

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-3
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City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

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**Mr. Pollenberg
Edwina Prime, President of Lola B. Walker Homeowners Association
Judith Davis, Founding Member of Lola B. Walker Foundation
Leona Cooper, MacFarlane-Homestead Resident**

Agenda Item F-3 [Start: 10:32:33 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida urging Miami-Dade County, through the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, to resolve the dispute with the Lola B. Walker Homeowners Association regarding the Bahamian Village Project, and granting the City Attorney and City Manager full authority to take action

Mayor Cason: The next time certain item is 10:30, that's Agenda Item F-3; this is a resolution of the City Commission urging Miami-Dade County through Miami-Dade County Mayor and the Board of County Commissioners to resolve the dispute with Lola B. Walker Homeowners

Association regarding the Bahamian Village Project, sponsored by Commissioner Keon and Commissioner Lago. City Attorney.

City Attorney Leen: Thank you Mr. Mayor. I'd like to recognize County Commissioner Xavier Suarez who is here for this item, as well as the residents of the MacFarlane-Homestead and Golden Gate area of Coral Gables and the Lola B. Walker Homeowners Association, and also John Pollenberg who is representing Deborah Colsky, who is the developer for the project. I was going to present, did you want to say anything first Commissioner?

Commissioner Suarez: Whatever you determine is the proper order.

Commissioner Keon: I would like to thank you immensely for your presents here today. You have always, always been such a good partner with us in addressing the issues that involve both the County and our City, so I thank you very, very much.

Mayor Cason: And Craig can you explain sort of the outline for the public and all of us what the issue is and what's to be decided if anything.

City Attorney Leen: Why don't I provide a brief explanation and then I'll turn it over to the Commissioner. We are very appreciative of having him here today. He's the County District Commissioner for this area of Coral Gables and we really appreciate you coming sir. The issue and I'm going to keep it at a very general level, because you are going to hear a lot more specific discussion when the Homeowners Association and the attorney speak. What's happening here is there is a dispute between what's called the Lola B. Walker Homeowners Foundation and Ms. Colsky and the Bahamian Village LLC, and Miami-Dade County; and it relates to a community center and retail center that was supposed to be built at the corner of U.S.-1 and Grand Avenue. This issue has been going on for, not the lawsuit, but the idea of this development has been going on for over a decade; and I've taken a look at the matter and we can go through the schedule, but just to give you a brief overview. At this point the project is ready to go forward, the community center, it's ready to be built. In fact, it's going to be in front of the BOA on Thursday. There's been a restrictive covenant that's in the record that's been approved by my office, there has been an approval from this Commission a year ago. This project is ready to proceed. My concern as the City Attorney is that the Lola B. Walker Homeowners Association came to us and said they

are involved in this dispute with Miami-Dade County. They were named as a party by Miami-Dade County, the Lola B. Walker Homeowners Foundation, and because of this litigation I am concerned that is community center may not be able to be built. That it may be caught in litigation for a couple of years and then the dream of this Homeowners Foundation/Homeowners Association may not be able to be realized. So what I thought was best was to bring it to the City Commission. We've been involved in this ourselves as the regulator and I know that we have a very close connection with this part of our community, this area of Coral Gables, and that it's been a priority of this Commission to do right by this community and to stand by them, and I also know that it's a priority for Commissioner Suarez. So that's why I brought the item before you. What I'm asking you to do is from a very high level ask the County Commission to take another look at this case and see if it can be resolved. Allow my office and really direct my office to appear as amicus.....in the case, a friend of the court, where we can bring to the court's attention the history of this matter and ask that this matter be expedited and resolved, so that this community center can be built, and to provide support to the Lola B. Walker Homeowners Association, which is involved in a dispute that's very central to its view of what it wants to accomplish in this community, which is this community center. So with that I would turn it over to Commissioner Suarez, and also know that the sponsors of this item are Commissioner Lago and Commissioner Keon, I know that they wanted to say a few words. In addition, we have Mr. Pollenberg who is representing Deborah Colsky in the Bahamian Village LLC; and we have the residents of the Lola B. Walker Homeowners Association here in force, and I know that they would like to speak as well, and we also have Ms. Cooper, who I believe is going to speak also.

