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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

FORMAL MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2018

MINUTES

Chair Walter called the Formal Meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. on April 26, 2018 in Room 211 of the Joyce L. McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

ROLL CALL

The following members of the Board answered the Roll Call of the Deputy Clerk to the Board:

Present – Freeholders Cannon, Colavita, Koontz, and Walter
Absent – Freeholders Cimino, Frisby and Verrelli

The Deputy Clerk to the Board read the Invocation.

Chair Walter led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.

The Deputy Clerk to the Board announced that in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this Formal Meeting had been mailed to The Trenton Times, The Trentonian and The Princeton Packet newspapers as well as having been posted in both the County Administration Building and Courthouse at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

At this time, Chair Walter invited the members of the public to comment on any item listed on the agenda.

There were no comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion of Freeholder Colavita, seconded by Freeholder Koontz, the Minutes of the following meetings were approved:

Formal Meeting of January 11, 2018

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes - 4. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 3.

Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Colavita, Koontz and Walter

Absent – Freeholders Cimino, Frisby and Verrelli

On the motion of Freeholder Cannon, seconded by Freeholder Koontz, the Minutes of the following meetings were approved:

Formal Meeting of January 25, 2018

Formal Meeting of February 8, 2018

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes - 3. Nays - 0. Abstain - 1. Absent - 3.

Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Koontz and Walter

Abstain – Freeholder Colavita

Absent – Freeholders Cimino, Frisby and Verrelli

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from County of Mercer, Department of Purchasing, dated April 4, 2018. RE: Minutes and Bid Results for the Week of March 19, 2018

A communication was received from Marion Masnick, Clerk of the Board, County of Monmouth, dated April 12, 2018. RE: Resolution requesting support from New Jersey Transit and New Jersey Board of Public Utilities regarding Judge Gail Cookson's decision on the JCP & L Reliability Project.

A communication was received from Stephen M. Sweeney, Senate President, State of New Jersey, dated April 9, 2018. RE: Acknowledging receipt of recent resolution in support of legislation regarding operations of public water systems.

A communication was received from Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, dated April 5, 2018. RE: Appointments Requiring Freeholder Advise and Consent.

A communication was received from Andrew A. Mair, County Administrator, dated April 24, 2018. RE: Questions from Freeholder Chair Walter.

A communication was received from Andrew A. Mair, County Administrator, dated April 26, 2018. RE: Questions from Freeholder Meeting of April 24, 2018.

RESOLUTIONS

The Deputy Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to Add the following Resolutions to the agenda:

Freeholder Colavita moved, seconded by Freeholder Cannon, that:

RESOLUTION TO EXCEED INDEX RATE TO THE COUNTY BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2018 APPROVED BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY **"BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA"**

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes - 4. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 3.

Ayes – Freeholders Cannon, Colavita, Koontz and Walter

Absent – Freeholders Cimino, Frisby and Verrelli

The Deputy Clerk to the Board called for a Motion to Vote in Block on the following Resolutions listed on the Agenda.

Freeholder Cannon moved, seconded by Freeholder Koontz, that:
RESOLUTIONS NO. 1 THROUGH 24, ON THE AGENDA “**BE VOTED ON IN BLOCK**”

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes - 4. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 3.

Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Colavita, Koontz and Walter

Absent – Freeholders Cimino, Frisby and Verrelli

Freeholder Cannon offered the following Resolutions, seconded by Freeholder Koontz:

NO. 2018-181 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2017-613, ADOPTED DECEMBER 19, 2017 AND MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS APPROVES AN AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE RESOLUTION BETWEEN CWA 1032 SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS AND THE COUNTY OF MERCER. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019 “AMEND RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE 2018 SALARY COMPENSATION SCHEDULE”

NO. 2018-182 MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES PAYMENT OF INSURANCE PREMIUM TO BORDEN PERLMAN SALISBURY AND KELLY FOR HULL PROTECTION. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$4,168.50. TERM: APRIL 4, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 3, 2019

- NO. 2018-183** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AUTHORIZES COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR SPECIFIED ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION SERVICES FOR MERCER COUNTY RESIDENTS. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2021
- NO. 2018-184** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2017-58, ADOPTED JANUARY 26, 2017 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF TRENTON, FOR THE PROVISION OF RAPID RE-HOUSING SERVICES FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES IN NEED (OR AT-RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS) WITH RENTAL ASSISTANCE, INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT, AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY “AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$93,160.00 [STATE FUNDS]. REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT: \$402,009.50 (STATE FUNDS AND COUNTY FUNDS)”
- NO. 2018-185** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A COMPETITIVE CONTRACT WITH LIFETIES, INC. TO PROVIDE (JDAI) FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICES FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM-INVOLVED YOUTH. PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT: \$55,000.00 (STATE FUNDS)
- NO. 2018-186** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EWING TOWNSHIP FOR THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMMING FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019. AMOUNT: \$31,228.00. (NO COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2018-187** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FOR THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMMING FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019. AMOUNT: \$18,536.00. (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2018-188** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP FOR THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMMING FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019. AMOUNT: \$21,708.00. (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2018-189** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PRINCETON FOR THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAMMING FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019. AMOUNT: \$28,056.00. (NO COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2018-190** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY (TCNJ), DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELOR EDUCATION FOR THE INTOXICATED DRIVER RESOURCE CENTER (IDRC) PROGRAM. PERIOD: MAY 1, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019. NO STATE OR COUNTY FUNDS

