1	TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY
2	PLANNING BOARD
3	IN THE MATTER OF:
4	SOUTH SEASIDE PARK HOMEOWNERS
5	AND VOTERS ASSOCIATION DE-ANNEXATION PETITION HEARING
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7	627 Pinewald Keswick Road
8	Bayville, New Jersey Thursday, October 3, 2019
9	7:30 to 9:41 p.m.
10	BEFORE:
pers.)	Robert Winward, Chair John A. Bacchione, Councilman
12	Frederick Bell, Member Domenick Lorelli, Member Nick Mackres, Member
13	Richard Callahan, Member Brian Gingrich, Member
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	1	APPEARANCES:	2		4
	2	DASTI, MURPHY McGUCKIN, UŁAKY	overmonipanianianian	1	(The meeting was called to order and
	3	KOUTSOURIS & CONNORS, ESQS. 620 West Lacey Road		2	other matters were heard.)
	4	Forked River, New Jersev 08731		3	CHAIR WINWARD: And at this time, we'll
		BY: GREGORY P. MEGUĆKIN, ESQ. Attorneys for the Board	The second secon	4	have the main event, South Seaside Park Owners
	5		William Aura	5	and Voters Association, de-annexation petition
	6	O'MALLEY, SURMAN & MICHELINI	alteriorie	6	hearing. And while they're setting up, we'll
	7	17 Beaverson Boulevard	-	7	take a five-minute break.
		BY: JOSEPH MICHELINI, ESQ.		8	(A brief recess was taken until 7:30
	8	Attorneys for the Petitioners	***************************************	9	p.m.)
	9			10	CHAIR WINWARD: Okay, I think at this
	10			11	time at this time I'm going to get started
	11		in the same of the	13	again on the next application, which we
		ALSO PRESENT:	1	14	previously stated what it was, the
	12	Kelly Hugg, Secretary	1	15	de-annexation hearing.
	13	James M. Oris, Board Engineer		16	MR. MICHELINI: Good evening. Joseph
	14	Stuart B. Wiser, Board Planner	***************************************	17	Michelini appearing on behalf of the Petitioner signers of de-annexation of South Seaside Park.
	15		man-resonant management	18	I believe tonight we're continuing
	16		Part decoposition	19	the the matter with the cross-examination,
	17 18		-	20	beginning tonight of Stuart Wiser, possibly
	19			21	finishing tonight. That would be a miracle,
	20 21		:	22	but miracles do happen, so. I believe that's
	22		· ·	23	where we are. And so if it pleases the Board,
	23 24		1	24	I'll proceed,
	25			25	CHAIR WINWARD; Yes. Please. Go ahead.
	1	INDEX:	3		5
	2	NAME OF WITNESS: PAGE:			STUART WISER, PP, AICP, having been
deliterasis and a second	3	STUART B. WISER, PP, AICP	1		previously sworn, testified as follows:
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	5	= 7	-	4 5	CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. MICHELINI:
	6			_	Q. Okay. Mr. Wiser, you are a licensed planner; correct?
-	7		ave statement of the st	7	A. Correct.
an and a second	8			8	Q. And your employer currently?
Palestania	9			9	A. Currently is ARH Associates.
	10	EXHIBITS:	1	0	Q. Okay, What is ARH Associates?
distribution	11	NUMBER DESCRIPTION PAGE	1.	1	A. It is a surveying engineering,
			1;	2	fanning environmental firm, consulting firm, based in
	12	A-110 Remington & Vernick Invoice 19	10		fammonton, New Jersey.
*	13	A-111 Report of Seaview Harbor 27	12	4	Q. Okay. And when you began this process
over-consistency.	14	A-112 Case Law, 7-20-78 58	15	5 a	bout five years ago, you were with Remington &
	15	A-113 Photograph 81	16	5 1	ernick.
- Control of Control o	16	A-114 Photograph 82	17		A. That's correct.
The special division in the sp	17	A-115 Photograph 98	18		Q. Correct? Okay,
Marin Malarison		A-116 Tax Rates	19		And when did you transfer over to ARH
	19		20		ssociates?
Sa.			21		A. Roughly March or April of 2018.
97	20 21		22		Q. Okay. And what's the relationship as
	22 23		23		nis in regards to this application between
	24 25		25		emington & Vernick and ARH Associates? A. There was a discussion about the client
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- wanting me to stay on since I had been through as far as I had gotten through. So we are -- ARH is a subconsultant to Remington & Vernick at this point.
- Okay. So your bills, I take it, then get submitted to Remington & Vernick, and they submit ARH bills with Remington & Vernick bills to get paid. Is that how it works?
- 8 I know we submit our bills to R&V. I 9 don't know how it gets packaged for the Board, but we submit our bills to RR -- to R&V. 10
- 11 And how long were you with Reminaton & Vernick? 12
- 13 A. Since December 2001.
- 14 Q. That's a pretty long time.
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- 16 O. And you were a director or something in 17 charge there; correct?
- 18 I was the regional director of planning 19 and redevelopment.
- 20 Q. And are you -- is ARH a similar type of arrangement? 21
 - Α. Similar firm, Yeah,
- 23 Q. Now, I want to talk about Remington &
- Vernick because it's only relatively recently that you transferred over in relation to this application.

- to get involved in this de-annexation matter when you 2 were working at R&V?
 - Α. That's correct.
- 4 Q. Okay. And isn't it a fact that the vast
- H majority of your clients -- and I'll say R&V. It's
- 6 just easier than Remington, Vernick & Vena.
 - Α. Absolutely.
- 8 Q. Uh-hum. And isn't it a fact that the
- vast majority of your clients at Remington & Vernick, 9
- 10 or R&V, were public institutions? Isn't that --
 - Α. Yes, Yes,
- 12 Q. Yeah. They were towns, boards,
- 13 authorities, things of that nature; correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. 15 And isn't it also a fact that compared 16 with public institution clients, the number of private
- 17 clients at R&V was relatively few by comparison?
- 18 The -- well, it's the inverse of what 19 you just said. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. And isn't it a fact that while you were at Remington & Vernick you had very few
- personal clients of your own, given the makeup of the
- 23 clients of the firm; is that true?
- 24 Α. I'm not sure I understand the question.
 - Did you have many private clients of

- That's accurate; correct? March of '18?
 - Α. Yeah.
- Okay. So Remington & Vernick, isn't it 3 Q. a fact that the vast majority of clients -- well, let 5 me ask you.
- 6 Who is your client? Let me ask you that 7 first.
 - Α. Who was my client?
- 9 Q. Yes. In this matter, who is your
- client? 10
 - Α. The Planning Board.
- 12 The Planning Board. You were hired by the Planning Board; correct? 13
- I did not -- I was not involved in the 14
- business arrangement. That would have been Mr. Peters or his -- Mr. Dittenhofer, who is the Vice President, 16
- 17 the R&V Vice President of the office. I know I was assigned to the Board for this process. 18
- 19 All right. Did you work and do work for
- 20 the Berkeley Planning Board before this process?
- I sat in, I think, once or twice. It 22 may have been the planning board. It may have been
- 23 the zoning board for Mr. Peters, but it was not a normal assignment for me.
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 - Right. So you were especially assigned

- your own at Remington & Vernick?
- Α. 2 I hadn't --
 - Q. Personally,
- Α Well, I didn't have any personal clients
- whatsoever. It was all through the firm.
- 6 Q. Okay. And they were mainly boards, authorities, towns, public institutions; correct?
 - A Correct.
- Q. 9 Isn't that correct?
- 10 Α. Correct.
- 11 0 And you've been involved at Reminaton &
- Vernick in other de-annexation matters; correct? 12
 - Α. Correct.
- O. 14 Have you been involved in other
- 15 de-annexation matters at ARH?
 - A. Just this one.
 - 0 Okay. And how many other matters have you been involved in?
 - Α. This is my third.
- 20 Q. This is your third. What were the other 21 two?
- 22 The first one was a section of Upper
- 23 Township down in Cape May County that wished to leave
- Upper Township. It was Strathmere and Whale Beach was
- the neighborhood. They wanted to leave Upper Township

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- and become part of Sea Isle City.
- 2 Q. And --
- 3 Α. And the second one was -- I'm moving up Atlantic County -- was a section of Egg Harbor
- Township that wished to leave Egg Harbor Township and A become part of Longport.
- 7 And in both those cases you were Q. involved to do what you're doing in this case. Is 8 9 that the --
- 10 Α. Similar. Yeah.
- Q. 11 -- similar role?
- 12 Α. Yeah, Yes.
- And you didn't represent the 13 0
- 14 petitioners, I take it, in those cases?
 - Α. That is correct.

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- 16 Q. Okay. You were hired specially in those
- 17 cases as well? 18 Α.

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- Okay. And have you also been consulted 19 Q. 20 to possibly work in other de-annexation matters? Have 21 you had any consultations?
- 22 There was one matter where I had a 23 consultation with an attorney, and then the client 24 itself -- both were phone consultations. Probably
- 25 each lasted less than 15 minutes.

- Α. To the best of my knowledge, no.
- Q. And you would know, wouldn't you?
- Α. 3 Not necessarily. I should know. But I would not swear to it. á
- 5 Q. Well, is there anybody else going around 6 and representing boards in de-annexation matters besides you? While you were at Remington & Vernick? 7
 - Α. Not to my knowledge.
 - Q. All right. So you should know.
- 10 Α. It's a big -- it's a big firm. There was a lot of things going on. I didn't know 11
- 12 everything,
- 13 Q. All right. And you were brought in specially -- you don't even live in Ocean County; is 14 15 that correct?
 - Α. That's correct.
- 17 Q. You live in Egg Harbor Township, I
- believe? 18
- 19 A. Yes. Egg Harbor Township, Atlantic
- 20 County.
- 21 0. And that's the same matter that you 22 referenced. There was a matter involving Egg Harbor
- 23 Township?
- 24 Α. That's correct.
 - O. And was that the Strathmere or the other

- Q. And were they also again for municipalities or public institutions --
- 2 Α. 3 No.
 - Q. -- of some kind?
 - Α. They were for a private property owner.
 - Q. Okay. And did you turn them down?
 - I did not turn them down. The matter Α.
- 8 has not proceeded. They told me that they would get
- back to me if it proceeded. They basically were 9
- asking me about the process to decide whether they 10 wanted to pursue it or not. 7 4
 - Q. Is it fair to say that Remindton & Vernick, at least when you worked there, would probably not take a matter for a petitioner in a de-annexation matter. Is that fair to say?
 - Α. I honestly couldn't tell you.
 - Q. You can't tell me?
- 18 I know they wouldn't if they were -- if they were -- obviously representing the town or the 19 20 board that was the subject of the hearing. But if it 21 was a totally neutral environment, if I can phrase it 22 that way, I don't know whether they would take it or
- 24 Q. But they've never taken one on behalf of a petitioner to the best of your knowledge?

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- 2 Α. That was -- I'm sorry. I didn't
- complete that. The neighborhood in Egg Harbor
- Township that wanted to become part of Longport is 5
- Seaview Harbor.
- 6 Q. And so your local knowledge is basically 7 further south, although you have been involved in this matter now for a number of years; correct?
 - I guess you could say that.
- 10 Q. Okay. When's the last time you were in 11 South Seaside Park?
- 12 Α. I don't remember exactly. I have been there about three or four times since this matter 13 14 began,
- 15 Q. And this matter began approximately five years ago. And you've only been there three or four 17 times. That's it?
- I've been there about three or four 18 A. times since roughly January of 2015. 19
- 20 Q. Okay. And I believe the petition for 21 this matter was filed in the Fall of 2014.
- 22 The first hearing for this matter was Α. 23 January 2015.
- 24 Q. Okay. And so you've been there three or four times. What was the purpose for which you were

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- A. To observe, to take a look at the conditions, to take a look at the neighborhood. To provide myself with a context of what the various testimony was going -- was and was likely to -- to
- 6 provide a context going into the process and 7 continuing through the process for the testimony.
- 8 Q. So it was to gather information and 9 knowledge about the area.
 - A. Sure.
- 11 Q. Okay. Now, you're not a licensed 12 engineer; correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. Okay. And --
- 15 A. I should say, though, I'm a licensed 16 professional planner. And I do hold the AICP 17 certification.
- 18 Q. Have you ever testified as a --
- 19 A. Which is a national certification.
- 20 Q. Have you ever testified as an expert in 21
- engineering? I'm asking about engineering. 22
 - Α.
- 23 O. Okay. So you're not able to give an 24 opinion of an engineering nature from an expert's
- 25 standpoint; correct? Isn't that correct?

- other experts' information and to weigh that
- information and then make a decision about which
- 3 information is better and provide that to the Board?
- á Because experts disagree; correct?
 - A. Experts disagree,
 - Q. In this case the experts have disagreed.
- 7 We got Mr. Bowman on one side. We have Mr. Slachetka 8 on the other side; right?
 - A. Yes. Both planners.
- 10 Q. We have Barbara Woolley-Dillon on one side. We have Mr. Slachetka again on the other side. 11
- 12 A. Correct.
 - O. Right?
- 14 And in this case we have Mr. Moore and 15 we had Mr. Ebeneau, who is the CPO.
 - A. Correct.
 - Q. Correct?
 - And they disagreed; correct?
- 19 Α. Correct. On certain matters.
- 20 Q. Right. But they had totally different
- 21 conclusions, did they not?
 - Α.
- 23 Q. And okay. And so you think that you are qualified to weigh the experts' opinions and to tell 24 25 the Board what you think they should do; is that

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- 1 Α. I would not give an opinion. No. 2
 - Q. Because you're not qualified; right?
 - Α. I'm not an engineer.
- 4 Q. All right. Similarly you're not an
- 5 attorney: correct?

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- 6 Α. Correct 7
 - Q. Never went to law school?
- 8 Α. No.
- 9 O. Never passed the bar?
- 10 Α. No.
- 0. 11 Similarly, you are not a CPA?
 - Α. Correct.
 - Q. And you are not a municipality
- 14 accountant?
 - Α. Correct.
- 16 Q. Okay. So you are not qualified to give an opinion, a professional opinion, as to any of those 17 18 areas; isn't that correct?
- I'm not qualified to give an opinion --20 to generate primary research or primary information on that. I believe I am qualified to review information 22 that was submitted by those experts to -- to provide an opinion to the Board on that. And the Board can take that opinion for what it's worth.
 - So you think you are qualified to take

- correct? 1
- 2 No. I do not tell the Board what I
- 3 think they should do. I tell the Board what my
- opinion from what -- I've heard is. And then the
- Board then makes their opinion, forms their opinion
- 6 based on that.
- 7 So you didn't make any recommendations Q.
- in your report then; correct? That's what you're
- 9 telling us?

