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5	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
6	RE: 2701 ASSOCIATES LLC
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10	350 Front Street
11	Hempstead, New York
12	September 27, 2016 9:15 a.m.
13	J. IJ a.m.
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15	BEFORE:
16	FREDERICK E. PAROLA, Chief Executive Officer
17	MICHAEL LODATO, Deputy Agency Administrator
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20	Dolly Fevola, Court Reporter
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2	APPEARANCES:	
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4	TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY 350 Front Street	
5	Hempstead, New York 11530	
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7	ALSO PRESENT:	
8	JUANITA WILSON	
9	TERRY WINSTON	
10	KATHERINE GARRY	
11	GENE LEVENSTEIN	
12	JOHN SHILLINGFORD	
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MR. PAROLA: I'm observing that it is 9:15 and we are here by Notice of Public Hearing regarding a property known as 2701 Associates L.L.C. seeking certain benefits from the Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency.

I will submit to you the Notice of Public Hearing for inclusion into the record.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Title 1 of Article 18-A of the New York State General Municipal Law will be held by the Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency (" the Agency") on the 27th day of September, 2016, at 9:15 a.m., local time, at 350 Front Street, Room 234A, Village of Hempstead, New York in connection with the following matters:

2701 Associates LLC, a limited liability company, organized and

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of New York, on behalf of itself and/or the principals of 2701 Associates LLC and/or an entity formed or to be formed on behalf of any of the foregoing (the "Company"), has applied to the Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") to enter into a transaction in which the Agency will assist in the acquisition of an approximately 2.52 acre parcel of land located at 50 Clinton Street, Village of Hempstead, Town of Hempstead, New York (the "Land"), the renovation, equipping and furnishing of an approximately 135,000 square foot, 7-story plus lower level building located thereon (the "Equipment" and the "Improvements"; and together with the Land, the "Facility"), all to be leased by the Agency to the Company

existing under the laws of the State

for further lease by the Company to

various tenants (collectively, the
"Sublessees") for use as a
commercial multi-tenant office
building. 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 mortgage recording taxes in connection with the financing or any subsequent refinancing of the Facility, 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 of 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 Agency and an analysis of the costs and benefits of the proposed Facility.

Town of Hempstead Industrial
Development Agency dated September
17, 2016.

We are certainly willing to take any witnesses. Please state your name and speak if anyone wants to speak.

MS. WILSON: I want to know, first of all, why is it that in the Town of Hempstead or the Village of Hempstead so many pilots are approved. When a pilot -- I want to know when a pilot is approved it should benefit the people in the community and the residents. It seems like every time a pilot is approved it's benefitting the

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business owner and not the people.

IDA is supposed to be representing the people. Do they do research on these projects that's being done? How much is it going to cost the community? It's another burden put on the residents to pay.

I feel that if you cannot afford to build on your own and use your own money, why should you build. I should not have to pay for something that you should be paying for. I need a pilot to renovate my home, can I get that? Why do you have to have a pilot to renovate a building? If the building is kept up all along, it would not have to be renovated. I don't understand the purpose of having a building renovated and asking for a pilot for the community to help you pay to get it done. It's not benefitting the community.

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occupied by government people and offices. Okay. It's already occupied so you're not bringing anything into the community by renovating that building. You're not bringing anything to the community. You're taking away because whatever you don't pay, it's going to be attached to the property owners in the community and I think it's totally unfair. And I feel that it should be a limitation on any pilot that is approved either per year or every five years. There are too many that are really attached to this Village and this community.

There are certain towns that don't even want any pilots.

Hempstead has pilots but it seems likes now they keep having them one behind another and I think it's really totally unfair to keep adding on more pilots.

Do you research these things?

Every Tom, Dick and Harry can come in and get a pilot. It all depends on what you look like as to whether or not you get approved. And I really think it's unfair to the community and the residents and the IDA should be representing the residents in the community, not the business owners.

MR. PAROLA: Thank you. Would anyone else like to testify? Please identify yourself.

MS. WINSTON: My name is Terry Winston and I'm a homeowner and resident of the Village of Hempstead.

