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3	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING	
4	IN THE MATTER OF AVALONBAY	
5	COMMUNITIES, INC.	
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7 8	350 Front Street Hempstead, New York	
9	January 22, 2019	
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13	BEFORE:	
14	FREDERICK PAROLA, Executive Director and	
15	Chief Executive Officer	
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4	TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
5	Representing the INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
6	350 Front Street Hempstead, New York 11530
7	BY: FREDERICK E. PAROLA, CEO
8	ALSO PRESENT:
9	Michael Lodato, Deputy Agency Administrator
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the State of New York, on behalf of

community (the "Project"). The Facility will be initially owned, operated and/or managed by the Company.

The Agency contemplates that it will provide financial assistance to the Company in the form of exemptions from sales and use taxes and abatement of real property taxes, consistent with the policies of the Agency.

A representative of the Agency will, at the above-stated time and place, hear and accept written comments from all persons with views in favor or opposed to either the proposed financial assistance to the Company or the location or nature of the Facility. At the hearing, all persons will have the opportunity to review the application for financial assistance filed by the Company with the Agency and an analysis of the costs and benefits of the proposed

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applicant's own application, they're estimating in the second year six jobs at the most. My experience with these things is that that is on the high side, not a conservative number usually. That's one thing we wanted to point out.

The second thing is that, with 172 new rental units, the existing traffic conditions are going to be exacerbated. I don't know if you're aware, this is in Harbor Isle. It's an island that is separate from Island Park. There are only two ways to get in and out of Harbor Isle, one of which was right past the Hegarty Elementary School. It's already crowded. Then it's also subject to flooding. And we really have a concern that if you add that many people on Harbor Isle, yes, there's enough parking spots that the builder has provided for. You can get in and out of the proposed

development, but to get in and out of Harbor Isle, we believe is going to be a nightmare. These are not, you know, highways. These are small, basically, streets, neighborhood streets, that happen to have a bridge that you get in and out. So we ask you to consider that.

We don't know whether there's ever been a traffic study with this. The traffic study that we saw as part of SEQRA, again, seemed to focus on the number of parking spots within the proposed community that's proposed to be built, not how do you get in and out. Then once you get out of Harbor Isle, you then have to get onto either Austin Boulevard or Long Beach Road which is a nightmare. Between Oceanside and Long Beach, it's very crowded. I know because, you know, I go every month to the Board meetings. I know

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what it's like, so I can testify to that from firsthand knowledge. It is very crowded. Going down Long Beach Road from Oceanside through Island Park to Long Beach can be at times a very daunting experience, to say the least. So we ask you to please consider that.

The other concern is that, you know, particularly with the 2 and 3-bedroom apartments that are being proposed, there is going to be an influx of some new children which is fine if we got the commensurate real property revenue to pay for that, especially when you're talking about extending this to 15 years. We don't see that happening, not for many, many years. So there's going to be an increased burden on the school district to provide education, again, without the commensurate tax revenue. Please consider that.

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The other thing that I don't

know if you're aware of is the situation with the Barrett Power Plant. There is an old power plant that is currently owned by National

Grid that had been operated by LIPA.

Now it's being operated by PSEG.

That provides about, just shy of 50 percent of the tax base, the

entire tax base, to the Island Park

community and the Island Park

schools. We're involved right now

in litigation. There are tax certs

that are pending. But there is a

potential to lose 50 percent of

50 percent. So effectively,

25 percent of the school district's

and the Village's tax base, there is

a potential for that happening

within the next year or two.

So I'm here to tell you,

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situation that I know normally you

wouldn't consider, I'm asking you to

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With that, I will conclude my

presentation. I appreciate the opportunity to be heard.

MR. PAROLA: Of course.

Usually, this is not a back and forth, but you've made some very cogent arguments that we have considered -- and the Board will get a copy of this today or tomorrow prior to a vote -- but let me just say a couple of things that we have considered.

First of all, the number of students, which is of greatest concern I think to us, generally speaking, we've done three projects comparable in Rockville Centre with Avalon. I must tell you that the first two were raucous, angry, deep concerns, you know, 70, 80 kids. It's a larger project than this. And by the third project, we kept our word, and there wasn't a peep. In fact, there was support for it because these comparable projects --

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the Huntington project, others, Long Beach -- have generated a handful of students no more than virtually one a year in each graduating class. So these projects are not predicated upon the desire to have students per se. These are starter-ups for the most part. The second bedroom is usually used by young professionals as an office, and obviously, bedroom primary for their pleasure. So that's an argument. And the track record is very strong. It's not that we're in a cave here and not sure what's going to happen. We're very sure what will happen.

