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IN THE MATTER OF:

SOUTH SEASIDE PARK HOMEOWNERS
AND VOTERS ASSOCIATION
DE-ANNEXATION PETITION HEARING

Pinevald Keswick Road
Bayville, New Jersey
Thursday, May 7, 2015
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BEFORE:

- Robert Winward, Chairman
- Brian Gingrich, Member
- John Bacchione, Councilman
- Jack Wiegartner, Member
- Frederick Bell, Member
- Domenick Lorelli, Member
- Nick Mackres, Member

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MR. WINWARD: Our next application on

the agenda is the South Seaside Park Homeowners and
Voters Association. This has been ongoing testimony
that they're going to continue with this evening

MR. MICHELINI: Good evening,
Mr Chairman, members of the board.

Joseph Michelini appearing I'm going to call
Pat Dolobacs We should be able to finish with the
lay testimony tonight, so I'm encouraged by that.
So, we'll have Pat. She's going to talk about
parks And we're going to have to have this marked.

(The Photo board of parks was marked
as A-19 for identification)

PATRICIA DOLOBACS, having been duly sworn, according
to law, upon her oath, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY MR. MICHELINI:

Q Ms Dolobacs, you're married?

A Yes

Q And you live with your husband at
your home?

A Yes

Q What is his name?

A Joseph.

Q Okay And where do you live?

A We live at 107 Beach Drive, South

1 Seaside Park.
 2 Q What is your mailing address?
 3 A South Seaside Park.
 4 Q What post office do you utilize?
 5 A South Seaside Park.
 6 Q Is the post service in South Seaside
 7 Park or is it Seaside Park where you get your mail?
 8 A Seaside Park.
 9 Q Now, I know that you prepared a photo
 10 board here with a map on it. Can you tell us --
 11 it's A-19, I believe. And can you tell us what that
 12 is?
 13 A Sure. You don't want to know how
 14 long I've lived here?
 15 Q Well, you can tell us that. How long
 16 have you lived here?
 17 A All right. I have this all looked up
 18 for you guys. We moved, we bought the house in
 19 1990. And we had it until 2004 when we moved out
 20 full-time. We retired and it was one of those, you
 21 can't afford two. And where are the grandkids going
 22 to come? So, we decided better here with the
 23 grandkids than where we were. So, we've been here a
 24 good 11 years
 25 Q On a full-time basis?

1 A Yes
 2 Q And on a part-time basis?
 3 A Since '90
 4 Q 1990. So, it should be 25 years?
 5 A Yeah.
 6 Q Okay
 7 A Long time.
 8 Q You said you and your husband are
 9 retired, correct?
 10 A Correct.
 11 Q And you're a member of the South
 12 Seaside Park Homeowners and Voters Association?
 13 A Yes, I am.
 14 Q And you signed the petition, correct?
 15 A Yes, I did.
 16 Q And did your husband sign the
 17 petition also?
 18 A Yes, he did.
 19 Q Okay. If you don't mind, I'm not
 20 going to ask your age but what is your husband's
 21 age?
 22 A Oh, he's -- yeah, he's older than I
 23 am. That's okay. Seventy-two.
 24 Q Okay. And --
 25 A We've been married 48 years

1 Q Congratulations
 2 A Thank you.
 3 Q We'll try not to be in these hearings
 4 for 48 years so that you can enjoy your time with
 5 your husband with whom you've been married.
 6 Could you explain for us what you prepared
 7 and take it from there. Then I'll ask you questions
 8 as we go along
 9 A Good enough. What I tried to do --
 10 Q And keep your voice up, because
 11 you're not going to be in front of the mike. So,
 12 try to keep your voice up
 13 A Okay. What I tried to do was put,
 14 basically, where the parks are, the municipal parks
 15 of Berkeley Township. And I have to be honest and
 16 truthful, I have not been to any of them.
 17 Q Except those on the barrier island, I
 18 take it?
 19 A Right, except on the ones on the
 20 barrier island.
 21 I went online. I went to your website. I
 22 found information anywhere I could find it. So, we
 23 have Manitou Park. We have Whispering Pines
 24 Veterans Park. Eastern Boulevard Soccer Forest
 25 Hill. William Dudley Park. Recreation Center

1 Allen Park. Mallard Park. There are 14 mainland
 2 parks
 3 Q You didn't mention all of them.
 4 A Oh, no.
 5 Q You mentioned some of them?
 6 A Some of them, right.
 7 Q Are all 14 mainland parks, are they
 8 all listed on this photo board- which is A-19?
 9 A Yes
 10 Q Where are they listed?
 11 A Oh, no. I'm sorry. They're not
 12 They're just here
 13 Q Okay. Well, they're --
 14 A I can give you --
 15 Q No, no, no. That's okay. Just for
 16 clarification, those parks are identified on the map
 17 portion --
 18 A By arrows
 19 Q -- of the photo board by arrow,
 20 correct?
 21 A Absolutely
 22 Q Okay. And all those 14 mainland
 23 parks are identified and then there's barrier parks
 24 as well, correct?
 25 A Right

1 Q What are the barrier parks?
 2 A The barrier parks are Sergeant
 3 John A. Lyons Memorial Park. And I put in Roberts
 4 Avenue Bulkhead because it is listed on some of
 5 Berkeley's information but not all
 6 Q That's an unimproved area but you've
 7 listed that as a park; is that correct?
 8 A Yes, it's at the end of a street and
 9 it's probably not, as I know, it's not as wide as
 10 this room. But I listed it because it was on some
 11 of the information. And White Sands Beach.
 12 Q And those are the three blocks of
 13 Ocean Beach in Berkeley Township, correct?
 14 A Absolutely
 15 Q In South Seaside Park, I should say
 16 A In South Seaside --
 17 Q And, obviously, Island Beach State
 18 Park you didn't include. That's in Berkeley
 19 Township? That's a --
 20 A State park.
 21 Q -- state park, correct?
 22 A Right
 23 Q All right.
 24 A Then what I tried to do, in looking
 25 at everything that is listed, what these parks offer

1 for facilities And Manitou Park has picnic
 2 pavilion, softball field. Veterans Park is
 3 250 acres, it has a playground, five ball fields,
 4 basketball, tennis courts, fitness area, state park
 5 and picnic area.
 6 Eastern Boulevard is the soccer fields
 7 William Dudley Park has the playground, picnic area,
 8 swimming, bike and a roller rink. I mean,
 9 they're -- every one of them has some kind of a
 10 playground or some nice facility to use, which is
 11 what a park should have.
 12 Q Okay When you say, every one of
 13 them, are you talking about the mainland parks?
 14 A The mainland parks
 15 Q Okay And all those amenities are
 16 listed with the identification of the parks?
 17 A Yes, each park has the, whatever is
 18 offered there.
 19 Q Okay So, when you say each park has
 20 whatever is offered there, if I'm looking at your
 21 exhibit and I see Veterans Park, you then have a
 22 description of everything that's offered there,
 23 which you've just testified about, correct?
 24 A Absolutely The playground, the ball
 25 fields.

1 Q Right. And the same is true of
 2 Bayville Park or Mallard Park?
 3 A Park.
 4 Q Okay
 5 A Now, some of them, like Mallard Park
 6 is also listed in some of the information, the
 7 Sylvan Lakes So, it was kind of crazy going back
 8 and forth.
 9 Q All right. But all of this is public
 10 information that you found?
 11 A Absolutely
 12 Q And much of it was on the Berkeley
 13 Township website, correct?
 14 A Oh, yes Yes
 15 Q Now, tell us what you have listed for
 16 the barrier island parks and whether or not they
 17 have the same kind of amenities
 18 A I certainly will Sergeant Lyons
 19 Park has a table and it's a basketball court
 20 Q Okay So, let me ask you questions
 21 Sergeant Lyons Park, what street is that on?
 22 A That's on 24
 23 Q And that's in South Seaside Park,
 24 correct?
 25 A South Seaside Park.

1 Q Correct? Do you have a picture of
 2 Sergeant Lyons Park?
 3 A Yes, I do.
 4 Q And you're pointing to the, about
 5 two-thirds of the way up on the right-hand side of
 6 Exhibit A-19, correct?
 7 A Absolutely
 8 Q And there's two pictures there of the
 9 park, correct?
 10 A One is the basketball court itself
 11 and one is the table, the picnic table.
 12 Q Okay The table meaning a single
 13 picnic table?
 14 A Yes
 15 Q Are there any other amenities at that
 16 park?
 17 A No
 18 Q Are there bathrooms?
 19 A No.
 20 Q Are there soda fountains?
 21 A No.
 22 Q Are there lights, if you know?
 23 A I don't think so, no.
 24 Q Is there a parking area?
 25 A Just the street.

1 Q So, there's no off-site parking?
 2 A No. No, no.
 3 Q Is there -- is there -- there's no
 4 skating there, tennis, fitness area?
 5 A It's just, whatever the building lot
 6 is, is just the basketball court, that's it.
 7 Q Okay And do you and your husband
 8 play basketball?
 9 A No.
 10 Q Okay And many of the members of the
 11 South Seaside Park Homeowners and Voters
 12 Association, is it a fair characterization to say
 13 that most of them are retired people?
 14 A Absolutely About the only time I've
 15 seen -- and this is just me -- the only time I've
 16 seen people at the court is if my grandsons come
 17 down or somebody's grandsons or children visit, that
 18 kind of thing
 19 Q Okay All right. And that would be
 20 an appropriate use of it, for grandkids, right?
 21 A Yes
 22 Q Okay. What else would you like to
 23 tell us about the barrier parks, if anything?
 24 A Okay I have been to many council
 25 meetings And the only thing I have asked for, if I

1 can backtrack for just a minute.
 2 Q Sure.
 3 A All right. The Berkeley Times. And
 4 those of you that have been to council meetings, and
 5 John delivers them to my house once in a while. The
 6 Berkeley Times is something that's on the mainland
 7 here. And it just --
 8 Q What is the Berkeley Times?
 9 A It's just a newspaper that tells kind
 10 of what's going on, different things in the
 11 township. And we don't get it.
 12 Q Do you know if it's a private or a
 13 public publication?
 14 A I believe it's a public
 15 VOICE: Privately owned.
 16 Q Okay So --
 17 VOICE: Private.
 18 A Well -- it is private?
 19 VOICE: Privately owned.
 20 Q Okay All right. But --
 21 A I went and asked at a board meeting
 22 if we could have it delivered. And I don't care if
 23 it comes by garbage truck, the police car when it
 24 comes over I said, drop it off at my house. And I
 25 would be the central location. So, if people wanted

1 it, they could come pick it up, instead of driving
 2 over here 40 some odd minutes to get it. And I
 3 asked at the council meetings I wrote letters to
 4 the council, both under Mr Varano and Mr Amato,
 5 and I've never gotten an answer
 6 Q Do you know if it's generally
 7 available in the mainland?
 8 A As far as I know, yes, it is It's
 9 right out here
 10 Q When you say right out here, it's in
 11 the municipal building?
 12 A Right in the lobby, yes
 13 Q Okay. And, of course, if you want to
 14 come to anything for a municipal nature, you have to
 15 do all the traveling to get here, as has been
 16 testified. I don't want to go into that.
 17 A Right. No, I don't want to do that
 18 either
 19 Q But I take it you're not willing to
 20 drive over here just to get the Berkeley Times?
 21 A No.
 22 Q In terms of these parks, you say that
 23 you've never actually been to them. Why is that?
 24 The mainland parks
 25 A I reached a point where I don't like

1 to drive. My husband doesn't like to drive. And we
 2 do what we do where we are To drive 40 minutes to
 3 come over to a park or to slip the grandkids over --
 4 well, I don't have to do that anymore. They're kind
 5 of older But it just, it was never worth it. We
 6 just stayed on the island where we lived.
 7 Q Okay
 8 A Okay
 9 Q And if you go to parks on the island,
 10 what parks do you go to?
 11 A Seaside Park.
 12 Q Where do you go in Seaside Park?
 13 A Seaside Park. We -- may I just --
 14 Q Go ahead. Go ahead.
 15 A Okay The other thing at the council
 16 meetings that I have asked for, and it's been for
 17 years, and I've written letters again to Mr Verano,
 18 to Mr Amato. Never got an answer Council got
 19 copies Could we have a playground or could we have
 20 a bay beach? Could we have a boat Ramp? I've never
 21 gotten an answer
 22 I asked them when 24th Street, when the state
 23 purchased that, could they have gotten that or
 24 rented it. And then --
 25 Q When you say 24th Street, you mean on

1 the bay side at the end of 24th?
 2 A Yes Yes.
 3 Q There's a couple of buildings there?
 4 A Right. I don't think they're there
 5 anymore.
 6 Q Okay
 7 A But at the time, I figured it was a
 8 place where we could go crabbing We could put our
 9 boats in. I'm kind of getting off the track but
 10 this is very important to me. If you'll bear with
 11 me
 12 When we moved here, we moved here because we
 13 wanted to provide things for our grandchildren, for
 14 memories, we did this with Nan and Pop or even our
 15 children. But they were a little older to say, I
 16 did this with my mother and father But the
 17 crabbing, taking the boat out, fishing, we have no
 18 place on the bay to do that. And that's been my
 19 bane since we moved here.
 20 I go to Seaside Park. I use their bay beach
 21 when the kids were small, the grandkids We use
 22 their pier to go out and we crab We use their boat
 23 ramp to put our boats in the water
 24 I realize, you know, that we have to pay
 25 So, we're paying Seaside Heights for -- Seaside Park

1 for this amenity And I know you're going to say to
 2 me, well, how would that change if we were in
 3 Seaside Park? Well, the biggest thing would be, I
 4 would save about \$385 a year because I would only
 5 have to buy one badge. I would not have to buy a
 6 badge for the beach to go in the ocean, as well as
 7 pay Seaside Park the money for their badges
 8 Now, we have nine in the family, so it gets a
 9 little expensive. And I'm not going to say to my
 10 grandchildren, you can go but you have to pay
 11 yourself That doesn't do it. All right. So --
 12 Q Go ahead.
 13 A I'm sorry
 14 Q That's okay That's something that
 15 is important to you. And I think the board is
 16 hearing you. Go ahead.
 17 A Now, Seaside -- Berkeley has beaches
 18 on the bay I have not been here. These pictures
 19 are from the New Jersey State Film. I went online
 20 I poked around. I found these. And these are
 21 pictures of Amherst Beach. It has a beautiful pier
 22 It has a place for boats
 23 Q When you say these pictures, you're
 24 looking at pictures on the left side of --
 25 A Right.