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- 10 Α. I think it's likely we did make
- recommendations, which the Board is free to agree with 12 or disagree with.
 - 0 Okay. So you did give them a direction.
- You made recommendation -- specific recommendations against de-annexation, did you not?
- I think overall, it was our
- recommendation to the Board that -- that based on our 17 understanding of the tests that are required that --
- that de-annexation should not be approved. 19
- 20 Q. Okay. So when -- you keep saying "our." 21 Who is our?
 - Α. When did I say "our"?
 - Q. I thought you prepared the report.
- 24 Didn't you prepare the report?
 - A. The report was prepared largely by me,

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- but there were -- there was a representative -- Mr. Dickerson is here who assisted as well as Mr. Jones from R&V and Mr. Peters and Mr. Oris from R&V who assisted in the preparation of the report. 5
 - Q. And where is Mr. Dickerson from?
- B. A. He -- he was with T&M. Now you're with Maser? Maser Consulting. 7
 - So -- because it was my understanding that we were -- I was told that you prepared the report and that I was going to be able to cross-examine you. Now you're telling me that four people prepared the report; is that correct?
- 13 A. It was prepared under my direction. But 14 I was not the only author.
- 15 Q. All right. So the report is 400 pages 16 long; correct?
 - A. Yes. Something like that,
- 18 0 Well, you can check it. Go ahead. It's 19 right in front of you.
 - Α. Well, the last page of the text is 399.
- 21 Q. Well, that's pretty close; right?
- 22 Α. Pretty close.

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- 23 Q. Okay. How much time was involved in 24 preparing that report?
- 25 I couldn't tell you. A lot of time.

- 4 Q. There's a column for what was previously billed, a column for what's represented in this bill, and then a total; correct?
- á A. Yeah. Except there -- just bear with me 5 a second. It appears to be \$350,792.65.
- 6 Q. And does that include ARH billing as 7 well? Or is ARH in addition to that, if you know?
 - Α. I don't know.
 - Q. So it could be more?
- 10 Α. Bear with me. (Reviewing.) On this 11 particular invoice, there doesn't -- on this invoice 12 there is nothing to indicate that there's ARH time 13 included.
- 14 And also, this only includes time Q. 15 through August. It's been a month and three days 16 since this bill was rendered; correct? Or the time 17 shown on it.
 - Α. I suppose.
- 19 Okay. So there's additional time to as Q. 20 well and possibly ARH after that. After that \$350,000 21 that's been spent?
- 22 Α. I suppose.
- 23 Q. Where did that money come from? Did it come from a general fund, or did it come from some 24 25 specific fund? If you know,

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- Α. 1 I have no idea.
- 2 Q. All you know is you got the money.
 - Α. Well, I didn't get the money. I can tell ---
 - Q. You must have gotten some --
- 6 Α. I did not get the money. I got my 7 salary.
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 - Q. All right.
- 9 I don't know -- I don't know what the contractual arrangements were between the Board, the 11 Township, and R&V.
- 12 Q. And there were other professionals involved besides those that worked at R&V who also got paid for this matter; correct? Such as Mr. Dickerson, 15 Mr. Slachetka; right?
 - Α One would assume.
 - Q. Mr. McGuckin. We know Mr. McGukin's bills are reasonable. He's an attorney.

MR. GINGRICH: You really got paid?

- A. Are you under oath, sir?
- Q. I'm asking questions.
 - So was there any restraints on how much
- 23 you could bill the Planning Board or for
- 24 this matter -- bill your client for this matter? 25
 - A. None that was expressed to me.

- Q. Hundreds of hours? Would that be fair to say?
- I couldn't tell you, but a lot of time. 3
- 4 You're going to tell me how much it is, so.
 - I'm not going to tell you. I'm going to tell you how much you spent. But I'm not going tell you how much time. You got to tell me how much time.

MR. MICHELINI: So let's have this marked. Mark this. I don't know we're up to.

(Remington & Vernick Invoice, 9-6-19, was marked as Exhibit A-110.)

I'm going to show you an invoice from Remington & Vernick. It's dated September 6, 2019, and for clarity's sake and brevity, it purports to

15 show all time billed on the de-annexation matter. referenced that project specifically, through August

of 2019. Just -- if that's not accurate, let me know. 18 But that's the way I read it. And the number of this

19 is A-110

So tell me how much money has been spent with Remington & Vernick through August of this year simply on the de-annexation matter. According to that?

24 Hold on a second because there's a couple of columns. (Reviewing.)

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- 4 Q. All right. So you could just bill as 2 much as you wanted basically.
 - Α. There were no constraints that were expressed to me.
- 5 Q. And I would imagine, you've prepared almost a 400 page report, that a substantial amount of that billing related to that report. Would that be 8 accurate?
- 9 Α. An -- yeah. I suppose. An amount related to the report. An amount related to coming to 10 meetings. And an amount -- but it all feathered into 11 12 the report. So I guess, yes.
- 13 Okay. And you were the final editor. 14 Even though you had help from these other people, you 15 were the final editor; correct?
 - Α. Yes.

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- 17 Q. And you reviewed each section of the 18 report?
- 19 Α.
- 20 Q. So you spent time -- there's -- as I see it, there's bolded sections in the report. There's 21 four bolded sections. Background and Procedural
- History is one section. Legal standards. Synopsis of
- 24 Proceeding. Summary and Conclusions. 25
 - Α. Yes.

- would it be fair to say -- I know you don't know the
- exact hours. But all the individual sections took a
- considerable amount of attention and effort?
 - Â. Yes
- 2 Okay. And you billed for it and got Q.
- 6 paid for it; correct?
 - Α. I billed for it.
 - Q. And the firm got paid for it.
- 9 Α. Somebody got paid for it.
- Q. 10 Okay.
- 11 A. I hope.
- 12 Q. All right. Who did -- so the background section was a collaborative effort. What about the 13 legal standards? Who did that? 14
 - A. The legal standards was me.
 - Q. That was solely you?
- 17 Α. There may have been some editorial review but -- some scrivener review -- but it was me. 18
- Okay. And how much time did you spend 19 Q. 20 on that, if you know?
- 21 Α I -- honestly, I didn't keep time as to 22 which section I was working on at any particular time.
- 23 All right. So just generally, did you 24 spend more than ten hours on the legal section?
 - I couldn't tell. I couldn't tell you.

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- Q. 4 Okay. And you spent time on each of 2 those sections: correct?
 - Α. Yes.
- 4 0 And you analyzed -- or attempted to analyze -- the information that was brought forth in
- 6 these hearings in each of those sections as they related to those specific things, background,
- procedural history, legal standards, et cetera; 8
- 9 correct?

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- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. 11 Is it fair --
- Α. With the assistance of the other people 12 13 that I described.
- Okay. So let me ask you about 14 Q.
- background. From background, procedural history. Was 16 that your -- did you do that, or did somebody else do 17 that?
- 18 I think it was an iterative process between all the individuals that I described. I do 19 not believe that we can say, okay, this sentence is
 - mine and this sentence is somebody else's. This --
 - Q. And --Α. This section is mine and this section is
- 25 Q. And all the individual sections took --

- You couldn't tell me. It's 40 pages
- long, I think. According to this. Page 13 -- I
- think -- I think I counted 40 pages on that. And you
- can't tell me that if you -- you spent certainly more
- than an hour on it?
- 6 Α. I spent probably -- spent certainly -- I
- don't know. I didn't keep those -- that level of 8
- detail on my time.
- 9 Q. Okay. And then who did the Synopsis of 10 the Proceedings?
 - Α. What page are you on?
- It's Section 3 of your report. Synopsis 12 Q. 13 of the Proceedings? Who worked on that?
 - Α. What page are you on?
 - Q. I'm not -- I'm on the Table of Contents.
- 16 Α. Are you on my report? 17
 - 0 I'm on the Table of Contents.
- 18 A. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. (Reviewing.) I 19 think that was a collaborative effort.
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 - Q. All right. And the Summary and Conclusions. Was that you or --
 - A. Also a collaborative effort.
- 23 Q. Okay. And is it fair to say that for
- 24 each specific section, you not only spent a lot of 25 time putting it together, but you spent a lot of time

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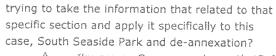
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I'm sorry. Can you rephrase that? I'm not sure I understand what you're asking.

MR. MICHELINI: You can read it back. (The Court Reporter so complied.)

Α. I'm going to try to answer the question. I still don't -- not sure I understand it. But I took the testimony that was given as the -- for the hearings related to whatever the topic was and put them into sections or chapters, if you will, for this report.

14 Q. All right. This was a new creation; 15 correct?

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Q. Okay. You didn't copy it from some other report you did in some other matter; correct?

19 I took the report that I did for 20 Seaview -- Seaview Harbor and used it as guide. Was there --21

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an outline.

23 Α. -- some general language that was cut 24 and paste? Probably. Definitely.

> Q. Okay.

That was Egg Harbor Township?

Α. That's the report --

Q. Trying to de-annexation?

û A. -- for Egg Harbor Township. 5

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So I'd like you to go to the Legal

7 Standards section of that report.

> Α. Do you have a page number?

9 Q. I don't because you have my only copy.

Α. Okav. Bear with me.

11 Q. I'll tell you what. I'll make it easy.

12 I'll find it in your report, that's this matter.

Legal Standards. Page 6. (Reviewing.) Α. Okav.

15 Q. Okay. So I'd like you to look at Page 6 of A-11 -- A-111. I'm sorry. And look at your report 16

that you rendered in this matter, and tell me if they 17 are the same or they are different.

They're substantially the same. 19 Α.

> Q. Aren't they identically the same?

I wouldn't say they're identically the 21 Α 22

same, but they're substantially the statements. Q.

23 How are they are not identical? 24 Α. Well, I'm pretty sure that -- maybe

25 they -- you know what?

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But it was used as a guide and as -- as

O. Okay. So you only used it as -- because you'd done this before, you used the information from other reports as an outline. You didn't do it -- you didn't take it word for word and just change the names of the places and the parties; correct?

Α. There may be some -- where it was -might be applicable, I probably did do that. But it would have been edited to fit this situation.

11 All right. So it wouldn't be word for 12 word. It would be edited to fit this situation; correct? 13

Α. 14 Exactly.

> Q. Okay.

MR. MICHELINI: Let's have this marked. (Report of Seaview Harbor was marked as Exhibit A-111.)

I'm going to show you what's been marked A-111, Mr. Wiser. Tell me if you can identify it.

Α. This is the report that Remington & Vernick did that I authored in the Seaview Harbor de-annexation matter.

24 All right. And that's the place -that's the report for the place where you live; right? Q. They look identical to me.

Α. They're pretty doggone close. I'll give

3 you that.

4 Q. The first sentence is exactly the same,

isn't it? 5

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Okay. And the first sentence in the 8 next paragraph are exactly the same?

9 Α. Yeah

10 Q. And the first sentence of the third

paragraph on that page is exactly the same. 11

> Α. Okav.

13 Q. And the paragraphs each end with the same words. I think it's identical. Do you think it's identical?

16 A. I think that -- that page is identical.

Now --

Q. Okay. So then let's -- let's look --

Α. Well, wait a second now. You're --

Excuse me. 20 Q.

21 Α. You're talking about what's identical.

22 That page is identical. The next --

23 Q. I didn't ask --

24 Α. The next page isn't identical.

> Q. That's fine. But I didn't ask you about

- the next page, did I? 2 A. No. But if you're drawing a conclusion 3 here, then this section is not identical. â Q. Okav. 5 A. So when I say it's substantially identical, it's substantially identical. 7 Q. So Page 1, Legal Standards, is actually 8 identical; correct? 9 Α. I didn't read every word, but I will stipulate that it's probably pretty doggone close, if 10 11 not --12 All right. So let's go then to the Q. 13 statutory standards. 14 CHAIR WINWARD: They didn't mention a 15 page. 16 Q. Okay? See if you can find the statutory consistency. 17 18 Α. In which one? 19 Q. In both of them. 20 Α. Bear with me. 21 Well, you know what? Let's do this. Go Q. 22 to your section on the case law. Go to your section 23 on the case law. 24 MR. MACKRES: Mr. Michelini, what page 25 were you comparing that was identical? 31
- Chair, if I can interrupt a second? 1 2 Mr. Michelini, if you're speaking to the 3 Board, we don't have anything to compare. 4 MR. MICHELINI: You should have his --5 well, I understand that. But if he's going to 6 tell you it's the same --7 COUNCILMAN BACCHIONE: Well, you're 8 testifying that. And we can't follow the 9 testimony because we don't have the comparison. 10 Just saving, 11 MR. MICHELINI: Yeah. Okay. Well, then 12 I'll make sure you can get to look at it. 13 COUNCILMAN BACCHIONE: Okay. 14 MR. MICHELINI: That's fine. Can you -- can you clarify what you're 15 Α. 16 asking me to do now, please? 17 Q. You discuss the cases in your report, do 18 you not? 19 A. Yeah. 20 Q. Okay. And how many cases do you 21 discuss? 22 Α. I could count. I didn't -- I just went 23 through them. A through -- bear with me a second. A 24 through. (Reviewing.) Oh, two-sided. Bear with me. I'm sorry. A through H.

4 THE WITNESS: Page 13. 2 MR. MICHELINI: Page 13 of his -- or --3 I'm sorry. It was page 13 of his report. MR. MACKRES: Thank you very much. 4 5 THE WITNESS: So that was 13 and Page 6 6 of the Seaview Harbor report. And now Mr. 7 Michelini is asking me to jump to 17 in the --8 Q. Well, go to 16. Okay? 9 Α. 10 O. Which is dealing with proceedings.

11 Α. So that's 27 on the Seaview Harbor 12 report.

Okay. Is the statutory law listed as 14 exactly the same, or is it different?

15 Α. It's probably -- as with Page 6, it's probably pretty close if not exact. 16

17 0 Okay. And how about on Page 28, the 18 case law? You start with the case law.

> Α. Yeah.

