All right.

22 So, you know, if some -- if -- let's say
23 for argument sake, which this is what this is, if
24 the Mayor's Office wants to invite someone to
25 speak to the residents about the advantages of

1 multi-vitamins and why you should take your
2 multi-vitamins and, by the way, here are some
3 samples, then that probably would fit within, you
4 know, our definition.

5 But if you bring somebody in, you know,
6 who's giving you free samples and, by the way,
7 you know, coming by or solicit like you said,
8 then you might be crossing the line there.

9 But, --

10 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Yeah I mean it's
11 one thing --

12 MR. MOREJON: -- again, I leave it -- I
13 leave it to you.

14 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Can you just send
15 a letter? You know that as long as there -- that
16 there'll be no solicitation by -- because it's a
17 private whatever -- government, private --

18 MR. CABELLO: Here Julio.

19 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- joint thing.

20 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Um-hum.

21 MR. CABELLO: Julio?

22 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Just stipulate
23 that, --

24 MR. MOREJON: No, I have --

25 MR. CABELLO: Oh.

1 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- you know, that
2 selling and solicitating (sic) --

3 MR. MOREJON: Well, what I'm saying is
4 my --

5 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- is strictly
6 prohibited. I mean --

7 MR. MOREJON: -- whatever communication is
8 generated, I'd have to generate to the Mayor's
9 Office because --

10 MR. CABELLO: Yeah, send it to Alex.

11 MR. MOREJON: Yeah, that's --

12 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Alex, yeah.
13 That's who signed it.

14 MR. MOREJON: You know, remember, it has to
15 come under the umbrella, if you will, of an
16 elected official or his designee.

17 So if the elected official makes a request
18 of us to use the room, we've said that we would
19 do that.

20 Now, how --

21 Pardon me.

22 -- how -- as to how that elected official
23 wants to use it, you know, we -- the Board then
24 has that discretion to say, well, so long as it's
25 within, you know, informative and not a sales

1 pitch, et cetera, sure.

2 So, having said all that, Marty, --

3 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: And the event is
4 sanctioned by the Mayor's Office.

5 COMMISSIONER CORNELIO: Okay.

6 MR. MOREJON: So, again, you want me to
7 communicate with Alex?

8 MR. CABELLO: Yeah, send it to Alex.

9 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yeah. Yeah.

10 MR. MOREJON: Okay. And --

11 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah. Just, you
12 know, --

13 MR. MOREJON: -- request what? I'm sorry;
14 go ahead.

15 MR. CABELLO: Because we got this; it's the
16 19th.

17 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Well, just -- I
18 would send a letter just stipulating our rules.

19 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Uh-huh.

20 MR. CABELLO: No solicitation items, yes.

21 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: And --

22 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right.

23 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: No solicit --

24 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: That, you know, --

25 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: That it --

1 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: This is for
2 educational purposes only.

3 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Yeah, if it's a
4 seminar for health educational purposes, that's
5 fine. If it's in any way to promote a product,
6 that's not fine.

7 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right.

8 COMMISSIONER CORNELIO: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Because the only
10 reason we're even entertaining this is because
11 it's coming from the Mayor's Office.

12 If they were to contact us directly, we
13 would have said no.

14 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Um-hum.

15 MR. MORIN: Well, let me tell you
16 something.

17 MR. CABELLO: Well, that's a way to
18 circumvent.

19 Go ahead, Waldo.

20 MR. MORIN: Yeah at least once or twice a
21 month we get a request -- Agosso (phonetic)
22 Pharmacy -- Casa -- the --

23 MR. CABELLO: Similar to this.

24 MR. MORIN: -- you know, the one for senior
25 citizen.

1 MR. NATERA: Second Home.

2 MR. MORIN: They always want to do
3 presentations; they want to do, this, that --

4 MR. CABELLO: For free.

5 MR. MORIN: You know. For free. And then
6 they just boom, just come to the pharmacy, and we
7 always have said no. We send a letter; we just
8 say no because it's not part of the Agency.

9 So, if this --

10 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: No --

11 Yeah. No -- no business literature, no
12 business cards handed out. You know, strictly
13 for --

14 MR. MORIN: Yeah.

15 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- informative
16 reasons.

17 MR. MORIN: It's a program from the Mayor's
18 Office.

19 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: That's it.

20 MR. MORIN: That's more or less what you're
21 trying to say.

22 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: It's an
23 educational --

24 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Okay. Yeah --

25 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- seminar

1 sanctioned --

2 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Yeah.

3 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- by the Mayor's
4 Office.

5 MR. CABELLO: Yeah. Because my concern is
6 that then everybody say, well, if they went in
7 there, we want to do the same thing. We're not
8 giving any literature. We're not doing anything.

9 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right. It's
10 just --

11 MR. CABELLO: Just selling it, you know.

12 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- listening, you
13 know. It's just talking about the benefits of
14 vitamins for the health reasons.

15 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: For the seniors.

18 MR. CABELLO: All right.

19 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Um-hum.

20 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Um-hum.

21 MR. CABELLO: I don't have any further to
22 do.

23 How about you, Mr. Attorney?

24 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: I -- I have one
25 little thing.

1 MR. CABELLO: Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: While we're on the
3 subject of the Mayor's Office, I received a
4 letter in the mail, and I just spoke to Dennis.
5 He received it also.