NO. 2018-191 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2017-301, ADOPTED JULY 13, 2017 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF MOTEL/HOTEL PLACEMENTS AND CASE MANAGEMENT FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES - "AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE AMOUNT BY AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000.00 (COUNTY FUNDS) FOR CODE BLUE ALERT PLANS TO SHELTER AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS; REVISE LANGUAGE FROM 'CASE MANAGEMENT' TO '24 HOUR RESPONSE FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES' AND CHANGE THE FUNDING SOURCE FROM (COUNTY FUNDS) TO (SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS (SSH) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00. REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT: \$185,500.00. (SSH FUNDS AND COUNTY FUNDS)

NO. 2018-192 COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR ROUNDS 5 AND 6, STATE FISCAL YEAR (SFY) 2019 AND (SFY) 2020 FOR THE CONSOLIDATED JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROGRAM (NJ-JARC). APPROXIMATE AMOUNT: SFY 2019: \$435,632.40 (NJ TRANSIT: \$217,816.20 - COUNTY MATCH: \$217,816.20) SFY 2020: \$447,525.80 (NJ TRANSIT: \$223,763.40 - COUNTY MATCH: \$223,763.40). TOTAL AMOUNT: \$883,158.00. PERIOD: JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021. (STATE FUNDS-COUNTY FUNDS)

- NO. 2018-193** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS FOR SOFTWARE LICENSES, IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES, TRAINING, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR THE INFORM COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) SYSTEM AT THE MERCER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS CENTER. COST NOT TO EXCEED \$50,789.50 (COUNTY FUNDS)
- NO. 2018-194** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH NETSMART TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE AIMS SYSTEM FOR A JAIL MANAGEMENT COMPUTER SYSTEM. PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,410.00
- NO. 2018-195** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO EXTEND AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES (E.U.S.) CONTRACT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH FAIRVIEW INSURANCE AGENCY ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE PHARMACY BENEFITS CONSULTING SERVICES. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$36,000.00. PERIOD: APRIL 24, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 23, 2019
- NO. 2018-196** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (AWARDED THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS) WITH C&S ENGINEERS, INC., TO PROVIDE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM AT THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. PERIOD: APRIL 27, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 26, 2019. AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$30,000.00

- NO. 2018-197** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2015-314, ADOPTED JUNE 9, 2015 AND MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS ACKNOWLEDGES THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT NO. 1) BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO THE PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCREASE COLLECTED PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE FUNDS AND TO EXTEND TIME PERIOD. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: AUGUST 1, 2016 - ESTIMATED EXPIRATION DATE: JULY 1, 2019
- NO. 2018-198** AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2015-314, ADOPTED JUNE 9, 2015 AND MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS ACKNOWLEDGES THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT NO. 2) BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO THE PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TRENTON-MERCER AIRPORT. AMEND RESOLUTION TO CONVERT AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FROM "IMPOSE ONLY" TO "USE" AND EXTEND TIME PERIOD. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: AUGUST 1, 2016 AND ESTIMATED EXPIRATION DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2019
- NO. 2018-199** AWARD OF BID RECEIVED MARCH 1, 2018 TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR THE REPAIR OF PUMPING SYSTEMS, ELECTRIC MOTORS, AND WATER WELL INSPECTION, REPAIR, AND DRILLING FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCER. TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$154,925.00. PERIOD: APRIL 1, 2018 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2020 (AB2018-14)

- NO. 2018-200** COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF APRIL AS SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH IN MERCER COUNTY
- NO. 2018-201** MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS RECOGNIZES THE MONTH OF APRIL AS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
- NO. 2018-202** APPOINTMENT OF LESLIE FLOYD TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
- NO. 2018-203** APPOINTMENTS OF ELIZABETH SOLAN AND KATHY FIERY TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE MERCER COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING
- NO. 2018-204** APPOINTMENT OF LINDA ROGERS AS A MEMBER OF THE MERCER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

ADOPTED: Ayes - 4. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 3.
Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Colavita, Koontz and Walter
Absent – Freeholders Cimino, Frisby and Verrelli

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MERCER COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE A SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISPOSAL OF ACCEPTABLE WASTE BY AND BETWEEN THE MERCER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

The Deputy Clerk to the Board acknowledged receipt of a memorandum from County Executive Brian M. Hughes, dated April 24, 2018, whereby he indicated that he had reviewed the above named Ordinance and found no negative overriding implications, and therefore, he recommended adoption of the Ordinance.

The Deputy Clerk to the Board announced that said Ordinance had been properly advertised in accordance with the State Statute, and all requirements had been complied with.

Chair Walter announced the opening of the Public Hearing on said Ordinance. Hearing no comments or questions, she called for a motion to recess the public hearing.

Freeholder Koontz moved, “**To Close The Public Hearing**”, seconded by Freeholder Cannon.

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes - 4. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 3.