The other item, we're very well aware of the situation with the Barrett. They came to us fix, six years ago. We discussed the PILOT for them because, you know, what is happening with the generation of power, they don't need the kind of facility unfortunately, and you

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know, that they had. At one point, they were looking at closing it. I know the governor has proposed in his budget to help a transitional situation in terms of these closed plants or reduced plants in terms of property taxes to help you and your constituents in this case to bear up or at least phase in what is going to be a less property tax generation than you've benefitted from the past. Unfortunately, that's a situation that we can't per se do anything to, but it's there, and hopefully, you will get some relief as it transitions in.

The third issue is a major one to us and that's the PILOT. Just to put things in perspective, especially with the number of students generated, the current tax overall that is generated is \$98,000, of which I trust more than half, so maybe 60,00 is going to the

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school district. By the 10th year, we're up to \$650,000 in taxes. I don't know what the Board is gonna They have to make a compelling case before the Board to justify 15 years. But in that 15th year, it goes to a million. So they have made the but for in terms of the fact that if they don't have the benefit, this project is not going to be viable for them.

Having said that, I can't talk for the Board. I don't vote. I'm just there in a staff capacity. But you've got \$100,000 in taxes and a piece of -- and I've seen the property -- a piece of blighted land that has been dormant for many years. I don't know if it's progress, but we'll call it progress in terms of additions that will be attractive esthetically, and you'll end some visual pollution, and tax dollars will generate.

So, yes, there is a negative,
but I think in the analysis in the
amount of money you're going to
raise and offsetting any student
increase, for the most part, looking
down the road from there, I think it
will be a benefit to the community.
I think that's what's been on the
Board's mind in terms of the nature
of this project and then why it is a
positive addition to Island Park and

Those are just some thoughts that we had as we venture forth.

general Nassau County community.

MR. COHEN: The question I have though is, what possible justification there would be to spread this out to 15 years. I understand all the points you've made.

MR. PAROLA: Right.

I think the rationale is that, they want to make it as viable as possible for the tenants. And in

lot of problems with the traffic

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around the school, especially the one in the Village, and that's the one that would be impacted.

MR. PAROLA: Directly.

MS. BOVINO: Directly.

We do have, as you're saying, more and more young professionals who are going to the train station which is in the Village, and it's created a problem.

Mr. D'Esposito has helped tremendously in terms of trying to reduce the speed limit. We've put up more stop signs and traffic lights with the assistance of the Town, but it really is -- the traffic patterns are a problem in that vicinity.

MR. COHEN: Would the Board consider adjourning action from Thursday to consider some of these issues, consider the traffic, and we can get you more information?

MR. PAROLA: You can make that

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2	MR. LODATO: Yes, I would think
3	so.
4	MS. SCHNITZER: Thank you.
5	MR. COHEN: Pick it up
6	tomorrow.
7	MS. SCHNITZER: Yes.
8	MR. COHEN: Because, obviously,
9	I'm good, but I'm not that good.
10	MS. BOVINO: Can I ask you when
11	the schedule of tax payments would
12	be available to us in order to be
13	able to
14	MR. PAROLA: The PILOT you
15	mean?
16	MS. BOVINO: Yes.
17	MR. COHEN: We have that.
18	MR. PAROLA: But understand
19	that it's the macro amount.
20	MS. BOVINO: Right.
21	MR. PAROLA: You can do the
22	math with respect to the percentage
23	that's currently being paid in the
24	school district. That ratio will
25	continue through the life of the

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3	this project, on behalf of the IDA,
4	I would close this hearing sine die.
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2	CERTIFICATION
3	I, DENISE MANTEKAS, a Notary Public
4	in and for the State of New York, do hereby certify:
5	THAT the witness whose testimony is herein
6	before set forth, was duly sworn by me; and
7	THAT the within transcript is a true record
8	of the testimony given by said witness.
9	I further certify that I am not related,
10	either by blood or marriage, to any of the parties
11	to this action; and
12	THAT I am in no way interested in
13	the outcome of this matter.
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15	set my hand this 22nd day of January, 2019.
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