0 And in both reports at Section 2.2.2. I would like you to read through the case law, page by page. Just take a moment. And tell me if -- how long that section is.

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COUNCILMAN BACCHIONE: Through the

Q. 1 Okay. How many pages is that? How many pages of case law?

3 Bear with me. For Seavlew Harbor, it 4 starts on Page 28. And it ends on -- little bit onto 5

Okay. And in your report that you did 6 7 in this matter, it starts on Page 17; correct?

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9 Q. And does it end on -- where does it end? 10 Does it end on Page 54?

Α. Let me try to find it.

> 0 Or after that?

Let me try to find it. (Reviewing.) It 13 Α 14 ends towards the bottom of 54.

Q. Okay. So that's in your reports 17 through 54. How many pages is that? That's a lot of pages; right? That's almost 30 pages.

Α. Okav.

19 Q. Okay? Seventeen to 54. So almost 40 20 pages; right?

> MR. CALLAHAN: Thirty-seven. MR. MICHELINI: Thirty-seven pages.

So tell me if the case law is

24 different -- if anything is different between those 37 pages in the old report that you did and the 37 pages

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- 1 in the new report, or whether your entire discussion 2 of the case law and as it applies to this case --3 because you analyzed each case in relation to South Seaside Park: right?
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- 0 Is that what you said? Did you analyze each case, each case in relation to South Seaside Park? 8
- 9 I -- no. Actually, that part -- the --10 the -- the case law was largely lifted from -- for the presentation purposes in this section was largely --12 was lifted from the previous report.
- Well, let's look at your report. 14 Doesn't your report after each case -- and I'll refer because the Board has this, Page 23, you're referring -- you're discussing the first case. I believe. Or one of the cases.

Actually, we'll go to Page 18. You start the case law on Page 17 with a discussion of the West Point Island case. And then on Page 18 of your report, you talk about in Paragraph 5 relevance to South Seaside Park Petition.

- 23 Δ Uh-hum.
- 24 Q. So you -- you made it -- you did an 25 analysis based upon South Seaside Park's Petition.

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- matter -- when was that done, by the way? When was
- that report done?

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- Α. Whenever it's --
 - 0 It's done before this matter?
- 6 Α. It's dated January 29th, 2016.
- Q. All right. So it's done several years
- 8 ago. That report insofar as the case law is
- concerned, I will tell you, is identical to the report 9
- that you did in this one from Page 17 to Page 54 10
- except that wherever it says "Seaview Harbor," you put 11
- in "South Seaside Park." And wherever it said "Egg 12
- Harbor Township," you put in "Berkeley Township." Do 13
- 14 you accept that to be true?
 - Α. Sure.
- 16 O. So you did not do an analysis, separate analysis, for South Seaside Park when it came to the 17 18 case law. You simply just changed the place names; 19 isn't that right?
- 20 Α. I presented the case law, and I presented what I perceived to be the major takeaways 21 from the case law for -- that came out of it.
- 23 Q. You copied 37 pages from a prior 24 expert's report and billed this town for it, didn't 25

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- That's what this says; correct? 4
 - Α. Yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. And then you did that for each 4 case. So the next case is Demarest found at Page 20 of your report in this matter. And at the end, you did a discussion. Relevance to South Seaside Park. 7 It looks like it's on Page 23.
 - A. Uh-hum.
- 9 Q. Is that correct?
- 10 Д That's correct.
- And then the next case was the Carton 11 12 case versus the Borough of Tinton Falls on Page 26 of vour report. 13
 - Α. Uh-hum.
 - And then you did relevance to South Seaside Park on Page 27. And we can take that all the way up to 54 and go through each case. And in each case you discussed the case and then you talk about its relevance to South Seaside Park and the particular petition in this case; right?
 - Α. Yes.
 - Q. Isn't that what it says?
- 23 Α. Yes.
- Q. 24 Yes. Okav.
- 25 Now, your report that you did in the --

- Α. don Come on.
- 2 Q. Isn't that the case?
- 3 Α. What does that have to do with
- Á de-annexation?

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- 5 Q. It has a lot to do with your 6 credibility, sir.
 - Α. Well, then talk about my credibility.
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- 9 Α. Are you suggesting that I defrauded the Township?
 - Q. I don't have to answer any questions.
- 12 Well, you are making an accusation like
- 13 that. Are you suggesting that I am defrauding the
- Townshin?
- 15 Q. I don't know. You tell me. Did you bill for that time that you put this together? You
- told this panel that a few minutes ago that you spent time on each section, including the Legal Standards.
- That you couldn't quantify it, but you spent a lot of
- time and you analyzed the facts as they relate to this
- de-annexation petition with regard to each section,
- including Legal Standards. And now we find out that
- 37 pages was lifted from another report, and all you
- 24 did was change the place names.
 - That's not true.

- Q. That doesn't sound like analyzing to me, 2 sir. 3 A. I went through at all. I read through it all. That the fact that changes were made, I'll accept no changes were made. But that's a very 6 serious accusation that --7 Am I factually wrong about what I just 8 said? That you didn't do that? 9 Α. I read through the whole thing. 10 Q. I didn't ask you if you read through it. Am I factually wrong about the fact that 37 pages are 11 identical and that all you did was change the place 12 13 names? 14 A. No. Because I read through the whole 15 thing. 16 Q. Okay. Thank you. 17 Now, did you copy anything else from that report, to the best of your knowledge, from the 18 19 Seaview Harbor one? Or is it just the Legal 20 Standards? 21 I told you I used this as template. I 22 used this and went through it and made the adjustments 23 as necessary to fit this -- this situation.
- section that you copied where you didn't do an analysis and you simply changed the place names? 3 I -- as I said before, there may be some á language that's identical. There may be some language that I retained from the prior report to this report. I couldn't tell you. I'm sure you're going to tell 7 me. 8 Well, isn't it a fact that in those Q. g prior reports that you did, or the prior matters that you did, in both those cases you recommended to the Board or you came out against the idea of 11 12 de-annexation in both those cases? And you've done 13 that here, too; isn't that right? 14 Α. It happens to be the case. 15 Q. Okay. And is it a fact that you were hired to prepare a report with a predetermined result 16 17 so that it would -- it would go against the idea of de-annexation just like you did in those other 19 reports? 20 A. I was not hired. And if I had been hired under that premise, I wouldn't have taken the 21 22 assignment. 23 I would also add that the first case was

And charged hundreds of thousands of 24 tried at the local level and then tried at the 25 Appellate Division. And they tried to go to the

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The bill is the bill. MR. McGUCKIN: Hold on. Are you talking about just the report? MR. MICHELINI: We'll -- we'll go on. 4 MR. McGUCKIN: Why don't you clarify 5 that? Are you going to withdraw that statement 6 or clarify it? MR. MICHELINI: I'll go on. MR. McGUCKIN: Why don't you clarify the 9 statement? You just said he made three --10 hundreds of thousands of dollars for the report. And I don't think that's an accurate statement whatsoever. You're saying that --MR. MICHELINI: Mr. McGuckin, the testimony is the testimony. I mean, he --You're the one who testified to that. I didn't say I made a hundred thousand dollars from --17 or hundreds of thousand dollars from it-- from the 18

Supreme Court, and the Supreme Court wouldn't take the case. And it ends up that the Township's findings 3 were affirmed.

And you are familiar, are you not, with

Okay. You're familiar with the Upper Township Strathmere case. You were involved in it; correct?

7 Α. Yes. That's the one I was just talking 8 about.

the initial decision of Judge Armstrong -- because vou've read the law -- regarding the role of the planning board and the role of the township; that is, maintaining separate and independent functions of the planning board and the governing body as provided for in the statute which allows a better as well as an unbiased record.

Are you familiar with that statement from Judge Armstrong?

> Α. Yeah.

20 Okay. And you agree that your report is Q. to be independent of the governing body and the 21 22 township; correct?

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24 Q. Okay. And the planning board members 25 are to be independent of the governing body in the

18 19 report. 20 0 How much time did you spend making up 21 the report? 22 Α. I told you. I don't know. 23 Q.

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- Q. Okay. And you also agree, of course, that you're not to prejudge the matter; correct?
 - Α. Correct.
- Q. And you agree that you and other professionals of this planning board are to avoid the appearance of impropriety and bias in the work that vou do here.
- Α. Absolutely.
- Q. Okay. Do you agree that the information to be received should be information that's 12 established in the record that you make your decision and render your report on? In other words, do you agree that your report is supposed to be based upon information that's brought before this board in -- in the record, testimony?
- 18 I think that I have the ability to 19 supplement that where I think it's necessary, but it's largely on the record. 20
- 21 Q. Okay. And did you supplement in this 22 case or no?
- 23 Α. Yeah, I did.
 - Q. Okay. How much supplementing did you

- time. This is dated April 2015.
- 2 Q. And who is it sent to?
- 3 Α. It was sent to Mr. McGuckin, myself,
- Rodney Haines, who is the -- I guess was the
- auditor -- Township's auditor at the time. Jim would 84 6
- be -- there's a couple of Jims here. I don't know --
- I'm going to assume it's Jim Oris. And Stan 7 8
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- 9 Q. Okay. And several of those people are 10 involved in the de-annexation matter, are they not?
 - A. I think they all were.
- 12 \bigcirc And it was copied to several other 13 people. Mayor Amato of the Township. Fred Ebeneau, CFO of the Township. Karin DiMichele, Chief of Police 14
- for the Township. John Bacchione who sits here as a 15
- council member. Judy Noonan. Who is she? Is she on 16 17 the council?
- 18 Α. I believe she's a councilperson.
- 19 Sophia Gingrich. That would be Mr. Q. 20 Gingrich's wife. I believe she's on the council, too.
- 21 A. I really don't know.
 - Q. You don't know?
 - Jim Byrnes, Tom Gross, Angelo Guadagno,
- and Anthony DePaola. Anthony DePaola was the Chairman 24 of the Planning Board.

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- 1 A. In the grand scheme of things, probably 2 not a lot.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 Α. Some.
- 5 Q. All right. And the reason that it's 6 supposed to be on the record is so that the Board can 7 ask questions, so that I can cross-examine; right?
- 8 Α. Yeah.
- 9 Q. That's all -- that's all important;
- 10 right?

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- 11 Α.
- 12 \bigcirc Did you have meetings with employees of the Township regarding de-annexation without notice to 13 14 me or my clients?
- 15 Α. I have no idea what you were noticed 16 about.
- 17 Q. Well, you didn't notice me of any 18 meetings.
- 19 Α. I certainly did not.
- 20 So let me show you what's been marked previously as A-79. Take a moment and read it. 21
 - Α. (Reviewing.) Okav.
 - Q. What is A-79?
- A. 24 It is an e-mail from Christopher Reid, who was the Administrator for the Township at the

- 1 A. He was the Board Chair at the very beginning, if I remember correctly.
- 3 Q. Right. And this was the very beginning; 4
- correct? 5 Α. Yeah.
- 6 Okay. And this e-mail said: Greg,
- Stuart, Rodney, Jim, and Stan, thank you for the
- courtesy of your time during our most recent
- 9 conversations. Right? Says that.
 - As you are aware, the de-annexation of
 - South Seaside Park is a critical issue to the
- Township. Please plan a meeting to identify the
- material issues, review the completed hearings, and
- create a strategy for the Township portion of the
- 15 meeting, including but not limited to, material items
- to refute from Applicant testimony, documentation
- required, priority of testimony, and witnesses for the 17
- 18 Township. Thank you. 19
 - Did I read that correctly?
 - A. You did.
 - Q. So that is a -- referencing a meeting to do all those things, inviting several people from the Township and people -- or copying at least several people from the Township -- to assist the Township to refute the testimony of the Petitioners; correct?

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A. It is what that e-mail says.

Okay. That certainly does seem like it's unblased and that the separate and independent functions of the planning board and the governing body, which the statute allows for an un -- a better and unbiased record -- it doesn't seem to fit that. Does it?

That particular e-mail does not. Α.

9 Q. In fact, that e-mail would show bias, 10 would it not, in your mind?

> A. Probably, Yeah,

12 Q. And so you did have that meeting; correct? You attended a meeting after that. 13

I attended a meeting. Α.

15 Q. Okay. Was it the meeting that's 16 referenced there?

If it wasn't this meeting -- I'm sure it Α. was. I -- there were two meetings that were project coordination meetings that happened very early in the process that I was in. I'm going to assume this is one of them.

22 Q. And did you keep notes from that

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Q. And that meeting certainly was outside

Q. And I suppose you're going to tell us that nothing of that nature that was discussed in the e-mail actually occurred at the meeting. Is that what you're going to tell us? 4 5

The meetings that I were in were project coordination meetings that talked about what -- the 6 testimony that was likely to come down -- the testimony that had been offered to date. The testimony that was likely to be proffered by the 9 Petitioners and who the individuals or the departments 10 were that were best suited to answer that. 11

> Q. And did you assist in that process?

13 Α. I was there. I probably assisted in the 14 conversation.

Q. So you assisted the Township in trying to determine who would be best advised to come and give testimony to address the issues that the Petitioners had testified to so they could be refuted; is that correct?

> Α. No. To address the issues.

21 Q. Well, the issues at that point had only been raised by the Petitioners in April of 2015. 22

Α. Yes. Right. Whether --

24 Q. So it would be the issues that the 25 Petitioners raised; correct?

4 the record; correct?

> Α. Yes.

Q. In other words, it wasn't done here.

Α. Correct.

5 Q. And I -- you never notified me of that 6 meeting; correct?

> I never notified you of any meetings. Α.

Q. That's right.

And then after you got that, did you care to write an e-mail or a letter or a text or anything that said, hey, this shouldn't be. We shouldn't have people from the Township getting together with professionals from the Planning Board because their roles in the de-annexation process -- I know. I've done it two times before -- should be separate and unbiased. Did you write a text, a letter, any kind of written communication to that effect?

There would have -- I did not do a A. written communication. No.

> Q. Did you do an oral communication?

Α. I may have.

Q. You may have, but you don't have notes so you don't know; correct?

25 Correct.

1 Α. This was to coordinate the Township's response and the Township's testimony related to the issues raised by the Petitioners to the -- for the 4 Board.

5 Q. Right. And you didn't tell any of us about that; correct? Did you object at the meeting and say, gee, this shouldn't be. There's a potential for bias and a lack of independence as the case law 9 talks about?

10 Α. There were four attorneys in that 11 meeting.

> 0. So you expected them to raise it?

