

**INSTALLATION AND REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE 2023 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COURTROOM OF THE HONORABLE LISA MIRALLES WALSH, ASSIGNMENT JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, 2 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

The Honorable Lisa Miralles Walsh, Assignment Judge, Superior Court of the County of Union, offered welcoming remarks and introduced the Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari, New Jersey State Senate President, Chairman of the Union County Democratic Committee and Master of Ceremonies who called the Installation Ceremony to order.

2023 INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF UNION COUNTY

WELCOME

Honorable Lisa Miralles Walsh,
Assignment Judge, Superior Court,
County of Union

The Honorable Lisa Miralles Walsh welcomed everyone to Union County's Board of Commissioners 2023 Installation and Reorganization Meeting. She recognized Governor Phil Murphy, NJ State Senate President and U.C. Democratic Committee Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari, and State Senator Joseph P. Cryan as well as all the other elected officials and distinguished guest and thanked them for attending the evening's ceremony. She also recognized her esteemed colleague sitting to her right, the Honorable John G. Hudak. She noted that she was happy and honored to be able to welcome everyone to her newly renovated courtroom, and thanked County Manager Edward T. Oatman and all the County staff for their efforts to that end. She extended her congratulations to everyone being honored that evening and thanked them for their unwavering commitment to public service, adding that she looked forward to working with them in the future. The Honorable Lisa Miralles Walsh turned the meeting over to the Master of Ceremonies, the Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari and thanked him for allowing her to be a part of the 2023 Installation and Reorganization Meeting for the Union County Board of County Commissioners.

OPENING REMARKS

Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari, New Jersey Senate
President, and Chairman of the Union County
Democratic Committee

The Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari, NJ Senate President Union County Democratic Committee Chairman, welcomed everyone to the 2023 Installation Ceremony of the Union County Board of County Commissioners, noting that it was an honor and privilege to once again serve as the Masters of Ceremonies on this special day. The Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari noted that it was his distinct honor and privilege to serve as Chairman of the Union County Democratic Committee for the last five years, adding that this year he also had the distinct honor of serving as NJ's Senate President. He noted that his success and efforts would not be possible without the help and support of Union County and the many distinguished guests in attendance. He advised that this was his 25th year attending Union County's Installation Ceremony and Reorganization Meeting, adding that under the leadership of Charlotte DeFilippo, the Democrats secured exclusive leadership of Union County in 1997 and their efforts continued going strong into today.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE &
SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Honorable Peter Corvelli,
Union County Sheriff

RECOGNITION OF HONORED GUESTS

Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari, New Jersey State
Senate President, and Chairman of the Union County
Democratic Committee

NJ Senate President Scutari recognized several distinguished guests in attendance, including: Governor Phil Murphy and NJ Senator Joseph P. Cryan; General Assembly members Linda Carter, James J. Kennedy, Annette Quijano, and Reverend Reginald Atkins; Constitutional Officers Sheriff Peter Corvelli, Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, and the newly-elected surrogate Christopher Hudak. He also recognized the following Mayors: Derek Armstead of Linden, Adrian Mapp of Plainfield, Donald Shaw of Roselle, Christopher Capodice of Springfield, and Joshua Losardo of Scotch Plains and thanked them for attending. He also recognized the many local Council Members in attendance. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and invited the Honorable Phil Murphy to offer his remarks.

HONORED GUEST REMARKS

Honorable Phil Murphy, Governor
State of New Jersey

Governor Phil Murphy recognized NJ Senate President Scutari and State Senator Cryan and thanked them for their support, noting them as greater leaders. He thanked the Honorable Lisa Miralles Walsh for hosting the 2023 Installation Ceremony of the Union County Board of Commissioners. He noted that it was an honor to one again attend and participate in Union County's 2023 Installation and Reorganization meeting, adding that the comradery displayed in Union County was a model for the State of NJ and the entire nation. He noted the strength and values displayed by Union County and their commitment to education, health care, environmental justice, and criminal-justice reform. He added that regardless of political affiliation, Union County consistently elected great leaders to public office that continued to protect and promote the interest of all County residents. He reiterated that it was an honor and privilege to participate in the evening's proceedings, and thanked Union County for always extending a warm welcome. He closed by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

NJ Senate President Scutari invited the Honorable Senator Joseph P. Cryan to offer his remarks.

HONORED GUEST REMARKS

Honorable State Senator Joseph P. Cryan
State of New Jersey

Senator Cryan recognized the invaluable leadership of NJ Senate President Scutari, adding that he had played an instrumental role in redefining participatory government and implementing the necessary changes to make it work under real-life conditions. He also congratulated NJ Senate President Scutari for a successful year in his new role as NJ Senate President. He thanked Governor Phil Murphy for his leadership, adding that he was proud to be able to participate in the evening's proceedings alongside so many principled and dedicated leaders. Senator Cryan noted that Union County was a great place with valuable resources and served as a model for what good government can do for its constituents under the right leadership.

NJ Senate President Scutari invited the Honorable County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi to certify the Election.

CERTIFICATIONS OF ELECTION

Honorable Joanne Rajoppi,
Union County Clerk

The Honorable Joanne Rajoppi, Union County Clerk, recognized NJ Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari and the other distinguished guests, including Governor Murphy and Assignment Judge Lisa Miralles Walsh, among others. County Clerk Rajoppi noted that NJ Senate President Scutari had received bipartisan praise for his efforts this year as New Jersey's new Senate President.

Christopher Hudak, Union County Surrogate

County Clerk Rajoppi read the Certification of Election of Christopher Hudak, certifying that Christopher Hudak had received the highest number of votes and had been duly elected to a term of five years to the Office of Union County Surrogate at the General Election on Tuesday, November 8th, 2022.