1 Q -- A-19?
 2 A Correct.
 3 Q Just go ahead and go around and
 4 explain the pictures that you found online regarding
 5 the various bay beaches and the other amenities in
 6 the mainland.
 7 A Okay This is the waterfront off
 8 Amherst Beach. This is a view from Amherst Drive.
 9 I'm reading right off the website's things
 10 Q Okay And describe what you're
 11 seeing, because our very good court reporter here
 12 can't take down a photograph in written --
 13 A Oh
 14 Q -- so tell us what, what's in each
 15 photo
 16 A All right. The waterfront off
 17 Amherst Drive shows an area with a table, an
 18 umbrella, some boats, some garbage cans and a ramp
 19 Q Do you have any of that in Seaside --
 20 A South Seaside, no
 21 Q -- South Seaside Park?
 22 A No
 23 Q Go ahead. Go to the next photo.
 24 A The next is a view off Amherst Beach
 25 in Bayville. Beautiful pier Just what I want

1 Take the grandkids, let them throw the blue fish in
 2 the water Get what they want, bring it back, cook
 3 them, eat them. And it's a great memory
 4 Q Of course, you've indicated you don't
 5 have --
 6 A We don't have it.
 7 Q -- that kind of a pier in South
 8 Seaside Park. Go ahead.
 9 A The next is Berkeley Shore/Bayville
 10 And it is another pier Does not look like it goes
 11 out into the water but, it does go out onto a beach
 12 area.
 13 The next is a -- it just said a pier in
 14 Bayville. And I, honestly, I don't know where it
 15 is There was no other information on the
 16 New Jersey film website But it said Bayville. It
 17 is a pier It's what I wanted. We don't have one
 18 Down at the bottom is the picture from
 19 Bayshore, that area, Bayshore Estates or Bayshore.
 20 I think that's it, but this is a picnic they had
 21 with a very nice beach. And this came off their
 22 website.
 23 Q That is also in Berkeley Township on
 24 the mainland?
 25 A Yes, it is This is Alan

1 Beach/Amherst. This is all this area.
 2 Q So, the Alan Beach/Amherst area, all
 3 on the left side of the exhibit, A-19?
 4 A Absolutely Now, that's two bay
 5 beaches Now, we have the bay beaches, Bay Park and
 6 Butler Beach Park. And they're by Glen Cove. And I
 7 know that Berkeley just got a grant, which is
 8 wonderful, to put a playground in the park. And it
 9 was in the paper I know it's in your paper here.
 10 Q You could not put a playground like that on
 11 our beach on the bay, because this is our beach on
 12 the bay
 13 Q When you say this is, you're
 14 referring to two photographs on the right-hand side
 15 of the exhibit about halfway down or three photo --
 16 two photographs, correct?
 17 A Three.
 18 Q Three and -- well, actually, the
 19 third one says White Sands Beach?
 20 A No, that's for these.
 21 Q Oh, those are for the ones below it?
 22 Okay So, there's three photos that show the
 23 bay front area of South Seaside Park?
 24 A Right.
 25 Q And those photos are similar to the

1 photos that have previously been introduced showing
 2 debris and things on the -- basically, an unkempt
 3 beach area with a lot of debris on it --
 4 A Absolutely
 5 Q -- would that be accurate?
 6 A In fact, these are the same pictures
 7 that Cathy Fulcomer took. So, everything she said
 8 about the debris and everything on the beach is in
 9 this picture.
 10 Q Okay
 11 A And --
 12 Q Go ahead.
 13 A The last I did, because it is nice,
 14 these are the entrances to White Sands Beach.
 15 Q That's --
 16 A We do have this This is South
 17 Seaside Park.
 18 Q Okay And that's the Ocean Beach,
 19 correct?
 20 A Yes
 21 Q Now, I don't think you mentioned the
 22 pictures on the top right of your exhibit.
 23 A The top right are the Roberts Avenue
 24 Marsh. There is gravel There are some -- the
 25 bulkhead was put in, and there are steps going down.

1 So, I guess if you wanted to go into the water
 2 there, you could. But there is no lifeguard, no
 3 anything there And as I said, it's just at the end
 4 of the street.
 5 Q Okay
 6 A Can I?
 7 Q Yes, go ahead. I know you have more
 8 to say about your exhibit Go right ahead. I'll
 9 try not to interrupt
 10 A So, going back to my playground for
 11 my grandkids I did a ratio of what I could find.
 12 Now, this is on all Berkeley's things And
 13 playgrounds, there are ten on the mainland, none on
 14 the barrier Now, this is before this new one goes
 15 in. Ball fields, there are 11 on the mainland and
 16 none on the island. I don't expect you to put one
 17 in. We haven't got room to put one in. But a
 18 playground, okay Basketball court, six and one;
 19 six on the mainland, one on the island. Tennis
 20 courts, as far as I could find, one on the mainland,
 21 none on the island. South Seaside Park when I say
 22 island. Skate park, one, zero for us Picnic
 23 areas, five, one for us, our table. I'm just --
 24 this is it, this is our table. Fitness area, one,
 25 none. Roller rink, one, none

1 Now, I can tell you gentlemen right now, if
 2 you put a roller rink in South Seaside Park, I'm not
 3 going No way
 4 Swimming, five to one. We have nowhere on
 5 the beach area we can swim. Ours is the ocean,
 6 which is pretty nice Don't get me wrong I like
 7 the ocean.
 8 Now, if may?
 9 Q Go ahead. Go ahead.
 10 A I'm on a roll
 11 Q You're on a roll?
 12 A You guys are all right?
 13 Q They're fine If they're not,
 14 they'll let you know
 15 A Fair enough.
 16 MR. GINGRICH: We want you to turn
 17 the screen.
 18 A Just, you've got to bear with my
 19 eyes. I couldn't get it printed big enough or I'd
 20 have to have a board as big as the room.
 21 Okay Next we have sports programs
 22 Wonderful sports programs We have men's softball,
 23 women's softball. We have self defense We have
 24 wrestling rats We have youth football, youth
 25 cheering Berkeley Little League Summer swim

1 team. There are 17 listed on the mainland. If we
2 want to do any of that, we have to come to the
3 mainland. And, again, I'm not going to get down and
4 wrestle on mats. But it's just that they are
5 offered.

6 The next thing on your website said six
7 summer programs. Wonderful. Of the six summer
8 programs, we have summer basketball, summer swim
9 team. Veterans Park, with its 250 acres, has
10 basketball, five fields, tennis courts, playground,
11 the whole deal.

12 And then we list White Sands Beach and
13 Dudley Park. Of those six, White Sands Beach is the
14 only one on South Seaside Park.

15 The next we have, 17 special events. Great
16 things happen. There are six concerts during the
17 year. Good people come. I love The Duprees. I've
18 never come. Again, it's at night. We're traveling.
19 It's at the worst time of the year. So, I -- I'm
20 speaking for me, not my --

21 Q When you say --

22 A -- fellow members or --

23 Q -- the worst time of the year, you're
24 talking about --

25 A Summer

1 Q -- coming over here to the mainland
2 in the summertime?

3 A Summer. Absolutely.

4 Q I think the board knows that but I
5 just want to clarify for the record.

6 A Okay. I'm sorry.

7 Q That's okay.

8 A We have an environmental education
9 program. There's golf outing. There's the Irish
10 festival. There's a daycare -- Dare Day Car Show.
11 There's a Berkeley Youth Day. There's Manitou Park.
12 Family Day. There's a Community Pride Day. And the
13 six concerts. So, there are 17 special events
14 listed. Of those 17, two take place on South
15 Seaside Park. One is the beach party at White Sands
16 Beach and the other is the 5-K race for
17 Sergeant Lyons. Okay.

18 Next is senior programs. I am a senior. And
19 I'm happy to be one, believe me. The senior
20 programs are at Silver Ridge. They have an exercise
21 program on Mondays and Thursdays. The men are from
22 nine to ten. The women are from ten to 11. So, if
23 my husband and I wanted to go, we either take two
24 cars or one of us takes a book and waits for the
25 other one, okay. You see where I'm going there?

1 Q I know you have to travel through all
2 the towns, that's been testified to, to get over to
3 the mainland --

4 A Again, another 40 minutes, yes.

5 Q Well, 40 in the summer. Maybe 20, 25
6 in the winter, correct?

7 A The way I drive.

8 Q The way you drive, maybe 40 at both
9 times, okay.

10 A Maybe 40 at both times. All right.

11 Then we have Tuesdays. The men have
12 exercising from nine to nine. The women from 9:30
13 to 10:30.

14 Then there is Silver Ridge Park West. Friday
15 the women have an exercise class. And then there is
16 the senior softball at Whispering Pine for the men.

17 Now, there was something about bus trips, so
18 I called.

19 Q All those things that you just
20 testified to, they're all on the mainland?

21 A All on the mainland. Absolutely.

22 Q Have you participated in any of them?

23 A No.

24 Q Why not?

25 A I have to travel.

1 Q It's too far, okay. So, bus trips.

2 A Bus trips.

3 Q Tell us about bus trips.

4 A I called about the bus trips. And
5 the prompt said, leave your name and your number,
6 pin number, card number. And I'm thinking, I don't
7 have a card number. So, I called back and I left my
8 name. And someone from the recreation department
9 called me and said yes, indeed, we will send you out
10 the new information. And I said to her, well, what
11 are the trips like? And she said, oh, we go to the
12 Jackson Outlets. You know, a little bit of
13 everything.

14 And I said great. And I said, do you pick up
15 on the island? And there was dead silence. And she
16 said no. She said, but could you get to -- oh, I
17 got a mind freeze. I'm sorry.

18 Q Silver Ridge Park?

19 A No, it's not Silver Ridge.

20 Q Holiday City, one of those?

21 A Yes, Holiday City.

22 Q Okay.

23 A She had, there are five pickups. If
24 you can get to Holiday City, then we can take you
25 and bring you back, okay.

1 Q That's on the mainland, obviously?
 2 A That's on the mainland also.
 3 So, what I did down here -- I'm sorry Am I
 4 all right?
 5 MR. MCGUCKIN: Of course.
 6 MS DOLOBACS: Oh, all right. I
 7 just, I saw you kind of turn and smile but okay
 8 MR. MICHELINI: That's because he
 9 likes you. But besides that, go ahead.
 10 MS DOLOBACS: Oh, I like you, too.
 11 A Down here I just wrote, barrier
 12 island, Atlantic City beach, swimming and fishing
 13 We can do that. Barnegat Bay No beach. No
 14 playground. No swimming No fishing No crabbing
 15 No boat ramp.
 16 Q Can you do those things in
 17 Seaside Park?
 18 A Absolutely
 19 Q Do you do those things in Seaside
 20 Park?
 21 A Absolutely I do everything in
 22 Seaside Park. I'm sorry They have yoga classes
 23 They have two book clubs, morning and afternoon --
 24 morning and evening, I'm sorry There is a senior
 25 luncheon. There's a senior luncheon where you go

1 and you pay and they have speakers. And it's a
 2 constant thing that is offered all year long, but --
 3 Q This is in Seaside Park?
 4 A In Seaside Park. The only problem
 5 with us not belonging to Seaside Park is, if it's a
 6 20 people and I call up and I'm 20, they won't take
 7 me. Because Seaside Park people have first choice,
 8 which is the way it should be I mean, granted.
 9 But if, you know, nobody else came, then they would
 10 call me and I could go. But it's not like, just
 11 because it's there, we can do it.
 12 I'm sure there are many other things I wanted
 13 to say
 14 Q Well, let me ask you a couple of
 15 questions
 16 A All righty
 17 Q You mentioned that you do a lot of
 18 things over in Seaside Park and --
 19 A Okay
 20 Q -- don't come to the mainland.
 21 A I go to church.
 22 Q What other things do you do? You go
 23 to church?
 24 A I go to church.
 25 Q Where do you go to church?