6 I don't know who else got one, about heat
7 complaints. And there was a police report
8 attached.

9 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yes. I have that
10 letter. Yes.

11 MR. CABELLO: Okay. That was nonsense.
12 And I'll tell you why.

13 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah.

14 Just for the record, I guess, Waldo or
15 yourself, Virgil, just if you could give us a
16 rundown how they're handled. That's all.

17 MR. CABELLO: How it was handled?

18 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: How the complaints
19 are handled, because in a police report --

20 MR. CABELLO: Well, that --

21 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- it was a
22 little --

23 MR. CABELLO: -- that lieutenant is a total
24 idiot. And I would like to speak to him
25 personally.

1 Yeah. I want to go on the record.

2 He's a moron. He has no idea what he's
3 talking about.

4 He might know about police business, he
5 doesn't know anything about heating.

6 The problem here -- not here -- a situation
7 has been created that tenants have been told call
8 the police department if there is a problem with
9 the heat.

10 So, people, instead of calling the Housing
11 Authority, either during the day or after hours,
12 emergency calls -- right -- they call the police
13 department.

14 So, police department takes whatever time
15 they need to do to go there, and knock on the
16 door.

17 First of all, I think that was created to
18 intimidate landlords to give heat, because I
19 don't think a police officer's job is to go and
20 knock on people's doors to --

21 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: They're --

22 MR. CABELLO: -- find out about heating.

23 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: They're not.

24 They're supposed to dispatch -- they have heat
25 officers at night.

1 MR. CABELLO: Well, this is a lieutenant.

2 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: So, the police
3 takes the complaint and they call the heat --

4 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: The heating
5 department.

6 MR. CABELLO: Well, the --

7 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- inspectors.

8 MR. CABELLO: -- lieutenant went there in
9 person.

10 MR. NATERA: The heat inspectors.

11 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: So the inspector
12 to go and check that out.

13 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right.

14 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: And they go over
15 there --

16 MR. CABELLO: So, by the time the person --

17 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: -- and they check
19 it. To help.

20 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: The cops
21 themselves don't investigate --

22 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Yeah.

23 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- the complaint.

24 MR. CABELLO: Well, the lieutenant went
25 there in person.

1 This is what I'm telling you.

2 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right.

3 MR. CABELLO: This is why the guy's a
4 moron.

5 And so, by the time we get the information,
6 maybe half an hour went by, 45 minutes.

7 If you call here, we'll respond
8 immediately.

9 So, the person who's an emergent, goes
10 there, and the lieutenant gets into a -- an
11 argument with the guy. And the guy just arrived
12 there.

13 Oh, your answering service doesn't work.
14 I've been calling the -- the guy picked the
15 phone, he called. And in one minute, he got a
16 response back from the answering service.

17 The problem is not with the apartments in
18 general, the site, it was just two apartments
19 that people were calling about, with complaints.

20 One was Frank Carney and another lady.

21 MR. MORIN: Jahaira Estrada.

22 MR. CABELLO: When we knocked on the door,
23 Frank Carney refused to let our guy in the
24 apartment.

25 MR. MORIN: Or the police department.

1 MR. CABELLO: Or the police officers.

2 MR. MORIN: The police couldn't go in
3 there, either.

4 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: What?

5 MR. CABELLO: Okay. So, we went the
6 following day, because everybody else had heat in
7 the apartment, except for those two apartments
8 that adjacent to each other.

9 So, we get there and Rudy went, right, with
10 -- with one of the guys, we check everything.

11 First of all, radiators were covered. He
12 has an air conditioner on the window and the
13 window has like a cardboard --

14 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yes.

15 MR. CABELLO: -- so the draft is coming in.

16 And I think the temperature was, what, like
17 --

18 MR. MORIN: It was 78.

19 MR. CABELLO: -- 79 or almost 80 degrees in
20 there.

21 So how does it handle? People call our
22 answering service. Right? Answering service
23 call the person on emergency, and the person goes
24 there and checks the problem. Whether it's one
25 o'clock in the morning, two or three o'clock in

1 the morning, because I don't think anybody in
2 this town does that. Honestly. All our private
3 landlords.

4 CHAIRPERSON MARINETTI: All right.

5 MR. CABELLO: Because they don't have
6 people on call for this.

7 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Can we just send
8 out a letter to the residents, informing them so
9 there's no more miscommunication.

10 MR. CABELLO: To call us here.

11 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: So they don't call
12 the police.

13 MR. CABELLO: That's what we've been
14 saying.

15 Yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: We'll send a
17 general letter out --

18 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: To call over here.

19 MR. CABELLO: You know --

20 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- just explaining
21 to them --

22 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: To call --

23 MR. CABELLO: -- first of all --

24 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- if you have a
25 heat complaint --

1 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: To have Housing.

2 MR. CABELLO: -- they're wasting time.

3 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- this is the --

4 MR. CABELLO: You know, it's a waste.

5 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- number you
6 should call.

7 MR. CABELLO: Right. It's a waste.

8 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Because you know
9 -- you know, people move in over the years,
10 they --

11 MR. CABELLO: I know.

12 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- they -- they
13 forget --

14 MR. CABELLO: But --

15 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- the policies
16 and --

17 MR. CABELLO: -- but Chairman, I want you
18 to understand that they're wasting time by doing
19 that.

20 You know, why call -- they're told to
21 call --

22 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right. So, we'll
23 -- we'll --

24 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yeah. But they
25 think they're going to resolve --

1 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- we'll inform
2 them.