Bette Jane Kowalski, Union County Commissioner
Sergio Granados, Union County Commissioner
Rebecca L. Williams, Union County Commissioner

County Clerk Rajoppi read the Certification of Election of Commissioners Bette Jane Kowalski, Sergio Granados, and Rebecca L. Williams to the Union County Board of Commissioners. County Clerk Rajoppi certified that Commissioners Bette Jane Kowalski, Sergio Granados, and Rebecca L. Williams had received the highest number of votes and were duly elected to a term of three years as Commissioners of the Board of Union County Commissioners at the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

CERTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT

Honorable Joanne Rajoppi,
Union County Clerk

Joseph C. Bodek, Union County Commissioner

County Clerk Rajoppi read the Certification of Appointment of Commissioners Joseph C. Bodek to the Union County Board of Commissioners on behalf of NJ Senate President and Union County Democratic Committee Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari. On behalf of NJ Senate President and Union County Democratic Committee Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari, County Clerk Rajoppi certified that Joseph C. Bodek had been selected by the Union County Democratic Committee at a meeting held on December 14, 2022, in accordance with the law, to fill a vacancy left behind by the resignation of former Commissioner Christopher Hudak.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO SURROGATE CHRISTOPHER HUDAK

NJ Senate President Scutari spoke relative to Christopher Hudak, noting his many years of service as a Freeholder and Commissioner as well as his previous role as Chairman of Linden's local Democratic Committee and Aide to former Senator Joseph Suliga. He recognized Christopher Hudak as a tremendous public servant, leader and an outstanding choice to be the next Union County Surrogate.

The Honorable Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari introduced Union County Surrogate Christopher Hudak and administered his Oath of Office.

Holding the Bible for Surrogate Hudak were his wife Terri, joined by their daughter Catherine and son Jackson.

Surrogate Hudak offered his remarks.

Surrogate Hudak recognized Governor Murphy, NJ Senate President Scutari, Senator Joseph P. Cryan and all of the other distinguished guests present and thanked them for attending Union County's 2023 Installation Ceremony. He thanked his wife, Terri, and children Catherine and Jackson for their unyielding support in his capacity as a public servant over many years. He thanked NJ Senate President Scutari for administering his Oath of Office and for his many years of support, friendship, and good advice. Surrogate Hudak noted his focus on enhancing and streamlining the services and resources provided to residents through the Union County Surrogate's Office. He advised he was committed to continuing the legacy left behind by former Surrogate, James LaCorte, in providing quality and compassionate service to residents dealing with loss. He noted the many forthcoming changes he intended to institute under his leadership, including web-based services and the creation of a satellite office, with the assistance of County Manager Oatman, to conveniently accommodate residents throughout Union County. He noted that he was honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve as Union County Surrogate and congratulated his Commissioner colleagues on their reelections and wished them well in their new terms. He also noted that he was pleased with the appointment of Joseph C. Bodek to the Union County Board of Commissioners, adding that he was confident in Commissioner Bodek's ability to serve the people of Union County in his new capacity as he had done for the residents of Linden. He reaffirmed his commitment to public service, adding that he looked forward to the next five years as Union County Surrogate.

NJ Senate President Scutari noted that Union County remained committed to ensuring that every resident's voice were heard, noting the County's tremendous efforts relative to COVID-19 and their response to the pandemic which including testing, vaccinations, and emergency food distributions to tackle food-insecurity. He noted that he was incredibly proud of Union County for these efforts.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI

NJ Senate President Scutari noted that Bette Jane Kowalski was elected to her first term as Union County Freeholder in 2004 and congratulated her for being reelected every three years since then. He also noted her chairmanship on the Board of Chosen Freeholders in 2007 & 2019. NJ Senate President Scutari praised Bette Jane Kowalski for her commitment to public service, noting her as a very knowledgeable and capable individual.

The Honorable Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari introduced Union County Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski and called upon the Honorable New Jersey State Governor Phil Murphy to administer the Oath of Office to Commissioner Kowalski.

Holding the Bible for Commissioner Kowalski was her husband, Andrew Lanset.

Commissioner Kowalski offered her remarks.

Commissioner Kowalski thanked NJ Senate President Scutari for his unwavering support relative to Union County and its Board of County Commissioners, adding that she looked forward to continuing to work tirelessly to improve the lives of residents in the County of Union. She noted NJ Senate President Scutari's commitment to resolving various issues plaguing NJ residents, including his support for affordable housing. Commissioner Kowalski thanked Governor Murphy for his leadership and for attending the evening's proceedings, adding that she was honored to have him administer her Oath of Office. She also thanked Judge Miralles Walsh for hosting the Union County Commissioner's 2023 Installation Ceremony. She recognized her husband, Andrew Lanset and thanked him for his support as she continued her efforts as a public servant. Commissioner Kowalski also recognized her running mates, Sergio Granados and Rebecca Williams, adding that she considered the Board of Commissioners a family that worked together to meet the growing needs of Union County residents. She closed by noting that she was honored and privileged to have been elected by the residents of Union County to an additional term as Commissioner and reaffirmed her commitment to her colleagues and their efforts in making Union County a better place for everyone.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS
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NJ Senate President Scutari recognized Sergio Granados as a native of the City of Elizabeth and the youngest person to ever be elected to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, now Board of Union County Commissioners, adding that in 2019 he was re-elected to his 3rd term to the Board. He noted Sergio Granados as a committed public servant with a distinguished political career spanning nearly a decade. He also noted Sergio Granados hands-on approach to public service. NJ Senate President Scutari also recognized Sergio Granados tremendous efforts relative to the County's COVID-19 response as the Public Safety Committee Chairman in 2021. NJ Senate President Scutari noted Sergio Granados leadership, unyielding commitment to public service, and his growing popularity among constituents, adding that he was proud to be able to call him a friend.