1 A Union Church.
 2 Q That's in what town?
 3 A Seaside.
 4 Q Seaside Park?
 5 A Park.
 6 Q Okay
 7 A We go to the bakery in Seaside Park
 8 We go to, shh, the liquor store in Seaside Park.
 9 You heard that, huh?
 10 Q What else?
 11 A I'm sorry We go to the A&P when
 12 things are on sale, in Lavallette. And if they're
 13 not on sale, then we go over to Toms River and we go
 14 to Shop Rite. But our doctors are in Toms River
 15 We have no doctors here.
 16 Q Meaning in Berkeley --
 17 A In Berkeley
 18 Q -- in the mainland?
 19 A In the mainland. I do my shopping
 20 I have my Kohl's I have the mall
 21 Q What about automobile repairs, where
 22 do you get those done?
 23 A Seaside Park Auto
 24 Q Okay And go ahead. Anything else
 25 you'd like to mention about that?

1 A Hmm. No, but can I come back if I
 2 think of something later?
 3 Q Sure. What else would you like to
 4 say? Anything else?
 5 A I think I might be -- I think I might
 6 be done.
 7 Q Let me ask you just a couple of
 8 questions before you go. Would it be a fair
 9 characterization to say that you consider the
 10 Seaside Park area, along with South Seaside Park, as
 11 your community, given that you go to all those
 12 places in Seaside Park and the surrounding areas?
 13 A Other than coming here, I swear, I
 14 would not know how to get to anything in Berkeley
 15 We just, we have never done it. And since we've
 16 been here 11 years, we still haven't done it.
 17 I have friends in Seaside Park. I do yoga in
 18 Seaside Park. We paint on the beach in the summer
 19 They have painting classes It's just -- that's --
 20 and nothing against Berkeley Honest to goodness,
 21 nothing against the main man. But this is my
 22 community This is where I feel comfortable This
 23 is where I have my friends And that's mainly --
 24 and my bay and my playground and my boat ramp and my
 25 pier -- the reasons that I signed the petition. And

1 I would sign it again tomorrow
 2 MR. MICHELINI: Thank you,
 3 Ms Dolobacs.
 4 Any questions of her? Go ahead.
 5 MR. WISER: Thank you. Ma'am, just a
 6 couple of questions
 7 MS DOLOBACS: Surely
 8 MR. WISER: You talked about the
 9 Berkeley Times
 10 MS DOLOBACS: Yes
 11 MR. WISER: Had you either verbally
 12 asked or sent a letter to, I guess, the Berkeley
 13 Council or to, to have it delivered --
 14 MS DOLOBACS: To my house
 15 MR. WISER: -- to your house? Did
 16 you ever reach out to the publisher of the
 17 publication itself?
 18 MS DOLOBACS: Yes I was told
 19 somebody, when we were -- I'm sorry Somebody, when
 20 we were leaving a meeting, said to me, just call and
 21 they'll work with you. I called and they would not
 22 do it. So, that's all I can tell you. That's what
 23 I -- I have the letters I sent if you want.
 24 MR. WISER: I'll leave that up to
 25 your counsel

1 MR. MICHELINI: We'll decide at the
 2 end. I'll read them over and we'll look at them
 3 later
 4 MS DOLOBACS: Okay I brought them
 5 so you knew I wasn't fibbing
 6 MR. MICHELINI: No, I don't think
 7 that they think you're fibbing
 8 MS DOLOBACS: All right.
 9 MR. WISER: With respect to the bus
 10 trips --
 11 MS DOLOBACS: Yes
 12 MR. WISER: -- and the pickup --
 13 MS DOLOBACS: Yes
 14 MR. WISER: -- the pickups are, as I
 15 understood it, five places in Holiday City?
 16 MS DOLOBACS: Five or six. Please
 17 don't hold me to --
 18 MR. WISER: A number of places in
 19 Holiday City?
 20 MS DOLOBACS: Yes More than two,
 21 absolutely
 22 MR. WISER: Are there pickups
 23 anywhere else in the township?
 24 MS DOLOBACS: That was the only
 25 thing she mentioned.

1 MR. WISER: So, it's conceivable --
 2 you wouldn't know --
 3 MS DOLOBACS: No
 4 MR. WISER: -- if somebody from some
 5 other neighborhood in the township, albeit on the
 6 mainland, would also have to go to Holiday City to
 7 pick up the bus trip?
 8 MS DOLOBACS: No, I honestly would
 9 not. Good point. I did not know that
 10 MR. WISER: And then one last
 11 question. All of the amenities that you speak to
 12 that you don't have on the island, are any of them
 13 existent and available to you in Island Beach State
 14 Park?
 15 MS DOLOBACS: No, they have no
 16 playground. There's no place to crab. You really
 17 can't put your boat in the water If you had a
 18 kayak, yes But we -- I'm not getting in a kayak.
 19 Fishing, my husband does do. Absolutely
 20 MR. WISER: Bay fishing? Because you
 21 can do ocean fishing --
 22 MS DOLOBACS: Yes Yes, and bay
 23 He does do that in the park. But as far as, you
 24 know, taking my grandchildren to crab or anything,
 25 no, no.

1 MR. WISER: Okay Thank you.
 2 BY MR. MICHELINI:
 3 Q Just a follow-up question. If, in
 4 fact, people from the mainland had to go to Holiday
 5 City from somewhere else in Berkeley Township, it
 6 would still not be as great a distance as it is for
 7 you folks over in South Seaside Park --
 8 A Oh, no.
 9 Q -- to the best of your knowledge.
 10 A No. To the best of my knowledge, it
 11 would be an easier ride.
 12 Q Okay Thank you.
 13 A I mean, one more thing, if I may
 14 When you're talking, me, personally, coming over
 15 here, and you tell me I have to get on the Parkway,
 16 I'm frazzled. If you tell me I have to go down Nine
 17 in the middle of the day or in the very early
 18 morning or when people are getting out of work, I'm
 19 frazzled. There is just no comfortable way that I,
 20 myself, or my husband can come over That's it.
 21 MR. MICHELINI: Thank you very much.
 22 MR. WINWARD: I have a couple
 23 questions
 24 MR. MICHELINI: A couple of questions
 25 of the Chairman.

1 MR. WINWARD: Just a couple things
 2 you said I'm just not getting
 3 MS DOLOBACS: Okay I can
 4 understand.
 5 MR. WINWARD: You said no doctors in
 6 South Seaside Park.
 7 MS DOLOBACS: Oh, no, I said I --
 8 MR. WINWARD: How would that change?
 9 MS DOLOBACS: -- I don't go to
 10 doctors -- oh, that wouldn't change
 11 MR. WINWARD: Okay And then auto
 12 repairs If Berkeley didn't own South Seaside Park,
 13 they weren't together, how would that change on the
 14 auto repairs? Because you had a couple statements
 15 there that I think aren't related to this
 16 MS DOLOBACS: Okay Other than the
 17 fact I like the guy that we go to. He's as honest
 18 as the day is long I would go no matter what.
 19 MR. WINWARD: So, I'm just saying,
 20 there's not a lot of room to put a 250-acre park.
 21 MS DOLOBACS: Oh, I don't want
 22 a two --
 23 MR. WINWARD: You know, I can
 24 understand your plight --
 25 MS DOLOBACS: Yeah.

1 MR. WINWARD: -- but there isn't
 2 really a lot of real estate over there It's a very
 3 small borough. Part of the township's --
 4 MS DOLOBACS: But if, sir,
 5 Mr Winward, if something had happened like the
 6 Amherst Beach project, if something like that were
 7 to happen on our bay front, you'd make me happy I
 8 don't know about anybody else. But we might be able
 9 to have a ramp. We might be able to have a pier
 10 But it just -- it's never been done.
 11 BY MR. MICHELINI:
 12 Q Would it be fair to say that the
 13 reasons that you mentioned those other things, that
 14 still would be the same, going to the doctor in --
 15 A Absolutely
 16 Q -- let's say in Toms River and going
 17 to Seaside Park Auto, those things wouldn't change
 18 if you became part of Seaside Park, but the things
 19 that you identified as being in Seaside Park that
 20 wouldn't change, they are demonstrating that that's
 21 your community over there I believe you said that --
 22 A Yes, that's --
 23 Q -- correct?
 24 A That's --
 25 Q So, that's what you consider your

1 community, because you do all those things in those
 2 areas?
 3 A Now, can I mention one more thing?
 4 Q Is that true?
 5 A Yes, it is Absolutely
 6 Q Okay
 7 A Just on a lark, I had a friend. And
 8 she is way back there. But, anyhow, she sent me
 9 three letters Now, this isn't going to amount to a
 10 hill of beans but I'd like say it anyhow if I could.
 11 She sent one to me. And she had 107 Beach Drive,
 12 South Seaside Park, 08752 Got it in two days She
 13 sent them all out the same time. Second letter, my
 14 name, my address, south Seaside Park, no zip. Got
 15 it in two days She sent me one that said my
 16 address, Berkeley Township, 08752, it was a week.
 17 They could not find me.
 18 VOICE: Here, here
 19 MS DOLOBACS: And I have the
 20 letters I mean, you have to take my word for when
 21 I got them.
 22 MR. GINGRICH: Put the wrong --
 23 there's no Berkeley address That's why it took a
 24 week.
 25 MS DOLOBACS: But the zip is the

1 same.
 2 MR. GINGRICH: There's no Berkeley
 3 address.
 4 MS DOLOBACS: So, there's no 107
 5 Berkeley?
 6 MR. GINGRICH: There's no Berkeley
 7 post office --
 8 MS DOLOBACS: No, 107 Beach Drive --
 9 MR. GINGRICH: There's no Berkeley
 10 post office. So, what happened to that letter,
 11 instead of coming direct, it sailed all around the
 12 system and then got to you That's why
 13 MS DOLOBACS: Okay But that still
 14 is my point. They didn't know where I --
 15 BY MR. MICHELINI:
 16 Q But your zip code is a barrier island
 17 zip code, correct?
 18 A Absolutely, yes
 19 Q So, that zip code does not service
 20 mainland Berkeley Township --
 21 A Right
 22 Q -- at all?
 23 A Right.
 24 Q And it's a zip code that also
 25 services Seaside Park, is it not?