3 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: -- the problem
4 quick.

5 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: So, Waldo, if you
6 can just draft up a little --

7 MR. CABELLO: Yeah.

8 No, --

9 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- letter --

10 MR. CABELLO: -- we'll send a letter
11 tomorrow and say --

12 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah.

13 MR. CABELLO: -- look --

14 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: And let --

15 MR. CABELLO: -- call here, and we'll --
16 and we re -- believe me, we respond.

17 And those are the new boilers. I mean,
18 they're working great.

19 As a matter of fact, the day of the snow,
20 that big snow storm, I was down there, because we
21 had a problem with one of the contacts, because
22 it's all electronics, remember?

23 MR. MORIN: Yeah.

24 MR. CABELLO: And the thing was going on
25 for maybe an hour. And then, the water was not

1 coming in. And then, would come down for half an
2 hour, would shut off.

3 So, I went there. We went to -- I don't
4 know what place. We bought the part and we
5 replace --

6 I was there until two o'clock in the
7 morning. Man, and it was cold as hell out there.

8 Well, that's a contradiction in terms, but
9 it was really cold out there in that basement.

10 But we got it resolved, you know? So --

11 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah.

12 MR. CABELLO: So we'll send that letter.

13 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah. Just send
14 something out.

15 MR. MOREJON: Now, the -- the company that
16 we use --

17 MR. CABELLO: No. It's us.

18 MR. MOREJON: It's -- so it's not a vendor
19 that we use.

20 MR. CABELLO: Only for an extra emergency
21 when we don't have parts.

22 MR. MORIN: Emergency.

23 MR. CABELLO: -- when we don't have -- but
24 we always --

25 MR. MOREJON: I remember --

1 MR. CABELLO: -- have parts on -- on hand,
2 you know? Like one or two things, so we can
3 repair.

4 MR. NATERA: Chairman, I'd like to add
5 something to this.

6 Waldo and I are conducting the supervision
7 of the Housing Authority, different departments,
8 and it was very ironic and it was restraining the
9 whole thing -- is a whole combination of
10 feelings, I guess, to get people like Alex, for
11 call ins, and everybody's calling me.

12 The police is calling. The inspector went
13 over there. Matty (phonetic) did this.

14 Everybody's calling.

15 We go through our system.

16 I personally call the answering service.
17 How many people have called? No one.

18 I got a -- I call at six o'clock. I got
19 one call that came in at 11 o'clock.

20 We call the person -- the person who
21 called.

22 Say, where were they calling? Where is
23 this coming from?

24 And on top of that, the ironic thing was
25 that that -- that weekend, when everybody went

1 | crazy, and the cops went over, and the inspector,
2 | and poor Alex was just going nuts, all right, it
3 | was 57 degree outside.

4 | MR. CABELLO: Yeah.

5 | MR. NATERA: It was 57 degree that weekend.
6 | I was in -- you know, I was in a BJ, without a
7 | jacket or anything like that. Yeah.

8 | And, then, when we knock on the door to get
9 | in and check the problems, and they don't allow
10 | us to get in.

11 | MR. CABELLO: Yeah.

12 | MR. MORIN: I was there. I was there.

13 | MR. NATERA: I mean --

14 | MR. MORIN: They called me at eight o'clock
15 | at night.

16 | MR. NATERA: I mean -- are we done with
17 | this guy calling --

18 | MR. CABELLO: We respond. We respond.

19 | MR. NATERA: -- calling back, because
20 | everybody was calling.

21 | I say, who is calling? Call the answering
22 | service.

23 | Through the whole weekend, we got I think
24 | it was four -- four phone calls. And two of them
25 | from the same person.

1 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: So, now, we'll
2 send out the letter --

3 MR. NATERA: Where were they calling?

4 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- there is no
5 excuse not to call it. They don't --

6 MR. MORIN: Yeah. Yeah.

7 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- nobody could --
8 should be calling the police. Period.

9 MR. CABELLO: I know and that --

10 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Or saying they
11 don't have a number.

12 MR. CABELLO: Why have the police people
13 running around for this?

14 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Or --

15 MR. CABELLO: That's absurd. I'm serious.

16 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Can we --

17 MR. MORIN: Then he called me. No, he
18 called me at eight o'clock.

19 MR. CABELLO: Who's he?

20 MR. MORIN: Figueroa. The police officer.

21 MR. CABELLO: Oh.

22 MR. MORIN: And he took -- I thought it was
23 George. The plumber.

24 MR. CABELLO: You know him?

25 MR. MORIN: The boiler man.

1 MR. CABELLO: You know him?

2 MR. MORIN: When I say, George --

3 MR. CABELLO: You know Figueroa?

4 MR. MORIN: No. I'm Lieutenant Figueroa.

5 I'm like, what do you have --

6 MR. CABELLO: He's a moron.

7 MR. MORIN: -- you know, my guy's phone?

8 MR. CABELLO: He's a moron.

9 MR. MORIN: Oh --

10 MR. CABELLO: He's a moron.

11 MR. MORIN: -- who are you? I'm -- Union
12 City Housing Authority.

13 I say, well, I need you to give me -- to
14 give the permission, for George to give me his
15 personal number, so we can have it in the police
16 department, so we can call him direct, every time
17 there's a problem with the boiler, whatever, in
18 the Housing Authority.