The Honorable Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari introduced Union County Commissioner Sergio Granados and called upon the Honorable New Jersey State Governor Phil Murphy to administer the Oath of Office to Commissioner Granados.

Holding the Bible for Commissioner Granados were his mother, Fernanda Correia and sisters, Vanessa Correia, and Stephanie Abuhamoud.

Commissioner Granados offered his remarks.

Commissioner Granados recognized the voters of Union County and thanked them for once again putting their faith in him to serve as County Commissioner. He noted that the voters had elected members to the Commissioner Board that continued to prioritize the growing needs of residents. He thanked the members of the NJ Legislature for their efforts, adding that under their leadership, NJ was headed in the right direction, highlighting the needs of residents by funding necessary programs and taking a hands-on approach to public service. Commissioner Granados closed by thanking everyone present for attending the Board's 2023 Installation Ceremony.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE AFFIRMATION TO COMMISSIONER REBECCA L. WILLIAMS

NJ Senate President Scutari spoke relative to Rebecca Williams, noting that she was elected to her first term as County Freeholder in 2019 and went to serve as Commissioner Chair to the Board of Union County Commissioners in 2022. He also noted her leadership and efforts relative to the creation of Union County's first inclusive LGBTQ space, Temike Park, within Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield. He advised that in addition to her work as a public servant, Rebecca Williams was a full-time faculty member at Essex County College where she taught American, African American, and Women's Literature in addition to various other courses. He added that she also served on Essex County College's Curriculum Committee and in 2022, served as Chair of the College's Humanities Conference. He noted that she was also the co-faculty advisor to Essex County College's Gay & Straight Alliance (GSA). He recognized Rebecca Williams for her plethora of knowledge and experience as well as her commitment to public service.

The Honorable Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari introduced Union County Commissioner Rebecca L. Williams and called upon the Honorable New Jersey State Governor Phil Murphy to administer the Affirmation of Office to Commissioner Williams.

Joining Commissioner Williams for her Affirmation was her partner, Veronica Taylor.

Commissioner Williams offered her remarks.

Commissioner Williams thanked everyone for their continued support relative to her recent re-election as well as the support she received as she served as 2022 Chair of the Union County Board of County Commissioners. She noted that she anticipated the Board, under the leadership of Chairman Granados, would continue to support the Chair initiatives she set forth in 2022. She recognized Mayor Adrian Mapp and Councilman Barry Goode of Plainfield and thanked them for attending the evening's proceedings. She thanked Governor Murphy, NJ Senate President Scutari, County Manager Edward T. Oatman, Surrogate Hudak, Sheriff Corvelli, and the rest of her colleagues for their support and continued efforts. Commissioner Williams emphasized the importance of good government, adding that she was proud and honored to serve as a public servant in Union County, formerly as Councilwoman in Plainfield and now as Union County Commissioner. She also emphasized the importance of coordinating efforts between local, county, and state officials to enhance government overall. She closed by reaffirming her commitment to public service, adding that she looked forward to continuing to serve the residents of Union County.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO COMMISSIONER JOSEPH C BODEK

NJ Senate President Scutari advised that Joseph C. Bodek had been appointed by the Union County Democratic Committee to fill the vacancy left by former Commissioner, Surrogate Hudak, during a meeting on December 14, 2022. He spoke relative to Joseph C. Bodek's history and background in government, noting his previous work on Linden's Board of Education, Union County's Utilities Authority, noting that he had over four decades of experience in local government. NJ Senate President Scutari noted Joseph C. Bodek's strong ties to the City of Linden, serving as City Clerk and also serving as President of Linden's Democratic Club. He noted Joseph Bodek's integrity, skill, and patience, noting him as an indispensable part of the Linden community and local government overall. NJ Senate President Scutari advised that he could not think of a better, more qualified person to appoint to the Board of County Commissioners, adding that he was confident in Joseph C. Bodek's ability to make government work better and make it more responsive to its constituents.

The Honorable Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari introduced Union County Commissioner Joseph C Bodek and administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Bodek.

Holding the Bible for Commissioner Bodek was his wife Christine, joined by their three granddaughters Adalyn Gene Rivera, Aria Grace Rivera, and Evelyn Mary Bodek.

Commissioner Bodek offered his remarks.

Commissioner Bodek recognized Governor Murphy and Senator Cryan and thanked NJ Senate President Scutari for his support and consideration relative to the position of Union County Commissioner. He spoke relative to their long personal and professional relationship, adding that it was wonderful to have one of Union County's own, NJ Senate President Scutari, serving in the 2nd most important position in the State of NJ. Commissioner Bodek also thanked Linden Mayor Derek Armstead for his encouragement and support relative to becoming a Commissioner on the Union County Board of Commissioners. He noted that he hoped his four decades in government would prove beneficial as he undertook this new role. He reaffirmed his commitment to public service and his commitment to the residents of Union County, adding that he would continue to work hard to keep Union County thriving, vibrant and compassionate. He congratulated Surrogate Hudak on his new role, noting that he was confident in Surrogate Hudak's ability to rise to the occasion. He also thanked his friends for their unyielding support as well as Linden Council Members: Michele Yamakaitis, Lisa Ormon, Alfred Mohammed, Carlos Rivas, John Roman, and Ralph Strando for coming out that night to show their support. He also thanked his family for their support and the sacrifices they have made over the years, adding that they have all contributed to his success.