1 A Absolutely
 2 MR. WINWARD: Where were those
 3 letters mailed from?
 4 MS DOLOBACS: Oh, shoot.
 5 VOICE: Saddle Brook.
 6 MS DOLOBACS: Saddle Brook.
 7 Saddle Brook, New Jersey And I have them. I mean,
 8 I can bring them at another time.
 9 MR. WINWARD: No, the point is, it's
 10 a problem with the U S Postal Service.
 11 MS DOLOBACS: No, no. I said it
 12 probably didn't amount to a hill of beans I was
 13 being honest there. But it was just, again, in my
 14 head, I don't belong to Berkeley
 15 MR. MICHELINI: Thank you,
 16 Ms Dolobacs
 17 MR. MACKRES: I have some questions,
 18 Mr Chairman.
 19 MR. WINWARD: Go ahead, Nick.
 20 MR. MACKRES: There was a lot of
 21 conjecture. I just want to double check --
 22 MS DOLOBACS: Sure.
 23 MR. MACKRES: -- and drill it down to
 24 a -- I know there's a lot of emotion. I know
 25 there's a community feeling that you're pushing for

1 and then that you feel a part of I'm not trying to
 2 discount any of those. But a lot of it was
 3 conjecture on other parts for -- you mentioned the
 4 post office issue, the Berkeley Times paper issue.
 5 The big thing I got out of this was, the parks and
 6 so forth, was really the boat ramp, that it wasn't
 7 just you that, people before have said that, the
 8 crabbing and the boat ramp and parks
 9 A Right. And they --
 10 Q So, that seems to be a recurring
 11 issue
 12 A The Bay Beach.
 13 MR. MICHELINI: And the lack of any
 14 real amenities at the Lyons Park. I mean, they have
 15 a basketball court. I mean, I could go on and talk
 16 about it for ten minutes I'm not going to do that.
 17 I'll have a chance at the end.
 18 MR. MACKRES: I want to go back to
 19 the church, food store.
 20 MS DOLOBACS: Yeah.
 21 MR. MACKRES: Doctor's office, auto
 22 repair There is a master plan committee hearing
 23 that will probably occur in the near future. What
 24 you're asking and what I'm reading, and I need to
 25 confirm this, you want to rezone certain parts of

1 your area?
 2 MS DOLOBACS: So that I can have
 3 those things?
 4 MR. MACKRES: Yes
 5 MS DOLOBACS: Absolutely not I was
 6 just trying to demonstrate that I don't go over the
 7 bridge unless I absolutely have to.
 8 MR. MICHELINI: See, one of the
 9 things that the case law looks at is, where is your
 10 community? That is one of the issues Where is the
 11 community for these people? And the testimony over
 12 and over again is, obviously, the community is over
 13 there because that's where they live. It makes
 14 sense. That is something that the cases look at.
 15 MS DOLOBACS: Did I --
 16 MR. MACKRES: Yes, thank you.
 17 MR. MICHELINI: Social identity is an
 18 important aspect of the question.
 19 MR. GINGRICH: I have a question for
 20 you.
 21 MS DOLOBACS: Yes
 22 MR. GINGRICH: You worked, I imagine?
 23 MS DOLOBACS: Yes
 24 MR. GINGRICH: Where did you work?
 25 MS DOLOBACS: I worked in Hamilton

1 Township right outside of Trenton.
 2 MR. GINGRICH: How did you get there?
 3 MS DOLOBACS: What do you mean?
 4 MR. GINGRICH: How did you get there,
 5 to Hamilton Township.
 6 MS DOLOBACS: Oh, no, no, no
 7 That's when I lived there.
 8 MR. GINGRICH: Oh, you didn't work
 9 when you came here?
 10 MS DOLOBACS: Just weekends
 11 MR. GINGRICH: Weekends?
 12 MS DOLOBACS: Weekends we would come
 13 down or during --
 14 MR. GINGRICH: So, you drove from
 15 Hamilton to here on weekends?
 16 MS DOLOBACS: Yes
 17 MR. GINGRICH: You had no problem --
 18 how far is it from Hamilton?
 19 MS DOLOBACS: Forty three miles from
 20 my old door to my new door
 21 MR. GINGRICH: And you had no problem
 22 with those 43 miles Did your husband work?
 23 MS DOLOBACS: Yes
 24 MR. GINGRICH: Where did he work?
 25 MS DOLOBACS: He worked in

1 Princeton.
 2 MR. GINGRICH: How did he get there?
 3 MS DOLOBACS: He drove.
 4 MR. GINGRICH: No problem there
 5 either?
 6 MS DOLOBACS: No.
 7 MR. GINGRICH: So, all of your time
 8 you had no problem from Hamilton to here. That's
 9 all
 10 MS DOLOBACS: May I?
 11 MR. GINGRICH: That's all
 12 MS DOLOBACS: May I just?
 13 MR. MICHELINI: Well, I'll follow up.
 14 Go ahead. I know you want to answer that. Go ahead
 15 and answer that.
 16 MS DOLOBACS: Well, as far as
 17 Princeton, my husband got very creative. And he
 18 found a way to get from our house in Hamilton to
 19 Plasma Physics Lab at Princeton University without
 20 going on Route 1 one time.
 21 MR. GINGRICH: Okay But to get from
 22 Hamilton to here, obviously, you went on highways
 23 and that wasn't a bother
 24 MS DOLOBACS: It wasn't the Parkway
 25 MR. GINGRICH: That's --

1 MR. MICHELINI: Okay And let me --
 2 MS DOLOBACS: No, let me --
 3 MR. GINGRICH: Did you ever go to
 4 Atlantic City?
 5 MS DOLOBACS: Let me --
 6 MR. GINGRICH: Did you ever go to
 7 Atlantic City?
 8 MS DOLOBACS: May I again?
 9 MR. GINGRICH: Did you ever go to
 10 Atlantic City?
 11 MS DOLOBACS: No.
 12 MR. GINGRICH: You never did?
 13 MS DOLOBACS: Not unless it's a bus
 14 trip.
 15 MR. GINGRICH: Did you ever go to
 16 New York?
 17 MS DOLOBACS: Not unless it's a bus
 18 trip.
 19 MR. GINGRICH: Wow
 20 BY MR. MICHELINI:
 21 Q Let me ask you a question,
 22 Ms Dolobacs When you lived in Hamilton, you
 23 didn't live here full-time, correct?
 24 A No.
 25 Q So, we're talking many years ago,

1 right?
 2 A Absolutely Yeah, I was a heck of a
 3 lot younger
 4 Q When did you retire? How many years
 5 ago?
 6 A I retired in, oh, my God, '84 No,
 7 '94 '94
 8 Q Okay So, you haven't made that trip
 9 from, on the weekends when you were working down to
 10 the shore since 1994?
 11 A No, no.
 12 Q And that was --
 13 A That was a good number of years ago
 14 Q That was over 20 years ago, correct?
 15 A Yeah.
 16 Q You were a little bit younger then?
 17 A Yeah.
 18 Q Just a little bit?
 19 A Let me --
 20 Q Let me ask you --
 21 A I got to correct. I got to correct
 22 it. 2004 Okay
 23 Q And all right. But --
 24 A I retired. Still 11 years
 25 Q Right. You retired 2004 Eleven

1 years Eleven years ago, did you feel more
 2 comfortable driving longer distances?
 3 A Yeah, there weren't as many nuts on
 4 the road.
 5 MR. GINGRICH: You're putting words
 6 in her mouth.
 7 MS DOLOBACS: No, I'm serious
 8 MR. GINGRICH: He's kind of helping
 9 you out.
 10 MR. MICHELINI: I'm asking her a
 11 question. It's a question.
 12 MS DOLOBACS: May I? Mr Gingrich,
 13 may I --
 14 MR. MCGUCKIN: I'll tell you what.
 15 It's an administrative hearing and, you know,
 16 leading is one thing I think everybody has made
 17 their point. Why don't we just move on.
 18 MR. GINGRICH: Okay
 19 MS DOLOBACS: Okay
 20 MR. MCGUCKIN: I don't think there's
 21 any reason to go further with this part of the
 22 testimony
 23 MS DOLOBACS: Okay
 24 MR. MICHELINI: All right.
 25 MS DOLOBACS: I was going to tell

1 you I found a creative way
 2 MR. WINWARD: Thank you so much.
 3 MS DOLOBACS: You're welcome.
 4 MR. MICHELINI: Thank you.
 5 Okay Next I'm going to call
 6 Judy Erdman.
 7 I'll just take a moment We're going
 8 to mark a bunch of pictures first, because it will
 9 make the testimony go a little faster
 10 (Off the record.)
 11 (The Sixteen photographs were marked
 12 as A-20 to A-35 for identification.)
 13 JUDITH ERDMAN, having been duly sworn, according to
 14 law, upon her oath, testified as follows:
 15 EXAMINATION BY MR. MICHELINI:
 16 Q Okay And --
 17 MR. WISER: I'm sorry I don't mean
 18 to interrupt. I was just trying to get this in here
 19 quickly
 20 Mr Chairman, just for the record, I
 21 had asked counsel if there were a number of pieces
 22 of information, not so much pictures, but on
 23 Mrs Dolobacs' board, the data that she mined from
 24 the website, that I think the board would be
 25 interested in having for comparisons I asked that

1 copies be culled out from that so you'd be able to
 2 have it for comparison purposes I just want to let
 3 you know
 4 MR. MICHELINI: And we'll be happy to
 5 do that. If Ms Dolobacs has extra copies, we'll
 6 photocopy them. If she doesn't, then the exhibit
 7 will be on file. But we'll try to get the copies
 8 MR. WISER: Thank you.
 9 MR. MICHELINI: If you don't have
 10 them, we'll try to figure it out.
 11 Okay
 12 BY MR. MICHELINI:
 13 Q Ms Erdman, can you tell us where you
 14 live? You did get sworn, correct?
 15 A Yes
 16 Q Okay Can you tell us where you
 17 live?
 18 A 106 Spring Avenue.
 19 Q Where is 106 Spring Avenue?
 20 A South Seaside Park.
 21 Q How long have you lived there?
 22 A Since 1998, permanently
 23 Q Permanently, since 1998?
 24 A Uh-hum.
 25 Q Did you live there on a temporary

1 basis or a summer basis prior to that?
 2 A Yes, I did.
 3 Q For how long?
 4 A Since I was a month old.
 5 Q I'm not going to ask you how old you
 6 are.
 7 A It was a while ago.
 8 Q But it was a while ago. Do you
 9 currently work? Are you retired?
 10 A I'm unemployed at the time
 11 Q Okay And since 1998, you've been at
 12 the same address?
 13 A Yes
 14 Q And can you tell us what you're here
 15 to talk about in a general sense? What do you want
 16 to talk about?
 17 A I just want to give my observations
 18 on certain things that have happened or have not
 19 happened, basically, during the past several years
 20 since Sandy And --
 21 Q Okay So, you're going to focus in
 22 on storm items?
 23 A Mostly storm related items, yes,
 24 that's correct
 25 Q I take it you are a member of the

1 South Seaside Park Homeowners and Voters
 2 Association?
 3 A I am.
 4 Q And you are also a signer of the
 5 petition, correct?
 6 A I am.
 7 Q All right. So, go ahead, tell this
 8 board what you'd like to tell them. And as you go
 9 through the exhibits, it's really important that you
 10 do it slowly and you identify each exhibit, okay
 11 And we can show it to the board. I know we don't
 12 have extra copies but we can bring it up to the
 13 board. So, go ahead.
 14 A First off, I would like to start off
 15 by saying that prior to Sandy, my household was not
 16 notified that there was an evacuation order in
 17 place. It did not happen. The year prior to that
 18 with Tropical Storm Irene, that was in August, a
 19 gentleman from Berkeley Township came out going
 20 door-to-door, leaving flyers, knocking on
 21 everybody's door telling everybody what was going
 22 on. That did not happen with Sandy
 23 Q So, it happened a year before with
 24 the Irene Storm --
 25 A With Tropical Storm Irene, yes, which

1 was in August.

2 Q And when -- now, you're sure that an
3 evacuation order was -- I think we can take notice
4 of the fact an evacuation order was issued for
5 Sandy?

6 A I assume so. But the point was is
7 that no one came to the door to advise us

8 Q Okay Go ahead.

9 A We also received no notification
10 about the bridge being closed on October the 29th.
11 It was shut down at 12 o'clock in the afternoon. We
12 received no notification that the power was going to
13 be shut off in order to try to avoid any potential
14 problems that might have occurred. We found out all
15 of that information from friends of ours that live
16 in Seaside Park, because they were notified from the
17 authorities in Seaside Park about what was going on.
18 We were not

19 One of the things that did not occur prior to
20 Sandy, in addition to those, was that Berkeley
21 Township made no effort to pick up any type of bulk
22 items that were left in front of people's homes that
23 would have been thrown out this time of the year
24 There, I personally saw a couch that was one block
25 over from where I live, ended up floating up the

1 street and down three blocks That was just a piece
2 of garbage that should have been picked up. But
3 that had happened to a lot of other stuff that was
4 left out.

5 Q When you say left out, do you know,
6 did they miss a pickup? What happened there as far
7 as you know

8 A As far as I could figure out, no
9 pickup was scheduled at that particular period of
10 time, so bulk items just remained until --

11 Q Until it was time?

12 A Until the date, scheduled date to
13 pick up, yes

14 Q Do you know if they were picked up in
15 Seaside Park?

16 A Yes, they were Another thing I'd
17 like to show a picture.

18 Q Go ahead. Tell us what exhibit
19 you're referring to.

20 A This is Exhibit --

21 Q A-20?

22 A -- A-20

23 Q What does it show?

24 A This shows a picture of a garbage can
25 that is filled to the top. This was taken by myself

1 on October 27, which is two days before Sandy As
2 you can see, it is filled with garbage

3 Q Is that a municipal garbage can?

4 A Yes, this is the garbage cans that we
5 had at the time prior to Sandy And this is just an
6 example of what was not done. In Seaside Park they
7 went to every single corner, every garbage can that
8 there was on the bay front, the oceanfront and
9 Central Avenue, the recycling cans, they were all
10 secured. Everything was taken down to put away

11 We all know that's one of the first things
12 when you get a storm like this is, you put your
13 stuff away And this was just something that was a
14 added addition to all the other garbage and
15 everything else that ended up in the ocean and in
16 the bay This is just an example of that.

17 Q Go ahead.

18 A After Sandy, of course, it was all
19 confusion. Just to be clear, my husband and I did
20 stay on the island during Sandy So, that's how we
21 got these pictures and we know what happened.