19 I say, listen, I am not giving you his
20 number. I'm not authorizing you for that.
21 That's not regulations or policy.

22 You don't have to call them. I'm the one
23 that has to call them, or the answering service.

24 You know what I mean?

25 And then he called twice. I'm going to

1 call this. I'm going to call. I'm -- he called
2 twice. Twice next to him. And within a minute
3 or two, the answering service --

4 MR. CABELLO: Yeah.

5 MR. MORIN: -- answered the phone.

6 MR. CABELLO: I think that's why the guy
7 felt like a jerk, if that's the correct word.

8 Excuse me, ladies.

9 Because he was making statements, Housing
10 doesn't answer the phone. You know, the
11 emergency -- and then call, I get two -- two
12 phone calls back in like in two minutes.

13 So, the guy was like okay, man, you know, I
14 lie. I got caught. So, let me make up a story,
15 really.

16 By the way, as of December 30, we had the
17 -- the heating system for 89 days. We been
18 giving heating for 89 days.

19 Right?

20 And only 37 calls have come in since. And
21 most of them have been from Frank Carney's
22 apartment.

23 Probably 20 of those -- you know?

24 And it hasn't been like an overall, like a
25 building shut down. Certain apartment units.

1 Also, people have been calling about
2 they're getting too much heat. Because you know,
3 if you're living on the bottom -- on the ground
4 -- on the lower floors -- you know, the heat
5 rises, right? So whwww, they're getting all the
6 sweating -- you know?

7 And then, they open the windows.

8 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: And then
9 everything --

10 MR. CABELLO: They forgot to close them.
11 And then they go, oh, I'm cold here. You go
12 there. Your windows are open. So, it's just
13 like that.

14 But we are responding --

15 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah. Just --

16 MR. CABELLO: -- when the calls come in.

17 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Just send a letter
18 and --

19 MR. MORIN: We'll send a letter.

20 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Can we --

21 MR. CABELLO: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- attach it to
23 the next package.

24 MR. MORIN: I'll send you a copy.

25 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah. Or --

1 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Yeah. Uh-huh.

2 MR. CABELLO: Yeah. We'll send a letter.

3 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: You know, send

4 a --

5 MR. CABELLO: Definitely.

6 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Mail us a copy.

7 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: That's it.

8 MR. MOREJON: You know, just to segue
9 something about a notice.

10 Toni Beshara's not here today. Now --

11 MR. MORIN: Oh, she was coming.

12 MR. CABELLO: Please, don't --

13 MR. MOREJON: Oh, she was? Okay.

14 MR. MORIN: She was coming so --

15 MR. MOREJON: So maybe that's it.

16 MR. CABELLO: Come on. Let's make this
17 short.

18 MR. MOREJON: Well -- okay.

19 Last time she was here, I was going to send
20 a notice to all the tenants in the Veteran's
21 Housing.

22 I did --

23 MR. MORIN: Yeah. Because some of them
24 came asking, what is this about?

25 MR. MOREJON: Right.

1 MR. MORIN: And I say, just follow --

2 MR. CABELLO: Yeah, they got upset.

3 MR. MORIN: -- what it say. They came and
4 say, why you sending a letter to me?

5 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yeah. The --

6 MR. MORIN: We're having some problems with
7 some tenants. Just make sure that you follow
8 whatever is in the lease, and don't worry about
9 it.

10 But two of them come in, so --

11 MR. MOREJON: Yeah. What we did is I
12 generated a letter, in Spanish and English.

13 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yeah.

14 MR. MOREJON: So wouldn't be -- you know --

15 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: No complaint.

16 MR. MOREJON: -- no complaints.

17 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: No complaint.

18 Uh-huh.

19 MR. MOREJON: And it was a very generic --
20 you know, like we used to do -- something -- you
21 know, to remind you these are our --

22 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Just a reminder.

23 MR. MOREJON: -- procedures --

24 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Um-hum.

25 MR. CABELLO: Yeah. This is the letter.

1 MR. MOREJON: -- regarding noise and --
2 and --

3 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Um-hum.

4 MR. MOREJON: -- respecting -- you know --
5 we have house rules.

6 COMMISSIONER JETTER: When was that letter
7 sent out?

8 MR. MOREJON: I'm sorry.

9 COMMISSIONER JETTER: When did you send the
10 letter out?

11 MR. MOREJON: Right before Christmas.

12 Right? Didn't I send them out?

13 MR. CABELLO: Yeah.

14 MR. MOREJON: Early Dec -- right after we
15 met, December 12.

16 MR. NATERA: When did we last meet?

17 MR. MOREJON: Do you live in Veteran's
18 Housing?

19 COMMISSIONER JETTER: Yes, I do.

20 MR. MORIN: No. Not in there.

21 MR. CABELLO: No, but not on that. That
22 was just for that one there.

23 MR. MOREJON: On 40 -- 44th Street.

24 COMMISSIONER JETTER: I live in Cantelo
25 Street.

1 MR. MORIN: Just 44th Street. That's where
2 the problem is.

3 MR. MOREJON: Forty-fourth Street. I'm
4 sorry.

5 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: No. That's
6 different.