Mayor Cason: We have two speaker cards, Edwina Prime and Judith Davis who will speak for the community.

City Attorney Leen: And also I should recognize Ms. Prime, who is the President of the Homeowners Association, she is here as well. Thank you Ms. Prime.

Commissioner Lago: Commissioner, I'm very excited to have you here today. It's a pleasure. I've known this gentleman for my entire life and he's always been a public servant. He's done an incredible job representing the City of Coral Gables and the entire community. I just wanted to

say, and I was speaking to Dona Spain before, we are really close to obtain those GOB funds, it's close to \$600,000 that you played an integral part getting from the County and we are very excited so is the community, the MacFarlane and Golden Gate areas which are going to benefit from those \$600,000. As I can tell you, this Commission will agree, over the last few years there's been a complete turnaround in that area. That area has now become a focal point for the City of Coral Gables because we understand that that is an area which carries a lot of history. It carries a lot of history in regards to the foundation of how the City was built. So when I sit down and I see a lot of the residents here, I'm extremely excited because I understand the importance of the community center. I know that Commissioner Suarez, Commissioner Keon, and the rest of my colleagues are 110 percent behind construction of this community center. It's been ten years too long. So, I'm going to leave my further comments in reference to the County, and I know that Commissioner Suarez and I want to be the one to say it, because he probably won't say it, he's an extremely humble guy. He cannot speak in regards to the finite details due to the /County Attorney which has advised him that this may be potential litigation. So I want to make sure that we keep it on a 30,000 looking down, because if we get into a situation and we start talking the real detailed issues in reference to the project, I don't want to jeopardize you in any position.

Commissioner Keon: Can I speak just for a moment to the history of this project. And it is not only the last few years, this has been a very long time that I know. I personally I have been involved with this project. I was an aide to Commissioner Jimmy Morales long ago when there was a problem, this particular site was in the County's land...it was held by the Coconut Grove Development Corp who wanted to build something on the site, but would not meet with the neighbors and had not met with the neighbors to discuss with them what actually should go there, and because of the issues and the problems associated with the development of that site that many years ago, the land was, the County took the land back, someone had come to us to ask us about the redevelopment of it. We went to the homeowners association to ensure, this is under Commissioner Morales, to ensure that whatever was done there was done there with the knowledge and the involvement and the participation of the community. At the time, and we all know, particularly having worked in the County, that so often there is not the capacity often within a community to actually receive land because of your designation or whatever else. We

worked with ICED and there were funds that were allocated to the Lola B. Walker Homeowners Association to become a 501(c)3, to hire an attorney so that they had their own representation, and they could become a 501(c)3, so that they were a very legitimate body with the capacity to have this property conveyed to them. So the property was conveyed to them as a 501(c)3 a long time ago. They then entered into a development agreement with Deborah Colsky on this project, and it seems that they have hit one hurdle after another all along the way. Now Commissioner Morales left office shortly afterwards, so we in our office, we were no longer involved in it, but remained involved as a resident here in the City, because of the relationships that we had with this community, but it seems that there has just been one hurdle after another in attempting to get this done on innumerable fronts. I can't tell you it's the county, I can't tell you it's whatever, it's just numerous fronts; and I think what we would like to see today is that we could reach a point where this no longer happens, that we have the time, or given the time to move through, present a plan, to do it, and for the County to really take a look at how they – the rules and the things that they put in place and their practices that actually are stumbling blocks to getting things done. And some of it is the language, some of it is the attorneys, and we know that everyone is really looking to ensure that no one is, that the County isn't harmed or that whatever and their funds are expended properly. But sometimes inadvertently those rules and those practices make it exceedingly difficult for anyone to get things done and I think if this settles now we would like your help with the County in order to get these things done. This is a very, very good community and a very important part of our community who have a best effort to do this and when I was told that they were involved in a lawsuit I felt very badly to think that any group of residents in our community would have to be involved in a lawsuit to be well served by their government. So I ask Craig and I'm very thankful to our City Attorney and the Manager and all of our staff here for their involvement, but particularly to you for being here to help us find the answer to this issue.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner.