INSTALLATION CLOSING REMARKS

CLOSING REMARKS

Honorable Nicholas P. Scutari, New Jersey State Senate President, and Chairman of the Union County Democratic Committee

NJ Senate President Scutari noted that the evening was an opportunity to celebrate the Democratic Party and Union County Democrats. He thanked Governor Phil Murphy for participating in the evening's proceedings and for swearing in the re-elected Commissioners, Commissioners Granados, Kowalski, and Williams. He thanked all the distinguished guests for their attendance as well, noting that while Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage was not in attendance, Elizabeth's Democratic Chair Maria Carvalho was present to show her support. He thanked the Union County Democratic Committee for their constant support in his efforts. He reaffirmed the party's commitment to public service, noting that to those that much is given, much is expected and he was committed to seeing that duty through. He wished everyone a Happy New Year, adding that he expecting great things from Union County in 2023.

The Honorable New Jersey State Senate President and Union County Democratic Committee Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari turned the Installation Ceremony and Reorganizational Meeting of the 2023 Board of County Commissioners over to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, James E. Pellettiere.

2023 REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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CALL TO ORDER

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere called the reorganizational meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere called the roll.

Roll called showed that nine members of the Union County Board of Commissioners were present

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read the Open Public Meetings Act.

ELECTION OF A CHAIR OF THE 2023 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The first order of business was the election of a Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2023.

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere called for a nomination for the election of a Chair Pro-Tem of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Mirabella, roll call showed nine votes in the affirmative relative to the nomination of Rebecca Williams as Chair Pro-Tem.

Chair Pro-Tem Rebecca Williams called for nominations for the election of a Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded and seconded by Commissioner Leon, roll call showed nine votes in the affirmative relative to the nomination of Commissioner Sergio Granados as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for 2023.

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Chair Pro-Tem Rebecca Williams introduced 2023 Chairman Sergio Granados and called upon the Honorable Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari to administer the Oath of Office to Chairman Sergio Granados.

Holding the Bible for Chairman Sergio Granados was his fiancée Kellianne Garcia.

Chairman Granados thanked his Commissioner colleagues for their support and vote of confidence as Chairman to the Board for the year 2023. He noted that he looked forward to collaborating with them in 2023 to improve the lives of residents throughout Union County.

ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIR OF THE 2023 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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The next order of business was the election of a Vice Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2023.

Chairman Sergio Granados called for nominations for the election of a Vice Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker, roll call showed nine votes in the affirmative relative to the nomination of Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded as Vice Chairwoman of the Board of County Commissioners for 2023.

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Chairman Sergio Granados introduced the 2023 Vice Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded and called upon the Honorable Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari to administer the Oath of Office to Vice Chairwoman Palmieri- Mouded.

NJ Senate President Scutari noted that Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded was a wonderful mother, public servant, and member of the Union County family.

Holding the Bible for Vice Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded was her spouse George Mouded, joined by their children Matthew, Christopher, Nicholas, Ryan and Adeline Mouded.

Vice Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded thanked NJ Senate President Scutari for swearing her into the role of Vice Chairwoman to the Union County Board of Commissioners as well as for all the support he has given her over the years. She noted that she was honored and grateful to serve the residents of Union County in her new role as Vice Chairwoman and follow in the footsteps of her father who also served on the Board as a Freeholder. She noted her commitment to helping the residents of Union County and having a positive impact on the community. She congratulated her colleagues on being sworn in as well as Chairman Granados for being selected as the 2023 Chairman to the Board of Union County Commissioners.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

Chairman Sergio Granados delivered the Chairman's Annual Message:

Good evening elected officials, family, friends, and citizens of Union County. Thank you for joining me at this year's Re-Organization Meeting. Before I begin, I would like to recognize my family and fiancé, Kellianne, my biggest support system, because without them, I would not be here today. It is with great honor to stand here before you as the Chairman for 2023. And a special thank you to the Governor and the Senate President for swearing me in today. I also would like to give a special acknowledgement to our County Manager, Ed Oatman, for all of his hard work and dedication and for working alongside Deputy County Manager Amy Wagner, our County Directors and employees - who make up our Union County family - including James Pellettiere, Clerk of the Board and Kelly Martins, Director of Public Information, for making sure that today runs smoothly.

Each year has its challenges, but every challenge presents an opportunity for success in the face of adversity. As Chairman, I want to build a path of resilience and togetherness, so I am announcing a series of initiatives, which will roll out throughout the year, called "Building a Stronger Union County." They will focus on enhancing our local communities, while empowering our private and public sectors. Our residents are what make Union County strong and each year we continue to ensure that they are at the forefront of all our decisions. Over time, we have created one of the most innovative agendas in the State of NJ and we are going to continue to follow this route in 2023.

We want to develop greater relationships between Union County businesses to help them succeed - while ensuring that we are providing job opportunities for our residents. In keeping with the county's commitment to providing and expanding workforce opportunities, we will launch a series of programs and services providing our residents with access to free, online training portals, where residents can enhance their career skills and obtain credentials and certifications. We will also provide grant funding to Union County organizations, to offer free, basic career services to residents during evening hours and weekends - making it convenient for all to access. These services will enhance financial literacy and minimize any barriers residents may have in obtaining a career and achieving their goals. I am proud to say that our county is one of the most diverse in the State and I am committed to making sure everyone has the resources they need to thrive.

