

**MINUTES OF THE
SWEARING-IN AND
REORGANIZATION CEREMONY FOR
UNION COUNTY SURROGATE AND
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

JANUARY 2, 2000

1:00 P.M.

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The Honorable Edward W. Beglin Jr., Assignment Judge, Superior Court of the County of Union called the meeting to order, and then introduced the Master of Ceremonies Charlotte DeFilippo, Chairman, Democratic Committee of Union County.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES
GREETINGS:**

*The Honorable Charlotte DeFilippo,
Chairman of the Democratic Committee of
Union County.*

INVOCATION:

*Reverend James J. Reilly, Chaplin,
Union County College*

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS
Sheriff's Office of Union County**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

*was led by The Honorable Ralph Froehlich,
Sheriff of Union County.*

NATIONAL ANTHEM:

was sung by Lyndsay Ruotolo

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

was read by Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk

**James S. LaCorte, Surrogate
Linda Stender, Freeholder
Nicholas Scutari, Freeholder
Angel Estrada, Freeholder**

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OATH OF OFFICE:

*James S. LaCorte was sworn in by The
Honorable John Malone, Union County Judge.*

*Holding the Bible for James S. LaCorte were his wife, Pam, his
daughters, Meredith LaCorte, Kristen Kloss and son-in-law
Terrence Kloss.*

REMARKS:

The Honorable Gary A. Bundy, Esq.

COMMENTS:

SURROGATE JAMES S. LACORTE, Esq.

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OATH OF OFFICE:

Linda Stender was sworn in by The Honorable Neil Cohen.

Holding the Bible for Freeholder Linda Stender were her husband, Richard, her daughter Caroline and her sons Niel, and Tyler.

REMARKS:

The Honorable Jon Corzine

COMMENTS:

FREEHOLDER LINDA STENDER

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OATH OF OFFICE:

Nicholas Scutari was sworn in by the Honorable Edward W. Beglin, Jr.

Holding the Bible for Freeholder Nicholas Scutari were his mother Patricia Davis and fiancée, Karolina Dudziak.

REMARKS:

The Honorable Charlotte DeFilippo

COMMENTS:

FREEHOLDER NICHOLAS SCUTARI

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OATH OF OFFICE:

Angel Estrada was sworn in by The Honorable Roberto Alcazar, Union County Judge.

Holding the Bible for Freeholder Angel Estrada were his wife, Teresa, and his children, Liliana, Jorge, & Daniel.

REMARKS:

The Honorable Dr. Orlando Edreira

COMMENTS:

FREEHOLDER ANGEL ESTRADA

HONORED GUESTS

- **The Honorable Donald M. Payne, U. S. Congressman, 10th District**
- The Honorable Raymond J. Lesniak, State Senate 20th District**
- The Honorable Neil M. Cohen, Assemblyman 20th District**
- The Honorable Gerald Green, Assemblyman 17th District**
- The Honorable J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor, City of Elizabeth**
- The Honorable James E. McGreevey, Mayor, Township of Woodbridge**
- The Honorable Louis J. Sangiorgio, Assignment Judge, Richmond County, New York**
- The Honorable June Fisher**

Master of Ceremonies DeFilippo turned the meeting over to M. Elizabeth Genievich, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, who called the roll and read the "Open Public Meetings Act".

The first order of business was the selection of a Chairperson. The Clerk called for nominations of a Chairman Pro-Temp to conduct the election of a Chairman. Freeholder Scanlon was nominated by Freeholder Mirabella, and on a motion made by Freeholder Mirabella, seconded by Freeholder Stender, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Pro-Temp Scanlon called for nominations for the election of Chairman for the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2000. Freeholder Sullivan was nominated by Freeholder Ruotolo, and on a motion made by Freeholder Ruotolo, seconded by Freeholder Stender, the Clerk called the roll for the election of Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2000. Roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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The Honorable Edward Beglin, Jr. administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Chairman Daniel Sullivan, who then assumed the seat as Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2000.

Holding the Bible for Chairman Sullivan were his wife, Connie and his children, Brendan, Kristen & Daniel.

The next order of business was the election of a Vice-Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2000.

Freeholder Chairman Sullivan called for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Freeholder Mirabella was nominated by Freeholder Scanlon, and on a motion made by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Freeholder Stender, the Clerk called the roll for the election of Vice Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2000. Roll called showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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The Honorable Neil Cohen administered the Oath of Office to Vice Chairman Mirabella.

Holding the Bible for Freeholder Vice Chairman Mirabella were his wife, Phyllis, son, Alexander and daughter Micayla.

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ANNUAL MESSAGE BY THE FREEHOLDER CHAIRMAN

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PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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A gift presentation was made to Surrogate James S. LaCorte, Freeholders Angel Estrada, Nicholas Scutari and Linda Stender by Union County Democratic Executive Director Douglas Placa.