13 A. I -- if there was anything improper, I'm sure one of the four attorneys would have raised the 15 issue.

Q. Who were the four attorneys?

17 Mr. Reid. Mr. McGuckin. George 18 Gilmore. And one of his associates, who I think serves as the day-to-day solicitor for the Township.

20 Is it fair to say that those attorneys 21 were all against de-annexation? Is that fair to say? Certainly Mr. Reid was. He wrote that e-mail. 23

A. I'm not going to speak for them.

Q. Well, you agree Mr. Reid was; correct?

Α. I agree this e-mail was.

- And that's from Mr. Reid?
- A. From Mr. Reid.

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- Q. Is it a fact that after that e-mail, you then produced annotated transcripts, which we have marked. Transcripts A-64, A-65, A-71 all annotated transcripts; is that correct?
- 7 Those were produced, to my recollection, after the last of the testimony from the Petitioners. 8
 - Q. Okay. But you produced them.
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. And that's certainly after the e-mail at some point; correct?
 - A. Correct.
- 14 And you provided these animated -- these Q. annotated transcripts to Mr. Camera or someone in the 15 Township so they could be used by the Township 16 17 witnesses; isn't that correct?
 - Α. Yes.
- 19 And you don't see that as violating your Q. 20 duty to be independent and unbiased from the Township?
- What I did was to coordinate for the 21 22 various township officers or officials or
- 23 representatives -- I broke the transcripts out based
- 24 on subject matter. So, for example, the police 25 wouldn't have to go through the DPW section.

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- 3 I did not receive it at the same time.
- And I'll make that representation. But I did receive it. And our office received it inadvertently; isn't
- 6 that correct?
 - A. Yeah.
- 8 Q. You didn't intend to give it to me. It 9 got sent to my office. And I looked at it, and I 10
- said, gee, what's this? And then I got a call from your office immediately asking to retrieve it; isn't
- 12 that accurate? That part --
 - Α. I'm not --
 - O. -- about retrieving?
- 15 Α. I don't know. Honestly, I don't doubt it, but I don't -- I was not involved in that. 16
- 17 I will make that representation. And you have no reason to doubt it? 18
 - Д I do not.
- 20 Q. And did you give any -- any of your own 21 comments in this -- you have a whole column that says "SW Comments" on each of these annotated transcripts. 22
- Those are your comments; correct? 23
- 24 Α. To the extent there are any. Yeah. 25
 - Q. So what was the purpose of having your

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- 4 Q. So you made it easy for them. That's what you did. 3
 - A. I did.
- 4 0 You facilitated it and made it easier.
 - A I facilitated their review.
- 6 Q. So you helped the Township present their 7 case by facilitating their review so when they
- testified, they could focus in on things that you 8
- thought were important? 10
 - A. That they could focus in on things that were subject to their professional responsibilities.
- 12 And specifically so that they could refute the testimony of the Petitioners; isn't that 13 14 correct?
 - Tell the truth.
 - Α. How -- I always tell the truth.
 - MR. McGUCKIN: Mr. Michelini, that's uncalled for.
 - I always tell the truth, sir.
 - MR. McGUCKIN: That's uncalled for, He's under oath.
 - How they responded was up to them. I gave them the testimony from the transcript.
- 24 And did you give it to me at the same 25 time?

- comments? Wasn't it to interpret the testimony, maybe 2 guide how somebody would read it? Isn't it correct?
- 3 They were just thoughts. You'll notice 4 they are not on every section.
- 5 Well, let's look at A-65. It talks
- 6 about police on A-65. And then in your comment
- section, it says: Get Chief to testify and explain
- exactly what she meant. Any way to determine what 9 happened?
 - That's your comment; right?
- 11 Α. Yeah. Clarify what -- what she meant 12 and determine what happened.
 - Q. Chief, speak to jurisdiction issue.
- Catch and hold versus actual arrest?
 - Α. Which she did.
 - 0. So you're telling her what to do. You're guiding her with your comments, aren't you?
- Didn't you guide her with your comments to tell her 18 19 what she needed to testify about; isn't that correct?
- 20 To the extent there were any comments Α. 21 made, they were suggestions that would clarify the record. I did not put words in her mouth. And, you 22
- 23 know -- you've met the Chief. You've cross-examined
- the Chief. You know you don't put words in the 24 25 Chief's mouth.

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- Rodney. I suppose that's Rodney Haines; Q. 2 right? Now I'm looking at A-71. 3 Α. Uh-hum. 4 Your comment to Rodney -- would that be Q. Rodney Haines? 6 A. It would be. Q. Did not follow this at all. Is it 8 material? 9 So you're asking advice from Mr. Haines; 10 correct? Who works for the Township? Did he work for 11 the Township --12
 - Α. At the time --

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- Q. -- or was he specially hired for this?
- 14 Α. At the time he was the Township Auditor. 15 I believe.
- 16 Q. So he's part of the Township.
- 17 Α. Well, he's an independent consultant 18 hired by the Township.
- 19 And then on Page 52 of A-71, there's a whole line of comments. So it's more than just a 20 little bit, Mr. Wiser. It says: So we go from no cops when it's convenient to say there is no service to police presence with a car when they need to --24 when they need to evidence savings.
 - That's what it says. Do you see that

2 THE WITNESS: So I'm allowed to ask 3

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will redirect.

4 MR. McGUCKIN: I'll take it. We'll do 5 it on redirect.

THE WITNESS: Okay, Okay,

- 7 Q. Now, let's talk about the case law 8 cited. You include in your report and also in the 9 Seaview Harbor report, those 37 pages of case law which are identical, you include in there a discussion 10 of trial court matters, appellate court matters, 11 12 Supreme Court matters, published cases, and unpublished cases; correct? 13
 - Α. Yup.
- 15 Q. Okay. It includes cases that were before the statute was changed in regard to the burden 16 of proof and after the statute that was changed with 17 regard to the burden of proof; right?
 - A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And yet there isn't one reference in there, in that discussion of the case law, of the case 21 22 that happened in this very case 40 years ago.
 - A. Correct.
- Why is that? Why did you leave out the 24 Q. 25 case that would appear to be the most relevant case,

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- 3 Q. Okay. So you're actually characterizing your testimony there, aren't you? 4
- 5 I guess I did have an editorial comment Α. 6 there.
 - 0. Sure you did,

Uh-hum.

- 8 And you have others. I'm not going to-I think I've made my point with those. But the bottom 9 line is, you helped the Township witnesses, didn't 10
- 11 you? That's accurate?

comment?

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- 12 A. I coordinated with the Township witnesses. I -- I assisted the Township witnesses in 13 what they needed to testify for. 14
- 15 Q. To refute the testimony of the 16 Petitioners?
- 17 Α. To testify,
 - I find it interesting that you didn't
- 19 ask any of the witnesses --
- 20 Q. I didn't ask you a question, sir,
 - Α. No, you didn't.
- 22 Q. Sir, this is not for your comment. This 23 is cross-examination.
- 24 THE WITNESS: Mr. McGuckin?
- MR. McGUCKIN: That's okay. Somebody

- the case that actually happened with the same section of land in Berkeley Township?
- 3 Α. These are the cases that were cited in successive cases. So I felt that they were pertinent.
- And I didn't have access to that case. 6 You didn't -- did you ask Mr. McGuckin Q.
 - for it? Α. I did.
- Q. 9 And he didn't give it to you?
 - Α. I hadn't gotten it when I wrote that.
- 10 11 And in five years you haven't gotten a
- 12 copy of the case that was -- that was rendered in this
- matter 40 years ago involving Don Whiteman, Sr., the same Don Whiteman, only his father, and the South
- Seaside Park Homeowners and Voters Association. You
- 16 didn't get a copy of that case? 17
 - Α. I did not.
- 18 Q. In the five years? 19
 - Α. I did not.
- 20 Q. Did you ask anybody for it besides Mr.
- 21 McGuckin?

- Α. Yes.
- 23 Q. Who did you ask?
- 24 A. I have some friends that are attorneys. 25 And I asked them to use their search engines to find

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	2	my own and couldn't find it.	2	MR. McGUCKIN: Then you can't ask him a
	3	Q. Did you ever ask me?	3	question about it.
	1	A. No.	4	MR. MICHELINI: Certainly I can because
	5	Q. Do you think I might have had a copy of	5	it's already included in his report. Is he
	6	it, being involved in the case today?	6	going to take it out of his report?
	7	A. You might have,	7	MR. McGUCKIN: You said
	8	Q. So you've never read it. Is that what	8	MR. MICHELINI: Excuse me. Is he going
	9	you're telling us?	9	to take away all the legal testimony that he
	10	A. I have not. I have not.	10	gave about the legal standards?
	11	Q. You think it's relevant, though, don't	11	MR. McGUCKIN: You just told me that he
	12	you? If you're going to discuss case law, shouldn't	12	did not include that case law in his report.
	13	you discuss the very case that occurred 40 years ago	13	MR. MICHELINI: He did not include this
	14	involving the same land?	14	case in his report.
	15	 A. I can't say whether it's relevant or not 	15	MR. McGUCKIN; Okay.
	16	because I haven't read it.	16	MR. MICHELINI: But based upon his
	17	MR. MICHELINI: Let's have it marked.	17	analysis of all the other cases that he did
-	18	And it's South Seaside Park Voters and	18	include in this report, except this one, I want
	19	Taxpayers Association versus Berkeley Township.	19	to know if he thinks the issues that are raised
and or other second	20	(Case Law, 7-20-78, was marked as	20	in this decision are relevant.
	21	Exhibit A-112.)	21	MR. McGUCKIN: So it's okay for him to
	22	Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked	22	testify with respect to Judge Addison's
-	23	A-112.	23	opinion, but you object to him testifying about
	24	Do you know what the outcome was in that	24	to other cases?
	25	case?	25	MR. MICHELINI: He's already testified
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densiverenapop	1	A. It is my understanding from the I	1	to the other cases.
	2	believe the first hearing that the initial court	2	MR. McGUCKIN: You objected to it
and a second	3	that reviewed this approved the de-annexation but that	3	MR. MICHELINI: I objected to it on the
The state of the s	4	Seaside Park did not approve the annexation.	4	record.
a de la constanta de la consta	5	Q. That is correct. And this decision,	5	MR. McGUCKIN: strenuously in the
	6	A-112, is a decision by Judge Addison oh, I'm	6	record.
ALC: NO SERVICE SERVICES	7	sorry. A decision by Judge Addison who was a Superior	7	MR. MICHELINI: That's correct.
		Court judge in Toms River who rendered this decision	. 8	MR. McGUCKIN: But now it's okay for him
-		dated July 20th, 1978. So we're it's over 40	9	to give a legal opinion.
		years. Hard to believe. Finding that the the	10	MR. MICHELINI: This is
		Township of Berkeley acted in an arbitrary,	11	cross-examination. Absolutely,
		capricious, and unreasonable way in not allowing	12	MR. McGUCKIN: But for now it's okay for
- 1		de-annexation. Okay?	13	him to give a legal opinion.
	14	So let me I'm going to go through and	14	MR. MICHELINI: I'm not asking for his
		read some of the sections and ask you if you think	15	legal opinion.
		it's relevant, okay? to what we're doing here today?	16	MR. McGUCKIN: You are asking for his
	17	MR. McGUCKIN: So you have no objection	17	analysis.
- 1	18 19	to him testifying to legal conclusions and	18	MR. MICHELINI: I'm asking if it's he
1		legal opinions?	19	thinks if it's relevant to his legal analysis.
-1	20 21	MR. MICHELINI: Oh, no. He's already	20	That's correct.
. 1	22	testified extensively by giving a report that	21	MR. McGUCKIN: That's fine. You can ask
81	23	discusses legal matters. MR. McGUCKIN: So you agree then he's	22	him.
1	24	qualified to testify	23	MR. MICHELINI: You are absolutely
1	25	MR. MICHELINI: No. I don't agree he's	24 25	right. He isn't qualified. But since he
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62 64 4 MR. McGUCKIN: I didn't say he was not N. MR. MICHELINI: He's not an expert in 2 qualified, Mr. Michelini. 2 the law. You heard it from his own mouth. He 3 MR. MICHELINI: -- I have to go down 3 said that tonight. that road. 4 MR. McGUCKIN: I understand you're not 2 MR. McGUCKIN: You said it. 5 conceding. I just wanted it for the record. 6 MR. MICHELINI: Well, I did. And I said 6 That's all. Go ahead. 7 it in the past hearings, too. 7 So this case -- and I'm just going to 8 MR. McGUCKIN: And now you can 8 pick sections from it. 9 cross-examine. Q Α. You're going to cherry-pick sections? 10 MR. MICHELINI: I objected on the 10 0. It gives -- it gives a history of 11 record. And I have a continuing objection on Berkeley Township being set off from Dover Township in 11 12 the record to him testifying about the legal 1875, and then various portions being transferred to 12 13 standard, but he did. 13 Seaside Park, Seaside Heights, Beachwood, Ocean Gate, 14 MR. McGUCKIN: So now you're not Pine Beach, South Toms River, Island Beach at 14 15 objecting -different times. Do you see that? 15 16 MR. MICHELINI: Now I'm entitled -- I 16 A. Yes. 17 don't think he's qualified, but now I'm Okay. And that's -- and that's history. 17 Q. 18 entitled to ask cross-examination about legal 18 History is relevant; right? standards because he gave testimony concerning 19 19 Α. Generally, 20 it. I'm entitled to that. 20 Q. That's what I'm asking you. MR. McGUCKIN: So when you do 21 21 Α. Generally consistent with what your 22 cross-examination --22 clients testified to in the very beginning. 23 MR. MICHELINI: If you're going to deny 23 Q. And you have background in your report. 24 me, we'll put that right on the record. From your client's testimony. 24 Α. 25 MR. McGUCKIN: I didn't deny you. I'm 25 Q. Okay. So you thought that history was 65 4 going to put for the record just like you did. relevant; correct? You only included relevant 2

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You want to cross-examine him on now legal issues on a case that he has not cited in his report yet you testified about cases that were cited in his report. You are here to ask anything you want. I just want to get that on the record. That's all.

MR. MICHELINI: That's absolutely true.

MR. McGUCKIN: Thank you.

MR. MICHELINI: That is a hundred percent true because he didn't include this in his report. I'm sure if included it in his report, I'd be asking him about from the report itself.