We are expanding and developing programs for our residents, including our veterans, seniors and persons with special needs. From setting aside housing, to tenant-based rental assistance programs, there will be help for anyone who needs it. We live in a time where mortgage rates are high, home prices are high, and housing inventory is low and Union County homeowners and renters need access to affordable housing, tax relief and financial support. This year, we have over \$10 million dollars in the Union County Emergency Rental Assistance Program to provide significant economic relief to ALL eligible Union County residents, regardless of your status - because we know that

everyone can go through struggles in their life. It is through support like this, that we can come together and provide assistance to those who are at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Help is on the way, not only for renters - but for homeowners, because we know everyone needs support. The U.S. housing market surged during Covid-19 and many residents are noticing that the new property assessments put a higher value on their homes. In some cases, this means an increase in their property taxes at a time when other costs, like food and fuel, are also surging. Union County is working to develop a program that will help low to middle income homeowners who qualify, reduce their tax burden, which can mean reducing their tax bill by hundreds to thousands of dollars. But that's not all - we will be creating a Union County Safety Net Program, that will put money back into the pockets of qualified disabled veterans AND senior citizens, to help defray the costs of housing and basic needs.

Together, we continue to prioritize our efforts to strengthen the programs and services offered to our residents, while maintaining our strong financial footing - because we know that every dollar counts. Creating jobs, building on affordable housing, exemplifying a solid economy is what I mean by building a stronger Union County. It also means improving the health of our residents. The county is on a continuous path towards diversity, equity, and inclusion - from innovative programs and groundbreaking initiatives to supporting our residents from all walks of life. Developing programs and spaces where individuals - no matter what race, gender, orientation or religion can feel safe, will continue to have a lasting impact on our residents, their health and well-being. We have seen a rise in mental health concerns over the last few years and it is essential now, more than ever, that we tackle this issue together. Mental Health can affect anyone sitting in this room, and it is not a topic that we should be ashamed of - it is one we should bring to light and let our residents know that they are not alone. This year, we will be introducing a series of initiatives that will enhance access to mental health services. From suicide prevention training to programs connecting individuals living with a substance abuse disorder to treatment and recovery - we are putting our residents health first. There will be community resources for those seeking treatment and there will be information for concerned friends or family who want to learn more about these supportive services. In addition, our Sheriff's Department is looking to further train their officers with courses focusing on working with individual towns in mental de-escalation techniques. Our Prosecutor's Office is currently working with three towns within our County on a pilot program, called Arrive Together, where police departments are accompanied by mental health professionals when responding to calls involving a person in crisis.

We will be working towards expanding this initiative throughout all municipalities in our county. As you can see, it is my belief that a community that bands together - rises together and we are doing just that. Investing in our children is investing in our future - and we need to build on excellence by supporting all of our youth. We will be seeking to address the needs of our younger residents in and out of school by providing innovative and inter-agency collaborative programming working alongside school personnel and local service agencies to deliver services that promote positive mental health and youth development by strengthening social, emotional, and behavioral skills. Many families struggle financially and during the school year, there are numerous children who receive free or reduced-priced school meals. However, what do families do when school is not in session for winter, spring or summer break? Utilizing ARPA funds, we are teaming up this year, to create a Grab and Go Lunch Program, so no child goes hungry on a day when they are on school break. Our youth need a place they can express themselves and many times the arts are a way to do that. It can be expensive, so this year, we would like to offer full scholarships to students throughout Union County to participate in a theater summer arts program at UCPAC. We are building today for a better tomorrow, and that also means enhancing our parks, recreation areas and our streets. Our parks are the crown jewel of Union County - from our trails and stables to our sports, playgrounds, picnic areas and activities - there is a use for everyone.

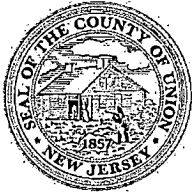
And keeping up with the demand for our park systems - we will be working on installing new multi-purpose fields, upgrading existing equipment, installing a second sheet of ice at the Warinanco Sports Center and much more. In furthering our commitment to a safer Union County, we applied for a Traffic Safety Pedestrian Improvement Study that will enable us to not only identify where we need to update sidewalks, danger zones and intersections, but improve the overall flow of traffic throughout our county. Union County is a great place to work, visit, invest and live with our expansive parks and open space, superior schools and a fiscally responsible government. We need to continue to expand our County's momentum, build on great opportunities and successes, and lift our community to

unprecedented heights. These were just some of examples of all of the great things we will do together in 2023 and we will be announcing more as the year goes on, because we are breaking down barriers, opening doors for all, and building the county that our residents want and deserve. I want to thank the Board of County Commissioners, County Manager and constitutional officers for their commitment in delivering real results for Union County.

RECESS

Chairman Sergio Granados called for a motion to recess.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Leon, roll called showed nine votes in the affirmative to go into recess.



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023
REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA

RETURN FROM RECESS

Chairman Granados called for a motion to Return from Recess. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Garretson, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative to Return from Recess at 7:37 P.M.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Granados called for a motion to approve the Communications. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Clerk of the Board Pellettiere read Ordinance No. 842-2023 by title.

842-2023 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION" BY AMENDING, PART II-POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION: CHAPTER 115 SAFETY CODE, ARTICLE XI, BAN ON CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS.**

BE IT ORDAINED. by the Union County Board of County Commissioners that the "Laws of Union County" are hereby amended, to be as follows:

PART II - POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION

Chapter 115, SAFETY CODE

ARTICLE XI, BAN ON CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS
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§ 115-56. Findings.

UNCHANGED.

§ 115-57. Restrictions; penalties.

(A.) No person shall be permitted to carry any firearm concealed or otherwise, in any Sensitive Area within Union County, New Jersey.

(B.) This restriction shall not apply to law enforcement officers, on or off duty, in the course of their lawful and official duties, *or to any person granted a permit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:39-6 (l)*.

(C.) A person who violates or causes to be violated a provision of this article shall be subject to a penalty of imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days, or to a fine, or both, of \$500.00, for the first offense and \$1,000.00 for each subsequent offense.

§ 115-58. Sensitive Area.

UNCHANGED.

AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, in case any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance, and to this end, the provisions of each section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable;

AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that each section of this ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law, unless otherwise indicated.