22 The Wednesday after the storm, which was the
23 31st of October, Pine Beach Fire Department came to
24 our home They were going door-to-door They were
25 checking to see what was going on. What was

1 happening They were very happy that we didn't --
2 we were still alive. Because, basically, they were
3 looking for bodies, as they said. And they more or
4 less asked us if we wanted to leave. And we asked
5 why The storm was over And they agreed with us
6 and said, well, great, if you need us, give us a
7 call. That was end of that.

8 And then chaos just continued. It was
9 absolutely horrible. The police, the Berkeley
10 Police Department, when they finally got over, which
11 was on that Wednesday --

12 Q So, that would have been the 31st?

13 A 31st, correct.

14 Q Okay That's the first time that you
15 saw the Berkeley Police Department after the storm?

16 A Yes Yes

17 Q Okay

18 A They were driving around town up and
19 down the streets And they were making
20 announcements and the announcements were coming out
21 from the loudspeaker of the car I'm not sure of
22 the technical term. And the problem with that was
23 that we really couldn't hear what was going on.
24 This was October It was freezing We had no heat,
25 no gas, no electric, no water We had nothing And

1 trying to decipher what is being said as a car is
 2 moving down the street is a little difficult. So,
 3 we -- there was a lot of confusion with everyone.
 4 Some people heard one thing Other people heard
 5 another thing
 6 It wasn't until about, I think it was Friday,
 7 which would have been the second of November, where
 8 policemen were actually coming to the doors and
 9 speaking to people and trying to get a grip on what
 10 was going on. But at that time, nobody knew There
 11 were rumors of, we were going to be arrested. There
 12 was just nothing happening Nobody telling us what
 13 was going on.
 14 I do know for a fact that there was a plan in
 15 Seaside Park that was in place. The reason that I
 16 know there was a plan was that I was personally
 17 escorted by Seaside Park Police back to the Berkeley
 18 Township line when I went driving around just to see
 19 what was going on and to check on a couple of homes
 20 from friends of ours And they told me that what
 21 was going on in Seaside Park was very simple, stay
 22 on your property, don't leave And they had no idea
 23 what was going on in Berkeley Township. And neither
 24 did we. And that gave me a very heavy feeling of
 25 being isolated. It was total isolation. That's

1 where we were in South Seaside Park.
 2 The second -- I'm sorry The other problem
 3 that we had was trying to get information about what
 4 was going on. I do understand the confusion. It
 5 went from local to state to the federal government.
 6 It was just all insane. But I was regularly
 7 checking websites, both Berkeley's and Seaside Park.
 8 What I found out was that the information on Seaside
 9 Park's website was more informative than anything
 10 that was on Berkeley Township website. The
 11 information that was on the Berkeley Township
 12 website was delayed by days to hours
 13 Anything that I found out on the Seaside Park
 14 website I would later find out on the Berkeley
 15 Township website. So, Seaside Park's website
 16 basically became my go to place to find out what was
 17 going on when it came to the electric, the gas,
 18 coming back to my home. Whatever was going on
 19 that's where we went. Excuse me. I got to get a
 20 water
 21 Excuse me. Another problem that we had --
 22 and I'm going to just use this as a reference point.
 23 This is Exhibit A-21
 24 Q A-21
 25 A A-21

1 Q Explain what it is and then you
 2 can talk about it.
 3 A This is a picture of the White Sands
 4 Beach in South Seaside Park. This is taken from
 5 20th Avenue, which is our first entrance into White
 6 Sands Beach area. It is a winter shot and it was
 7 taken in 2011 But the reason I brought this along
 8 is to give you a reference point as to what the
 9 dunes looked like, excuse me, prior to Sandy And
 10 as you can see, even though they're snow covered,
 11 they are big, they are deep, they are long, high and
 12 heavy They were fantastic
 13 Next exhibit is A-22 This is an almost
 14 identical shot taken showing the dunes and what
 15 happened after Sandy As you can see, I'm sorry,
 16 stripped away Totally stripped away down to the
 17 root system. It was amazing to see it in real life
 18 The pictures do not do justice to what had happened.
 19 This next exhibit --
 20 Q A-23?
 21 A -- A-23 is also a picture of the
 22 dunes And this will give you a better example of
 23 how these dunes were stripped away and what these
 24 dunes did in order to save the people in our area
 25 and also help the people on the mainland. Because

1 if these guys broke through, there would be nothing
 2 left of South Seaside Park, just like what happened
 3 in Ortley And the damage that happened here on the
 4 mainland would have been significantly worse than
 5 what happened. Okay Excuse me
 6 Next exhibit is A-24 And the reason that
 7 I'm showing you the pictures of those dunes is
 8 because we had requested -- we had to request.
 9 There were several people that requested. Let me
 10 change that. What was going on with the snow
 11 fencing Snow fencing is used in the protection of
 12 the dunes It's put down fresh every year because
 13 of the growth of the dunes, et cetera. This is a
 14 picture of Midway Beach, which is private condo
 15 community that is just north of White Sands Beach.
 16 They went to work on these on the snow fencing
 17 within a week's time after Sandy They understood
 18 the importance of protecting these dunes And as
 19 you can see from those pictures, they really needed
 20 protecting with the winter storms that were coming
 21 in, the nor'easters that would come in, these dunes
 22 needed protection. And Midway Beach really went out
 23 and did it.
 24 Q And that's -- the date is on there,
 25 correct?

1 A Yes, that's the date that I took the
2 picture.
3 Q A-24 Go ahead.
4 A Excuse me The next picture,
5 Exhibit A-25, is a picture of the snow fencing that
6 was finally put in by Berkeley Township. Berkeley
7 Township -- this is showing White Sands Beach. That
8 picture that I had just given you, that exhibit,
9 that was Midway Beach.
10 Q So, now you're on A-25?
11 A A-25 And this is the snow fencing
12 that was eventually put in by Berkeley Township.
13 Very sparing, compared to what Midway Beach did and
14 also to what Seaside Park did. I do not have
15 pictures of Seaside Park because at the time
16 everybody was still in a state of devastation. So,
17 what I was able to get is what I got. But they
18 really waited quite some time to get these fences
19 up. And I personally even e-mailed the mayor about
20 the situation because it was very disturbing and
21 very scary. But this, again, is an example of what
22 Berkeley did as opposed to what other areas were
23 doing
24 Another thing that was not done when all of
25 the snow fencing was going on, trying to protect the

1 dunes is, Seaside Park and also Midway Beach, they
2 changed their cut throughs on the beach, which is
3 the entranceways to the beach. They directed their
4 entranceways, instead of going straight out, they
5 sent them all into a southeasterly direction, which
6 gives added protection to the dunes and the beach
7 from the storms that do rotate in the northeast
8 direction. That did not occur in Berkeley. And, in
9 my opinion, I'm, I mean, I'm not an engineer, but
10 because of the damage that was done, that was
11 something that they could have done to just give
12 added protection, not only to us, but also to the
13 folks on the mainland.
14 Q So, the beach entrances that
15 eventually got rebuilt on South Seaside Park go
16 straight into the ocean on an east/west direction --
17 A Correct.
18 Q -- as opposed to on a southeast
19 direction as they do in Seaside Park and, I believe,
20 even in Island Beach --
21 A Yes
22 Q -- some of them are going on a
23 southeast --
24 A Yes, that is correct.
25 Q -- in order to build up a dune to

1 protect from northeast storms, correct?
2 A Correct. That is correct, yes
3 Q Go ahead.
4 A Okay The next picture, exhibit, I
5 should say, is A-26. And this I just, I brought
6 this to give you an idea of the damage that
7 occurred. This is the entrance to the 20th Avenue
8 Beach. And this was taken on November 1, 2012
9 Q All these pictures have been taken by
10 you, correct?
11 A Yes Yes, they all were. This is,
12 again, another picture --
13 Q What exhibit?
14 A I'm sorry Exhibit A-27 This I
15 took from the entrance of 20th Avenue, but it's
16 showing the dunes and what used to be the
17 entranceways onto the beach that were no longer in
18 existence because Sandy chewed them up and ate them.
19 So, where there are green areas here, that would be
20 an entrance area. The green here would be another
21 entrance and green here would be another entrance.
22 But those were steps and walkways that were just
23 chopped away They disappeared into the ocean.
24 Q When you say green, you're referring
25 to the brush area?

1 A The brush area on the dunes, yes
2 Q What street was that?
3 A That was -- that was the beach
4 entrances for 21st, 22nd and 23rd Avenues
5 Q What's the next exhibit?
6 A Next exhibit is A-28 This is a
7 picture of the Seaside Park boardwalk and their
8 beach area, which was taken on October the 31st.
9 The damage that they sustained in Seaside Park was
10 really big This is their boardwalk. Their
11 boardwalk completely moved from where it was It
12 was ripped off of its piles
13 Q What is the purpose of showing this?
14 A I'm just trying to show the
15 difference between the damage that happened to the
16 beach entrance areas in Seaside Park and South
17 Seaside Park.
18 Exhibit A-29 is also a picture of, up close
19 picture of the Seaside Park boardwalk with the
20 pilings and all of the damage that was done there.
21 And Exhibit A-30 is a picture of the
22 Seaside Park boardwalk and lifeguard stands and
23 parking area. And that was taken on November 1st
24 and, again, shows just complete devastation.
25 Q And, again, that's Seaside Park,

1 correct?
 2 A That's Seaside Park. The reason that
 3 I brought those along is that Seaside Park's beaches
 4 and boardwalk were open and ready for use for the
 5 season, the summer season in 2013
 6 Q So, the areas that you've just shown
 7 in these various photos showing devastation were
 8 repaired in Seaside Park by July, let's say, or June
 9 of 2013?
 10 A By June of 2013, the boardwalk was
 11 replaced, fixed. The entrances, the cutouts were
 12 made differently, correctly going into the southeast
 13 direction. Their beaches were ready to go.
 14 Q That's in Seaside Park?
 15 A In Seaside Park.
 16 Q What did it look like in the summer
 17 of 2013 at the White Sands Beach in Berkeley
 18 Township?
 19 A I will begin with Exhibit A-31, which
 20 is the beach entrance to 20th Avenue. As you can
 21 see, there are cones and pilings and no sort of
 22 walkway except for the sand to get through to this
 23 beach entrance.
 24 Q Okay How many beach entrances are
 25 there in South Seaside Park?

1 A There are four
 2 Q Four How many are there in
 3 Seaside Park, if you know?
 4 A I'm going to just estimate eight,
 5 ten.
 6 Q Were they all rebuilt by the summer
 7 of July, summer --
 8 A Yes, their beaches --
 9 Q -- by this date, July 3, 2013?
 10 A Yes, their beaches were great.
 11 Q But this, this is the state of the
 12 beach entrance at 20th in July of 2013 on A-31?
 13 A That is correct. That is correct.
 14 Q Okay
 15 A Exhibit A-32, this is a picture of
 16 the beach entrance at 21st Avenue, which --
 17 Q What is the date of that?
 18 A This is also July 3 of 2013 And
 19 that was the start of the official summer long 4th
 20 of July weekend. 4th of July was on a Thursday that
 21 year So, that whole week was a start for everybody
 22 for the summer and our first summer after the storm.
 23 What you will see in this picture is a lot of
 24 heavy equipment in the background and a bunch of
 25 workers up on there.

1 Q Was that beach -- this is the 21st
 2 Avenue -- was that 21st Avenue Beach accessible to
 3 the public, given the equipment and the --
 4 A No
 5 Q -- work that was going on?
 6 A No, it was not
 7 Q How important are these summertime
 8 events to the people that live in your community in
 9 South Seaside Park and over on the barrier island?
 10 In other words, July 4, Memorial Day, September
 11 Labor Day?
 12 A Everything from Memorial Day on is
 13 very important. It's very important to the people
 14 that live there because we live on the beach and we
 15 enjoy the beach. We want to use the beach. It's
 16 very important to folks that have a vacation home
 17 there that come down on the weekends and they want
 18 to use the beach. That's why they have a beach
 19 home.
 20 It's extremely important to people that have
 21 properties that they rent. If I were a person that
 22 decided to rent a property and found out that I
 23 couldn't get to the beach, I would not be happy and
 24 I definitely would think twice about coming back to
 25 that area, Sandy or no Sandy

1 Q Go ahead with your exhibits
 2 A Okay A-33 is a picture of the heavy
 3 equipment, which is actually a pile driver And
 4 that is on the 21st Avenue Beach entrance, which is
 5 the picture that you just saw prior to this one
 6 This was going on during the day So you can
 7 imagine what being on the beach on July 3rd and July
 8 4th and July 5th with a pile driver going on was
 9 like; not too enjoyable.
 10 Q So, suffice it to say, there was a
 11 lot of noise and this beach entrance was not
 12 available for use?
 13 A That's correct.
 14 Exhibit A-34 is the beach entrance on
 15 22nd Avenue. Again, there is tape across the
 16 entranceway there because that entrance also was not
 17 available to people to get on the beach.
 18 Q By this time, was the Seaside Heights
 19 boardwalk rebuilt, to the best of your knowledge?
 20 A Seaside Heights?
 21 Q Yes
 22 A Yes And there were actually,
 23 believe it or not, a few entrances in Ortley, they
 24 were really worse off than we were, they had
 25 entrances that were open.