Commissioner Suarez: Thank you Mr. Mayor, thank you Madam Commissioner. Commissioner Morales left office in 2004 that was the same year that GOB bonds were approved from which I think the funding is coming for this. By the way, I have his computer and his PC and they tell me

all the time that I should replace it with a new one; I said I threatened with bodily harm anyone who even considers doing that, because it's a great little PC. Someday maybe I'll buy it from the County, if I am no longer Commissioner. Also, I want to say Mr. Mayor, and for the record Madam Manager, and newly elected Commissioner Slesnick that the book that I gave to your County Attorney is not any kind of an unauthorized gift, it's just a loan and its says balance the power, but it has nothing to do with municipal matters or balance the power, it's actually a reference, Mr. Mayor, I think you'll probably know about these and Commissioner Quesada...and those of you who are attorneys, to letters of marque and reprisal under the Constitution. I knew you'd be aware of those and the implication of those and the situation where the President doesn't want to move in the international arena with any kind of force, but it is as we say in Spanish, _____, I would like to have it back.

City Attorney Leen: I'm going to read this and enjoy it and I will bring it back to you, I promise.

Commissioner Suarez: The County Attorney last Tuesday gave me three reasons why I should not even attend this meeting and let alone speak at the meeting. The last two I want to cite for the record because I don't pay much heed to them. Number two is the Commissioner could have an impact on the pending lawsuit against the County, by what he says or does. I certainly hope to have an impact to accelerate the pending lawsuit and settlement thereof. Three, communications by the Commissioner could waive attorney-client privilege under some circumstances. I hereby waive attorney-client privilege on anything that I say and I suspect that you or attorneys also take the same position. I used to have a City Attorney tell me as Mayor of Miami that I shouldn't say certain things or participate in certain negotiations, etc., etc. I never paid any heed to those and settled a lot of very important cases as I would hope to do in this case, except for number one, which is the County's conflict of interest ordinance. This doesn't exist in your City or in the City of Miami when I was Mayor, prohibits a County Commissioner from participating in settlement negotiations without the prior approval of the Board of County Commissioners. I don't have that at this point. I cannot participate in negotiations, I can certainly listen to your proceedings and I intend to do that. I want to say that my understanding and your City Attorney is always helping us with the County Code, because he's a former Assistant County Attorney, can verify but I'm pretty sure that she has not misstated that correctly either. I think that the Mayor can give me

authority to negotiate and on that basis, because that's what I understood the law to be, I had asked him two weeks ago, but I am remiss because I did not have all the documentation, neither the Mayor Jimenez, or I really knew too much about this case, other than what Commissioner Lago had mentioned to me and your fine City Attorney. I will listen, I will observe, I will stay in touch with your Commissioners and your City Attorney and the Mayor who I see all the time at the bank. I always ask him take a little extra money out for me (laughter) and hope to really advance and expedite this. I mean it's eleven years as to the funding, as to the lawsuit; I don't know how long it's been in place. If we don't press the County Attorneys things do take a while, and I have that from experience, I guarantee that, I don't want to say anything derogatory.

Mayor Cason: So thank you for coming to listen and let's have the lawyers for the association and we have two association members who want to speak and help us understand a little bit more.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor, if I could add before the speaking. We did invite the County to send a representative. The informed me that the policy of the County Attorney is typically not to comment on pending litigation. That's why they are not here today. I do want to thank Commissioner Suarez for coming, it means a lot to us. The one thing that we would ask of Commissioner Suarez, considering that he can't negotiate on behalf of the County is that part of your resolution, if you pass it, ask that we be put on the Commission Agenda, the County Commission Agenda so that we can present our position to the County Commission as-a-whole, and we would ask that you as our District Commissioner place us on the County Commission Agenda.

Mayor Cason: OK. We also have another 11 o'clock time certain, so if we could ask the attorney to come up and then we'll have Edwina Prime and Judith Davis to conclude the information for us.