FIRST READING STATEMENT

Chairman Sergio Granados asked for a motion to move Ordinance Number 842-2023 for First Reading and authorized the Clerk of the Board to advertise same in accordance with the law. The Public Hearing and Final Reading will be held on January 26, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Leon and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened for the purpose of commenting on resolutions being offered for adoption and on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the county.

There were no questions and or comments from the public.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

The following resolutions are being offered for adoption:

- 2023-1 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Adopting the Bylaws and Rules of Procedures for the Year 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-2 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Adopting the Meeting Schedule of the Union County Board of County Commissioners for the Year 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-3 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Designating Official Newspapers for legal notices of the County of Union for the Year 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-4 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Appointing members of the Union County Board of County Commissioners as members of the various Commissioner Standing Committees for 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-5 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Appointing members of the Union County Board of County Commissioners as liaisons to various Advisory Boards for the Year 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-6 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Adopting the Temporary Budget for the Year 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-7 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Establishing change funds for Year 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-8 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Updating Petty Cash Custodian for the Department of Parks & Recreation

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-9 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Establishing Petty Cash Funds for Year 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-10 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Designating depositories wherein all public monies and funds of the County of Union shall be kept for Year 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-11 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Designating signatories for Calendar Year 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-12 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Approving a list of pre-qualified financial advisors for the Year 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-13 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Lerch, Vinci & Bliss LLP, Fair Lawn, NJ, to provide financial advisory services in connection with special projects for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-14 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Wielkotz and Company, Pompton Lakes, NJ to provide statutory audits of accounts of the County of Union and its agencies for the period beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-15 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: A resolution appointing Stella Malpere as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for a term effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-16 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving a list of Qualified Shorthand Court Reporters for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-17 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving a list of Qualified Labor and Personnel Counsel for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-18 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving a list of Qualified Litigation, Defense and General Counsel Services for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-19 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Rogut McCarthy, LLC, Cranford, NJ to provide specialized counsel services in connection with the issuance of bonds or notes by the County of Union for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-20 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Liberty Mutual Surety, King of Prussia, PA through Beckerman & Company, the County's Insurance Broker of Record, for a Blanket Surety Bond for Public Officials for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$8,745.00

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-21 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Kologi Simitz, Linden, NJ to serve as Litigation Defense and General Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-22 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC, Cranford, NJ, to serve as Litigation

Defense and General Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-23 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authoring the County Manager to award a contract to Hatfield Schwartz Law Group, Cedar Knolls, NJ to serve as Labor and Personnel Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$215,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-24 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Warren, New Jersey, to serve as Personnel Counsel, for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-25 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Ruderman & Roth, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey, to serve as Personnel Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed 140,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-26 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Florio Perrucci Steinhardt Cappelli Tipton & Taylor, LLC, Rochelle Park, NJ to serve as Personnel Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-27 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Rainone Coughlin Minchello, LLC, Iselin, NJ, to serve as Personnel Counsel, for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an estimated amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-28 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs LLC, Oakland, NJ to serve as Personnel Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-29 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Mark J. Nelson, Summit, NJ to serve as Personnel Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-30 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Weiner Law Group, LLP, Parsippany, NJ to serve as Labor and Personnel Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-31 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Schaffer Shain Jalloh PC, Bernardsville, NJ to serve as Personnel Counsel for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-32 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Florio Perrucci Steinhardt Cappelli Tipton & Taylor, LLC, Rochelle Park, NJ to provide Worker's Compensation Defense Counsel Services for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, with any sums to be paid through the County's authorized Third-Party Administrator.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-33 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs LLC, Oakland, NJ to provide Worker's Compensation Defense Counsel Service for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, with any sums to be paid through the County's authorized Third-Party Administrator.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-34 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to James Jude Plaia, Esq., Verona, NJ to provide Worker's Compensation Defense Counsel Service for twelve (12) consecutive months of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, with any sums to be paid through the County's authorized Third-Party Administrator.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-35 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Manuel R. Grova, Esq., as Special Counsel, and Cleary Jacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC, to represent the Union County Planning Board for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-36 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Atlantic Health Systems, Atlantic Medical Group, Clark, New Jersey for the provision of pre-employment medical examinations, drug screenings and other related medical services for the County of Union (Division of Personnel and Sheriff's Department) for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 for a total amount not to exceed \$110,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-37 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with ComPsych, Chicago, IL, for the provision of a comprehensive Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to County employees and their families for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$54,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-38 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Dr. Susan A. Furnari, Licensed Psychologist, Nutley, NJ, to provide Psychological Evaluation Services to the Departments of Administrative Services (Division of Personnel), Public Safety and the Office of the Prosecutor, for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in a total amount not to exceed \$15,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-39 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to The Institute for Forensic Psychology, Oakland, NJ to provide Psychological Evaluation Services to the Departments of Administrative Services (Division of Personnel) and Public Safety and the Offices of the Prosecutor and the Sheriff for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in a total amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-40 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to exercise the only and final option to extend the contract with T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey, to provide Workplace Health and Safety Compliance and Consulting Services for the period of March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-41 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Axis Insurance Company, Chicago, IL, through Beckerman & Company, the County's Insurance Broker of Record, for Watchung Stables Accident and Health Insurance for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$9,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-42 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Renewing the New Jersey Counties Excess Joint Insurance Fund to administer and provide excess insurance for the following: Liability (other than motor vehicles), Property Damage (other than motor vehicles), Motor Vehicles, Public Officials Liability/Employment Practices Liability, and Workers Compensation for the budget period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$4,100,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-43 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to an agreement with Great American Assurance Company, Cincinnati, OH through Beckerman & Company, the County's General Insurance Broker of Record, to obtain an Equine Mortality Policy for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$2,033.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-44 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with The Hartford Insurance Company, Dallas, TX, through Beckerman & Company, the County's General Insurance Broker of Record, to obtain Volunteer Accident Insurance for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$360.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-45 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with General Star Indemnity Company, Stamford, CT, through the County's Insurance Broker of Record Beckerman & Company, to provide liability

