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SIMULATION #3

There is a lot to read, and the factual situation is complicated — legally, economically, and politically. Please don't wait until the last minute to begin your preparation. This simulation is about local government, about the relationship between politics and economics, about interest group representation before government, about eminent domain, about majority rule and minority rights, and, of course, about democracy. For Simulation #3 **you all live in Alpha City**, but some of you, including the mayor, are ethnic Omegans. The setting is a city council hearing. You ALL have specific roles; for MOST of you **prepared statements** would be in order.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AFFECTED NEIGHBORHOOD	
Amanda Glaser	#1 older woman (a widow)
Kristi Heitt	#2 daughter of #1
Joel Foreman	#3 belligerent man
	#4 retired man
Natalie Berg	#5 wife of retired man #4
Chad Crawford	#6 machinist
Tia Bougher	#7 young attorney
Teri Carrigan	#8 elementary school teacher
Father Andrew (Schmidt)	#9 priest
Sister Sarah (Sander)	#10 assistant to priest

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LARGER COMMUNITY	
Steve Wieland	#11 Omegan civic leader
Megan Wirtz	#12 the mayor [This is your proposal. You must use all your political skills to get it approved.]
Elizabeth Ditlevson	#13 neighborhood retailer (owner of "Lizzie's Lounge")
Brian McKenrick	#23 president, Alpha City Chamber of Commerce*
Jay Simon	#14 labor leader

THE OUTSIDERS	
Carissa Bunning	#15 outside critic [Ralph Nader type]
Peter Cole	#24 Vice President for Public Relations, Atlantis United Corporation*

THE DECISION MAKERS	
Donathan Brown	#16 council #1 [the affected neighborhood is in his district]
Caity O'Rourke	#17 council #2
Jennifer Schneidman	#18 council #3 [has close friends and relatives in the affected neighborhood]
Jeff Matthews	#19 council #4
Johnathan Starko	#20 council #5 [like the mayor, he is an ethnic Omegan]
Dallas Klever-Crowley	#21 council #6
	#22 council #7

* These assignments are not described in the book, but the nature of the roles should be clear enough from the title.