A gift presentation to Chairman Sullivan was made by the Honorable William Malone, Elizabeth Democratic Chairman.

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A gift presentation to Vice Chairman Mirabella was made by Douglas Placa, Union County Democratic Executive Director.

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A gift presentation to Freeholder Linda Stender was made by Thomas Plante, President of the Fanwood Democratic Club, Fanwood Councilwoman Kathy Mitchell and Bruce Walsh, Vice Chairman, Fanwood Democratic Committee.

A gift presentation to Freeholder Nicholas Scutari was made by Joseph Bodek, member of the Linden Democratic Committee.

A gift presentation to Freeholder Angel Estrada was made by the Honorable William Malone, Elizabeth Municipal Chairman.

A gift presentation to Surrogate James S. LaCorte was made by the Honorable William Malone, Elizabeth Municipal Chairman.

BENEDICTION:

AFTER A SHORT RECESS, THE NORMAL ORDER OF BUSINESS RESUMED.

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**JANUARY 2, 2000
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS PORTION**

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Chairman Daniel Sullivan presided, and called the meeting to order. Roll call showed Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angel Estrada, Freeholder Chester Holmes, Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr., Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, Freeholder Nicholas Scutari and Freeholder Linda Stender in attendance. Also in attendance were County Counsel Carol Cohen, County Manager Michael Lapolla and M. Elizabeth Genievich, Clerk of the Board.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT The Chairman stated that this had been read at the start of the previous meeting and did not need to be repeated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 16, 1999 - Regular Meeting

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 1999. On a motion by Freeholder Scanlon, seconded by Vice Chairman Mirabella, roll call showed five (5) members of the Board in the affirmative, with Freeholders Estrada, Ruotolo, Scutari, and Stender abstaining.

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMENTING
ON RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA**

Jerry Goldman, 996 Kipling Rd., Elizabeth, commented with a question on Resolution 11-2000. His question was responded to by Chairman Sullivan.

Vincent Lehotsky, Chilton Hall, Elizabeth requested a copy of the by-laws. He also commented on the re-appointment of Director Caroselli. He commented on Resolution 11-2000 with a question, which was responded to by the Chairman.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

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The Chairman called for a motion to move resolutions 1-2000 through 38-2000. A motion was made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes. Before the vote, the Chairman called for Freeholder comments. Freeholder Scutari commented that he would like further clarification on Resolution 19-2000, and requested a copy of the list mentioned in the Resolution. Freeholder Scutari requested that the Chairman ask the Policy Committee to clarify and amend the Resolution for the Board's consideration. The Chairman agreed to do so. Freeholder Mirabella also made comments.

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION:

1-2000 **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, adopting the By-Laws and Rules of Procedure for the year 2000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

2-2000 **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, adopting the Temporary Budget for the year 2000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 3-2000** *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, approving the Temporary Debt services for the year 2000.*
- On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.
- 4-2000** *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing certain signatures for the Park Police Pension Fund for the year 2000.*
- On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.
- 5-2000** *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, establishing certain change funds for the year 2000.*
- On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.
- 6-2000** *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, designating depositories wherein all public monies and funds of the County of Union shall be kept for the year 2000.*
- On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.
- 7-2000** *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, authorizing certain signatures for checks, wire transfers and other disbursements of the County of Union for the year 2000.*
- On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.
- 8-2000** *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, establishing certain petty cash funds for the year 2000.*
- On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.
- 9-2000** *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, appointing members of the Board as liaisons to various advisory and other boards.*
- On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.
- 10-2000** *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, adopting the meeting schedule for the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the year 2000.*
- On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.
- 11-2000** *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, designating the Star Ledger, Westfield Leader, La Voz, Worrall News, Courier News, The Home News & Tribune, City News (Plainfield), The Rahway News Record, Clark Patriot, News Record (Elizabeth) and Luso Americano as the newspapers to receive legal notices for the year 2000.*
- On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.
- 12-2000** *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, adopting the Freeholder Standing Committee Assignments for the year 2000.*
- On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.
- 13-2000** *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, appointing UVW/The Elizabeth Agency as Insurance Brokers of Record to the County of Union for the year 2000.*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

14-2000 *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, awarding a contract to Suplee, Clooney, & Company to provide statutory audits of accounts of the County of Union and its agencies for the year 2000.*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

15-2000 *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, awarding a contract to DeMaria, Ellis Esqs., to provide Special Counsel Services for Labor Negotiations for the year 2000, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

16-2000 *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, awarding a contract to Waters, McPherson, McNeill Esqs., to provide Special Counsel Services for Personnel Affairs for the year 2000, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