1 Q In July of 2013?
 2 A Correct.
 3 MR. WISER: I'm sorry What was the
 4 number of that exhibit? Thirty-four?
 5 MS ERDMAN: Yes
 6 MR. MICHELINI: Yes, A-34
 7 A And this is Exhibit A-35 which shows
 8 the beach entrance on 23rd Avenue. Again, closed.
 9 So, on the topnotch weekends of the summer, four
 10 entrances, only one was accessible. Now, that's not
 11 a problem if you live on 20th Avenue. But if you
 12 live on 23rd and you have to truck over there, and
 13 especially if you've got kids and all the junk that
 14 everybody brings to the beach, if you're going for
 15 the day, people haul all kinds of stuff They could
 16 not get onto the beach except for 20th Avenue.
 17 Q That was not the case in Seaside
 18 Park?
 19 A No, it was not.
 20 Q What else would you like to say,
 21 Ms Erdman?
 22 A The other thing that I would like to
 23 make mention of is that in this year's edition of
 24 The Berkeley Citizen, which is, it's our garbage
 25 schedule is what it is It comes, it's a, kind of

1 like a little newspaper I don't have all of this
 2 year's because I use the schedule. But it's that
 3 and there's some information on the inside.
 4 Q Why don't we have the garbage
 5 schedule marked.
 6 A Okay
 7 Q And this is a municipal publication?
 8 A Yes, it is
 9 Q It comes directly from Berkeley
 10 MR. MICHELINI: So, we're marking the
 11 garbage schedule from The Berkeley Citizen which is
 12 a township publication.
 13 (The Garbage schedule from The
 14 Berkeley Citizen was marked as A-36 for
 15 identification.)
 16 Q And this has been marked A-36 Okay
 17 So, can you tell us -- now, it has colors on it.
 18 Did it come with those colors or did --
 19 A No, those are mine. But I'm not
 20 there yet.
 21 Q Okay I just want to make sure that
 22 the colors are yours
 23 A Yes, the colors are mine. I did the
 24 coloring
 25 Q Well, you can tell us, why do you

1 have that with you here tonight?
 2 A Okay Well, the first reason that I
 3 wanted to bring this up was that there is in this
 4 year's edition, there was a message from the mayor,
 5 which is, happens every year But his message this
 6 year was also explaining to everyone, citizens of
 7 Berkeley, that the township will be installing a
 8 standalone generator to make an emergency evacuation
 9 system. And the township goal is to be
 10 self-sustaining in the case of an emergency so that
 11 they will not have to rely on other entities to take
 12 care of our residents
 13 This edition of generator and this evacuation
 14 center, wherever it's going to be, is not going to
 15 do any good for anyone in South Seaside Park When
 16 we are evacuated, we are sent over to Toms River
 17 North High School That is the closest place and
 18 the place that we've always been directed to go.
 19 And that's in weather emergencies
 20 If it's an Oyster Creek emergency, then we
 21 have to go to Brick. But certainly, we don't come
 22 to Berkeley Actually, people in Berkeley would
 23 have to go to Brick, too, in an Oyster Creek
 24 problem.
 25 Q Would that be Toms River East High

1 School, not north, the one that's closest to the
 2 bridge?
 3 A No, we go to North.
 4 Q You actually go to North?
 5 A We go to North --
 6 Q Okay
 7 A -- which is off of Old Freehold Road.
 8 And that is away from water and so forth and --
 9 Q Okay
 10 A So, basically, this generator that
 11 they're going to be putting in and making this
 12 evacuation center isn't going to do anything to us
 13 and we are still going to be at the mercy of other
 14 entities, whether it be the Toms River High School
 15 or the Seaside Park Fire Department, Tri-Boro First
 16 Aid and, in the past, Seaside Park Police
 17 Another thing that I would like to discuss,
 18 and just to let you know, after Sandy, sometime in
 19 the winter of 2013, I signed up for the reverse 911
 20 emergency notifications I thought it would be a
 21 great idea to maybe get phone calls when things are
 22 going on.
 23 Since that time, I have received exactly one
 24 phone call from Berkeley Township. And that was in
 25 the winter of 2014 It was about a weather related

1 issue concerning Route Nine and being closed or
2 something that's going on. It had nothing to do
3 with me, so I didn't listen to the whole thing. But
4 that was it. That has been the only notification
5 that I have ever received.

6 Seaside Park, on the other hand, I have
7 gotten so many phone calls from them that I can't
8 even count. They are weather related. They are
9 related to road closures with the Route 35 project
10 that's been going on for forever. If there's, for
11 whatever reason, a change in a garbage schedule,
12 you'll get that.

13 Today, coincidentally, just before I left, I
14 got a phone call from Seaside Park again to let us
15 know that they are now offering beach badges for
16 sale online and that you can pick them up seven days
17 a week from ten a.m. to three p.m. And great setup
18 for people that don't want to go out and get in
19 line, which would be great for us if we had
20 something like that. Because we don't really know
21 what goes on with beach badges.

22 We get notifications sometimes by signs being
23 put up in front of the beach entrances. There is no
24 set rhyme or reason. We could come over here to get
25 beach badges but that's really kind of tough again.

1 And I'm not going to get into why because I think
2 everybody here knows why. But that was just, it was
3 a coincidence today that happened.

4 And finally, I would just, at the last
5 meeting, Robert Schwartz spoke about the problem of
6 bulk garbage not being picked up. And I would just
7 like to add a different perspective on the bulk
8 garbage situation.

9 (Off the record.)

10 MR. GINGRICH: Isn't this testimony
11 we're hearing more suited to the town council than
12 the planning board as to the attorney?

13 MR. MCGUCKIN: No, this is the
14 applicant's requirement to, under the statute, they
15 have to show us why they think that the community
16 over there should be part of the other municipality.

17 MR. GINGRICH: Okay.

18 MR. MCGUCKIN: So, that's the purpose
19 of it.

20 MR. GINGRICH: Okay.

21 MS. ERDMAN: Okay?

22 BY MR. MICHELINI:

23 Q Go ahead.

24 A The color coding on this -- and this
25 is the 2014 schedule that I did.

1 Q This is A-36, correct?

2 A A-36, yes. The yellow colors are the
3 dates that are scheduled for bulk pickup. And as
4 you can see, there are four of them.

5 Q And you colored those in?

6 A I colored them in, yes. The pink
7 colored dates are dates that bulk pickup trucks
8 actually showed up in South Seaside Park.

9 Q So, those do not correspond with the
10 yellow dates except on a couple where they overlap?

11 A That overlaps and that has to refer
12 to recycling, so I'll go to that after.

13 Q So, do you know why the pink on those
14 bulk pickup trucks were showing up on days that
15 weren't scheduled?

16 A I do not. And the couple of times
17 that I've spoken to the drivers on the truck and
18 asked them why they were here on a particular day,
19 they told me they didn't know either. They were
20 just told to come over. So, what I've witnessed,
21 and this is just from my perspective, what I've seen
22 with my eyes, I've watched these huge trucks come
23 over to South Seaside Park and drive up and down the
24 streets. And that includes the dead-end street,
25 which is what I live on, where they have to back up

1 all the way to the end of the dead-end, basically
2 looking for garbage. And this goes on -- excuse me.
3 This goes on, I don't know how long it takes them to
4 drive around Seaside Park, South Seaside Park,
5 looking for garbage. But, yet, as Bob had stated,
6 when he puts garbage out on a specific date, nobody
7 shows up.

8 Q When you say a specific date, you
9 mean a date --

10 A A scheduled date.

11 Q -- that they were supposed to be
12 there?

13 A Correct. A scheduled date.

14 Q Let me just -- this exhibit --

15 A I have the dates written down if you
16 want me to --

17 Q No, that's fine. I think the dates,
18 it's clear. What is this pull tab?

19 A Oh, that's just, that was just my --

20 Q Anything else you want to show from
21 this A-36?

22 A No, just wanted to add that this is
23 also still continuing on in 2015. So, this is just
24 2014 dates that I noticed. This has also happened,
25 like I said, in 2015. It has happened on February

1 the 27th, which was a Friday March the 2nd, which
 2 was a Monday And it just happened last Friday on
 3 May the 1st. And as I said, the trucks do just come
 4 over and drive around looking for garbage
 5 Then we also have a recycling situation that
 6 came up this past September Recycling was
 7 scheduled for Wednesday, September the 3rd.
 8 Actually, showed up on Tuesday, September the 2nd.
 9 And that was supposed to be garbage day So, I'm
 10 scrambling trying to get the recycles together And
 11 I asked the driver, why are you here? You're
 12 scheduled for tomorrow And he said, I don't know
 13 but they'll be back again tomorrow
 14 The point I'm trying to make of this is that
 15 this is just, it's an erratic schedule that nobody's
 16 sticking to. And it's a waste of money It really
 17 is a waste of everybody's money Not just our money
 18 on the island but everybody's money in Berkeley
 19 Township. And it is causing a lot of frustration, a
 20 lot of aggravation. And if we just had the schedule
 21 that we're sent and it was consistent, we stuck to,
 22 I think we would be in better shape. And I think
 23 Berkeley might have a little bit more money in the
 24 coffers, too, from the money they'd save from
 25 sending those trucks over

1 Q Anything else?
 2 A That's it.
 3 MR. MICHELINI: Any questions?
 4 MR. WINWARD: Okay
 5 MR. BACCHIONE: Could we get a copy
 6 of this? Do you object to us getting a copy?
 7 MR. MICHELINI: I don't object to it.
 8 I mean, the exhibits are available. I don't have a
 9 copy but --
 10 MR. BACCHIONE: Well, if we make a
 11 copy, would you object?
 12 MR. MICHELINI: No, of course not.
 13 And I'm sure that Kelly would make the exhibits
 14 available for copies
 15 Would that be so, Kelly?
 16 MS HUGG: Yes
 17 MR. MICHELINI: Thank you, Ms
 18 Erdman.
 19 MS ERDMAN: Thank you, gentlemen.
 20 MR. WISER: Just one question,
 21 please, ma'am.
 22 MS ERDMAN: Certainly
 23 MR. WISER: For Sandy, was an
 24 evacuation mandatory?
 25 MS ERDMAN: I found out after the

1 fact, yes, it was
 2 MR. WISER: So, you didn't know it
 3 was mandatory --
 4 MS ERDMAN: Prior to --
 5 MR. WISER: -- beforehand?
 6 MS ERDMAN: No. No
 7 MR. WISER: Did you know there was
 8 going to be an evacuation at all?
 9 MS ERDMAN: I made an assumption
 10 from watching the weather But, again, the point of
 11 the matter was that the year prior, when it was a
 12 tropical storm, it was a man that went door-to-door
 13 And if you didn't answer your door, a flyer was left
 14 there.
 15 And this really affected me a lot --
 16 you have to excuse me -- with my neighbors They
 17 were in their 80s One of them is now deceased.
 18 The other one is in assisted living They didn't
 19 know anything They relied on us That's not the
 20 way things should be.
 21 Q And you couldn't tell them because
 22 nobody told you?
 23 A No, I -- I told them what we were
 24 assuming from our home. And that's -- that's what
 25 they were relying on. Because that's what we do

1 down there. We rely on each other And it was the
 2 same thing after the storm. Everybody that was
 3 there that stayed got together and we were all
 4 trying to work together to help each other out.
 5 Because we were isolated and we were all that we
 6 had.
 7 MR. MCGUCKIN: How about the people
 8 who were there with you? Were they aware of the
 9 evacuation?
 10 MS ERDMAN: I don't know, sir
 11 Because as of Saturday, after going out, didn't
 12 really see a whole lot of people around there. And
 13 by Sunday, you weren't going anywhere. The ocean
 14 was crashing It was, the rain was pouring The
 15 wind was blowing, like.
 16 MR. MCGUCKIN: I'll be honest with
 17 you. I fail to understand how could you not
 18 possibly know that there was a mandatory evacuation
 19 order when the entire State of New Jersey was aware
 20 of it. I just don't -- I find it -- that very
 21 incredible to believe, that you did not know that
 22 there was a mandatory evacuation order
 23 MS ERDMAN: I made the assumption
 24 there was There was nothing that --
 25 MR. MCGUCKIN: You still didn't