Ayes – Freeholders Cannon, Colavita, Koontz and Walter

Absent – Freeholders Cimino, Frisby and Verrelli

Freeholder Cannon moved the following Ordinance, seconded by Freeholder Koontz:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-3

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MERCER COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE A SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISPOSAL OF ACCEPTABLE WASTE BY AND BETWEEN THE MERCER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

VOTE ON ORDINANCE

Ayes - 4. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 3.

Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Colavita, Koontz and Walter

Absent – Freeholders Cimino, Frisby and Verrelli

2018 MERCER COUNTY BUDGET

Chair Walter announced the opening of the Public Hearing on the CAP Bank Resolution.

Chair Walter asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he called for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Freeholder Cannon moved, **“To Close The Public Hearing”**, seconded by Freeholder Koontz.

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes – 4. Nays – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 3.

Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Colavita, Koontz and Walter

Absent – Freeholders Cimino, Frisby and Verrelli

Freeholder Cannon offered the following Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Colavita:

NO. 2018-205 RESOLUTION TO EXCEED INDEX RATE TO THE COUNTY BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

ADOPTED: Ayes - 4. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 3.

Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Colavita, Koontz and Walter

Absent – Freeholders Cimino, Frisby and Verrelli

David J. Miller, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, confirmed that the Freeholders should be able to adopt the Mercer County Budget at the May 7th Freeholder Meeting.

Chair Walter announced the opening of the Public Hearing on the 2018 Mercer County Budget.

Chair Walter asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he called for a motion to recess the Public Hearing.

Freeholder Cannon moved, **“To Recess The Public Hearing”**, seconded by Freeholder Koontz.

VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes – 4. Nays – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 3.

Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Colavita, Koontz and Walter

Absent – Freeholders Cimino, Frisby and Verrelli

Freeholder Colavita offered the following Resolution, seconded by Freeholder Cannon:

NO. 2017-206 AMENDMENTS TO THE 2018 APPROVED
BUDGET OF THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW
JERSEY

ADOPTED: Ayes - 4. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 3.

Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Colavita, Koontz and Walter

Absent – Freeholders Cimino, Frisby and Verrelli

PUBLIC SECTION

At this time, Chair Walter invited the members of the public to comment on any item listed on and off the agenda.

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Formal Meeting was offered by Freeholder Koontz and seconded by Freeholder Colavita, which was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

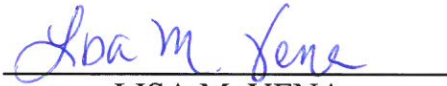
VOTE ON MOTION

Ayes - 4. Nays - 0. Abstain - 0. Absent - 3.

Ayes - Freeholders Cannon, Cimino, Frisby, Koontz and Walter

Absent – Freeholders Colavita and Verrelli

FORMAL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:24 PM



LISA M. VENA

DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD



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MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

INFORMAL MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2018

MINUTES

Chair Walter called the Agenda Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. on April 24, 2018 in Room 211 of the Joyce L. McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

ROLL CALL

The following members of the Board answered the Roll Call of the Deputy Clerk to the Board:

Present – Freeholders Cannon, Colavita, Koontz, and Walter
Absent – Freeholders Cimino, Frisby and Verrelli

Chair Walter led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.

SUNSHINE LAW

The Deputy Clerk to the Board announced that in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this Informal Meeting had been mailed to The Trenton Times, The Trentonian and The Princeton Packet newspapers as well as having been posted in both the County Administration Building and Courthouse at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

PRESENTATION

Chair Walter commented that she attended the National Education Association Conference last year, where the American Sikh Council had a memorable information booth. At this time, she announced that Amman Deep Singh Seehra, Esq., Northeast Regional Director and Board Member of Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF), was in attendance to give a brief presentation. He discussed the Sikh Americans experiences, culture and religion. **(See Schedule A, attached hereto, and made a part hereof)**

Chair Walter announced that Gerry Ricciardi, Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP &L) Area Manager, was in attendance to address the Freeholder Board. Mr. Ricciardi gave brief statistics on the impact of the winter storms in March.

Mr. Ricciardi mentioned that JCP&L would be holding a workshop at the Dempster Center in conjunction with Bob Hartman, County Office of Emergency Management Coordinator, to discuss JCP&L restoration priorities on May 8th at 10 AM.

Mr. Ricciardi stated that he would retire in July after thirty-one (31) years with JCP&L. Chair Walter expressed that she appreciated the increased communication and accessibility he provided to the Freeholder Board.

Chair Walter announced that Anthony P. Carabelli, Jr., Acting Director of Economic Development & Sustainability, was in attendance to address the Freeholder Boards questions on the proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Mercer and various Economic Development Partners to identify Downtown Trenton Redevelopment Sites. She expressed her concerns regarding whether the dated Resolution adopted by the City of Trenton was appropriate backup being that it appeared to be disconnected to the aforementioned MOU.

Mr. Carabelli admitted that there was a delay with the aforementioned Resolution due to difficulties obtaining original signed copies of the MOU. He explained that the proposed Resolution strictly focuses on the Trenton Redevelopment sites. He added that he was unable to speak on what was included in the City of Trenton Resolution.

