

BOARD OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

RANDOM DRAW

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November 5, 2020
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PRESENT:

Parnell Sena

Unidentified Male

Unidentified Female

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2 (The meeting commenced.)

3 MR. PARNELL SENA: Good morning. Today
4 is Thursday, November 5, 2020. I'm here at the
5 City of New York Board of Elections. We'll be
6 conducting the random draw for the order of
7 central ballot scanners for the general election
8 held on November 3, 2020. We will be conducting
9 the drawing for the election districts as stated
10 in the amended notice to candidates posted on our
11 board site for all five boroughs of the City of
12 New York.

13 We will start with opening the file
14 containing the EDs for each county and obtaining
15 a random sequence from Random.org. To generate
16 each sequence, we will enter the given number of
17 EDs into the corresponding random.org field and
18 run the random sequence. We will then copy and
19 paste the generating sequence into the
20 corresponding column of ED spreadsheet and then
21 sort the data in the said column accordingly.

22 Both the spreadsheet and the random.org
23 generator sequence will be saved separately and
24 we will move on to the next county until they are

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2 all complete. We will now begin with Richmond
3 County.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay. And good
5 morning, folks. As Parnell explained, we're doing
6 a random draw. There is a website called
7 Random.org and it generates our order of numbers,
8 so we're going to start with what did we say,
9 County of Richmond, right?

10 MR. SENA: Yes.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Alright. Richmond,
12 the total is 40, [unintelligible] [00:02:14]
13 number 40, now I'm going to get a sequence. Get
14 sequence, and what we do is we're going to copy
15 these numbers like so, copy, we'll put them on a
16 spread sheet and we're going to drop them in.
17 Alright. Then save it out. So, there's 40
18 scanners in total, it's like the first three
19 percent that are going to get audited.

20 MR. SENA: So, it's two.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So, it's only two.
22 And we're going to put in, yes, yes, and the rest
23 are --

24 MR. SENA: Need more.

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2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No, copy this down,
3 bottom, oh, you're right. Oh, thank you, Raquel,
4 oh, there we go. My bad. So we've got to sort
5 these first, right. Now, I'm just -- okay.
6 [unintelligible] [00:04:01]. Sort, we're going to
7 sort by Column E, no, that's not good. Okay.
8 Okay. And let's sort. Okay. Now, these are the
9 two scanners that are going to be audited, right.
10 So, yes, for the first two. What's going on here?
11 There we go. The rest are no. Okay. And we're
12 going to highlight the top two, there we go, as
13 yellow. I'm going to hit safe. And I'll go back
14 and save the .PDF, uh-huh. Let's reprint to, as a
15 .PDF and hit save. It's in downloads. Yeah, I'm
16 sorry, change the name, and it's for early
17 voting, right. So it's RHED, want a date?

18 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We'll fix it
19 later.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah, that's fine.

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Mm-hmm.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hit save. Okay.

23 Okay. Let's go back to the Excel sheet, go to New
24 York County.

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2 MR. SENA: New York County.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So we have 80 and we
4 want to go here and do the sequencer again, 80 is
5 the largest value, we're going to hit sequence.
6 There's our numbers. There you go, hit copy,
7 control C, and going to do a control
8 [unintelligible] [00:06:54], please. Then sort.

9 MR. SENA: Then sort.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay. These are a
11 lot easier. It's not that many. When we get to
12 the regular, things will be a lot more.

13 MR. SENA: Yeah.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay. So we're
15 sorting here, right, data, sort, I got it has
16 headers, sort by, right, and smallest to largest,
17 okay. So we have 80 scanners, [unintelligible]
18 [00:07:34].

19 MR. SENA: Three percent.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We have 80 scanners.

21 MR. SENA: Three percent of the 80 is,
22 your total is three.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Is three, right?

24 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Mm-hmm.

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2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Because I'm a lazy
3 typist --

4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [unintelligible]
5 [00:07:46].

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You'll see.

7 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Oh.

8 MR. SENA: This is why.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Because I'm a lazy
10 typist. Alright, three, right guys?

11 MR. SENA: Mm-hmm. And everybody else is
12 no.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Alright. And how
14 does that look? Okay?

15 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Mm-hmm.

16 MR. SENA: Mm-hmm.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Save, now go back to
18 and do a .PDF for the [unintelligible]
19 [00:08:20].

20 MR. SENA: Mm-hmm.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And we want to save
22 as [unintelligible] [00:08:29].

23 MR. SENA: NYEE.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: New York County,

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2 right, and save.