1 leave?
 2 MS ERDMAN: No.
 3 MR. MCGUCKIN: You still didn't
 4 leave?
 5 MS ERDMAN: No.
 6 MR. MCGUCKIN: And now you're
 7 testifying that things weren't, the next day, the
 8 day after that, you didn't see a police car for two
 9 days or three days. You didn't know there was a
 10 mandatory evacuation order for Superstorm Sandy?
 11 MS ERDMAN: No, sir.
 12 MR. MCGUCKIN: Okay. Thank you.
 13 MR. WISER: And I guess just to
 14 follow up on that. Where my point was is, isn't it
 15 likely that the evacuation was issued because the
 16 township knew it couldn't provide the immediacy of
 17 service to people on the island?
 18 MR. MICHELINI: She couldn't possibly
 19 know what the township knows. All she knows is,
 20 from her experience, somebody came around the year
 21 before when there was a tropical storm and went door
 22 to door. And she would have expected that. But she
 23 can't know what the -- she can't read the mind of
 24 the township. That's an impossible question to
 25 answer. I mean, that's not a question that's within

1 her knowledge.
 2 MR. LORELLI: Living in the area that
 3 you do.
 4 MS ERDMAN: Uh-hum.
 5 MR. LORELLI: I'm sorry. Living in
 6 the area that you do, I'm sure you must get a lot of
 7 power outages.
 8 MS ERDMAN: Actually, we don't.
 9 MR. LORELLI: You don't. You don't
 10 get any power outages at all?
 11 MS ERDMAN: And I can tell you about
 12 when this -- it was several years ago when it
 13 happened. There was power loss on 4th of July
 14 weekend.
 15 MR. LORELLI: All right. But living
 16 in that area -- I live on the mainland. I don't
 17 live on -- but one of the things that we have is a
 18 radio, you know, battery operated short wave radio.
 19 And it also has a little handle you can turn in case
 20 you have no electricity.
 21 MS ERDMAN: Uh-hum.
 22 MR. LORELLI: And we listened to that
 23 during Sandy and we got all the news what was going
 24 on. I'm surprised nobody in your area had that kind
 25 of a -- it's a very inexpensive mechanism.

1 MS ERDMAN: I know what they are,
 2 sir. And no, we don't have one personally.
 3 MR. LORELLI: You said you all got
 4 together with your neighbors and nobody had that?
 5 MS ERDMAN: Well, that was after the
 6 fact. That was after the fact when we went back
 7 together.
 8 MR. LORELLI: What do you mean by,
 9 after the fact?
 10 MS ERDMAN: No. That was after the
 11 fact that everyone that stayed got together. Prior
 12 to that, we were all taking care of our own
 13 homesteads.
 14 MR. LORELLI: But no one knew? No
 15 one had a radio, a short wave radio or a battery
 16 operated radio to find out what was going on?
 17 MS ERDMAN: Oh, we had a battery
 18 operated radio. But things weren't coming in all of
 19 that clear, first of all. We were listening to OBM,
 20 the only radio station that was coming in.
 21 MR. LORELLI: You mentioned also that
 22 you went on the websites. Did you go on the
 23 websites? How did you do that without an internet?
 24 MS ERDMAN: Oh, that was after the
 25 fact, sir. After we left.

1 MR. LORELLI: Oh, I thought -- Excuse
 2 me.
 3 MS ERDMAN: After we left, yes.
 4 After we left, yes. Yes.
 5 MR. LORELLI: Okay.
 6 MS ERDMAN: I mean, other than the
 7 people that did have connections for their cell
 8 phones, for their cars to juice them up, there was
 9 nothing. There was nothing, absolutely nothing.
 10 MR. GINGRICH: Can I ask a mundane
 11 question about the garbage can that you sent a
 12 picture around of?
 13 MS ERDMAN: Uh-hum.
 14 MR. GINGRICH: Shouldn't the owner of
 15 that garbage can taken it in with the hurricane
 16 coming? Regardless of what day they were supposed
 17 to be picked up, shouldn't that --
 18 MS ERDMAN: That's Berkeley's can.
 19 MR. GINGRICH: Regardless of
 20 whatever, somebody put it out.
 21 MS ERDMAN: No, Berkeley Township
 22 put that can.
 23 MR. GINGRICH: No, somebody put --
 24 oh, that's a Berkeley garbage can?
 25 MS ERDMAN: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

1 MR. MICHELINI: That was her
2 testimony
3 MS ERDMAN: Yes
4 MR. GINGRICH: Okay
5 MR. MCGUCKIN: I just have one other
6 question. The dune system in South Seaside Park
7 worked well, correct?
8 MS ERDMAN: Thankfully, and thank
9 God, yes
10 MR. MCGUCKIN: In the photographs,
11 you show evidence that the township had done a
12 tremendous job with that dune system.
13 MS ERDMAN: That dune system is very
14 old and it's -- it withstood. It really withstood.
15 It was built correctly way back when.
16 MR. MCGUCKIN: And it's been
17 maintained, as you're aware, right, since Irene it's
18 been maintained and before Superstorm Sandy it was
19 maintained and ready to go for Superstorm Sandy,
20 correct?
21 MS ERDMAN: Yes Yes Yes
22 MR. MCGUCKIN: Thank you.
23 MR. GINGRICH: I just have one other
24 question about the pictures You showed many
25 pictures of the inaccessible areas to the beach.

1 You told us about eight or ten Seaside Park but you
2 have no pictures of that. I'm kind of mystified why
3 you have all the pictures but where you said there
4 was entrances you have no pictures
5 MS ERDMAN: Okay The only
6 explanation for that was that I was just dumbfounded
7 by the fact of the construction that was going on in
8 my area. I was out on my bike. And to see heavy
9 equipment on the beach with the 4th of July weekend
10 coming up, to see pilings just everywhere --
11 MR. GINGRICH: Wouldn't it have
12 bolstered your testimony if you had pictures where
13 they were getting on the beach? In other words, I
14 don't know they were getting on the beach.
15 MS ERDMAN: Honestly, at the time, I
16 was just -- I was -- as I said, I was dumbfounded by
17 what was happening in my own backyard and didn't
18 even think to go and take pictures of Seaside Park
19 because I knew they were open.
20 MR. GINGRICH: How do you know they
21 were open?
22 MS ERDMAN: I have friends there,
23 and I drive down Ocean Avenue
24 MR. GINGRICH: And you didn't take a
25 picture while you were driving down?

1 MS ERDMAN: It just -- it didn't
2 occur to me.
3 MR. GINGRICH: Okay All right.
4 BY MR. MICHELINI:
5 Q So, let me follow up on that. In
6 July of 2013, were you thinking that you would be
7 testifying here tonight about the beach entrances?
8 A No.
9 MR. MICHELINI Okay Thank you
10 MR. MCGUCKIN: Well, when did you
11 sign the petition? Did you sign the petition?
12 MS ERDMAN: Yes, I did.
13 MR. MCGUCKIN: When did you sign it?
14 MS ERDMAN: When did I sign it?
15 When it first came out.
16 MR. MCGUCKIN: That was before the
17 summer of 2013, correct?
18 MS ERDMAN: Oh, yes Yes
19 MR. MCGUCKIN: Okay Thank you.
20 MS ERDMAN: Thank you.
21 MR. MACKRES: I have some questions
22 MR. MICHELINI: Okay
23 MR. MACKRES: The -- I just find it
24 very, very, very difficult to believe that you did
25 not know about Hurricane Sandy Just a case in

1 point, I'm a reservist, and I was activated for
2 Hurricane Sandy as the Marine Corp's liaison officer
3 at FEMA Region Two New York, New Jersey -- as a
4 reservist, I was activated for Hurricane Sandy ahead
5 of time, days ahead, because we saw it on the news
6 At that moment, I was the liaison officer on behalf
7 of the Marine Corp to FEMA Region Two, which is
8 New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin
9 Islands
10 I was at the New York State's office
11 of -- New York City office of emergency management,
12 New Jersey's Office of Emergency Management, working
13 on 20 hour days for two weeks straight. There were
14 so many avenues to get information. So many
15 charters So many -- it's unfathomable. And to not
16 know this is hard, very, very hard to believe.
17 Especially for someone who lives in that prone area.
18 MS ERDMAN: Okay I'm -- what I'm
19 trying to make by the statement is simply, we
20 weren't informed, neither myself, my husband or our
21 neighbors No one made the effort to inform us as
22 they did the year prior Common sense, yes, I
23 understood that. But not everybody has common
24 sense.
25 MR. MACKRES: So, another point was

1 reverse 911, that you get a lot of notices from
 2 Seaside Park.
 3 MS ERDMAN: Uh-hum.
 4 MR. MACKRES: And I guess Berkeley
 5 does not do as many notices. We don't have a police
 6 officer here, a chief, to testify, but my assumption
 7 is that it's called reverse 911 for emergency
 8 information. Historically, if you give too much
 9 information out, it's like e-mails coming in,
 10 people -- it's not listened to as much and you put
 11 it to the side. So, it doesn't have the efficacy
 12 that it should.
 13 Are you requesting to send more
 14 personal notices about events through the reverse --
 15 police system's reverse 911?
 16 MS ERDMAN: No, no, certainly not
 17 events but things that affect us. Perfect example
 18 is the Route 35 project that's going on right now
 19 I live in South Seaside Park. I could drive that
 20 whole entire area. Rephrase that. I could drive
 21 that whole entire area with my eyes closed. I now
 22 go out and I get lost. It's a very small area but
 23 you get lost. Because there's constantly changes
 24 You know, these are things that we're
 25 not being made aware of. Winter storm warnings

1 When you need to get your cars off of Route 35,
 2 we're not notified of that. You know, those are the
 3 type of things. And, yes, you get some added
 4 extras, as I said. You know, once in awhile if
 5 there's a reason for a garbage change or they had a
 6 parade last year, so they informed that the roads
 7 were going to be closed. These are important issues
 8 to us that we only are getting from Seaside Park
 9 because we live over on the islands
 10 MR. MACKRES: The -- and Route 35,
 11 that's a state road?
 12 MS ERDMAN: Oh, yes
 13 MR. MACKRES: So, the State DOT
 14 provides no input, no information?
 15 MS ERDMAN: No. No.
 16 MR. MICHELINI: Does Seaside Park?
 17 MS ERDMAN: Seaside Park does
 18 MR. MICHELINI: Thank you.
 19 MR. MACKRES: Okay. So, Seaside Park
 20 does. All right. So, the garbage pickup, we've
 21 heard many people testify about those dates. I'm
 22 not going to talk about that. The -- I think they
 23 made it a point on that.
 24 The construction going on to fix the
 25 piers and the entrances, evidently, Seaside has

1 put -- Seaside Park has put a higher precedence on
 2 that, which is probably why they paid, from what my
 3 presumption is, a higher price to a higher bidder at
 4 that time. The more commercial, tourism area. And
 5 they're actually undergoing, trying to get some debt
 6 loans, CDL, if I'm correct on that. CDL, I think
 7 it's called the Community Disaster Loan. I've heard
 8 that. They're in process, from what I've been told.
 9 So, there's going to be higher taxes coming because
 10 of that as well. And so, Berkeley Township was two
 11 months behind and working through holidays to get
 12 the construction done, so --
 13 MS ERDMAN: Well, I mean, if I may
 14 We are a beach community. And the summer season,
 15 official summer season, lasts for ten weeks. It
 16 begins prior to July 4th. It's usually around the
 17 next to the last weekend in June is when the start
 18 of the season goes up until Labor Day
 19 We had this construction and these
 20 closures going into -- well into July. That's half
 21 of the technical summer season. It was just -- it's
 22 just unfathomable that that would happen. I mean,
 23 it's a beach community with four entrances to the
 24 beach, and they weren't accessible
 25 MR. GINGRICH: So, the rest of us

1 couldn't use it either?
 2 MS ERDMAN: No. No. You would all
 3 have to go onto 20th Avenue in order to get on
 4 there. But then you would also have to listen to
 5 the pile driver going on.
 6 MR. MACKRES: Thank you.
 7 MR. WINWARD: I believe Planner
 8 Stuart has a question.
 9 MR. WISER: Just one more question.
 10 You had testified that you -- it didn't occur to
 11 you -- one of the board members asked, it didn't
 12 occur to you to take pictures of the beach entrances
 13 in Seaside Park?
 14 MS ERDMAN: Correct.
 15 MR. WISER: What made you take the
 16 pictures of, at that time, of the beach entrances in
 17 South Seaside Park?
 18 MS ERDMAN: What made me do that was
 19 this unbelievable banging that was going on. And it
 20 was earth shattering. And I went out on my bike,
 21 took a ride. I found what was making the noise.
 22 And it was what was going on at the beach.
 23 MR. WISER: Fully understand that.
 24 What made you connect the sound with taking pictures
 25 of it? You can't take a picture of the sound.