Freeholder Koontz expressed his concern regarding the dated Resolutions from both the City of Trenton and Mercer County Improvement Authority (MCIA). He continued that both Resolutions arrived to the State under a prior administration and to the City of Trenton with a potential former Mayor. He stated that he was hesitant to act without more information and confidence that the MOU is currently agreeable to all parties.

Chair Walter indicated that discussions of future space requirements for the County should come to the Freeholder Board before the involvement of outside agencies.

Chair Walter suggested removing the proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a MOU between the County of Mercer and Various Economic Development Partners from the Agenda. She recommended revisiting the proposed Resolution at the next set of Freeholder Meetings until they can receive answers. The Freeholder Board concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS

Six (6) communications were discussed and approved for placement on the Agenda for the Formal Meeting of April 26, 2018.

Chair Walter made reference to the Communication from the County Executive Brian M. Hughes, regarding Appointments requiring Freeholder advise and consent. She recommended pulling the Resolution appointing Amber Forrester to serve as a member of the Mercer County Park Commission. She explained that Ms. Forrester was unable to attend the meeting for an interview due to a conflict in schedule. As a result, she suggested putting the Resolution on the Agenda for the next set of Freeholder Meetings.

RESOLUTIONS

Twenty-four (24) proposed Resolutions were discussed and approved for placement on the agenda for the Formal Meeting of April 26, 2018.

Freeholder Koontz made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Shared Services Agreement with Princeton for the provision of Municipal Alliance Programming for Drug and Alcohol Prevention. He mentioned that he would usually abstain on the proposed Resolution because he sits on the Corner House Foundation Board, who provides the service. He added that he would vote on the proposed Resolution if there were not enough votes to approve the proposed Resolution at the Freeholder Meeting on Thursday.

Chair Walter made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing to execute a Professional Services Agreement with C&S Engineers, Inc., to provide program management services for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program at the Trenton-Mercer Airport. She asked why the service was not being done in-house. David J. Miller, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, stated that he was unsure.

Chair Walter made reference to the proposed Resolution authorizing an Award of Bid to Multiple Vendors for the repair of pumping systems, electric motors and water well inspection, repair, and drilling for the County of Mercer. She asked why two vendors were being approved for the services. Mr. Miller replied that there are often multiple vendors for the convenience of the department. Freeholder Walter asked if she could receive a year-end report of how much the County has paid each vendor of aforementioned Award of Bid.

Chair Walter made reference to the proposed Resolutions authorizing appointments to Mercer County Boards and Commissions. She commented that she has continuously asked to acquire the list of the Mercer County Boards and Commissions that have vacancies.

ORDINANCE ADOPTION

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MERCER COUNTY DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE A SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISPOSAL OF ACCEPTABLE WASTE BY AND BETWEEN THE MERCER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

OLD BUSINESS

Freeholder Cannon stated that she attended the Cherish the Children Awards Dinner hosted by the Mercer County Commission on Abused, Neglected, and Missing Children.

Chair Walter mentioned that she attended the 2018 State of the West Windsor Township Address.

Freeholder Koontz reported that Princeton broke ground on the Mercer at Play Round 1 project known as the Mary Moss Playground.

ON-GOING BUSINESS

Freeholder Colavita described that he attended the “Spring Into Student Success” Scholarship Fundraiser hosted by the Mercer County Community College Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Walter announced that on May 6th from 7:00 AM through 8:30 AM the Mercer County’s “Let’s Investigate Flying Together” (L.I.F.T.) for Autism event would take place at the Trenton-Mercer Airport. She explained that the event would allow children with autism to experience the airport in a positive way.

Freeholder Colavita stated that Mercer County Chapter of the Sunshine Foundation would have their annual Mercer County Dreamlift.

PUBLIC SECTION

At this time, Chair Walter invited the members of the public to comment on any item listed on and off the agenda.

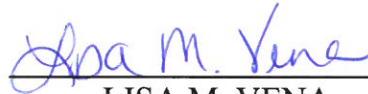
Robert Britton, Jr., of Mercer Quiet Skies expressed his concerns regarding airline safety at the Trenton-Mercer Airport.

Christian Amato, Chief Operating Officer of Creative Marketing Alliance (CMA), inquired about an update for the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to manage advertisement at the Trenton-Mercer Airport.

Mr. Miller explained that the contract was voted down and that there is no current process in place to re-advertise. Freeholder Koontz expressed his concerns with not having the aforementioned service provided at the Trenton-Mercer Airport.

Chair Walter inquired about bringing the Contract back to the table for a revote to have advertisement at the Trenton-Mercer Airport.

AGENDA MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 PM



LISA M. VENA
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

"Schedule A"

The American Sikh Council is a national association of Gurdwaras and Sikh institutions across the US. While reviewing the 200 Gurdwaras in the US, there are approximately 100,000 adult members in these Gurdwaras, which translate into approximately 300,000 Sikhs including children. There are a number of Sikhs, who may not even be members of any Gurdwara. Based on these extrapolations the overall population Sikhs in US can be estimated to be at least 500,000 across the nation.