MR. McGUCKIN: But you'd be objecting to him testifying.

MR. MICHELINI: I did object on his direct. But since the door was opened by the Board to allow that testimony in, I have the absolute right under the law to ask him questions about it.

MR. McGUCKIN: Nobody's stopping you.

MR. MICHELINI: That doesn't mean that I am conceding that he's an expert.

MR. McGUCKIN: I understand that.

information in your report; correct?

Α. I tried.

4 Right. So you thought history was relevant, just like Judge Addison did; correct? 5

> Α. Sure.

> > Q.

Then it gives a description of the area and says: South Seaside Park is an area. It covers three-tenths of a square mile of the approximately 41.9 square mile total area of the municipality. Or less than one percent. And extends 2500 feet from north to south. Is that relevant?

13 Α. Actually, I don't know that it is relevant.

> Q. Is it accurate?

A. Without seeing a map, I don't know what he's talking about, specifically. He doesn't -- did he bound it by streets?

Q. He's talking about the area of South Seaside Park. Okay? And he's saying in area it covers three-tenths of a square mile of the approximately 41.9 square miles of the municipality or less than one percent thereof, and extends approximately 2500 feet from north to south. Isn't that the same area we're talking about here?

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4 Α. I don't think so.

5 Q. You don't think it's relevant.

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7 0. What about the distant geographical location? Because that's talked about in here. Is 8

9 that relevant?

10 Α. I don't know the context within which it is discussed. To the extent that it may mirror some 11 of the testimony here, there may be some components of

13 it or -- when I say "here," I mean this hearing.

There may be some components of it that are relevant. 14

15 There may be some components that are not. I don't

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Q. So you don't know. You don't know if distance is relevant? The fact that it's 16 miles away. Okay? Distance is or is not a relevant issue?

I can tell you that -- quite sure the distance hasn't changed. Whether it's relevant to any particular issue, those --

> Q. Come on.

24 A. -- issues may have different --

different elements to them that may have caused that

4 Well, I'm going to read different issues

5 from A-112, and I'll ask you if they are relevant in

6 this matter. Okay?

7 First aid. Relevant in this matter?

8 A. I don't know. Oh, well, no. I'm sorry.

9 Q. That's relevant.

10 Α. First aid. Yes. Is relevant in this

11 matter.

12 0 Okay. The extent to which the mainland

township is undeveloped. Is that relevant in this

14 matter?

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Α. It was brought up by your witnesses.

16 Q. Do you think it's relevant?

17 No, but it was brought up by your Α.

witnesses.

19 You don't think that's relevant. Okay. Q.

20 That's fine.

Police protection. Is that relevant? 21

22 It's mentioned in your report.

23 A. It's mentioned in our report. Yes.

> Q. So you think it's relevant; right?

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- Q. What about the involvement of people in South Seaside Park in terms of where they worship? Is that relevant? That was in your report; correct?
 - A. It was in our report. Yes.
- Q. And where they shop, where they work.That's all relevant, is it not?
- 7 A. It's in our report. The degree of 8 relevance -- those are what your clients testified to. 9 I'm not conceding that all of that is relevant, and 0 that was explained in detail in our report.
- 11 Q. But you only included relevant 12 information in your report. You did say that; 13 correct?
- 14 A. I included what was testified to by your 15 clients.
- Q. There's a whole discussion in here about a place called White Sands Beach. Are you familiar with White Sands Beach?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. That's relevant, isn't it?
- 21 A. In what context?
- 22 Q. In the context of de-annexation and
- whether or not there would be injury to the people of
- Berkeley Township as a result of losing White SandsBeach?

- 1 minority population in Berkeley Township in the event2 of de-annexation would be extremely small in terms of3 any change?
- 4 A. I'm sorry. Say that again? I
- 5 apologize. Say that again?6 Q. No problem.
- Q. No problem,
 If South Seaside Park successfully
- de-annexes, what impact is that going to have on thepercentage of minorities in Berkeley Township
- 10 Mainland? What impact?
 - A. Very small impact.
- 12 Q. Less than one percent?
- 13 A. Whatever the number is.
- 14 Q. Probably less than one-tenth of one 15 percent.
- 16 A. Whatever the number is.
- 17 Q. Did you analyze that?
 - A. I did. But I'm sitting here. I don't
- 19 remember all the numbers in here.
- Q. This talks about how participation in municipal affairs is difficult given the distance.
- 22 Did you -- that's a relevant issue, isn't it?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And isn't it a fact that if de-annexation occurs, my clients will be in a position

- - to participate at a much greater level in municipalmatters because they can walk, they can bike, they can
 - 3 drive to a municipal meeting that's within a half a
 - 4 mile of their home?
 - A. If they choose to do that. Yes.
 - 6 Q. Well, sure. Isn't it logical to assume 7 that a population would participate -- more likely
 - 8 participate if they don't have to drive 45 minutes
 - 9 each way to a municipal meeting? Isn't it logical to 10 assume that?
 - 11 A. That is a logical assumption.
 - Q. Okav.
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 - A. But it also does not seem to be -- have been a hinderance to many of your clients who testified that they do participate.
 - 16 Q. Right. And they have been participating 17 for years principally on the issue, they testified, 18 that they wanted services over there. They wanted 19 de-annexation. Both those things came up; correct?
 - A. They came up, but I don't know how participating on the Housing Authority deals with de-annexation.
 - Q. Okay.
 - A. And I don't know how participating on the School Board deals with de-annexation. And I

- A. It was part of the discussion.
- Q. Do you -- is it part of your report?
- A. It is.
- Q. So it's relevant?
 - A. It -- yes.
- Q. The makeup of the Black and Hispanicresidents in South Seaside Park, is that relevant?
- 8 A. In terms of the judge's decision, or in 9 terms of our report?
 - Q. In terms of your report. Well, it's in the judge's decision. I'm pulling from the judge's decision. But is it relevant in terms of your report?
 - A. We've -- read the demographic issue again?
- Q. The makeup of Black and Hispanicresidents that populate South Seaside Park. Is thatrelevant?
- A. I guess you could say it's relevant. It ends up being a de minimus issue, but I guess you could say it's relevant.
 - Q. It ends up being a de minimus issue or a very minor issues because there are few minorities in South Seaside Park; correct?
 - A. Correct.
- 25 Q. So, therefore, the makeup of the

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don't know how participating on the Zoning Board deals 2 with de-annexation.

Q. And how many people -- how many people in total are in South Seaside Park?

> Α. I think the number was 490.

6 Q. And how many of them actually participated on those boards that you just mentioned? 7 8 Three?

> Α. No. Three testified.

Q. Okay. How many participated?

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12 Q. So how many ---

You never said whether there were more 13 Α. 14 or less so.

15 Q. And you never found that there were more 16 or less; correct?

> Α You have the burden of proof.

Q. Isn't it reasonable to assume that if the municipal facilities are within a half mile of walking that more than three would participate?

Α. If they are inclined to.

22 Q. The case talks about an area of Barnegat Bay set aside for a bathing beach. Do you know what 24 that's talking about?

I do not. I mean, if you're -- other

Addison said?

MR. MICHELINI: He's talking about -yes. He's talking about a bay beach.

4 A. You know, I don't know whether there 5 were any encumbrances --

> 0 An area on Barnegat Bay --MR. McGUCKIN: Thank you.

Q. -- set aside for a bathing beach.

Α. I don't know what the ownership situation was like. I don't know what the tideland situation was like. The DEP situation. It may have changed. I don't know. I know now the testimony was that it's really a shoreline. It's not a beach. It's very narrow. And it is not conducive to recreation,

Well, one of the reasons why it's not conducive to recreation is because A-6 shows it has all kinds of stuff on it, including pipes and large rocks -- and I'm not talking about the softball-size rocks. It has asphalt on it. Do you see those things in A-6?

Α. I think those are two different issues Those are -- that's an issue of litter and debris. That -- that is not an issue as to whether that beach is suitable to be a bathing beach.

Do you agree that A-6 shows a lot of

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litter and debris --

Α. Absolutely.

Q. -- on the bay beach?

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(There was a cell phone interruption.)

6 And nothing has changed in 40 years in terms of the area that was set aside on Barnegat Bay for a bathing beach. Nothing has changed there.

There isn't one there; correct? 9

10 I don't know anything about anything being set aside for a bathing beach. 11

> Q. So you're --

I know that this area is not a bathing beach. It's not on the ROSI. It's not on the DEP's area for beaches. And the testimony was it's more of a natural shoreline than it is intended for that kind of bathing recreation.

Do you agree that people living in South Seaside Park generally have a greater community of interests and activity with Seaside Park and other municipalities on the beach than they do with Mainland Berkeley?

Α. That was their testimony.

Q. Okay. And I'm -- that's also in Judge Addison's. I know you haven't read it.

1 than geography.

2 Well, that's what the case says. I show Q. 3 you A-6. That shows the bayside beach, does it not?

Α. Shows a portion of it. Yes.

Q. 5 Right. Wouldn't that be the area set 6 aside for a bathing beach? 7

MR. McGUCKIN: Well, hold on.

Q. If you know. If you know.

Α. I don't know what the judge was talking about.

11 So you don't know what the judge was talking about when he said there was an area set aside 12 13 for a bathing beach?

> That's the first I'm hearing of that. Α.

Okay. And what's happened in 40 years in terms of an area set aside for a bathing beach? Nothing; right? There's no beach.

> MR. McGUCKIN: Well, are you talking about the ocean beach or the bay beach?

MR. MICHELINI: No.

MR. McGUCKIN: What was the judge talking about?

MR. MICHELINI: We're talking about a bay beach.

MR. McGUCKIN: Is that what Judge

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The case talks about the loss of White Sands Beach and talks about how Berkeley still retains 2 numerous parks. Berkeley does still retain numerous parks in the event of de-annexation; doesn't it? 4 Ľ, A. Township-wide, yes. And it talks about how residents of 6 Q. Berkeley Township can go to other ocean beaches that 8 are actually beaches closer. And there are other 9 beaches that are closer. Seaside Heights is closer? 10 MR. McGUCKIN: Are you talking about 11 Judge Addison's report or his report? 12 MR. MICHELINI: Judge Addison's. 13 Q. But that's true, thought; right? Isn't South Seaside Heights closer to Mainland Berkeley, the 14 15 Seaside Heights beaches?

A. I guess in terms of traveling in from

the Mainland.

Q. And Seaside Park is closer; isn't that correct?

Α. Yeah.

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21 Q. And Ortley Beach is closer: isn't that 22 correct?

A. I'm not really sure about Ortley Beach.

> Q. You don't know.

> > And he mentions a county bay beach on

the mainland as well. Is there a county bay beach on

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Α. It wasn't testified to. I don't know. (There was a cell phone interruption.)

But we do know there were other bay beaches that have since been developed in the last 40 years, don't we? From the testimony of the Petitioners and the pictures?

Α. I'm not sure when they were developed. I know they are there. 10

11 Midway Beach. Has there been any real 12 changes to Midway Beach between 1978 and now?

> А I have no idea.

Q. You have no idea. So you don't really

15 know.

16 A Yeah. When I said, "I have no idea," it means I don't know. 17

What -- what about Midway Beach makes it 18 19 unique? Is it the single -- single-story cottages? Is it narrow lanes? What is it that makes it unique 20

21 in your mind? 22

Α. Give me a second.

Q. If it's unique. Is it unique?

A. I believe it is.

I think you testified to that.

(Reviewing.) If you go to Page 10 and A: 2 11 of our report, Page 10 shows a tax map with Midway Beach as the little tiny polygons or rectangles.

Q. Okay.

5 Д That are different from the rest of South Seaside Park. And then on Page 11 is an aerial 7 of that same area and -- and shows those -- I don't 8 remember the number, but shows those same properties.

And are they single-story or

10 double-story cottages?

11 Α. My recollection is that they are a story 12 or a story and a half.

> Q. You don't really know?

Α. I don't remember.

15 Q. Okay. Is -- is the size of them, is

that what makes them unique? 16

17 I think the size. I think their layout. 18 I think if you just simply look at the aerial, you can see that it's different than the rest of that section 19 20 of the township, South Seaside Park.

21 Q. Yeah. But just because something is 22 different doesn't make it necessarily unique; correct? 23

You could say that about every neighborhood in

Berkeley Township on the mainland, that they are different from the other ones; isn't that correct?

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A. Yeah. I think that -- to the extent they are different, they are unique. That's sort of the definition of the word. 3

Q. All right. So --

5 Α. But I think you're dealing with a community or a nexus of a couple hundred -- whatever the number is -- small little cottages or bungalows that are very close together that are rem -- probably 9 have been there a long, long time. Clearly more

than 40 years. And that have a charm, and dare I say 11 a uniqueness, that is different from the rest of the

community. The rest of South Seaside Park. 12 13 MR. MICHELINI: Can we mark this?

MR. McGUCKIN: 113?

(Photograph was marked as Exhibit A-113 for identification.)

17 Q. I'll show you what's being marked as A-113, which is identified on the back as a photo of Robert Schwartz, one of the Petitioners that testified, of the Lanes, which is the area that we're 21 talking about. Do you see that?

> A. Yeah.

23 Q. And that was taken in September. This

24 year.

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- Q. What's so unique about that? Α.
- That particular house? In this particular picture, I don't see anything unique about that particular house.
- Q. And if that's representative of much of the Lanes or Midway Beach, there's really nothing unique about it. If that's what it looks like; right?
 - Α. I don't think that's representative.
- Q. Okay.

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- Α. I drove through there. That, I don't think, is representative.
 - Q. In what way is it not representative?
- I do not believe that when I drove Α. through that there were a substantial amount of those houses -- of houses of that size. That height.
 - Well, let's check another one. Okay? MR. MICHELINI: Let's mark this one. (Photograph was marked as Exhibit A-114.)
- Again, A-114. Photo by Robert Schwartz dated 9-1-2019 of the Lanes and the oceanfront.
 - Is that the same house?
- Q. That shows -- that shows a small cottage and a big house. And I believe in the background, you see another adjacent large house; isn't that correct?