7 MR. MOREJON: Just in -- in the effected
8 area, because I even got a visit myself.

9 COMMISSIONER JETTER: Oh, because I was
10 going to say I didn't get no letter.

11 MR. MOREJON: But anyway -- you know, the
12 notices sometime help. You know, I mean or --

13 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah, sure.

14 MR. MOREJON: -- cause people to come in.

15 MR. MORIN: Yeah.

16 MR. CABELLO: Going back to the letter to
17 the residents regarding the heat, what kind of
18 language you want to use?

19 In order to expedite our responses to your
20 calls, please call here, instead of the police
21 department.

22 How do you want to --

23 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Well, yeah. The
24 phone number -- you know --

25 MR. CABELLO: Yeah. Yeah.

1 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- with the
2 numbers for the answering service. If they have
3 any complaints with the heat to please --

4 MR. CABELLO: To call. Yeah.

5 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- forward the
6 calls.

7 MR. CABELLO: Okay.

8 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah. To --

9 MR. CABELLO: And tell, it will expedite
10 the thing, man.

11 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: And leave --

12 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: It's faster.

13 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: -- the phone
14 number --

15 MR. CABELLO: It is faster.

16 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right.

17 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: -- of what they
18 call. Leave the phone number, otherwise you guys
19 can't call them back.

20 MR. CABELLO: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Yeah.

22 MR. CABELLO: And they call -- yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: And we should also,
24 then, perhaps, write a letter to the -- to the
25 police chief.

1 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Uh-huh.

2 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Letting him know
3 that, in the future, if they get calls they --

4 MR. CABELLO: To ask the person to call
5 here first.

6 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Yeah.

7 MR. CABELLO: That's a good point. Right?

8 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Yeah. Yeah.
9 That's a good point. Yeah.

10 MR. CABELLO: I mean, everybody good with
11 that?

12 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Or even have the
13 police themselves call the --

14 MR. MORIN: That's --

15 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: -- answering
16 service.

17 MR. MORIN: That's what Alex does now. He
18 makes sure -- yeah. You call whatever. You
19 don't call -- follow me and he make them call,
20 even if they call -- so, you know, not to be
21 running around, he makes them call because that
22 way it's in there.

23 Because sometimes -- yeah. I call him back
24 and say, Alex, you call the answering service.
25 You know the number. You live here before.

1 And he calls and say nobody call. And say
2 I'm not going to -- you know --

3 MR. CABELLO: I think -- and Alex is
4 getting a little frustrated, too. You know, he's
5 like --

6 COMMISSIONER CORNELIO: Yeah, because he's
7 good. Alex is good. Yeah.

8 MR. CABELLO: -- reaching the breaking
9 point with this nonsense here.

10 MR. NATERA: Well there was an incident
11 that he just went straight to the house, and if
12 it's not working, I'm going to call you back,
13 Waldo. He didn't call back.

14 And Waldo called and said temperature --
15 the temperature was like 74 degrees.

16 MR. MORIN: Oh, my -- Marie Podesta. You
17 remember Podesta? She lives in four nine -- Lou
18 Fusco's sister. She lives in --

19 She started calling for two days. We went
20 there. Maybe two days.

21 Alex is calling Waldo. Waldo say, we went
22 there, we went there, we went there.

23 That Sunday, he goes there, he says, you
24 know what, Waldo? I'm just going to go there.

25 I say, fine, you know, go. I waited half

1 an hour. I called within half an hour. Say,
2 Alex, you there yet? Yes, I'm here. I said
3 what --

4 Well, I don't even want to tell you. I
5 say, what's the problem? Well, the temperature
6 in the kitchen is -- in the -- in the living room
7 is 76 and the kitchen is 77.

8 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Oh.

9 MR. MORIN: I say, you see what I'm telling
10 you? And she just called you half an hour ago?

11 That's what happened. And she's got one of
12 the radiators covered.

13 I told her to move the stuff out of the --
14 you know, out of there.

15 And another radiator, she's got all these
16 bookshelves. And he told him -- that's Alex
17 telling him, and I'm listening to the
18 conversation.

19 You see, Alex, what I have to go through
20 and what you have to go through?

21 Is that fair that you have to go through
22 this?

23 The job was done and she's calling again
24 she's got no heat. You go within half an hour,
25 how can she's going to be 77 degrees? She was

1 freezing, no heat. And in half an hour, she can
2 -- the boiler's going to go up from 50 to 77
3 degrees in the house?

4 He say, you know what? I'm not paying no
5 more attention to her.

6 She hasn't called anymore, because he told
7 her you -- those are the things that he goes by.

8 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: We had -- we had
9 P.A.C.O. also putting some boilers in.

10 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: She want to go and
11 -- in there.

12 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right?

13 MR. MORIN: Yeah.

14 MR. CABELLO: And they're doing a great
15 job.

16 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: The problem is,
17 we're getting call for inspections, as a side
18 note to this conversation --

19 MR. CABELLO: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- and they've
21 taken out a permit, and they're free. We don't
22 charge for them because it's -- you're --

23 MR. CABELLO: Right. Okay.

24 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- you know,
25 government agency.

1 They'll take out a permit to install one
2 boiler --

3 MR. CABELLO: And they do everything.

4 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- and there's
5 like four or five of them going in at a shot.