- 1903 Sikh Immigration to North America Begins
- 1905 Sikh Workers on the Railroad
- 1907 Bellingham "Anti-Sikh" Riot
- 1907 – 1910 Immigration through San Francisco
- 1910 – 1920 Sikh Farmers Settle in California
- 1912 Stockton: The First Gurdwara
- 1913 Alien Land Law Passed
- 1913 – 1918 The (Sikh) Ghadar Party
- 1917 Immigration Act of 1917
- 1920s Sikhs in the Imperial Valley
- 1923 Bhagat Singh Thind Denied Citizenship
- 1946 Congress Passes Immigration Quota Bill
- 1948 Gurdwara Opens in El Centro, California
- 1956 First Sikh Elected to Congress



Sikh men in Port Angeles, WA 1908

History of Sikh Americans



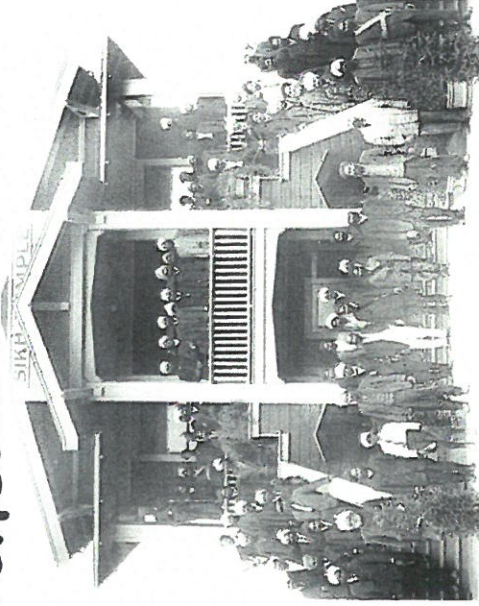
First Sikh soldier in the US Army – 1918
Sergeant Bhagat Singh Thind

American Sikh Council

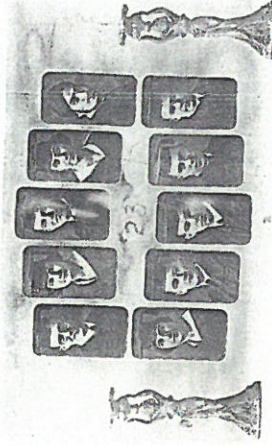


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The first Sikh Gurdwara in Stockton, CA 1912



Apprentice	Trainer	Master	Senior	Expert	Master	Senior	Expert	Master	Senior	Expert
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Ram Singh Sarkaria (top right)
Oregon State University 1917

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A Brief History of Sikh Americans

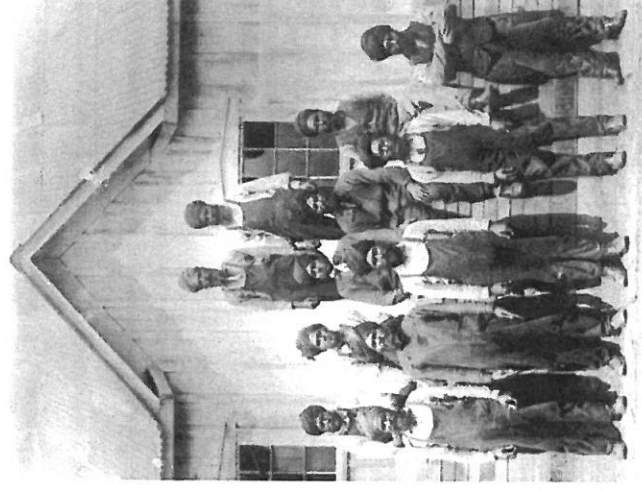
Sikh settlers came to America in search of jobs and farmland. Between, 1899-1915, there were about 7,000 immigrants from Punjab in America; over 85 percent of them were Sikhs. The earliest record of Sikhs arriving in America is on April 6, 1899 at Angel Island, San Francisco, California.

Many Sikhs came through Vancouver and then travelled south along the West Coast, while working in the lumber industry, railroad construction, and on farms. In California, Sikhs settled in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys, because of the fertile land. Some moved further south and settled in the Imperial Valley – El Centro Valley. Initially Sikhs worked as farm hands and laborers. Later they started to lease land and tried their hand at farming as self-employed owners.

The first and oldest Gurdwara, which was built by these new immigrants and is listed on the US historical register, was established in 1912 in Stockton, California. This became the central place for all organized Sikh religious activities in America. The Gurdwara was used for all kinds of occasions; birth, marriage, death including political and social activities.

The Sikh immigrants from colonial British-India were all turban wearing Sikhs. The vast majority were hardy farmers looking to make a better life just like the immigrants from

Europe. The prejudices of the white society against them were intense, local white labor felt threatened by Sikh immigrants' hard work and their honest work ethics. White owners discriminated against Sikh workers by paying them substantially lower wages. In some areas there was organized mob violence against Sikhs. State and Federal Governments passed several laws restricting the rights of Asian immigrants to buy property, acquire citizenship and allow their spouses to join them. But in spite of all such restrictions, the Sikhs persevered, survived and prospered through their sheer grit and hard work. By 1920 Sikhs owned over 2,099 acres and leased another 86,340 acres of land in the state of California, farming crops, fruits and vegetables.