coverage for ambulances owned and operated by the Union County Emergency Services for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$65,500.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-46 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Princeton Insurance, Princeton, NJ through the County's Insurance Broker of Record Beckerman & Company, to provide Cornerstone Behavioral Health Hospital Medical Malpractice Policy, General and Professional Liability Policy and Excess Umbrella Liability Policy for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$240,721.72.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-47 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Princeton Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey, through Beckerman & Company, the County's Insurance Broker of Record for a Medical Malpractice insurance policy for Cornerstone staff, for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in amount not to exceed \$7,490.68.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-48 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to renew Union County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System, ID# CK-06-Union, for a period not to exceed five years commencing on January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-49 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to renew Union County Cooperative Pricing System, ID# 8UCCP, for another term not to exceed five (5) years for commencing on January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-50 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the use of NJ State, Somerset County, Educational Services Commission of NJ, and Cranford Police Cooperative contracts as exceptions to bidding pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-10, 11 and 12 and NJAC 5:34-Subchapter 7 for 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-51 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-62, authorizing the 2022 Non-Contractual Salary Guide Ranges, to adjust the starting salary of each range within the guide by 2%.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-52 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Resolution authorizing the Tuition Reimbursement Program for full-time County exclusionary employees in a total amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-53 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an open-ended contract with Verizon Inc. of New Jersey, a Board of Public Utilities regulated supplier, for essential Telecommunication Services for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$330,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-54 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Primepoint LLC, Westampton, NJ, for software maintenance of the Human Resources Management System for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-55 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award an open-ended contract to Big Ed's Automotive Inc. DBA NAPA Auto Parts of Colonia, Colonia, NJ for Truck equipment and Machine Shop Services for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-56 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with FMLASource, a ComPsych affiliate, Chicago, IL, for the provision of a comprehensive Federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and the State of New Jersey Family Leave Act (FLA) Administration Program to County employees for the initial period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$46,000.00 with two (2) 12-month options to extend.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-57 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the County's only and final option to extend the contract with Newark Gateway Travel Services, Inc, W. Caldwell, New Jersey, as the vendor to provide Travel Agent Services to all County entities pursuant to the exception for bidding: N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(cc) for travel and conferences at a not to exceed figure of \$65,000.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-58 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award an open-ended contract to MTE Equipment Solutions, Inc. (Municipal Turf Equipment), West Henrietta, NY for the purchase of Jacobsen lawn mower parts for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-59 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Acrisure LLC, Woodbridge, NJ and Business & Government Insurance Agency (BGIA), Woodbridge, NJ for the provision of Health Insurance Consultant/Broker Services and Voluntary Benefits Services from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025 with one additional consecutive twenty-four (24) month extension option, at no cost to the County.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-60 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to renew the County's Dental Insurance Contract with Delta Dental of New Jersey Inc. and Flagship Health Systems Inc., Parsippany, NJ as recommended by the County's Health Insurance Consultants/Brokers of Record, Business and Governmental Insurance Agency (BGIA) / Acrisure LLC to provide dental coverage for the contract period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$1,475,000.000.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-61 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award a contract to Remedy Analytics Inc., Milwaukee, WI, as recommended by the County's Health Insurance Consultants/Brokers of Record, Business and Governmental Insurance Agency (BGIA) / Acrisure LLC to provide Prescription Monitoring Services for the contract period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$1,050,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-62 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution Number 2022-784, to allow for an increase of funding for Individual Stop Loss Insurance Services for Employee Health and Prescription Self-Insurance Program Coverage and Administration incurred by Union College in an amount not to exceed \$135,207.00 for the contract period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-63 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2021-634, a contract with Dietz & Hammer Risk Solutions, Newton, NJ for Third Party Claims Administration contract for Workers' Compensation and Managed Care Services, General and Auto Liability, Property and Auto Physical Damage, to reflect a change in account numbers only, with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the contract.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-64 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2022-781, a contract with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Newark, NJ to allow for an increase of funding for administration fees due to the increase in members from Union College in an amount not to exceed \$451,736.00 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-65 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2022-782, to allow for an increase of funding for Medical and Prescription claims incurred by Union College in an amount not to exceed \$11,873,641.00 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-66 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Amending Resolution 2022-783, a contract with CVS CAREMARK, Woonsocket, RI to allow for an increase of funding for administration fees due to the increase in members from Union College in an amount not to exceed \$140,448.00 for the contract period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-67 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to enter in to a lease agreement between the County of Union and Columbian Club 253 Knights of Columbus, Elizabeth, NJ, for the rental of 25 parking spaces at \$80.00 per parking space per month for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 per month for a total annual amount not to exceed \$24,000.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-68 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to designate and enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care, Marlboro, NJ for the purpose of providing State-mandated 48-Hour education, alcohol/drug substance abuse evaluation, and treatment referral for persons charged and/or convicted of Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)/Driving Under the Influence (DUI) as required by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addictions Services, Intoxicated Driver Program for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024, at no cost to the County.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-69 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2022-937 to include the provision of Time and Labor Management Services for the Division of Social Services and the American Job Center, at both Elizabeth and Plainfield locations under the County's agreement with Primepoint, LLC, Mt. Holly, NJ, for the period of December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$21,150.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-70 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Amending Resolution 2021-946 to extend the contract with Monarch Housing Associates, Cranford, NJ for the continued development of a Coordinated Entry System in Union County for an additional three (3) month period commencing on January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023, and for a change in appropriation accounts, with no other changes to the terms or conditions of the original resolution or agreement.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-71 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to approve KemperSports Management, Inc.'s operational budget for Shady Rest/Scotch Hills Golf Course operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$399,283.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2023-72 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS: Authorizing the County Manager to approve KemperSports Management, Inc.'s operational budget for the Union County Golf Courses operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$5,587,472.00