3 MR. SENA: Mm-hmm.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay. Moving right
5 along.

6 MR. SENA: Next up.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Next county --

8 MR. SENA: Bronx.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: -- the Bronx.

10 MR. SENA: The Bronx.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'm not going to say
12 it. Okay. So, we have 66, huh?

13 MR. SENA: Mm-hmm.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Oh, my
15 [unintelligible] [00:09:05], 66, let's go back
16 here, 66 is the number.

17 MR. SENA: 66 is the magic number.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [unintelligible]
19 [00:09:16].

20 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: What's the number?

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I got it, oh, thank
22 you.

23 MR. SENA: Okay. All --

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Not too many sixes,

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2 please.

3 MR. SENA: Please, no.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Get sequence. See
5 now if Raquel is doing this, she would do the
6 .PDF first, right? I learned that from last time.
7 I'm now going to copy, I'm going to get these
8 numbers into the sheet, from the Bronx. I am now
9 going to sort. And we have headers, it's the last
10 column, smallest to largest. Beautiful. So it's
11 only two, just like Richmond, right?

12 MR. SENA: Yes.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Just two, folks,
14 right. Alright. It looks good, and we'll save.
15 And going back to the random.org, print this guy
16 as a .PDF. We are in the Bronx, B-X, hit save.
17 Okay. Let's go back. The next county, the great
18 county of Queens, so is it 82?

19 MR. SENA: Mm-hmm.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: My home borough. Go
21 back, 82, hit sequence, C, [unintelligible]
22 [00:11:57] copy. And sort it. So data sort,
23 right. Sort, we have headers, it's the last
24 column, smallest to largest, bingo. So that's

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2 three, same as New York, right.

3 MR. SENA: Mm-hmm.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So let's borrow
5 this, hit copy --

6 MR. SENA: Save.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Paste. And 82, so
8 hit save. That's Queens, right.

9 MR. SENA: Mm-hmm.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Queens, now go back.

11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Create the
12 sequence.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [unintelligible]

14 [00:13:01] 125, right?

15 MR. SENA: Sequence --

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Create the
17 sequence for it.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No, guys, I -- yeah,
19 I just wanted to, want to go back to the website.

20 MR. SENA: Then you'll come back
21 [unintelligible] [00:13:09].

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [unintelligible]
23 [00:13:10]. We do want to save the sequence.

24 MR. SENA: Mm-hmm.

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2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The great county of
3 Queens. Right, Raquel?

4 MR. SENA: TN.

5 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Whatever you say,
6 [unintelligible] [00:13:21].

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I said Parnell. I
8 try to --

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Mix it up?

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Keep you included.

11 MR. SENA: Well, since you're both from
12 Queens, Queens people.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Alright. So that
14 part is done, so we want to go, we said 125 for
15 the Kings County.

16 MR. SENA: Mm-hmm. Last, but not least.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Saving the best for
18 last, right. Brooklyn, the center of the
19 universe. Hit sequence, and there we go. Control
20 C, and drop it in. Sort, alright, data sort. So
21 we have headers, sort the last column, smallest
22 to largest, hit okay.

23 MR. SENA: Save.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Down, Bronx, I'm

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2 sorry, Kings has a whopping four, borough
3 something here, sorry, copy, go back to Kings,
4 one, two, three, four.

5 MR. SENA: Mm-hmm.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: One, two, three,
7 four.

8 MR. SENA: And [unintelligible]
9 [00:14:58].

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Now, go back to the
11 website, hit save, and this is Kings, K-G, and
12 save. So we conclude this portion --

13 MR. SENA: Of the early voting.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: -- the early voting
15 part.

16 MR. SENA: Okay.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: On to the general
18 election, so. I'm just going to say it again. So
19 we had Kings four, Queens three, Bronx two, New
20 York three and Richmond two. I think we're good,
21 right.

22 MR. SENA: Yep.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Say it again, right.
24 So we have to go to the --

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2 MR. SENA: Random draw.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: -- for the general
4 election, right?

5 MR. SENA: Right. Back to our original
6 screen, and let's click on the right side.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And I guess we'll do
8 the same thing. We'll start with Richmond.

9 MR. SENA: Yeah, why not.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And there's a lot
11 more, what you say? Okay.

12 MR. SENA: Okay. thank you, Ms. Torres
13 for joining us.

14 MS. TORRES: You're welcome.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you for your
16 support. Okay.

17 MR. SENA: Okay. We have now --

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Now we have 258.

19 MR. SENA: 258.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Of scanners,
21 election day, there's a lot more scanners out
22 there.