Sikh workers in California 1905

One of the methods used by the Sikhs to fight unjust laws was to fight the system through the courts. Dr. Bhagat Singh Thind, a great Sikh-American pioneer who came to the US in 1913, fought against the bullying and bias of the local communities, the restrictive and unjust laws passed against Asian immigrants by the then State and Federal governments, using every legal means available. His monumental effort eventually paved the way for all Asian American immigrants to acquire the right to own property and to secure US citizenship after an 18 year long struggle.

Over the last hundred plus years the number and the level of education of Sikh immigrants has changed progressively. We can generally categorize Sikh Americans into four groups. In the first group are the early immigrants, which mostly included the farm hands and laborers, and a small group of students, who came between, 1899–1960. In the Second group, immigrated between, 1960–1984, are the professionals such as engineers, doctors, scientists and students for higher education. The third group includes mostly political and religiously persecuted people, who came between 1984 – 2010 under the refugee status. Finally, the fourth group, who were primarily the European-American Christians and Jewish Americans, converts who adopted the Sikh faith from 1970 onwards.

The US Census Bureau does not collect data by religion, although the Pew Research Center has done some work in this respect.

“Schedule A”

SIKH AMERICANS

**Our Identity and Misrepresentation
Mercer County Sikh Community
April 24, 2018**

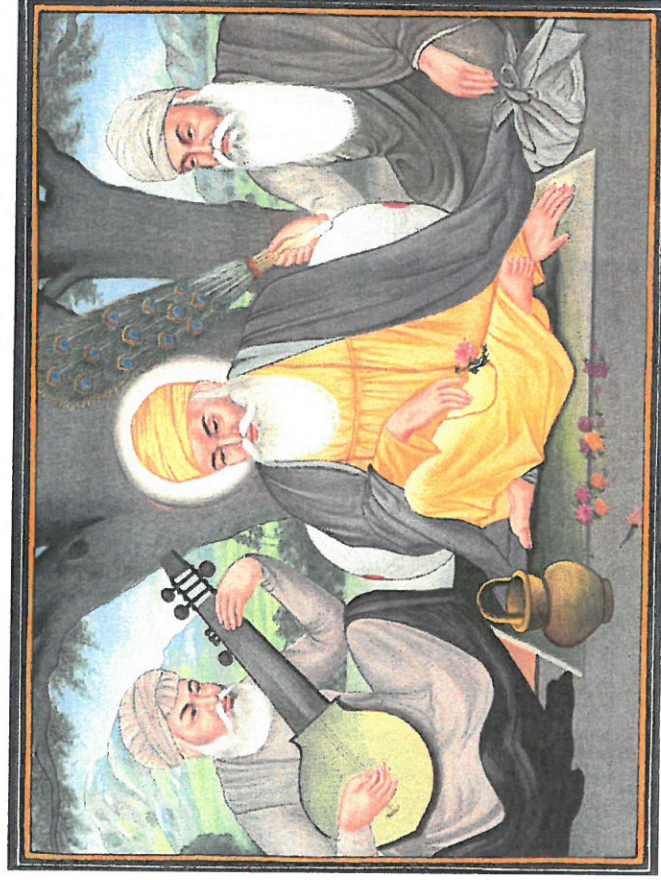


SIKHS IN MERCER COUNTY

- Rich Diversity in Mercer County
- Representation of Sikhs in Mercer
 - 5th Largest Religion in the world
 - Between 500,000 – 700,000 Sikhs in the US
 - Approximately 100,000 Sikhs in New Jersey
 - Mercer County home to many Sikhs
 - Gurdwara – Sikh community center
 - Sikh Sabha of New Jersey @ 282 Bakers Basin Road, Lawrenceville, NJ
 - Central Jersey Sikh Association @ 116 North Main Street, Robbinsville, NJ



WHAT IS SIKHISM?



- Monotheistic faith founded 500 years ago in Punjab, India
- Core Values
 - Truthful living
 - Seva - Selfless service
 - Equality
 - Social Justice
 - Freedom
- Over 99% of people with a turban in the US are Sikhs



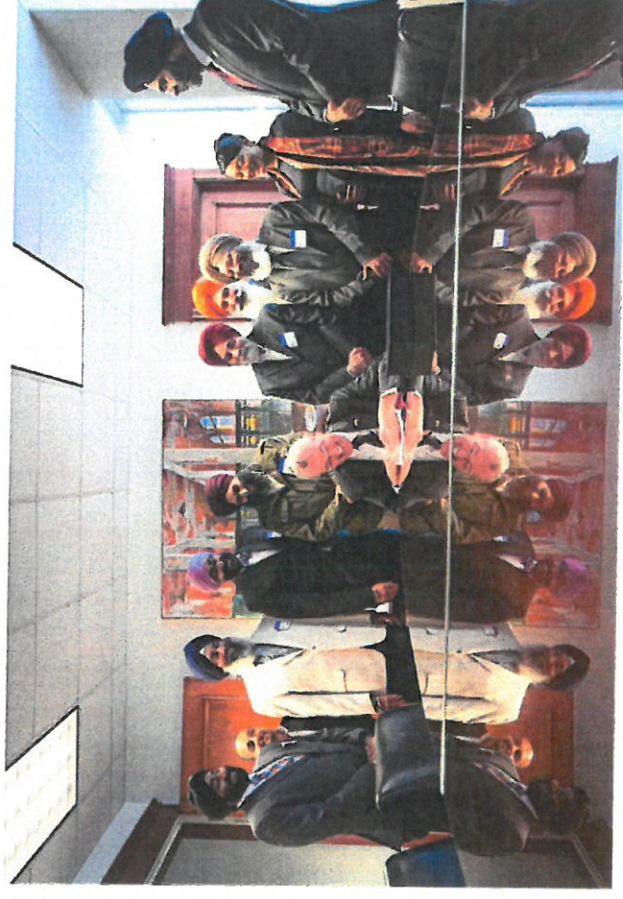
WHAT DOES THE TURBAN REPRESENT?