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-73 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to approve KemperSports Management Inc.'s operational budget for Warinanco Sports Facility operational expenses for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$699,263.00.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-74 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to award the proposed contract obtained through advertised public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq: Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management: Weldon Materials Inc., Westfield, NJ for the purpose of providing Road Materials, for a twelve (12) month contract period, with a one-year extension option, in an amount not to exceed \$970,150. (UCCP# 47-2022)

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-75 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Authorizing the County Manager to utilize the first of two (2) options to extend the Shared Service Agreement as per Agreement with the Township of Berkeley Heights, for Public Works Management Services for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$30,030.00 with the potential option to extend for one remaining (1) twelve-month period.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-76 CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS:** Approving waivers of the County's residency requirement.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

COMMISSIONER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

- 2023-77 COMMISSIONER BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Congratulating Conor Reilly, of Scout Troop 104 in Scotch Plains, on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-78 COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MIRABELLA, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Recognizing Harold Hill Jr for serving the Township of Scotch Plains as a member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad for 65 years.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 2023-79 COMMISSIONER SERGIO GRANADOS, & THE ENTIRE BOARD:** Resolution recognizing Monday, January 16, 2023 as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day throughout Union County; and further recognizes the many celebrations held by municipalities and various organizations throughout Union County that celebrate and honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Commissioner Baker roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Mirabella congratulated Chairman Granados and Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded for being selected to lead the Board in 2023, adding that he looked forward to realizing the assertive and ambitious initiatives set forth for the year. He also noted that he looked forward to continuing to serve with his colleagues on the Board to ensure that residents of Union County have access to the resources they need.

Commissioner Leon also congratulated Chairman Granados and Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded on their chairmanship for 2023. She also recognized Chairman Granados and Commissioners Kowalski and Williams for their re-election wins during the 2022 General Election and welcomed Commissioner Joseph Bodek to the Board. She noted that she looked forward to continuing to serve with her colleagues on the Board and facilitate the initiatives proposed for 2023 by Chairman Granados.

Commissioner Garretson echoed the sentiments of her Commissioner colleagues in congratulating Chairman Granados and Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded on their chairmanship. She wished everyone a Happy New Year, adding that she looked forward to a wonderful 2023.

Commissioner Baker congratulated Commissioner Kowalski and Commissioner Williams for securing an additional three-year term to the Board as well as Chairman Granados and Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded for being chosen to lead the Board in 2023. He also welcomed Commissioner Joseph Bodek to his first year as Union County Commissioner. He added that he looked forward to the progressive and aggressive agenda outlined for 2023. He closed by wishing everyone a Happy 2023.

Commissioner Bodek congratulated Chairman Granados and Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded for being chosen to lead the Board of Commissioners in 2023. He added that he looked forward to working with everyone in his new role as County Commissioner and supporting Chairman Granados' 2023 initiatives.

Commissioner Kowalski congratulated Chairman Granados and Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and welcomed Commissioner Bodek to his first term on the Board. She noted that she looked forward to working alongside her colleagues in pursuit of a safe and healthy 2023.

Commissioner Williams echoed the sentiments of her colleagues in congratulating Chairman Granados and Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded for being chosen to lead the Board of Union County Commissioners in 2023. She recognized County Manager Edward T. Oatman for his leadership as well as the Departmental Directors and the Union County staff for their efforts. She noted that she looked forward to a fabulous year under such capable leadership.

County Manager Oatman congratulated Chairman Granados and Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded and welcomed Commissioner Bodek to the Board of County Commissioners. He also recognized James E. Pelletiere for his efforts in the evening's proceedings.

County Counsel Bergen congratulated Chairman Granados and Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded for being chose to lead the Board of Commissioners in 2023. He also welcomed newest Commissioner, Joseph Bodek, to the Board.

Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded thanked her colleagues for their vote of confidence in selecting her to lead the Board as Vice-Chairwoman in 2023. She recognized County Manager Oatman and the rest of the County Administration for their efforts, noting that she looked forward to the year ahead under such capable leadership. She wished everyone a wonderful 2023.

Chairman Granados welcomed Commissioner Bodek, recognizing his wealth of knowledge, adding that he expected Commissioner Bodek to be a tremendous asset to the Board. He noted his aggressive agenda for 2023, and recognized the efforts of County Manager Oatman, Deputy County Manager Wagner, the various Departmental Directors and the Union County staff in making these initiatives possible. He reaffirmed Union County's efforts relative to enhancing and improving the life of all residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Granados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Commissioner Mirabella and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Palmieri-Mouded, roll call showed nine members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

REORGANIZATION MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm
Courthouse Plaza, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

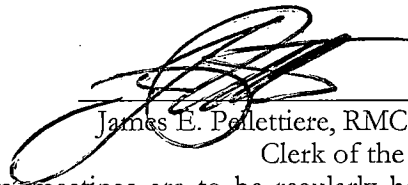
2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

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James E. Paollettiere, RMC, QPA
Clerk of the Board

Please note that the County Commissioners' meetings are to be regularly held on Thursday evenings and are scheduled to be held on the same evening, with the Agenda Setting Session to commence at 6:00pm and the Regular Meeting to commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session, unless otherwise noted.

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