Mr. Pollen erg: Good morning, I've been up a long time. Well good morning everyone, thank you for giving us this opportunity to present to you; and Commissioner Keon had a pretty good grasp on the history, so what I'm going to do is I'm going to sort of explain what the lawsuit is about. The Bahamian Village LLC commenced a case to ask the court to decide what our rights

are under the deed given all that's gone on; and in response to that lawsuit we received a counterclaim in which the County has sought to take the property away from the Bahamian Village and to cease whatever assets it may have in response to our request for classification of our rights, because we dispute what the deed says. And as City Attorney Leen had explained, this project the community center itself is ready to be built. The Architect's plans are going in for permitting; City Attorney Leen has expedited all of the processes so the community center should be built completed sometime next year. The problem is that the community center when its construction starts could get shut down by this litigation, because if the county wants to enjoin, halt, prevent it from going forward, the court could do so. By Coral Gables coming in and coming in on our side sort of levels the playing field. It helps us fight the County from its attempt to strip us of the property rights and to cease the assets that we have in the Bahamian Village. Also, it was no reason for the County to try to countersuit for that issue. If the County is right and the way the deed is written requires a certain rights to the County that it could take against us, the court will decide that and then we can go forward based upon understanding what our rights are. But the County seems to be trying to intimidate this association and this community into preventing it from going forward with this project, and there are only two reasons I can understand why it would want to do so. Number one, it doesn't want the community to succeed; and number two it has someone interested in buying the property for a far greater amount of money than it possibly could get out of what this community is going to provide. Now what is this project for? Well the community center is part of it, but there is also a retail component that's going to go up. The retail component is going to generate revenues, part of which is going to be used to help this foundation restore a bunch of the homes in that community which this Commission has cited as one of the greatest things that's going on in this community. So by taking the property away, the County will eliminate this association's ability to deliver the restoration of the homes that is so important to this community. We can't let that happen and that's why we are important, that's why we are going to fight it. Also, there have been a lot of questions about what's going on with the time, the delay, and I can't talk about a lot of that because of the ongoing litigation, but I will address two things. Number one, the association, the community has invested \$2 million in this project already, maybe it's around \$2 million, I don't want to be so precise, but about \$2 million in this project, and as the County were to succeed and

take this property away, this association, the community would lose \$2 million. Additionally, the delay and with all due respect to this Commission, there were several projects brought to the City of Coral Gables that were rejected. Every time a project is rejected, that means we have to go back to the County and get approval on what the new plan is going to be; and then if the County delays an approval process then the time by which the City gave us permission to get a plan approved expires, which means we have to start the whole process over again. One of the big delays was the initial deed and these are the things I'm explaining that are pretty much of record, so this isn't part of what's going on in litigation. The deed was wrong when it was issued from the County, so it took two years to correct that. In addition, there was a FPL encroachment that litigation ended last year. So when you hear complaints from the county about this it's taken too long, I would just direct the Commission to understand that there are things that have happened to this community and this project that do not deserve it to have the property taken away. It does not require that the County take this property divest the interest that they have invested and eliminate their ability to earn the money necessary for this community to restore the historic homes in its own community. This is what we should be trying to do as government, not trying to defeat it, for whatever reasons the County may have. So we urge the Commission to approve the resolution, allow the City to come in on behalf of the association and let's try to get this resolved as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Thank you very much.

Commissioner Keon: Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Edwina Prime you'd like to come up and then Judith Davis.

Commissioner Lago: Good morning.

Mrs. Prime: Good morning. Edwina Prime, 141 Florida Avenue. Honorable Mayor, Commissioners and staff, I am President of the Lola B. Walker Homeowners Association, which covers the MacFarlane and the Golden Gate areas. What I have to say today is very simple; the community is concerned and frustrated. For over ten years we have anticipated the construction of a business development in the area. Residual revenue was to be employed in maintaining the historic nature of Coral Gables, first neighborhood and to better the life of the division. Most of

the homes in the area have been deemed historic, but the business development has not become a reality. During this extended period of time, we have reviewed plans only to be disappointed and become a constant companion. There are certain monies available, but it does not meet the needs of the community. Some families have found it necessary to take out loans, others were not as fortunate and they have lost their homes, they were demolished. Today, we ask for the delays to cease and move forward, maintain a historic element of Coral Gables and preserve a rich community. Thank you.

Commissioner Keon: Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Thank you. Judith Davis.