- Representation of nobility/respectability – equality movement
- Badge of identity and reminder to do good
- Symbol of social justice – stand up for those in need



WHY DESIGNATE APRIL?

- Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month
 - Misperception of Sikh Americans and Sikhism
 - Need to reframe the turban and educate the public
 - Acts of hate against the Sikh faith and its members
 - Celebrate Vaisakhi



MISPERCEPTION OF SIKHISM



- Study by Stanford University Peace Innovation Labs
- Key findings
 - Specific bias against Sikh articles of faith
 - Turbans and beards are objects of hate
 - People do not recognize Sikhs and the term has little meaning
 - Bias can be unconscious
 - The media makes bias acceptable



THIS MAN IS MOST LIKELY A...

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37.8% » I don't know
(+3.4 / -3.3)

29.1% » Sikh
(+3.1 / -2.9)

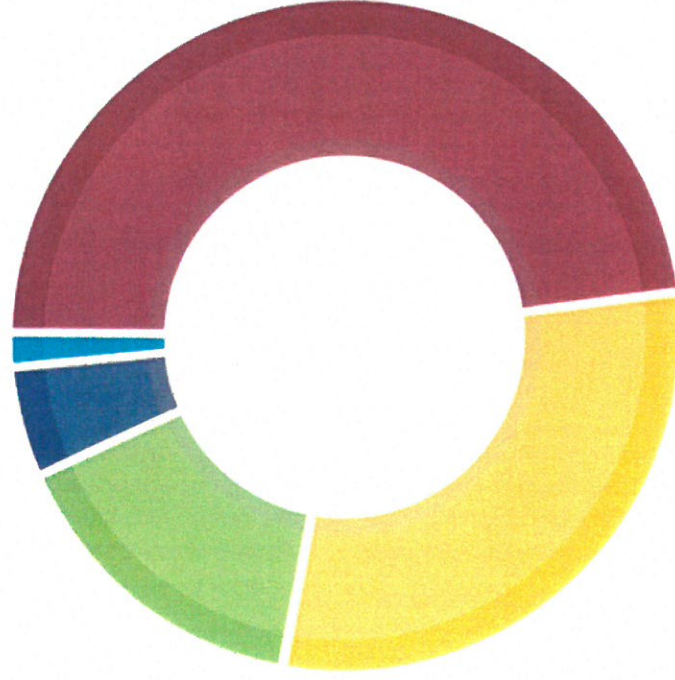
15.2% » Hindu
(+2.7 / -2.4)

14.8% » Muslim
(+2.9 / -2.5)

3.1% » Buddhist
(+2.4 / -1.4)



RELIGION ASSOCIATED WITH...



48.0% » Muslim
(+4.2 / -4.2)

30.0% » Sikh
(+4.1 / -3.8)

15.2% » Hindu
(+3.5 / -2.9)

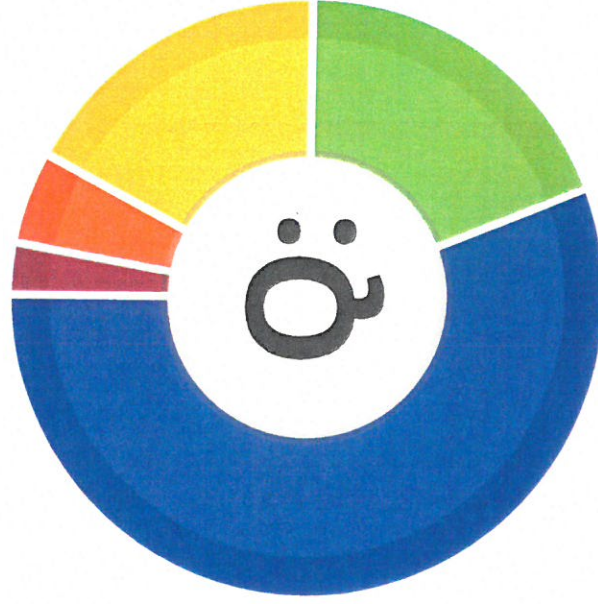
5.3% » Buddhist
(+2.7 / -1.8)

1.5% » Shinto
(+3.4 / -1.0)



FEAR OF THE TURBAN

WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER
A STRANGER IN PUBLIC
WEARING A TURBAN, YOU
ARE LIKELY TO BE SOMEWHAT:



56% » Neutral

19% » Other

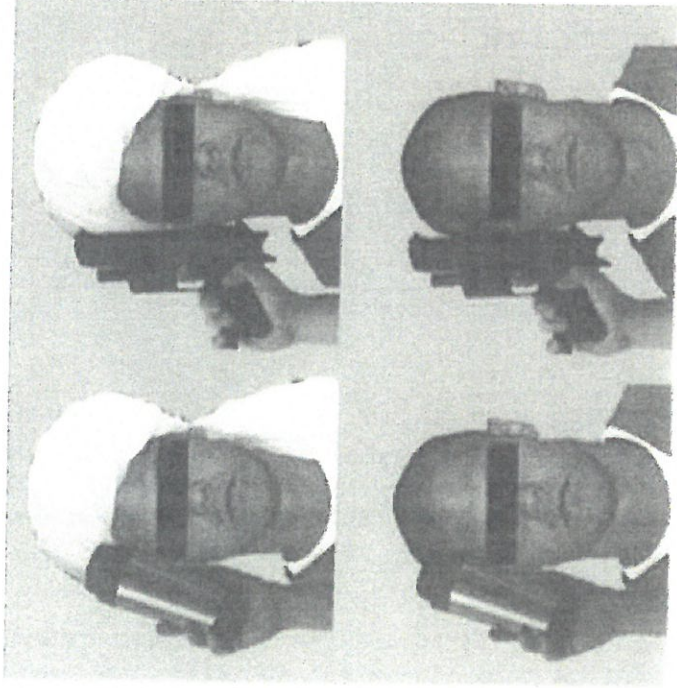
17% » Apprehensive

5% » Happy

3% » Angry



TURBAN SHOOTER BIAS



- All shooters more likely to target person with turban
- Shooters in a positive mood even more likely to shoot turbaned individuals



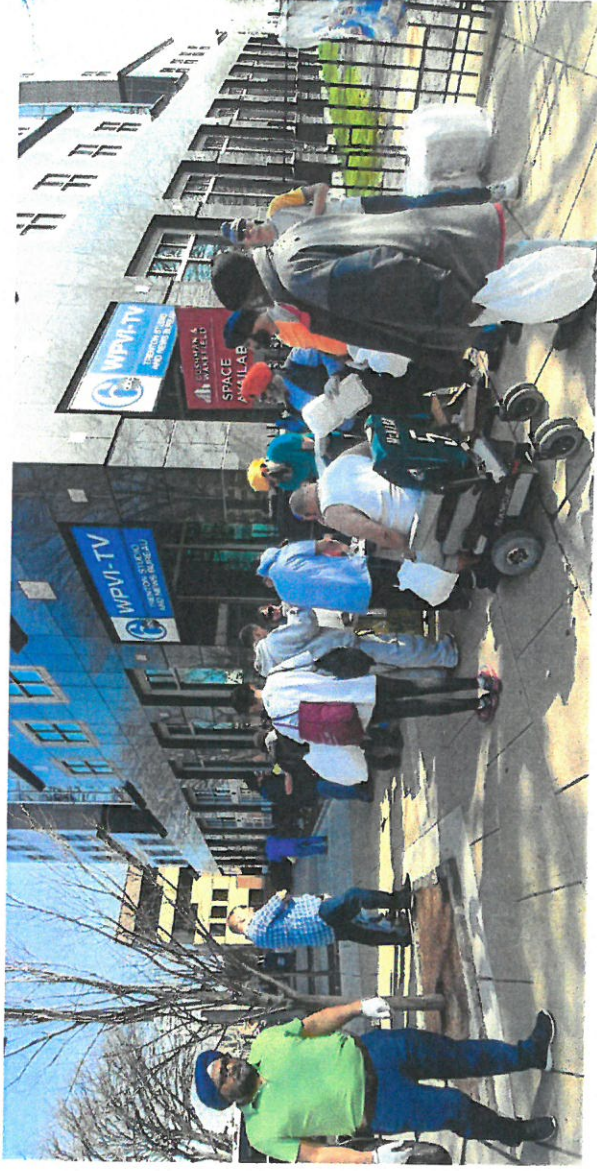
ACTS OF HATE AGAINST SIKH AMERICANS

- Hate crimes
- Employment Discrimination
- School Bullying and Harassment
- Oak Creek Gurdwara shooting
- Post 9-11



VAISAKHI

- Annual festival that in April to commemorate the birth of the Sikh diaspora known as the Khalsa
- Celebration includes:
 - A special service at the gurdwara
 - Act of seva or community service



POSITIVE OUTCOMES SO FAR...

- Langars, or community feedings, across the State
- Media coverage focusing on a positive image of Sikhs
- Education of the Sikh Americans to the general public



FOOD DRIVE 21 APRIL 2018

Langar will be prepared at and distributed through
Nanak Noham Jang Gurdwara
1405 Westside Ave, Jersey City NJ 07304

Celebrating
Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month



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REFRAMING AND RECLAIMING THE SIKH IDENTITY

- Public education about the core values of love, equality, freedom, honesty and service
- Changing perception of the turban from fear to respect
- Our story is the story of America, New Jersey, and Mercer County