1 MS ERDMAN: I take my camera
 2 everywhere. I have a gorgeous dog that I like to
 3 get pictures of, so my camera's always with me.
 4 MR. WISER: Okay
 5 MR. MICHELINI: And you could take a
 6 picture --
 7 MR. GINGRICH: Except for the eight
 8 or ten entrances that you claimed were open.
 9 MR. MICHELINI: Well, I'll tell you
 10 what. We'll come back with proof that they're open
 11 and I'll have other people testify that they're
 12 open. I don't think that's really an issue. But if
 13 you think that's really an issue --
 14 MR. GINGRICH: Well, you're all
 15 making it an issue. You're all making it an issue.
 16 MR. MICHELINI: Excuse me. Let me
 17 finish. Let me finish. If you think that's really
 18 an issue, we'll get aerials if we have to, because
 19 they exist, from Google.
 20 The other entrances were opened. If
 21 you're really going to doubt that they weren't open
 22 in Seaside Park, I can bring in people that will
 23 testify for hours about that. I don't want to waste
 24 your time.
 25 MR. MCGUCKIN: On that issue. In

1 your travels on the barrier island, did you look at
 2 the Toms River beaches? Were they open on the
 3 July 4 weekend?
 4 MS ERDMAN: The Toms River beaches,
 5 that's Ortley I know they had a few of them. They
 6 had a few open. They did make a lot of effort
 7 because they wanted to do something for the folks
 8 there. So, yeah, they -- even they did. And there
 9 was, as everybody knows, nothing left.
 10 MR. MCGUCKIN: They were open before
 11 July 4?
 12 MS ERDMAN: No, they -- in Ortley,
 13 no, they weren't all open. They had a few open.
 14 MR. WINWARD: We have a county park
 15 in Berkeley. It's still not open from Sandy.
 16 MS ERDMAN: I can understand that
 17 but --
 18 MR. WINWARD: We have issues on the
 19 mainland also.
 20 MS ERDMAN: Oh, no, believe me, I
 21 know, because I do have friends that live on the
 22 mainland. And they suffered a lot of losses, too.
 23 So, it wasn't just us that had the losses. But
 24 these are things that affected us. And the main
 25 thing with the dunes is something that really

1 affects everybody. That's very important.
 2 MR. MACKRES: I have one last one.
 3 This goes back, ma'am, to not being notified from
 4 the police. Are you testifying that Berkeley Police
 5 Department was negligent during Hurricane Sandy?
 6 MS ERDMAN: I -- I don't know what
 7 happened, sir. I don't. I don't know what
 8 happened.
 9 MR. MACKRES: Okay
 10 MS ERDMAN: I honestly cannot tell
 11 you. All I know is what happened the year prior and
 12 what happened that year.
 13 MR. MACKRES: Thank you.
 14 MR. MICHELINI: Thank you.
 15 MR. SLACHETKA: Mr. Chairman, I just
 16 have one question.
 17 MR. WINWARD: Yes, go ahead.
 18 MR. SLACHETKA: In Ortley, you
 19 mentioned Ortley Beach before. Ortley Beach
 20 suffered and Toms River Township suffered
 21 substantial physical damage because of Sandy.
 22 Certainly, significantly more than the area of South
 23 Seaside Park.
 24 MS ERDMAN: Yes.
 25 MR. SLACHETKA: Would you say that,

1 as a conclusion, that Toms River did a poorer job of
 2 protecting its citizens than Berkeley Township or is
 3 that not a fair statement to make?
 4 MS ERDMAN: I -- no, I wouldn't say
 5 they did a poorer job. The area's the area. Nobody
 6 ever expected anything like this. No storm ever
 7 came up the coast and decided to make a left-hand
 8 turn the way this thing did.
 9 MR. SLACHETKA: It was a very unique
 10 circumstance.
 11 MS ERDMAN: And it was everything
 12 lined up in the wrong direction with the fronts
 13 coming through, the way everything happened. And
 14 that's why, I mean, yes, I followed the storms on
 15 The Weather Channel. And nobody thought it was
 16 going to do what it did.
 17 MR. SLACHETKA: Wouldn't be fair to
 18 say there are communities throughout the State of
 19 New Jersey that are still in the process of
 20 recovering from Superstorm Sandy?
 21 MS ERDMAN: I think every community
 22 that was touched by Superstorm Sandy is still in
 23 some sort of recovery.
 24 MR. SLACHETKA: Thank you.
 25 MR. WINWARD: Okay. We thank you so

1 much for your testimony
 2 MS ERDMAN: Thank you, gentlemen.
 3 MR. MICHELINI: Janet.
 4 (Off the record.)**
 5 MR. MCGUCKIN: We're coming up on two
 6 hours Who do you have? What's the --
 7 MR. MICHELINI: Well, I have --
 8 she'll be probably be very short. And I'll try to
 9 keep it as short as possible.
 10 MS. SHALAYDA: Short, not sweet, but
 11 short.
 12 MR. MICHELINI: And then I had
 13 another witness, but I'll evaluate whether or not I
 14 need that witness and, if so, we'll do it the next
 15 time.
 16 MR. MCGUCKIN: Okay Could you do it
 17 in ten minutes?
 18 MR. MICHELINI: I think we can do it
 19 in five.
 20 I don't want you to talk -- well,
 21 let's get you sworn.
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1 JANET SHALAYDA, having been duly sworn, according to
 2 law, upon her oath, testified as follows:
 3 EXAMINATION BY MR. MICHELINI:
 4 Q Ms Shalayda, without going over the
 5 areas that other people have talked about like parks
 6 tonight, tell us, tell the board what you want to
 7 tell them. And I'm going to try not to interrupt
 8 you so we can get it done in about five minutes
 9 So, go ahead.
 10 A Okay I --
 11 Q First of all, where do you live?
 12 A I live on 24th Avenue. 116 24th
 13 Avenue.
 14 Q How long have you lived there?
 15 A We bought -- my husband actually
 16 bought the house in 1979 and we used it as an
 17 investment for summer rental income. And then we
 18 became a couple in 1983 and we began to use it as a,
 19 you know, summer home on weekends And then in
 20 1994, we made it a year-round residence.
 21 Q Are you and your husband now retired?
 22 A Yes
 23 Q And I'm not going to ask how old you
 24 are How old is your husband?
 25 A He's 72

1 Q Go ahead. What would you like to
 2 tell this board.
 3 A If you don't mind, I'll just sort of
 4 read a little bit of it so that I can go quickly
 5 But, basically, I already told you that, the history
 6 of how we ended up there. And we didn't realize
 7 when we -- when he bought the house and then we --
 8 when we were using it on weekends, we didn't realize
 9 really that we weren't part of Seaside Park. We
 10 didn't really make that conclusion until we made it
 11 a year-round residence. And he had previously had a
 12 home in Lavallette, which was part of Toms River, so
 13 he just didn't -- didn't tie the knots together We
 14 didn't know anything about Berkeley, even where it
 15 was. But when we moved there in, when we moved in
 16 year-round in 1994, we really began to discover the
 17 disadvantages, quickly, of being a very remote,
 18 unconnected and basically an unrepresented part of a
 19 township, Berkeley
 20 Like most residents of South Seaside Park, we
 21 feel like we're treated as second class citizens.
 22 We're left in the dark regarding services and
 23 activities available to us, albeit most of them 45
 24 plus minute drive away
 25 We were not for many years on the mailing

1 list for any municipal newsletters, such as
 2 The Berkeley Citizen And now, to get news of any
 3 kind, even garbage and recycling schedules, we can
 4 go online. But back in 1994, that wasn't the case
 5 But a lot of seniors, my husband being one of them,
 6 doesn't use a computer So, if something happens to
 7 me, he's really going to be out of contact on
 8 things, some of these things that are important to
 9 us They -- we don't even have access to the
 10 council meetings broadcast, because the island
 11 doesn't have Comcast Service.
 12 Q What service do you have? Optimum?
 13 A Optimum, right. I'm sorry Couldn't
 14 think of it.
 15 All of those kind of things just placed many
 16 of us at a disadvantage to participate in senior
 17 activities and/or township meetings
 18 The trip to mainland Berkeley is difficult
 19 and for some, like my husband, totally impossible
 20 So, as time marches on, it's increasingly difficult
 21 to participate in the mainland activities and
 22 meetings And we find ourselves, you know, using
 23 Seaside Park for any of our social activities
 24 because it's there and convenient.
 25 When I went on the Berkeley website trying to

1 gain more information for this testimony, this was
2 couple, you know, a year or so ago, I discovered
3 that Berkeley had begun single stream recycling in
4 May 2010 I had no idea. I didn't even know that
5 they would pick recycling up at the curb, you know,
6 for us Didn't know that until after Sandy, as a
7 matter of fact. Well, I didn't know anyone did
8 that.

9 We were -- we had always used the Seaside
10 Park recycling facility because it's right there,
11 it's local and we can just do whatever we want. I'm
12 a little bit of a recycling nut, so we used it a
13 lot. While we were displaced after Sandy, we lived
14 in Toms River with my son. And I discovered that
15 Toms River had gone to single stream and I was
16 really impressed, so -- also impressed that they
17 furnished recycling bins for residents for the
18 pickup. And I don't know what Berkeley does on the
19 mainland, but we don't get recycling containers over
20 there. And when I went on the Berkeley website and
21 saw that they were doing single stream also, then I
22 began getting more information and found out that
23 they would pick it up at the curbside and -- but no
24 can was ever mentioned.

25 Actually, I got most of that information from

1 one of my neighbors But, like I say, perhaps they
2 do it for the mainland, but nothing's ever been
3 offered to us over there. And so, now we do use the
4 Berkeley pickup recycling service. We furnish our
5 own containers.

6 And I also find it dismaying that the beach
7 doesn't have recycling cans I just think that we
8 have to work harder to get recycling more mandatory

9 Then, while the township, you know, is quick,
10 Berkeley is quick to point out that we have access
11 to our own beach here and that -- that should keep
12 us all very happy, they really don't do a --
13 Berkeley does not do a good job to keep the beach
14 clean. They empty the cans late in the morning, if
15 at all, and they only do general cleanup a couple
16 times a week. And there's not enough bicycle racks,
17 making the pathway very difficult to navigate to the
18 beach. And we were never notified officially about
19 purchasing senior badges at a discounted rate. And
20 they didn't even put a sign up to that effect. So,
21 we missed out on that. There's only two garbage
22 cans on the bay front. And access to the bay itself
23 is difficult, at best. We have no piers for
24 crabbing, fishing No playgrounds for children and
25 grandchildren. No public boat launch. I'm sorry to

1 repeat Pat's testimony But also, I discovered in
2 my website looks, that there's a recreation, parks
3 and beaches summer program that I didn't know
4 existed. And I still don't know how to get a copy
5 of the printed version. But I, fortunately, have a
6 printer from my computer today, so I printed my
7 copy It was very informative and it detailed so
8 many activities that I was totally unaware were
9 offered to a Berkeley citizen. Had I known about a
10 lot of these activities beforehand, I would have
11 taken advantage of some of them, even if it meant
12 driving 45 minutes But I don't know why the
13 communications is so bad, particularly, you know,
14 since it is a beach community and you would think
15 that we would get more notification of things that
16 are going on over here, if you really want us to be
17 part of your community

18 I have been over to a concert here in
19 Berkeley a couple of years back. But I didn't hear
20 about it from Berkeley I heard about it from a
21 friend whose husband was performing in one of the
22 groups that were singing And I was stunned to
23 hear And then when I -- when she told me about
24 that, then I, you know, started looking into it and
25 saw all of these concerts and things that are

1 offered over here that, unless you go on the
2 computer, you're not going to know anything about
3 it.

4 And just a little addition to my frustration,
5 living on 24th Avenue and having the Lyons
6 basketball court right there, and I was happy to see
7 it listed as a park in the brochure that I was just
8 talking about. But I think using the word park for
9 a basketball court when there's no drinking
10 fountain, no rest rooms, anything, I just think it's
11 a slap in the face to the people over there that
12 it's called a park.

13 Basically, we shop in Seaside Park. We
14 attend church in Seaside Park We eat out in
15 Seaside Park. We use the Seaside Park post office
16 We just don't feel like we're part of this community
17 and we want to be part of that community and be able
18 to participate in all of the activities that we can
19 get to on our bicycles or just by walking

20 And as our health issues, as we get older,
21 decline -- and my husband is already to the point
22 where he can't drive at night and soon will not be
23 able to drive at all And so, it's always up to me
24 And none of us knows how long And I want to be
25 more involved in the township

1 I was on the Board of Education in Franklin
2 Township for many years and I really enjoyed the
3 interaction. And now that I'm retired, I'd like to
4 be part of my community and participate. And I
5 can't do it this far away Thank you.

6 MR. MICHELINI: That's it for
7 tonight. Thank you very much. Thank you for your
8 patience

9 (Meeting adjourned.)

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