Ms. Davis: Good morning.

Commissioner Lago: Good morning.

Commissioner Keon: Good morning.

Ms. Davis: My name is Judith Davis and I reside at 236 Washington Drive. I am a founding member of the Lola B. Walker Foundation. More than twelve years ago Mr. William Cooper convinced me that we could as members of this community do something if – well I was always taught that “if” was one of those small words in the English language that could be a problem and this has been a problem. It didn’t take much convincing because I already felt victimized. In the name of urban blight, Miami-Dade County came in and wiped out our neighborhood. They took away what they said they were going to give the community, more homes, more jobs. Well that was why we started the foundation. Remember the residents were promised we’ll take care of urban blight, we’ll provide jobs. That stretch of land on Grand Avenue at that time around 1970-something, was home to a whole lot of people. There were beauty shops, barber shops, the Poinciana, convenient stores, a dry cleaners, and a shack, that sold the best greasy french fries I’ve ever eaten in my life (laughter), and for all those years that property that provided so much for so many has sat vacant. We only wanted to bring back what was taken. I told you it didn’t take much for my cousin, Mr. William Cooper, to convince me, because I knew what was there, and I liked his idea. He said that word, “if” and he’s gone, but it still haunting me. So much has

happened to us and our efforts to do what should have been done or could have been done that wasn't done. I can't blame Coral Gables Commission or you under the present watch, most of you weren't even here when we started this. I think of a litany of the boulders that were put there for us to stumble and fail, but we've had successes and we've been not so successful. The renovations which I thought should have been replications didn't work like I thought it would work. The five end field houses that was good. The setbacks with that property that didn't have a clear title and illegal utility poles and lines and a home that we call a donut hole in the middle. The delays by the County that caused us and the building to lose money on the sale of those end field houses – if, if. I can go on but that's not going to solve this dilemma. Whatever you can do under this watch to rectify what hasn't been done and is and will forever be appreciated by the forgotten few, who are the descendants of the people who were here from the inception of the City Beautiful, who went to that auction when MacFarlane was being auctioned and bought not one lot, not two lots, but a multiplicity of lots, built houses on them. Sure they had rental properties, but they weren't slum lords, and they used the monies that they had to help other people in the community to educate other people in the community to provide food for people in the community. We only wanted to develop that piece of property, so that we could take care of our part of the City Beautiful and it hasn't happened, it's been a long time. I was telling Mrs. Cooper the other day, so many who started out with this are not here, her husband one of the people, and I was so proud when they asked me because I was the youngest person that they asked to participate in this venture. We can't let this happen. We need your help. Whatever help you can give us we are willing to accept. We can't blame you because like I said, most of what has happened to us with this part, the part that you play, was under your watch, somebody else was sitting in those seats. Listen, hear us, let your heart lead. You can't feel what we feel, but you can hear, I know you hear it in my voice. You can hear what I've seen happen. My son made me take out about six pages, because he said I was rambling. I didn't mean to ramble, but I think you all need to know a lot more than I can stand here and say today in front of you. Have a heart, consider what we all have to say and help us in our fight.

Mayor Cason: Thank you very much. It certainly wasn't rambling, that was very eloquent and it really helped us understand the need for us to support you fully in this.

Commissioner Keon: Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Leona Cooper, do you want to say...come on up.

Mrs. Cooper: I didn't think you would ask.

Commissioner Keon: While Mrs. Cooper who is coming to the microphone. I want to share all of you today, Commissioner Lago and I had sponsored this item, it is on the agenda because we are here to tell you that we will support you, we will see that you are given the rights that you deserve and that you are cared for. This government will take care of its people.

Commissioner Lago: If I could just add a few things. The previous speaker and I know that she mentioned that a lot of these issues did not happen under our watch, but there has been a lot of progress over the last two or three years in regards to Lola B. Walker. From the trolley stop, to the renovation of the park, to the renovation of the church, we stepped up police enforcement; we stepped up Code enforcement with your help. So this Commission has really taken a vested interest in an area that, like you said before, where a lot of the founding fathers resided and the children of the children reside, and when you spoke, you didn't ramble. I could sense like when I meet with Mrs. Cooper or Mrs. Prime and the rest of the individuals in this room, that you have an extreme amount of pride in regards to this neighborhood, and we are very proud to have Lola B. Walker Association as part of the City of Coral Gables. So don't ever think that we don't appreciate you and that we don't know where the actual history of this great City lies.