6 MR. CABELLO: Oh, no, no, no, no, no.

7 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: So there's no --
8 so there's no life safety issues.

9 MR. CABELLO: No, no. So you need a permit
10 for each one.

11 Right?

12 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: For each one.

13 MR. CABELLO: Okay.

14 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Or one --

15 MR. CABELLO: We got to let him know.

16 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah.

17 MR. CABELLO: Only, one permit with all the
18 addresses.

19 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: You could list all
20 the addresses and as they call in inspections --

21 MR. CABELLO: Okay. So they --

22 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- we'll document
23 it.

24 MR. CABELLO: Let's say they come here at
25 3911, one, but then they're going to do

1 everything else.

2 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Because I actually
3 had a resident, she took off work. She was
4 really upset because she said that -- you know,
5 the contractor said it was her responsibility to
6 get the inspection and --

7 MR. CABELLO: Oh, no, no, no, no, no, no,
8 no.

9 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah. So --

10 MR. CABELLO: Well, he's hired by this guy.
11 So he wouldn't know.

12 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right. So maybe
13 you should give him a little call --

14 MR. CABELLO: No. We're going to talk to
15 them tomorrow.

16 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- so straighten
17 it out?

18 MR. CABELLO: So on the one permit, you
19 could list all the addresses.

20 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right. Because --

21 MR. CABELLO: Right?

22 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- the last thing
23 we need is -- is -- you know, a back draft
24 problem, a CO problem.

25 MR. CABELLO: No, no, no, no, no, no, no.

1 No.

2 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Let's get
3 everything in --

4 MR. CABELLO: Please.

5 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- permitted,
6 inspected. It's -- you know, there's no cost to
7 the Authority.

8 MR. CABELLO: List all the addresses.

9 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: And everybody's
10 protected.

11 MR. CABELLO: Right?

12 All the addresses that you want.

13 MR. NATERA: They do -- do like one or two
14 all the time.

15 MR. CABELLO: Yeah. But to list the
16 addresses.

17 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right.

18 MR. CABELLO: Not just one.

19 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: If you get a list
20 together, of what they've done, or what they --

21 MR. CABELLO: Oh, I could do that.

22 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- propose to
23 do --

24 MR. CABELLO: Yeah. We could do that.

25 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- I'll print them

1 out and we'll just --

2 MR. CABELLO: Send somebody over.

3 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- cross reference
4 them.

5 MR. CABELLO: Yeah. Because it's still --

6 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right.

7 MR. CABELLO: -- under warranty --

8 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: I'll send some --

9 MR. CABELLO: -- and all that stuff.

10 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: I'll send somebody
11 to sit down with you and go through one by one.

12 MR. CABELLO: Oh, yeah. We want to do --
13 when can we have that list of the ones that are
14 already installed?

15 MR. MORIN: The one that I've done?

16 MR. CABELLO: Yes.

17 MR. MORIN: I'll talk to them tomorrow.

18 MR. CABELLO: All right. Let's against the
19 list --

20 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right.

21 MR. CABELLO: -- and then we'll call you,
22 Marty, and then you can send the guy over, and
23 then you could go over it.

24 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah. And --
25 and --

1 MR. CABELLO: Yeah. I want to make sure
2 that we're covered.

3 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: And I --

4 MR. CABELLO: I mean, come on.

5 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: I was actually
6 next to one of your inspectors, when he called
7 the guy, trying to get this together. And he
8 just --

9 MR. CABELLO: Well, you can't deal with the
10 contractors. You know how they are.

11 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah. He was
12 difficult to deal with.

13 MR. CABELLO: Yeah. They just want to put
14 the --

15 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: He didn't -- he
16 didn't --

17 MR. CABELLO: -- boilers and go home. You
18 know?

19 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- want to
20 participate in anything.

21 MR. CABELLO: Yeah. But it's simple.
22 Look, you don't get --

23 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: It's a good
24 program.

25 MR. CABELLO: No.

1 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah.

2 MR. CABELLO: But it's simple, you don't
3 get what we want, you don't get paid. That's it.

4 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: That's who --
5 right.

6 If they don't have a --

7 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: The license.

8 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: We should get a
9 certificate --

10 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: The license.

11 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- of approval at
12 the end.

13 MR. CABELLO: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Certificate. Um-
15 hum.

16 MR. NATERA: Yeah. But don't -- but don't
17 for --

18 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Whatever
19 contractors you hire, if they don't get a
20 certificate of approval, we should not pay them.

21 MR. CABELLO: Exactly.

22 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Because that --
23 that --

24 MR. CABELLO: Yeah. But they paying them
25 directly.

1 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Because then
2 that's a violation State law.

3 MR. CABELLO: Right.

4 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: And we don't want
5 to get into that --

6 MR. CABELLO: Yeah.

7 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- mess.

8 MR. CABELLO: No. But they -- they paying
9 them directly so --

10 MR. MORIN: Yeah.

11 MR. CABELLO: -- so we don't get involved
12 with the money -- you know?

13 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right.

14 MR. CABELLO: Well, good. I'm glad you
15 told me because I'm concerned about that, too.
16 You know, we need to have those -- I thought
17 inspections were being done, quite frankly -- you
18 know?

19 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah.

20 MR. CABELLO: But if you don't know where
21 they are, how can they be inspected?

22 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: That was the
23 problem.