- A. That's what I said.
- 2 Q. Let's talk a little bit about social
- detriment. You talked a little bit about people from 3
- South Seaside Park, in order to go to church, they
- have to go outside of South Seaside Park because there
- are no churches in South Seaside Park; correct? 6
 - Α. Correct.
- 8 Q. But the fact is they are not going to
- Berkeley; isn't that right? They are not going to 9
- Berkeley Mainland. If they are Catholic, they're 10
- going to Seaside Park or Seaside Heights; correct? To
- 12 St. Catherine's or Our Lady of Help; isn't that
- 13 correct?
 - Α. Our Lady of Help?
 - Q. Perpetual Help. I left out a word.
- 16 Α. I have in here -- and I'm trying to find
- it -- different denomin -- a matrix of different 17
- denominations and where the closest -- or what I 18
- 19 believe to be the closest --
 - Q. Well, let me help you out. You talk
- 21 about Catholics going to St. Catherine's in South
- Seaside Park. You talk about Protestants going to the 22
- 23 nondenominational church in Seaside Park called the
- 24 Union Church. You talked about Lutherans going to
 - Lutheran Church in Lavallette. Hindi go to a worship
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- Α. Perhaps.
- 2 Q. And even that --
- 3 Α. Perhaps even -- is this the same house? 4 MR. McGUCKIN: Mr. Michelini, did you 5 say oceanfront?
 - MR. MICHELINI: Yes. In the Lanes.
 - So several of the homes along the ocean Q. are two story in Midway Beach: correct?
 - Α. That's what it would appear.
- 10 Q. And there's nothing unique about that, a two-story house on the ocean; correct? 11
- I -- I -- based on the limited 12
- 13 information you've shown me, it does not appear that those houses -- those individual two-story houses are unique except to say they may be unique within the 15 16 larger context of Midway Beach.
- 17 The Historic -- is Midway Beach on the Q. 18 Historic Register?
- 19 Α. The testimony was it's eligible to be 20 but it is not.
 - Q. Why not? Do you know?
- 22 Α. I have no idea.
- 23 O. So it's not on the Historic Register --
- 24 Α. That's what I said.
- 25 Ω -- to answer my question.

- center in Toms River. Methodists, Toms River.
- Baptists, Toms River. Mormon, Toms River. Greek
- Orthodox, Toms River. Muslims, Toms River. Jewish,
- Toms River. So a lot of people that -- of various
- faiths -- would have to go outside of South Seaside
- 6 Park in order to worship; correct?
 - Α. And outside of Seaside Park as well.
 - Q. And unless they are Catholic or they are
- 9 nondenominational Protestant; correct?
 - Α. Exactly.
 - Okay. But they are not going to
- Berkeley Township. They were not driving 16 miles
- 13 through 45 minutes to go to church in Berkeley
- 14 Township; is that correct?
 - What page is that chart on? Α.
- 16 Q. It's not on -- I don't have your -- I
- don't have it open to your -- your report.
- 18 Α. Because I believe -- and I want to hold 19 mv --
- The Jehovah's Witnesses have a place in 20 21 Berkeley but also have one in Toms River.
 - Α. Okay.
- 23 If that's what you're referring to, if Q. 24 you're a Jehovah's Witness, you're not driving all the 25

- is closer most likely; am I correct?
- 2 I wouldn't necessarily concede that 3 point.
- 4 Q. Okav.
- 5 Α. I go to a particular synagogue --
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- 7 Α. -- that is not the closest synagogue to
- 8 my house.

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- 9 Q. All right. But the point is, is that 10 the people from South Seaside Park, they are not going to Berkeley generally to worship; isn't that correct? 11
 - Α. I don't know that,
- 13 Q. You don't know that.
- 14 But you acknowledge that every place I 15 mentioned is closer than Berkeley. Toms River, Seaside Park, Seaside Heights; correct? Lavallette. 16
- 17 That's all closer than Berkeley, isn't it?
- 18 Α. If you're Methodist, you could go to 19 Bayville, Island Heights.
- 20 Q. But why would you go to Bayville if you could go to the big Methodist church in Toms River? 21
- 22 Because maybe you don't like big
- Methodist churches and maybe you like the pastor at 23 24 the Bayville Church.
- 25 Q.
 - Okav.

- places other than Seaside -- other than Bayville, I
- mean, they testified that they shop -- their big
- shopping they would do at the Kohl's Shopping Plaza in
- Toms River or the Ocean County Mall. Food shopping,
- they would go to the Acme in Seaside Heights. If they
- were going out to eat, they might be going to one of 6
- the places in Seaside Heights or outside the Seaside
- Heights into Lavallette. Did anybody testify they 8
- would be driving all the way to Bayville to do their 9
- shopping or to go out to eat? No one; correct? 10 11
 - Α. I do not believe so.
- 12 Q. And it's not reasonable to assume that 13 that would be a first choice, going all the way to 14 Bayville; isn't that right?
- 15 A. I don't know whether it's reasonable or 16 not. What's the store? If there's a Whole Foods in Bayville, I know a lot of people that would drive to 17 the Whole Foods in Bayville. 18
- 19 0 The -- Mr. Slachetka -- well, there 20 isn't a Whole Foods in Bayville.
- 21 Mr. Slachetka testified that if -- if the town lost South Seaside Park that they would be 22
- losing the second largest commercial area in the 23
- 24 township. Do you remember that testimony? It's in
- 25 his report.

- Α. That's the reason I go to the place of worship that I go to.
- Q. And how many people in South Seaside Park do you know that actually go outside of the area all the way to Bayville to worship? We had several people testify they go to the Union Church or Catholic Church. Did anybody testify that they drive all the way to Bayville to worship?
 - Α. No.
- 10 Q. Anyone?
- 11 Α. No.
 - 0 Okav.
- 13 Α. But we're not looking just now. We're 14 looking into the future as well. This is not a 15 snapshot in time.
- 16 Q. Correct. And, therefore, you think it's reasonable to assume that people will drive 90 minutes 17 18 roundtrip in the middle of the summer to go to church in Bayville. Not likely, is it? 19
- I think if I'm -- if I'm living in South Seaside Park, I'm driving a distance to go to where I 21 would worship.
- 23 Q. Okay, Okay, Mr. Wiser. That's your testimony. I got it.
- 25 Most people testify that they shop in

- 4 Α. I -- I have a recollection of it.
- 2 0 Is that accurate?
- I don't know whether it's accurate or 3 A. not. I know we didn't include it. I don't believe we included it in our report.
- 6 But you did rely upon Mr. Slachetka's Q. report, did you not?
 - Α. Yeah.

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- 9 Q. Okay. Well, in South Seaside Park, you
- have -- what do you have over there in terms of 11
- commercial? Do you know?
- 12 Α. There's a couple of small delis.
 - There's a couple of liquor stores. I think there's a
- bar restaurant. Tavern a tavern or two. It's not 15 a lot.
- 16 Q. There's not a lot. You got Ebby's, Chef Mike's, Bum Rogers, Stan's Subs, Art's Sandbar. And if you want to call the Motor Lodge as being a 18
- 19 commercial establishment, the Motor Lodge; right?
- That's pretty much it; right? 20
 - Α. I would guess.
 - Q. Do you know how much larger the
- 23 commercial area is on Mule Road? Do you know how much 24 larger it is?
- 25 Specifically, no, but it's larger.

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statistic, and you can check it. I'm not going to take the time to check it because it would take forever. But the assessments on the Mule Road businesses, which include the Berkeley -- the Holiday City Mini Mall, is 500 -- over \$546 million. And the 8 total assessments of the commercial property in South Seaside Park is a little over 11 million. So that would be a much, much bigger area?

> MR. GINGRICH: Through the Chair? Q. Correct?

MR. GINGRICH: Through the Chair? CHAIR WINWARD: Okay.

MR. GINGRICH: Your assessment of the mini mall in Holiday City, Berkeley -- being I live across the street -- has to be changed because that's a dying mall. There is hardly any activity in that mall as of any date you would like to talk about. There is more empty stores than there are full stores. And the merchants are having a problem because people simply don't go there anymore.

Thank you very much.

have shut down?

2 MR. GINGRICH: Not one, Budd. I can't 3

let you go with that.

Ä 0 How about Santander Bank? Is that in the mini mall?

> Α. I don't know.

Q. Okav.

> I will stipulate -- or I will concede A.

that there are larger commercial nodes on the mainland 9

than there are in South Seaside Park. 10

44 Q. Right. And all of Route 9 is a huge 12 commercial area?

> Α. Is that on the mainland?

Q. Is it?

> Α. Yeah. It's on the mainland. Nice.

Let's talk about the economic cost to

the people for living over in South Seaside Park. 17

18 Every time they want to come to a municipal meeting,

they have to drive 16 miles as we've talked about. 19

20 That's understood; correct?

> Α. Yup.

22 Q. And you included in your report a

23 discussion of economic costs to them. There is an

economic cost to them, is there not? 24

25 Uh-hum.

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So are you aware that there's a Crossroads Realty in the mini mall?

> Α. No.

Are you aware there's a place called Q. Paper Hut in the mini mall?

Α. No.

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7 Q. Are you aware that there's a dentist in the mini mall? 8

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10 Q. Are you aware there's a watch repair 11 shop in the minimall?

MR. GINGRICH: Not anymore.

13 Q. Okay. Are you aware of a Happy Hour Bar 14 and Restaurant?

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16 Q. Are you aware of Morales' General

17 Market?

18 A. I'm not aware of any specific 19 establishment.

20 Q. Well, I could go on. The list has about 21 20 different commercial --

> Α. Okay.

Q. -- establishments.

24 You don't doubt that they actually exist in the mini mall, to the extent maybe that one or two

1 Q. Okay. And I think you said it was \$2 and something per trip. 3

Α. I don't remember the number --

Q. Do you know what that is?

-- but I did do an estimated Α. calculation. Very rough.

7 Q. All right. Okay. Why don't you find it in your report?

9 Α. Oh, boy. That's going to take some 10 time.

0. Take a moment.

12 (Reviewing.) I think at the time I did 13 the calculation, \$2.70 -- excuse me. \$2.07.

> Q. Each way?

A. Yeah, Correct.

0. Okay. And so \$4.14 each -- roundtrip. Plus if you get off and take the Parkway, you got a 50

cent toll. If you don't take the Parkway, you don't

have the toll; correct?

Α. Sure.

21 Q. And you also analyzed that in relation to the postal rate, postal reimbursement rate. Don't 22 23 you talk about that?

> Α. The postal reimbursement rate?

Q. In other words, the mileage rate that

the employees gets from the post office -- or not -sorry. Not for the post office. I'm misstating.

The reimbursement rate from the IRS?

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- Q. I said "post office." I'm sorry.
- Yeah. I didn't know what you were Α. talking about.
- Q. Sorry. The IRS rate. I believe it's up to 58 cents, but it might be different per mile; correct?
- A. The number that we have is 2018, and it was for business travel, .545 cents. And then there's other categories that are much lower,
 - Q. What is it? Fifty-four?
 - A. Fifty-four and-a-half cents.
- 16 Q. Okay, And --

MR. MACKRES: For the record, the State

of New Jersey just increased it to 35 cents.

MR. MICHELINI: Thirty-five cents.

MR. MACKRES: Where 31 cents --

MR. MICHELINI: I believe the Federal right now is 58. But I could be wrong.

Q. So would it be fair to say that that rate takes into account other things such as not

24 25 simply the gas but the wear and tear on your vehicle? Q. That's one way. \$8.72 one way; correct?

2 Α. Could range from 2.88 to 8.72 one way.

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4 Q. So if somebody is being reimbursed at roughly 55 cents a mile and they go 32 miles, that's 5 going to be a little over \$16; correct? 6

7 Α. Say that again? I'm sorry.

8 Q. If somebody is being reimbursed at the rate of 55 cents or 54 and-a-half cents -- you can do it. If you can do it on here. .554 times 32 equals 11

\$17.72; correct? Or 73 cents? 12 A. Okav.

> Q. Is that -- okay,

So that's the real cost when you take

into effect -- into effect the wear and tear; right? 15

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> Well, this is the cost for business Α.

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Q. Right.

A. There are different costs that are lower

for different types of travel. But if we're going to 22

use business travel just to compare apples to apples, 23

24 I'll accept your figure. 25

Q. Right. And in addition to that, not

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1 Would you concede that?

> Α. I believe that's the case.

Q. Okay. Does it take into account 3 anything else?

- Α. I don't know.
- Q. Presumably the rate that the IRS sets is for businesses where employees are actually getting paid. That's not what they're getting paid, 58 cents or 54 and-a-half cents an hour for a trip. They are getting a wage plus they're getting reimbursement fee.
 - A. It's the reimbursement fee. Correct.
- So that's in addition to the wage, to Q. the best of your knowledge?
- In addition. Yeah. That would be if they don't drive it, they don't get it. If they drive it, they're entitled to, depending on the business.
- Right. And so taking into account the wear and tear of a vehicle as well as the gas, at the IRS reimbursement rate, what would a 32 mile trip or 16 each way, what would you get paid?

You can use the calculator if you like.

22 Hold on. Hold on. Hold on 23 (Reviewing.) We had calculated between -- hold on a 24 second.

We have a range of \$2.88 to \$8.72.

only is there the gas cost, the wear and tear on the vehicle, but there is also the cost to somebody's

time. Because time is valuable. Time has a value,

- 4 does it not?
 - A Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. And if somebody can get on their bike and be to the municipal meeting at three minutes or walk and be there in ten minutes or drive and be there in one minute, that -- that saves a lot of time

as compared with driving 16 miles, 45 minutes and then

- driving 16 miles, 45 minutes back; correct? 11
 - Α. Self-evident.
 - Right. And that would be a tremendous Q. benefit to the people of South Seaside Park from an economic standpoint if de-annexation were to occur; correct?
 - Α. I don't -- I don't disagree with that. I wouldn't say "tremendous" benefit, but a benefit.
 - Q. It's a matter of perspective, isn't it?
 - Α. It is.
- 21 Q. Now, in the last -- let's say from 2014 to 2017, are you aware as to whether or not Berkeley Township residents have suffered significant or 24 irremedial harm as a result of tax increases? 25

MR. McGUCKIN: Every resident?

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· de MR. MICHELINI: Every resident. I know there are -- there was -- there were numbers submitted. Those numbers would be based on the assessments of their properties times a tax rate. And I think everybody in the township is subject to the same tax rate and the same, presumably, method of assessment. MR. MICHELINI: Have this marked. (Tax Rates were marked as Exhibit A-115.) Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked A-115. I will represent to you that it was printed off the Ocean County Tax Board's website. The first link. A. Okay. Q. Okay? And as you can see, I've highlighted in green the tax rate for Berkeley Township for a number of years. Do you see that? A. Uh-hum, Q. Okay? And there's no reason to believe that that's wrong; correct? Α. I'm going to take you at your word. Q. Okay. So it appears that between 2014 and 2019 that the rate has gone up every year, and it's -- it's gone up a little bit every year; right?