23 MR. SENA: Yes.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And let's get the

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2 sequence for that.

3 MR. SENA: Mm-hmm, 258.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: 258.

5 MR. SENA: And run --

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Run the sequence,
7 and then we copy it.

8 MR. SENA: Mm-hmm. And then get a .PDF
9 [unintelligible] [00:17:15].

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And I'm going to the
11 -- save it.

12 MR. SENA: There's a little bit more we
13 have to save [unintelligible] [00:17:23].

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah. So this is
15 what, Richmond?

16 MR. SENA: Yeah, Richmond.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And this is the
18 general election, right?

19 MR. SENA: The general election.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So we'll call it G-
21 E.

22 MR. SENA: G-E.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Is that the name of
24 a company?

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2 MR. SENA: Yeah, General Electric.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: G-E.

4 MR. SENA: I don't think they exist
5 anymore.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: They don't, right?

7 MR. SENA: No.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: What's going on
9 here?

10 MR. SENA: You want the G, man?

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah, that's not the
12 G. there you go. Interesting. Let's go to our
13 spread sheet. And drop it into that column.
14 [unintelligible] [00:18:02].

15 MR. SENA: Is that text?

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And then make sure
17 separate, yeah.

18 MR. SENA: Oh, wow.

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Let's do our sort.
20 Data sort, again, we have headers.

21 MR. SENA: Headers, last one.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It's the last
23 column, random sequence, smallest to largest.

24 MR. SENA: Okay.

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2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hit okay.

3 MR. SENA: Now, there you go.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So in this case, we
5 have eight.

6 MR. SENA: Wow. We increased quite a
7 bit. We tripled it, quadrupled it.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So yellow, two,
9 three, four, five, six, seven, eight. Alright. It
10 looks good. Then the rest are no.

11 MR. SENA: And then we'll save that.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And then we'll save
13 it. Hit save, alright, it looks good. We have
14 eight scanners to audit and the rest are no.
15 Okay.

16 MR. SENA: We move on to New York
17 County, now.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: On to the great
19 County of New York.

20 MR. SENA: That's my county.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay. And here, 74.

22 MR. SENA: We stand alone.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah, it's 74,
24 right.

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2 MR. SENA: Okay. Hit 74.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Get a sequence.

4 MR. SENA: And copy.

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6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Copy, and I will
7 print a .PDF right away. Perfect. Control save,
8 but let's quickly do this, get it on.

9 MR. SENA: Okay. And we can save that
10 .PDF.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Save.

12 MR. SENA: N-Y.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We're going to put
14 N-Y.

15 MR. SENA: G-E.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Alright.

17 MR. SENA: Hit save. Now you go --

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Go to our sheet.

19 MR. SENA: -- our sheets.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: New York County.

21 MR. SENA: And drop it in. Okay. Then --

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Then we sort.

23 MR. SENA: Your screen is much quicker
24 than ours.

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2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It does seem right,
3 yeah, it does.

4 MR. SENA: [unintelligible] [00:20:47].

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [unintelligible]
6 [00:20:47], we want to sort. We have headers,
7 it's our last column, smallest to largest.

8 MR. SENA: Okay.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hit okay. And it's
10 going to be the first 27.

11 MR. SENA: Right.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I guess no, so we
13 said 27 right, so 27. Well. There you go.

14 MR. SENA: And everybody else gets a no.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah. Alright, 27,
16 now it's 27. That's good. Now let's --

17 MR. SENA: Okay.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Beautiful.

19 MR. SENA: Save that.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Save. Okay. And now.

21 MR. SENA: Let's move on to the Bronx.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The Bronx, 629. So
23 go back to random draw, do it again.

24 MR. SENA: 629.

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2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So 629, right. 629,
3 let's get the sequence.

4 MR. SENA: Sequence. And copy that. Hit
5 save. Save as a .PDF, we have B-X-G-E.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: B-X, hit save.

7 MR. SENA: We now take the random
8 sequence.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Do a sort.

10 MR. SENA: Sort.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [unintelligible]
12 [00:23:16] data, sort.

13 MR. SENA: Sort.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I have headers, last
15 column, just random sequence, smallest to
16 largest.

17 MR. SENA: Okay.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hit okay.

19 MR. SENA: There you go.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And it's 19, right.

21 MR. SENA: I'll just borrow from here.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And you said 19?

23 MR. SENA: Yeah.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So that's 19. And

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2 the count of 19, good. The rest of them now is --

3 MR. SENA: Just 20 down is no. Okay.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Is that right?

5 MR. SENA: Well, he saves that.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hit save. Right

7 along to Queens.