24 MR. MORIN: I thought they do everything
25 through them.

1 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: They were --

2 MR. MORIN: Through P.A.C.O.

3 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: They were --

4 MR. CABELLO: No.

5 MR. MORIN: They would apply and do all the
6 information. I didn't know that.

7 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: They would apply
8 for one and there was four going in --

9 MR. CABELLO: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

10 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- so, we
11 couldn't --

12 MR. CABELLO: That's what he's saying,
13 Waldo.

14 You need to list all the addresses so then
15 they do an inspection --

16 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah.

17 MR. CABELLO: -- on the four places.

18 MR. MORIN: But it is, they're all
19 different contractors and different times.

20 MR. CABELLO: Okay.

21 MR. MORIN: Not at the same time.

22 MR. CABELLO: But they all should --

23 MR. MORIN: Yeah. Yeah.

24 MR. CABELLO: -- go there --

25 MR. MORIN: I know, but --

1 MR. CABELLO: Well, I'll talk to P.A.C.O.

2 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: But I have --

3 MR. MORIN: I have to talk to the --

4 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: I have guys in my

5 -- I have -- we're good with the times.

6 MR. MORIN: I have to talk to the chief.

7 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: I have guys work

8 until seven at night.

9 MR. CABELLO: Yeah.

10 MR. MORIN: Yeah. I'll talk to the

11 director.

12 MR. CABELLO: No, no. I'll talk to the

13 director there --

14 MR. MORIN: Yeah.

15 MR. CABELLO: -- and we get it. Okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Thanks.

17 MR. CABELLO: All right. So the letter is

18 going out tomorrow, for the weekend. So,

19 everybody will be happy with that.

20 I want you to know that other than the

21 money, the most important thing to me here is

22 heat, because I love heat. And they could attest

23 for that.

24 Man, that's my pet peeve. You know, I want

25 people here sweating.

1 MR. MORIN: Eighty, 90, 90 degrees.

2 MR. CABELLO: I want people here sweating.

3 I don't mean us here --

4 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: And especially in
5 this cold weather.

6 MR. CABELLO: -- I mean in the house --
7 yeah. I hate the cold, so --

8 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yeah.

9 MR. CABELLO: That's one thing that --

10 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Especially now
11 that it --

12 MR. CABELLO: -- you have no problem with
13 me about giving heat.

14 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Especially now,
15 this winter coming, very heavy.

16 MR. CABELLO: Very bad. Very bad.

17 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Very bad. So --

18 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: It's the worst one
19 -- worst winter I've ever --

20 MR. CABELLO: Yeah.

21 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- seen.

22 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yeah. Yeah.

23 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: It's the coldest.

24 MR. CABELLO: Mention like in the 60s.

25 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: For long -- for

1 | years. For years --

2 | CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: I've never seen
3 | nothing like --

4 | COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: -- we don't have
5 | this winter so bad. Yeah.

6 | CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- not for three
7 | weeks straight -- you know, teens.

8 | MR. CABELLO: I'm older than everybody at
9 | this table, but man --

10 | COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Fifteen days in
11 | January.

12 | MR. CABELLO: -- it's been cold. Since
13 | 1960, what?

14 | MR. MORIN: No. We did that.

15 | MR. MOREJON: We're done.

16 | MR. CABELLO: We're done. I'm done.

17 | COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Oh, I have one
18 | thing.

19 | MR. CABELLO: Oh, one thing.

20 | COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Just be -- just to
21 | go back to the letter from the Mayor.

22 | I don't think -- I don't have it with me,
23 | but I don't think he wrote it to you. It was
24 | just to the Commissioners.

25 | MR. CABELLO: Oh, that was nice. I don't

1 get a copy.

2 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: And he asked for --

3 MR. CABELLO: No, really. That's like a
4 stab in the back, man.

5 Go ahead.

6 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: Yeah. It was
7 addressed to the Chairman, and a copy --

8 But he asked for a response, a written
9 response. So, someone has to write back to him.

10 MR. CABELLO: No, he didn't write to me, so
11 I'm not responding. I don't know anything about
12 the letter until now.

13 Maybe the attorney could answer.

14 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: I'll send you a
15 copy, counselor, and --

16 MR. MOREJON: I don't know anything about
17 it.

18 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- you could send
19 a response of what we talked about tonight.

20 MR. CABELLO: About the heating? Yeah. To
21 call here. Is that what you mean?

22 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: And what number --

23 MR. MOREJON: Oh, it's about the heat?

24 I thought it was about --

25 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Right.

1 MR. MOREJON: -- the use --

2 MR. CABELLO: No. The heat.

3 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: No. The heat.

4 MR. CABELLO: The heat.

5 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: What number they
6 should call --

7 MR. CABELLO: Well, first of all, he's the
8 one that send the letter to the people --

9 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: I have the letter.

10 MR. CABELLO: -- telling them to call the
11 police department.

12 So he can't have it both ways -- you know?

13 Quite frankly. And I dig up that letter.

14 If you have any problems, call the police
15 department.

16 As a matter of fact, the people here that
17 work, say, what, they going to arrest us, if we
18 don't respond like in two minutes?

19 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: No.

20 MR. CABELLO: So --

21 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: It's because they
22 handle the heat.