17-2000 *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, awarding a contract to Ruderman & Glickman, Esqs., to provide Special Counsel Services for Personnel Affairs for the year 2000, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

18-2000 *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, appointing Neil Cohen Esq., as Special Counsel for the County of Union Planning Board for a term commencing immediately and terminating on December 31, 2000, at an annual salary of \$26,500.*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

19-2000 *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, appointing attorneys per attached list.*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

20-2000 *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, appointing Richard Childs, P.O. Box 2944, Westfield, NJ 07090 as an Investigator for tort claims and other related matters at the rate of \$75 not to exceed \$8,000.*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

21-2000 *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, appointing Schoor Depalma Engineers and Design as Professionals Consultants to the Union County Planning Board, services will be paid by an escrow account which will be funded by the developer, no expense will be incurred by the County.*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

22-2000 *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, adopting the Freeholder Special Committee Assignments for the year 2000.*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 23-2000** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, awarding a contract to Rogut & McCarthy, to provide specialized legal services in connection with the issuance of bonds and/or by the County of Union for the year 2000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 24-2000** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, awarding a contract to American Professional Consultants, 56 Princeton Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ for computer and management information systems in an amount not to exceed \$94,500.

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 25-2000** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, authorizing the County Manager to execute contract(s) with designated companies as recommended by the Citizen Insurance Review Committee;
Animal Mortality Policy (Hartford) 1/1/00 to 1/1/01
Public Official Bond - Joseph P. Bowe (Hartford) 1/1/00 to 1/1/01
Public Official Bond - James S. LaCorte (Hartford) 1/1/00 to 1/1/01
Public Official Bond - Frank W. Patusniak, Jr.,(Hartford) 1/1/00 to 1/1/01
Blanket Position - County of Union 1/1/00 to 1/1/01
Equipment Maintenance Contract Policy – County of Union

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 26-2000** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, designating Lawrence Caroselli, the Director of Finance as the Chief Financial Officer of the County of Union for a term of three years from January 1, 2000.

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 27-2000** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, appointing the following to Union County Advisory Council on Aging **Ruth Smith, 87 Belmont Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016 – Robert Max, 58 Harvey Drive, Summit, NJ 07901, Anita Weinberg, Executive Director, Visiting Health Services, 526 North Avenue, East, Westfield, NJ 07090, Dennis Maas, Manager, Social Security, Elizabeth District, 547 Morris Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208 and Miriam Dickman, 94 Kenilworth Blvd., Cranford, NJ 07016, effective 1/1/2000 to 12/31/2002**

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 28-2000** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, appointing **John G. Kulish, 214 Linwood Place, Hillside, NJ 07205, and Sharda Badri, Elizabeth, NJ** as members of the Union County Utilities Authority for a term commencing on February 1, 2000 to February 1/2004

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

- 29-2000** **CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN**, appointing **Ed Zarnock, (AFL-CIO) Central Labor Council, Building & Trades Local 825, Route 46, East, Little Falls, NJ 07424, as a member of Union County Labor Advisory Board effective 1/1/2000 to 12/31/2002.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

30-2000 *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, appointing the following to Citizens Insurance Review Board, Charlotte DeFilippo, Chairman, 65 King Street, Hillside, NJ 07205, Anthony LaPorta, 409 No. Chestnut Street, Westfield, NJ 07090, Joseph E. Infante, 319 So. Stiles Street, Linden, NJ 07036. Carlos Alma, 625 Westminster Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07201 and Joseph Cryan, 846 Liberty Avenue, Union, NJ 07083, effective 1/1/2000 to 12/31/2000, who shall receive an annual stipend of \$6,500 for Chairman, and \$5,500 per member for the year 2000.*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

31-2000 *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, appointing the following to Union County Construction Board of Appeals, Joseph A. Delgrosso, 4 Shady Brook Road, Stanhope, NJ (Elevator Subcode Official) effective 7/1/99 to 6/30/2003.*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

32-2000 *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, appointing the following to Union County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board, Conrad Person, 221 Parkside Road, Plainfield, NJ, and Nancy Piwowar, 1129 Myrtle Avenue, Plainfield, NJ effective 1/1/2000 to 12/31/2002.*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

33-2000 *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, appointing the following to Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled, Edward J. Heaton, 220 New Jersey Avenue, Union, NJ 07083 and Ina White, 109 Henshaw Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 effective 1/1/2000 to 12/31/2002.*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

34-2000 *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, appointing the following to Union County Hospice & Home Health Care Advisory Board, Bertha Little Matthews, 355 Stiles Street, Union, NJ 07083 and Rosemary McClave, 161 Virginia Street, Hillside, NJ 07205 effective 1/1/2000 to 12/31/2002*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