Mrs. Cooper: I'm Leona Cooper, Leona Ferguson Cooper, not Leona Cooper Baker because that gets confusing. She lives at 201 Washington Drive and I live at 200 Washington Drive, but I'm not going to ramble, and Judy did such a good job. Judy and I and Mr. Colsky, who is Deborah's husband were all born on the same day, June 30th. I was born June 30, 1932, and I won't discuss the other people, and her husband was born on June 30, 1932, we won't discuss the other dates. I just want you to know that the Golden Gates and the MacFarlane-Homestead has produced some of the most brilliant people. I want you to know that the scholarship that we have is named for my husband and for Donald R. Hopkins. Donald is the person who came up with the vaccine for small pox and he was born on Florida Avenue, and he was also the Assistant Director of the Centers for Disease Control. We are an educated bunch of people and so I think the inference has

been that because we are people of color, we don't appreciate good things or better things or know how to appreciate good living. We do. We helped George Merrick build this City. He had no knowledge of building, well he did do some building, but he didn't know how to grow fruit and veggies in the rocky soil that we had here, and people from my native country taught him how to do that, and we are basically Bahamian-Americans over there. Now, I don't have to enlarge too much because Judy, I think did it properly, but I just want to encourage you to continue your effort and I have to tell you that you are two young guys here have been so eloquent. I think the people that were born in 1977; I think you were born in 1977, when were you born?

Vice Mayor Quesada: 1979.

Mrs. Cooper: '79 – OK. I think you've done an excellent job and I think what you've done is you've shown to the world and to the rest of the City and the state that the City of Coral Gables has made change. We have had some obstacles before and you know that. So what I want you to do and I'm not going to talk too much because I think Judy did a great job, I want you to carry through what she has said and make sure that you work with the County and convince them that we are not people that are trying to get over free. We built the City, we built Miami actually, and we need to have your help in getting past this. When I got into this movement, I was a very young woman. I have become in my 80's now, it's not fair, and I think it's so unfair that it has happened, and I don't think it should happen again. I think the young people that are out there now trying to make a headway, they shouldn't have to wait until they are 80 to come up here and talk to you and ask you to help us, and so that's what I have to say. Mrs. Prime did a great job, all of them have told you and I don't need to tell you again what we need to have happen. Go to the County; let them know that's its criminal what's happened, OK. That's all I've got to say. Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Thank you very much. Well Commissioner Suarez you've heard the sentiment of the community, I hope you will take that message and anything else you'd like to say, otherwise...

Commissioner Keon: I just think that there have been a number of issues here that haven't really been taken into consideration that have really delayed this project. One was – there is a number and Craig can go over all of them with you, but I don't think that this is something that belongs in a court of law. This is something that should be dealt with intergovernmental discussion that when you recognize what has happened and all the other things, it should be corrected and it can be corrected through the different offices, and you have the support of this Commission to move this project forward and to do everything we can. Maybe whatever stumbling blocks that were in the past in the City, they are no longer there, and it needs to be taken care of and it doesn't belong – you know people shouldn't be suing their governments. There is no place for that in a civil society that we have to sue a government. These things should be discussed, they should be settled, and they should be worked out, and this project should move forward. Mrs. Cooper should see that community center in her lifetime. Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Let's have a vote on the resolution. Do we have...?

Commissioner Lago: So moved.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago makes the motion – second?

Commissioner Keon: Second.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Keon – City Clerk.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Vice Mayor Quesada: Just want to say one quick think – and obviously thank you to the residents and the neighbors who are here who spoke today, who spoke so eloquently. I also want to thank Commissioner Suarez, he and I don't always agree on everything, but I think reasonable people can disagree every now and again, but there is never any doubt that you always are fighting for your community and we are so fortunate to have you as a representative of the County representing us, so thank you always for being here.

Commissioner Lago: Thank you sir.

[End: 11:09:56 a.m.]