23 MR. CABELLO: No.

24 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: It's just --

25 MR. CABELLO: I -- I understand.

1 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Yeah. I --

2 MR. CABELLO: I understand that. But you
3 know, this is the situation. So people follow
4 it, let's call the police.

5 So the response is, yeah, we're going to
6 inform the tenants to call here first --

7 MR. MOREJON: I think because it's -- you
8 know, not necessarily that they're going to
9 arrest anybody, but it's considered a public
10 safety issue, and --

11 It's done in some other municipalities,
12 believe it or not. But --

13 MR. CABELLO: What? The police?

14 MR. MOREJON: But it's usually -- it's
15 usually more because of private landlords.

16 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: And they dispatch.

17 MR. MOREJON: Right.

18 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yeah.

19 MR. MOREJON: It's because of private
20 landlords that --

21 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yeah.

22 MR. MOREJON: -- ignore their tenants'
23 requests, but --

24 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Um-hum.

25 MR. MOREJON: -- you know, when you have

1 a --

2 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yeah. That's a
3 problem.

4 MR. MOREJON: -- institution such as a
5 Housing Authority --

6 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Yeah.

7 MR. MOREJON: -- we have a -- we have a
8 built in system that hasn't failed. People get
9 desperate. They call the police. The police get
10 anxious.

11 MR. CABELLO: No. They don't get
12 desperate. They were told to call the police. I
13 don't know how to get this across.

14 Call the police.

15 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: So --

16 MR. CABELLO: People call the police.

17 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: So we'll inform
18 them for this -- you know --

19 MR. CABELLO: Yes. We're going to send a
20 letter.

21 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: For the --

22 MR. CABELLO: And then we're going to
23 include --

24 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: This agency
25 that --

1 MR. CABELLO: -- that letter and we send
2 the letter -- you can send it to the --

3 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: You have to let
4 them know that we --

5 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Send to --

6 MR. CABELLO: -- to the Mayor, where that
7 is what we discussed.

8 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: He could attach --

9 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Yeah. Yeah.
10 That's right.

11 MR. CABELLO: Right.

12 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: -- a letter.
13 Thanks. I forgot about that.

14 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: And even that --

15 MR. CABELLO: Thank you, Dennis.

16 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Even you don't
17 say --

18 MR. CABELLO: Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: -- anything, the
20 people, they call the cops.

21 MR. CABELLO: I know.

22 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Um-hum.

23 MR. CABELLO: But at least we send it to
24 them.

25 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: So that's what --

1 | you know --

2 | MR. CABELLO: But the point that we --

3 | COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: You know how they
4 | are.

5 | MR. CABELLO: -- listen, they're wasting
6 | time. They call the police.

7 | COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Um-hum.

8 | MR. CABELLO: The police goes there.

9 | COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: They should call
10 | here.

11 | MR. CABELLO: -- and you know, goes around.

12 | COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Call here. Yeah.

13 | MR. CABELLO: An hour goes by.

14 | MR. MORIN: And the other --

15 | MR. CABELLO: All right.

16 | MR. MORIN: -- by -- we have is that it has
17 | to go through the guy who's at night.

18 | MR. CABELLO: Right.

19 | MR. MORIN: Those are the guys, they have
20 | to get a call from the answering service.

21 | MR. CABELLO: Right.

22 | MR. MORIN: You could be the police
23 | department. You could be the Mayor. You could
24 | be whoever. They call. They won't go out.

25 | They -- they have to be -- have to be

1 | there. And also --

2 | MR. CABELLO: Otherwise, they'll be
3 | bouncing around, man.

4 | MR. MORIN: -- call there. They ask -- let
5 | me have what -- he went out. He went out. Okay.
6 | He went out on the storm the 17th.

7 | Let me see the answering service call. And
8 | then, I bring the answering service, oh there's
9 | no call. Who authorized it? Who overrode?

10 | Oh, I did because they don't have the --
11 | you know, I make a report of why I did it.

12 | You know what I mean? It has to be -- we
13 | have to follow procedures. We can't just say
14 | okay, the police department call, oh, just go do
15 | that work.

16 | MR. CABELLO: See --

17 | MR. MORIN: It doesn't work that way. You
18 | have to --

19 | MR. CABELLO: When you have a system --

20 | MR. MORIN: -- people have to follow the
21 | system.

22 | MR. CABELLO: But we have a system, or any
23 | system, things work better because you follow
24 | procedures --

25 | COMMISSIONER CORNELIO: Yeah.

1 MR. CABELLO: -- you know, and it works,
2 rather than crazy, and say, everybody call in and
3 -- you know, go here and there.

4 This is what's happening to Alex.
5 Everybody's calling the guy. He's going nuts.

6 I think he's going to commit suicide pretty
7 soon. He's going to go one of the boilers and
8 shhhh --

9 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Oh, my God.
10 You're so rotten. Oh, my God.

11 MR. CABELLO: All right. This is over.

12 COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ: That was off the
13 record.

14 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: Oh, my God.

15 Don't do that.

16 MR. CABELLO: Okay. Motion to adjourn the
17 meeting?

18 CHAIRPERSON MARTINETTI: Motion.

19 COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ: I make a -- second
20 it.

21 COMMISSIONER DeMARTINEZ: Okay.

22 MR. CABELLO: Second.

23 All right.

24 MR. NATERA: Meeting is adjourned.

25 MR. CABELLO: You got it.

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(Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded
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