MR. McGUCKIN: If you want to ask him a question about tax rates, that's fine. But you got to ask -- you got to get -- you got to go through the whole process as to that. MR. MICHELINI: We'll get there. Q. So are you aware of any significant harm being suffered by Berkeley Township residents as a result of these taxes -- tax rate changes? Α. I'm aware that your clients have testified that their -- or perhaps you have stated it. I honestly don't remember -- that there are -- or somebody has stated it, that there are -- that the people in South Seaside Park pay a lot in taxes. Q. Okay. But this isn't about tax shopping. We've never -- nobody has testified about

tax shopping, per se; correct. Of my clients? A. Actually, I wouldn't --

Q. Of my clients that have testified.

Α. I wouldn't say that.

Q. Generally speaking, they did not. They testified about services. They testified about

distance. They testified about lack of recycling 22

23 pickup. They testified about the inability to

24 participate in community affairs. They testified 25

about how if -- if they became part of South Seaside

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1 Α. (Reviewing.) Yeah. 2 Q. Okay. From 2014 to 2019. Gone up every 3 year. 4 Α. Actually --5 O. Just 2014 to '19? 6

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Okay. Well, that's fine. But I'm just Q. dealing with 2014 to '19, because I believe our experts talked about those -- well, they talked about 2014 and 2017 but now we're in 2019; correct?

> A Yes.

Okay. So that means that taxes have 0 gone up. If the rate's gone up and assessments stayed the same -- and I'll represent there hasn't been a reassessment since 2010 -- taxes have gone up; correct?

> MR. McGUCKIN: Well, objection. I mean, it's not just a question of whether the assessments go up. It's a question whether the assessed base value of the town has changed. And with Sandy it certainly changed between 2010 and 2019.

Well, let me ask you a question.

Park [sic], they would represent roughly 25 percent of the voting public in South Seaside Park -- in Seaside

Park; correct? They talked about a lot of things but 4

not a whole lot about taxes; correct?

5 Α. I think in the grand scheme of things, 6 not a whole lot, but I'm not saying it wasn't discussed.

8 Q. And were you here when Ken Moore testified that he never told the Petitioners the tax impact of de-annexation? 11

A. I believe he never told them. Yes.

Q. Yeah. And he never told them. I mean, you think he was telling the truth. He was under oath; correct?

Α. I have no reasonable reason to believe that Mr. Moore did not tell the truth.

Q. So are you aware as to whether or not the people on the mainland -- let's limit it to the mainland -- did they suffer serious tax harm or economic harm as a result of those rates going up? The tax rate changing from 2014 through 2019.

MR. McGUCKIN: How can he possibly testify -- how can he possibly testify as to individuals and residents of Berkeley as to the impact of the tax increases on them?

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MR. MICHELINI: Well, he can tell me if 4 2 he can't. 3 MR. McGUCKIN: There's 50,000 people in 4 Berkeley Township. 5 MR. MICHELINI: He can tell me if he 6 can't. 7 MR. McGUCKIN: It's not a proper 8 question. He can't give an answer as to 9 property owners --10 Let me ask you another question. 11 Do you know if there was massive layoff 12 between 2014 and 2019? 13 Α. I do not know. 14 Okay. Do you think you would know? You 15 think you would have heard about that? 16 Α. Only if you had brought it in. 17 Q. Okay. Do you know whether the budget 18 was balanced between 2014 and 2019? 19 MR. McGUCKIN: By statute it's balanced 20 every single year, Mr. Michelini. By law. 21 MR. MICHELINI: It was balanced. Thank 22 you. Thank you. I was asking Mr. Wiser. 23 MR. McGUCKIN: Well, it's a legal 24 question. It was balanced by law, 25 It was balanced; right? 103

it was? Check your report. You gave a lot of 2 testimony about that.

3 Α. (Reviewing.) Yeah. One-eighty-three-4 six.

5 MR. McGUCKIN: What page are you 6 referring to?

THE WITNESS: There's a bunch of charts that say the same -- that use that number. But let's for now go with Page 345.

Q. All right. So and you testified that based upon the tax rate from the year that he used -what was it, up from 2013 or '14?

> Α. I think it was '14.

14 Q. Okay. And what were the taxes based on 15 that?

Let me make sure I have the right --(Reviewing.) So before -- for a house that's assessed at 183,600, the total tax was thirty-five-eighty-nine.

Okay. So let's check that. So taxes Q. are based on a per hundred basis; right?

> A. Yes.

Q. The -- the rate is times per hundred. So if you divide one-eighty-three-six by a hundred, you get one-eight-three-six; right? And then when you times that times the rate in order to get the tax;

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Α. It's required to be balanced.

Q. The town doesn't declare bankruptcy; correct?

MR. CALLAHAN: We're not talking about the Federal budget; correct?

MR. MICHELINI: No. We're not talking about the Federal budget. Good point.

8 There's been testimony -- you're not 9 aware -- you've been working in this town for the last 10 five years; correct?

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Q. Okay. And you haven't heard about massive layoffs. You haven't heard that the police were reduced in number; correct?

15 Α. There's been no testimony to that 16 effect.

Okay. The budget has been balanced. The town hasn't declared bankruptcy. Has there been 18 any protests or uprising as a result of the tax rate 19 changes?

> Α. I do not know.

22 Okay. So let's -- lets figure out what 23 the taxes were. So I believe you testified that Mr. Moore was using the -- either average or median home of, what was it? One-eighty-three-six? Is that what

correct? So what was the -- what's the rate in 2000 -- let's try '14. One-nine-five-five; right? Is

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Q. All right. So you can watch when we do 7 this. I'll do it so that's faster. I know you can do it. But one-eight-three-six times 1.955 equals

three-five-eight-nine. Are we at the right number?

Yes. Sure we are. 10

> A Yeah.

12 O. It comes out perfect.

> Α. Wow.

Q. So the tax --

MR. MACKRES: Mr. Michelini, are you a

CPA or a tax assessor?

MR. MICHELINI: No. But I know how to do math. I'm very good at math. I don't know if you picked it up at these hearings, but I should have been a mathematician. But thank VOU.

Q. So a tax for 2013; right? This is --

23 well, we'll put it over here. Okay. So --24

Α. 2014.

Q. It was 2014. I'm sorry. Thank you.

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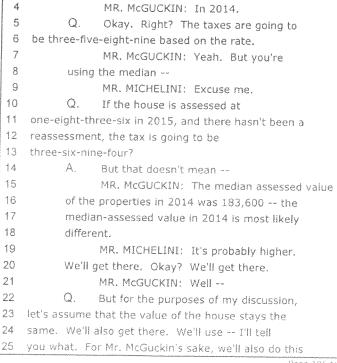
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the County, not to Berkeley Township.

MR. MICHELINI: Well, that may or may not be the case.

MR. GINGRICH: No. That is the case.

MR. MICHELINI: Okay. Fine.

MR. GINGRICH: So, okay? That is the case.

MR. MICHELINI: For every year all the way through 2019.

MR. GINGRICH: We haven't had a tax increase in Berkeley Township in four years.

MR. MICHELINI: But I'm not talking -
I'm not talking about the local purpose tax.

I'm talking about the -
MR. GINGRICH: You got to talk about that. That's the only money that comes into Berkeley.

MR. MICHELINI: Within the context of my questions -
MR. GINGRICH: That money does not come to Berkeley. That goes elsewhere.

MR. MICHELINI: That's fine, Mr. Gingrich.

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manufacture special	4	MR. GINGRICH: Oh, You're missing my	Maria Service	4		to do the math on that? Eighteen-thirty-six
44.044	5			5	times the	rate?
	6	MR. MICHELINI: No. I got your point.	SAME COMMAN	6	Α.	No. I'm going to let you do the math on
	7	You said there's no increase in the local	and the second	7	it, but 201	17 we're at?
Maria Mandradia	8	purpose tax. That's not my point.	- Carlotte	8	Q.	Sure.
Laboratoria de la constanta de	9	MR. GINGRICH: Okay.		9	Α.	2.080,
- [10	MR. MICHELINI: My point I'm not	4	0	Q.	Thirty-eight-twenty-five. All right.
1	11	saying there was an increase the local tax.	1	4		Was that 2 2017. What was the rate
-	12	I'm saying that generally if the house stays	1	2	for 2017?	
	13	the same value, you're going to pay more tax	1	3	A.	2017. I'm sorry. Hold on. 2,080.
-	14	because the rate keeps going up in Berkeley.	1.	4	Q.	Is that right?
Ì	15	MR. GINGRICH: Berkeley Township rate	1:	5	A.	Thirty-eight-twenty-five minus
-	16	doesn't go up. That's what I'm trying to tell	116	6	thirty-seve	n-ninety-eight. \$108.
- 1	17	you. That is the County rates that go up.	17	7	Q.	Okay. So that's \$108 increase. So and
1	18 19	MR. MICHELINI: This is the general rate	18	8	then 2008	
1	20	for Berkeley Township. It's right on the form.	19	9	Α.	2008?
1	11	MR. GINGRICH: And	20		Q.	'18. I'm sorry.
ŀ	. 1	MR. MICHELINI: It includes all kinds of	21			What is the rate?
-	3	taxes.	22		Α.	2.160.
ı	4	MR. GINGRICH: And does that include the County tax?	23		Q.	2.160, eighteen-thirty-six. So the
1	5	MR. MICHELINI: It includes school tax.	24			at same house would be how much? How much
		111	25)	is that? 3,0	
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NEW STATE OF THE S	apool p	It includes local purpose tax.	1		Α.	Thirty-nine-sixty-five rounded.
	2	MR. GINGRICH: Everybody. How about	2		Q.	Okay. And then for 2019?
-	3	that?	3		A.	2 2.167.
1	4	MR. MICHELINI: That is correct. It is	4		Q.	Okay. Thirty-nine-seventy-eight-
1	5	the general tax.	5	Ş	sixty-one. 1	Thirty-nine-seventy-eight. So in this
a de la companya de l	5	MR. GINGRICH: Even the County tax is in	6			ne the taxes will have if
	7	there.	7			MR. McGUCKIN: Have we done 2018? I
1	3	MR. MICHELINI: That is correct.	8		didn't	t hear the number.
10		MR. GINGRICH: And that's where	9			THE WITNESS: Yeah.
11		that money is going.	10			MR. MICHELINI: Yeah. 396,065?
112		MR. MICHELINI: That's correct.	11			MR. McGUCKIN: Yeah. But how much did
13		MR. GINGRICH: Thank you.	12		they s	go up?
14		MR. MICHELINI: But that's not my point of why I'm doing it. But thank you for that	13			THE WITNESS: Oh, I haven't done that
15		clarification.	14			I haven't done that yet. Hold on one
16		MR. GINGRICH: Okay.	15		secon	4.5
17		Q. So in the year 2016, what is the rate?	16	de f.	Q,	Subtract. Thirty-nine-six-five minus
18		A. Bear with me. 2,069.	17 18	Ci		wenty-five?
19		Q. All right. So it went up a little bit;	19		Α.	Six-five minus three-nine-two-five?
20	ľ	right? So if we figure out the tax for 2016 let's	20		Q. A.	Three-eight-two-five.
21		see. We got 18.36 times 2.069 equals thirty-seven-	21		Q.	Oh, I'm sorry.
22		ninety-eight. So now it's up again. Right? So	22	ie	140 bucks?	It's about 140 about 140 bucks. It
23		familia	23	13	A.	9.44
24		A. Let's do the math. A hundred four.	24		Q.	It's not working out. Hold on. Thirty-nine-six-five?
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and a total design of	4	Arm to deliver	110
De	1 Q. Three-eight-twenty-five?	1000	1 MR. McGUCKIN: Okay. And 105
F	A thirty-eight-twenty-five.	į	2 MR. MICHELINI: I said 2014 to 2019, but
	3 Q. \$140?	W STANLAND CO.	it is five years of increases.
1	A. It's not working out here,		MR. McGUCKIN: And 105, 104, 108, 140
1	There's something going on. Why don't	String agency	5 and 13; correct?
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8	1 man and march		MR. McGUCKIN: Well, I just want to
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11	The state of the morning. Go okay. Go wen,	1	Whatever he testified to.
12	the state of the s	12	Q. So and Mr. Moore, you testified to
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14		14	clear. I come up with \$470. You said
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17	The second of the second of the second cight.	17	three-eighty-nine.
18	720/001.000	18	THE WITNESS: So if we go three-nine-
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20	- Star this city difference	20	
21	between I mean the difference between the top	21	figure
22	number and the bottom number is almost \$400. It's	22	MR. MICHELINI: I think we're looking at
23	about 390 bucks; correct?	23	
24	 A. Whatever the math works out. 	24	MR. McGUCKIN: Correct.
25	Q. Well, it's the difference between	25	MR. MICHELINI: Go ahead.
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and design	three-nine-seven-eight and three-five-eight-nine. So	1	THE WITNESS: Is \$389.
2	given a house you can do that. It's about \$390.	2	MR. McGUCKIN: But if you add \$105
3	389?	3	starting 2015, \$104 in '16, 108 in '17, \$140 in
4	A. \$389.	4	'18, \$13 in '19, that's the increases. And
5	Q. Okay. So \$389. So if a house stays the	5	it's \$470 divided by five.
6	same in terms of value and the rate has changed, if	6	MR. MICHELINI: All right.
7	the house is assessed at one-eighty-three-six and	1 7	MR. McGUCKIN: Right?
8	hasn't gone up in value, all right? Then the taxes	8	MR. MICHELINI: I didn't do the math the
9	have gone up \$389 between 2014 when we filed our	9	way that you just did it. So it's either the
10	petition and 2019, now. On the average, for what was	10	389 or 470, but it's a lot of money; right?
11	then back in 2014, the median-value house.	11	Q. It's a significant amount of increase
12	MR. McGUCKIN: Two things.	12	
13	Q. Do you understand that?	13	MR. McGUCKIN: It's ninety-some dollars a year.
14	MR. McGUCKIN: No. I don't. And I want	14	
15	to understand the question. Because you're	15	5
16	talking you're talking six years. You're	16	according to the schedule that he was using with the
17	talking increases of five years, however;	17	one-eighty-three-six and what you testified about specifically with regard to Moore, was using his
18	correct? You keep saying 2014. The first	18	analysis aliminating one can and an are the title
19	increase was 2015,	19	analysis, eliminating one cop and one car, that the
20	MR. MICHELINI: Yes. That's correct.	20	the cost increase to the median-priced home of
21	MR. McGUCKIN: So it's five years of	21	\$183,600 would be \$156; correct? That's on the next page I believe.
22	increase,	22	
23	MR. MICHELINI: Five years of increase.		A. (Reviewing.) Correct.
21	THE PERIOD HAS ARE	23	Q. Okay. And yet there have been increases

MR. McGUCKIN: Not six.