8 MR. SENA: Now we come to the big boys,
9 starting off with Queens.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Our two biggest
11 counties. 1010 is our numbers, okay. 1010, so
12 let's go back to our website, random draw,
13 random.org, sorry.

14 MR. SENA: Right. Random.org, your
15 number is 1010.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: 1010.

17 MR. SENA: And we'll go to our --

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Interesting number.
19 Anyway, get sequence. And then [unintelligible]
20 [00:24:51].

21 MR. SENA: [unintelligible] [00:24:53]
22 1010, they were off on results.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: There's a story I'll
24 tell you about that later. Not for public

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2 consumption, right.

3 MR. SENA: Consumption, right.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah, some other,
5 not a big deal. So control C, print.

6 MR. SENA: And save as .PDF.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Save as .PDF and we
8 have --

9 MR. SENA: Q-N-G-E.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'll just do Q-N,
11 keep it short and simple.

12 MR. SENA: Yes. That's right. Save that.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We save it.

14 MR. SENA: And you go back to our --

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Drop it into our
16 sheet. So you said 1010, huh.

17 MR. SENA: Mm-hmm.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And we're going to
19 sort, the first 31.

20 MR. SENA: Okay.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Data, sort, headers,
22 the last column --

23 MR. SENA: Smallest to largest.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: -- smallest to

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2 largest.

3 MR. SENA: Okay. Now, and then we have
4 our --

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That's 31, right.

6 MR. SENA: -- 31 of them. You go down to
7 31.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Borrow from here,
9 right.

10 MR. SENA: Drop it in the box, 31.
11 [unintelligible] [00:26:32].

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Count is 31 and --

13 MR. SENA: And then everyone else is no.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: -- everybody else is
15 no.

16 MR. SENA: You can go blind scrolling
17 down [unintelligible] [00:26:57].

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah. There's a
19 faster way of doing this, but I forgot probably,
20 the fast way. That's all right.

21 MR. SENA: It's getting done.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It's getting done.
23 I'm sure you're enjoying this at home. Hit save.

24 MR. SENA: Yeah, save it.

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2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Right. And last, but
3 not least, the great County of Kings.

4 MR. SENA: Kings, the biggest borough of
5 them all.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: 1298, okay. So let's
7 go back to our random sequencers.

8 MR. SENA: 1298.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: 1298, right.

10 MR. SENA: There you go.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: 1298. Get sequence,
12 and we copy. Come on.

13 MR. SENA: I'm watching the show, are we
14 there yet? Are we there yet?

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That's like Bob
16 Ross, the paint guy [unintelligible] [00:28:06].

17 MR. SENA: Oh, yes.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Then control C.

19 MR. SENA: Mm-hmm. And print.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Print.

21 MR. SENA: We're going to save our .PDF
22 now.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Save, and this is
24 Kings County.

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2 MR. SENA: K-G, K-G-G-E.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: K-G. Hit save.

4 MR. SENA: Now you go back to our --

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Just drop it in.

6 MR. SENA: Mm-hmm.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Drop it in the box.

8 Alright. And let's do our sort.

9 MR. SENA: Yes.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: A lot of numbers
11 here, a lot of scanners, getting down to the
12 bottom.

13 MR. SENA: Still going, still going. We
14 need the energizer bunny to jump out. Okay.
15 You've hit the end and --

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Alright. I hit the
17 end. Hit sort.

18 MR. SENA: Sort.

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And we have headers.

20 MR. SENA: Have headers and it's the
21 last one, smallest to largest. Okay. Boom.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay. Boom.

23 MR. SENA: And we have a total of how
24 many?

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2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: There's 39, right?

3 MR. SENA: 39.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So let's do this,
5 make it yellow.

6 MR. SENA: And then scroll straight down
7 to number 39. Okay. You can [unintelligible]
8 [00:29:29] and then you just have to go to the
9 end.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: To the end.
11 Beautiful.

12 MR. SENA: And now you save it.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Now I hit save. Hit
14 save. And I think that's it, right?

15 MR. SENA: We have completed today's
16 random draw.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you, folks.

18 MR. SENA: Thank you for joining us.

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'm going to stop
20 sharing. Goodbye.

21 MR. SENA: Okay.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I think we're done,
23 right?

24 MR. SENA: Yeah, we're done.

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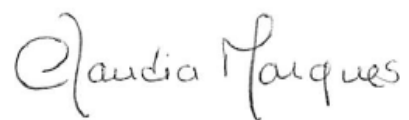
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