35-2000 *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, appointing the following to Union County Advisory Board of the Status of Minorities, Hazel Walker, 1103 Frank Street, Roselle, NJ, LaRhonda Hall, 139 W. 3rd Avenue, Roselle, NJ, Rev. T.R. Goyins, 30 Normandy Place, Roselle, NJ, Connie Davis, 404 E. First Avenue, Roselle, NJ. Jacques Howard, 1238 Lansdowne Terrace, Plainfield, NJ, James Baker, 147 Liberty Street, Linden, NJ 07036, and Louis Updina, 155 Marshall Street, Elizabeth, NJ effective 12/1/1999 to 11/30/2002.*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

36-2000 *CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, appointing the following to Commission on the Status of Women in Union County, Catherine Melchione, 540 Fourth Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07202, Carolyn Vollero, 34 Cornell Road, Cranford, NJ 07016, Carla Mazza, 1069 Seib Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07202, Dina Matos, 749 Jackson Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07206, Brenda H. King, 830 W. 8th Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060, Virginia Fannelli, 37 Colfax Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ 07204, Judy Jenkins Gaudino, 3 Brainherd Road, Summit, NJ 07901 effective 1/1/2000 to 12/31/2002.*

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

37-2000 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, appointing the following to the Union County Motion Picture and TV Advisory Board, **Gerald McCann, 28 Barnard Place, Elizabeth, NJ 07206, Gregg David, 239 North 19th Street, Kenilworth, NJ 07033 and Richard Adam Sameic, 243 Greenwood Terrace, Hillside, NJ 07205 effective 1/1/2000 to 12/31/2002.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

38-2000 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN, appointing the following to the Union County Planning Board, **David Graves, 1335 Myrtle Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07063, Thomas Lavecchia, 522 Walnut Street, Roselle Park, NJ 07204, and Livio Mancino, 102 N. 24th Street, Kenilworth, NJ 07033 effective dates respectively 1/1/2000 to 12/31/2001 & 1/1/2000 to 12/31/2002.**

On a motion made by Freeholder Stender, seconded by Freeholder Holmes, roll call showed nine (9) members of the Board voted in the affirmative.

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMENTING
ON ANY MATTER**

Vincent Lehotsky, Elizabeth, commented on the DEP meetings and on getting notification from the DEP on meetings scheduled concerning Wheeler Park. He commented on designs involving Wheeler park and the widening of Styles street.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

FREEHOLDER COMMENTS

Freeholder Holmes offered his congratulations to Freeholders Estrada, Scutari and Stender.

Freeholder Mingo stated he was proud of the accomplishments of the Board in 1999, and added that this is a solid and sound Board, and an easy one to be a part of. He stated that aggressive goals have been set for the year 2000 and that he had faith in the leadership of the Board to achieve them.

Freeholder Ruotolo stated that she was sorry that she missed the last meeting due to illness, and wanted that she wanted to thank Freeholder Scutari for his Chairmanship of the previous year. She also said that she looked forward to working with Chairman Sullivan and the coming year. She wished everyone a happy new year.

Freeholder Scanlon offered congratulations to Freeholders Estrada, Scutari and Stender. She also congratulated Chairman Sullivan and Vice Chairman Mirabella on their new positions.

Freeholder Estrada stated that it was a pleasure to be a part of the Board and that he was looking forward to working with everyone. He thanked everyone for their support.

Freeholder Scutari thanked Vincent Lehotsky for his kind words. He stated that it was a pleasure serving as Chairman last year, and that it was a great year. He said that just as many great things were accomplished last year, many would also be done this year.

Freeholder Stender thanked everyone for their support, and stated that she looked forward to working with everyone.

Vice Chairman Mirabella congratulated Freeholders Estrada, Scutari and Stender, and Surrogate Jim LaCorte. He stated that he appreciated everyone's confidence in electing him Vice Chairman.

The Vice Chairman also stated that he admired Freeholder Scutari's integrity, hard work and stick-to-itiveness during his Chairmanship. He then stated that he looked forward to working with Chairman Sullivan, and that the high productivity level that has become the norm for this Board would continue.

The Vice Chairman also thanked the Clerk of the Board and her staff, and he thanked the County Manager, noting that the County Manager exhibited great leadership during the flooding after Hurricane Floyd.

Finally the Vice Chairman thanked his wife for her support, and acknowledged the presence of Chuck Sigmund of the Department of Parks and Recreation at this meeting.

Chairman Sullivan thanked everyone for their support in electing him Chairman, and stated that it was good to be able to look out and see familiar faces that he could count on. He also thanked the Clerk of the Board and her staff, expressing gratitude for their efforts in putting this meeting together. He also congratulated Freeholder Scutari on the success of his term as Chairman.

ADJOURNMENT

**M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board**

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