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MR. MICHELINI: That is correct.

 $\,$ 24 $\,$ of \$400 or so over the last five years, which is just

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correct?

- Α. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. And if we took Mr. -- in 2017 if we took the average price according to Mr. Ebeneau of one-ninety-nine-five and applied the tax rafe, which would be one-nine-nine-five -- or the -- divided by a hundred, and applied the tax rate of 2.167, using what Mr. -- Mr. McGuckin referred to is --8

You know what? Let's go to 2'17 and 10 assume that this house at one-eighty-three-six actually increased in value and was taxed at an increased value. There hasn't been a reassessment, so 13 it wouldn't be taxed. But assuming, using Mr. 14 McGukin's information of the more current value. 15 Okav? So we got one-nine-nine-five times 2. --

- 16 one-nine-nine-five times 2.167. The increase in the 17 tax would be forty-three-twenty-three. Another over \$300. So now we're talking \$700 in increased taxes; 18 19 right?
- 20 Α. Okay.
- 21 Math doesn't lie. We may get it wrong, 22 but it still doesn't lie.

So my point is that the increases that the average Berkeley homeowner has endured as a result of the tax rate changing actually far exceeds what Mr.

MR. MICHELINI: It's not relevant. CHAIR WINWARD: -- to base this on. MR. MICHELINI: I'm not presenting it for relevance to comparing to Seaside Park. What I am showing is Mr. Moore talked about there would be \$156 tax increase. And that is not -- the reality is, is that the average homeowner has an increase of -- had an increase of more than that in a two-year period between 2014 and 2016.

CHAIR WINWARD: But did Mr. Moore testify on your behalf?

MR. MICHELINI: Yes, he did. So the point is --

CHAIR WINWARD: So that's where we're confused here.

MR. MICHELINI: Well, the point is, is that if the people of Berkeley Township could abide these types of increases over the years, \$156 increase -- I mean, if you're basing it on the actual value in 2017, that's -- that's a \$700 swing between 2014 and 2017 if you go from --

MR. McGUCKIN: We said over the five years, it was \$94. And what you're telling us

Moore says the impact will be from de-annexation in the example that you were testifying about; isn't that

Well, the impact would be stacked. So you've got the impact from de-annexation on top of the background increases.

Q. You would. Right. If the rate changes, you're going to have all these increases. Without a doubt you're going to have these increases. But we're adding an additional increase of \$156, which pales in comparison to the increases that have just naturally occurred over the last several years; isn't that correct? Has there been any -- there have been no protests. There's been no layoffs; correct?

14 I don't know that, 15 CHAIR WINWARD: Mr. Michelini? 16 MR. MICHELINI: Yeah. 17 CHAIR WINWARD: We hit over the two-hour 18 point, but I was wondering if you could wrap 19 this up. 20

But I still don't know if I understand. Like, how does this compare with the tax increases for Seaside Park or Toms River? Other areas adjacent? We have no frame of reference --

is that \$94 a year average increase on top of that, they're going to get \$156. So that's one and-a-half times more of a tax increase than they would get -- and they received over the past five years. One and-a-half times multiplier based on the tax increases they already have. Plus they're going to receive annual increase, I'm sure. Just because that's the way life is right now. So and that goes on forever. So you're changing the base tax that they pay, and that will continue assuming there is de-annexation.

MR. MICHELINI: Well, yeah. But the base tax stays steady at 156. It doesn't necessarily go up. Okay? Number one.

And the point of showing this is \$156 increase is not going to be the disaster that everybody projects it to be when the taxes have been going up hundreds of dollars over a period of five years,

MR. McGUCKIN: They average \$94 an increase per year.

MR. MICHELINI: That's correct.

MR. McGUCKIN: And the increase is going to \$156 on top of the next \$94, that would also

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be realistic to assume.

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MR. MICHELINI: Right. Right.

MR. McGUCKIN: So for that year, it's going to be almost \$250 increase in one year, and that base is going to stay that way forever after that if de-annexation occurs; am I correct?

MR. MICHELINI: No. It won't stay that way forever because the town is going to add ratables on the mainland.

MR. McGUCKIN: Well, that's an assumption that's never proven true.

MR. MICHELINI: It's not an assumption.

Isn't it a fact, Mr. Wiser, that Mr. Ebeneau testified that ratables would be added on the mainland? That he projected that? Not for purposes of de-annexation but for other purposes. He projected over the next five years, there would be \$50 million?

> MR. McGUCKIN: He could project -- you could project anything you want. But as of right now, they're going to get \$250 rate increase.

23 Well, that's true. And those ratables 24 are specifically designed to reduce and ameliorate the impact of tax -- of tax increases absent 25

correct? You're not in a position to criticize the

methodology that he used in determining how much de-annexation would cost taxpayers in Berkeley

Township Mainland?

I accept his number. A.

Q. Okay. You accepted his number.

7 Α. I accept that number.

8 Okay. And Mr. Ebeneau never criticized Q. 9 the methodology of Mr. Moore in his report or his testimony, did he? He did it different, but he never criticized Mr. Moore; isn't that correct? 11

12 He did it differently. He came up with different numbers. Did he actually come out and say 13 14 that Mr. Moore was wrong? No, he did not.

Okay. And we can't rely upon Mr. Ebeneau because his reports -- even his latest 16 reports -- had errors in them. Even the final reports had errors; isn't that correct?

19 Yeah. So that 500 million is also Α. 20 suspect.

21 0. So you think all of his testimony is 22 suspect?

23 Α. I think it's questionable. I don't

24 know.

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de-annexation.

Q. Okay. But didn't Mr. Ebeneau testify that he expected \$50 million in ratables over the next five years?

> Α. I forget the number.

Okay. Well, I will represent to you 6 Q. 7 that he testified that,

Α. Okay.

> Q. Didn't Mr. Ebeneau testify --

> > Well, by the way, do you accept Mr.

Ebeneau's conclusions? You didn't talk about it much in his report -- in your report.

Frankly, I thought Mr. Ebeneau had -there was so much confusion between his first report and his second report and then his various testimonies that I decided it was better just to go with your number -- with Mr. Moore's number.

But you couldn't really rely on Mr. Q. Ebeneau's reports with all the confusion. Wouldn't 19 that be fair to sav?

Α. I didn't understand it well enough to be able to rely on it.

And so you went with Mr. Moore's number. Q. But you're not in a position as a -- as a planner to criticize the methodology that Mr. Moore used;

this is from the Township -- that the Berkeley

Township can recover in less than five years from the

economic impact of de-annexation? Do you remember

that testimony?

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6 Q. Okay. And you don't know if that's true 7 or not.

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Α I don't. And I also don't know that 9 it's relevant.

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Oh, you don't think it might be -- you don't think it's relevant? 12

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Q. If they can recover in five years?

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15 Q. Or less -- actually, his testimony was 16 less than five years.

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O. He also said that the impact of the tax rate was 12.5 cents per hundred as a result of de-annexation. He first started out at 15.5, you may recall, and then I got him down to 12.5 or 12.3?

That's why I never used his numbers. CHAIR WINWARD: Excuse me, Mr.

Michelini.

MR. MICHELINI: Yes.

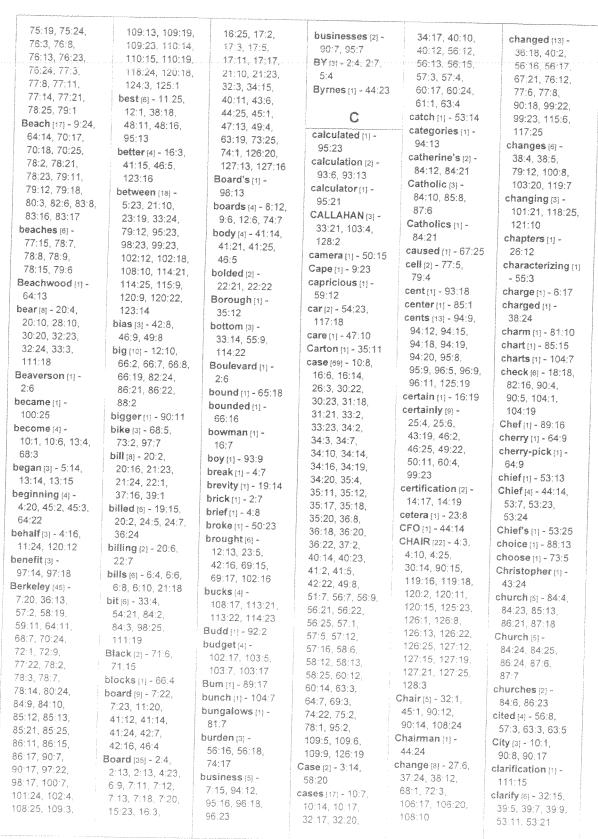
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	1 2	two hours now. Even though he's his firm	e	1 entertain a motion to adjourn.
	3	may by getting hundreds of thousands of	e a de la companione de	2 MR. CALLAHAN: I'll make a motion.
	4	dollars. We just had a few Reese's Pieces	TAT-UATE BANKE	3 CHAIR WINWARD: And a second?
	15	ourselves, and a lot of us have to work	November 1	4 COUNCILMAN BACCHIONE: Second.
	6	tomorrow.	-	5 (The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.)
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	8	MR. MICHELINI: I'll wrap it up now.	water water	7
	9	CHAIR WINWARD: I assume you're going to have another meeting.		8
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	11.	MR. MICHELINI: I'll let you know.		10
	12	Maybe I did enough that I don't, but I'll let	- 1	11
	13	you know.		12
	14	CHAIR WINWARD: And, also, I have a	1	(3)
	15	question for our attorney. Since the	- Paris	4
	16	40-year-old report was admitted into evidence.	1	5
	17	Is that something we need to evaluate in order	1	6
	18	to make a decision?	1	7
	19	MR. McGUCKIN: Mr. Michelini introduced	1	8
	20	the court case from 1978, and it's an exhibit.	4	9
- Company	21	And the Board should review all the exhibits in	2	0
Thursday.	22	this matter.	2	
		CHAIR WINWARD: And should we know tax	2	
	23	rates from that year, too? Does that matter?	2	3
visite common	24	MR. McGUCKIN: No. I don't think 1978.	24	4
	25	CHAIR WINWARD: I'm just making sure.	25	5
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	1	So anyhow	1	CERTIFICATE
Wrya) (exist	2	FROM THE FLOOR: Time to quit.	2	
Wildeline .	3	MR. McGUCKIN: We'll be in touch then,	3	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "
CHOMOSIN	4	Joe? We'll talk?	5	reporter and rectary raphic of the State of Men
-	5	MR. MICHELINI: Yeah. We'll be in	6	ended the foregoing is a life
-	6	touch.	7	and a doc cranscript of the proceedings.
Total Assessment	7	MR. McGUCKIN: All right,	8	I further certify that I am neither
-	8	MR. MICHELINI: I'll just decide. I'll	9	attorney, of counsel for, nor related to or
WATER COMMISSION	9	just be going over stuff that, if I made my	10	on profes of any or the parties to the action:
and desirable	10	points, then I'll let you know.	12	reserve and a grant floor a reladione of Elliblohee of
	11	THE WITNESS: Can we assume that	13	and the state of t
1	12	CHAIR WINWARD: Thank you very much.	14	manested in the action.
	13	THE WITNESS: the Board will have	15	
	14	what is it, redirect for me?	16	
The state of the s	15	CHAIR WINWARD: I think it's fair to say	17 18	
ě	16	that the Board has some questions.	19	0 0 5 000 0
1	17	THE WITNESS: And what is the next	20	Darlen Sillitor (4+1)
1	8	meeting date, if I may?		DARLENE SILLITOE, CCR
1	9	CHAIR WINWARD: November 8th or 7th.	21	License No 30XI0102300
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1	11	CHAIR WINWARD: It's a Thursday night.	ha ha	
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	3	MS. HUGG: November 7th.		Dated: October 30, 2019
	4	THE WITNESS: Gotcha, Thank you.	24	My Notary Commission Expires
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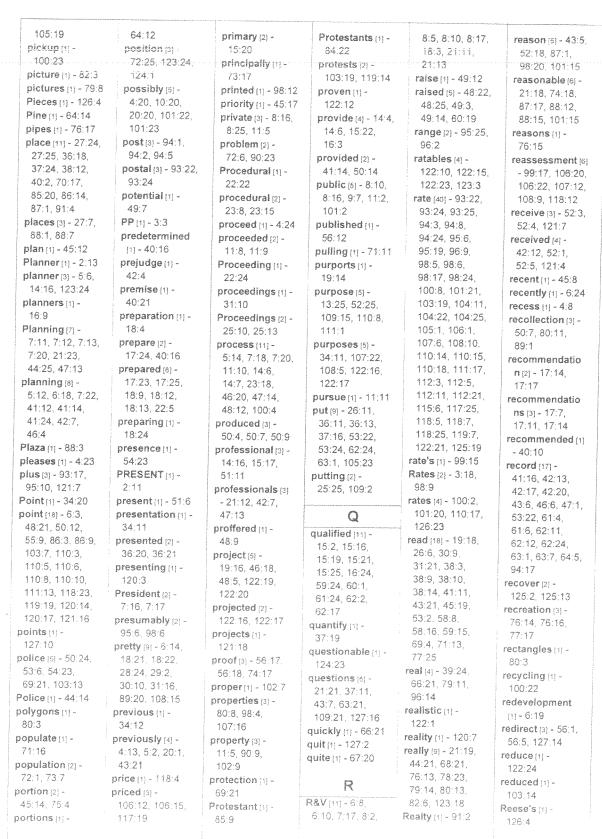
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