Yesterday I had made several attempts to ascertain why there was a delay in the public being notified of this public hearing dated for today because I happen to look upon the IDA's Town of Hempstead IDA's website and it was on their website

posted, apparently, yesterday, okay.

I contacted Mr. Parola, I spoke to him, and he said that he sent the notice via certified mail to the Village of Hempstead as he's obligated to do. I then called the Village of Hempstead and I spoke to Jeanine Richardson who works in the mayor's office and she told me that she was not in receipt of this notice to date.

Today, about 10 minutes ago,

Mr. Parola furnished me with a copy
of the return receipt so he did, in
fact, make a concerted effort to
notify the Village; however, the
residents of the Village of
Hempstead, including myself, have
been deprived of adequate time to
prepare for an appearance at this
Notice of a Public Hearing. A
public hearing implies just that, it
allows for the public to be heard on
issues that are of their concern.

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There is a lack of sufficient participation of the public through no fault of their own. I'd like to request, in all fairness, the postponement of this hearing until the residents can be properly notified by the Village and afforded the opportunity to participate in this public hearing.

MR. PAROLA: Thank you.

MS. WINSTON: As a resident of the Village of Hempstead and also a homeowner, I'm vehemently opposed to the pilot requested for the following reasons:

The owner of 50 Clinton

purchased this building in or around

2006 and he has done little to

improve the cosmetics inside or out.

Instead, he has allowed the building

to deteriorate so much so that it

has become a visual nuisance to the

general public and the residents of

the Village of Hempstead.

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The owner has requested a pilot for renovations. Will this pilot generate jobs for a community starving for employment? I think not. Apparently, he got the memo that Moe, Curly and Monti are reaping the benefits of corporate welfare. This corporate welfare is being facilitated by the Town of Hempstead IDA and the Village of Hempstead CDA.

This Village has more than its fair share of pilots to date. As a homeowner I can no longer sustain my quality of life due to the hardships their pilots create. These pilots are loosely given out without any regard to the harm they cause. Slum owners of these properties off the tax role come a dime a dozen in the Village of Hempstead. The Village needs businesses willing to pull their own financial weight without burdening the taxpayers. I would

2	like to recommend a new name for the
3	Town of Hempstead IDA and the
4	Village CDA. They are "Department
5	of Social Services for Corporations
6	and the Very Rich That Can Afford to
7	Pay But Choose Not To." That's it.
8	MR. PAROLA: Thank you. Would
9	anyone else like to be heard?
10	MS. GARRY: Yes, my name is
11	Katherine Garry. I'm a resident of
12	the Town of Hempstead and a resident
13	of Rockville Centre.
14	I would like to know where is
15	the application for financial
16	assistance and the analysis of costs
17	and benefits that is supposed to be
18	here for review?
19	MR. PAROLA: It's here.
20	MS. GARRY: Have you given it
21	out to the public?
22	MR. PAROLA: No one has
23	requested it yet.
24	MS. GARRY: So you have to wait
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2	MR. PAROLA: It's hear.
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4	at it.
5	MS. WINSTON: I would like to
6	look at it.
7	MS. GARRY: Is it just one
8	copy?
9	MS. WINSTON: It's just one
10	copy?
11	MR. PAROLA: Yes.
12	MS. GARRY: There should be two
13	different things. There should be
14	the application
15	MR. PAROLA: What application?
16	MS. GARRY: It says you'll have
17	the opportunity to review the
18	application for financial assistance
19	filed by the company with the Agency
20	and the analysis of costs and
21	benefits.
22	MR. PAROLA: Oh, the pilot.
23	The pilot is right here.
24	MS. GARRY: The pilot
25	application.

MR. PAROLA: I don't know what you mean.

MS. GARRY: I think you do.

MR. PAROLA: The application would have to be redacted. The Social Security number is on the application and that is never available at a hearing unless it's requested -- excuse me -- unless requested by Freedom of Information because it has to be redacted with certain personal information that cannot be shared.

MS. GARRY: That contradicts what it says in the notice. I have a copy of the notice and I'm sure you're familiar with it. And it says the same thing every time there is a hearing.

It says that 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

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costs and benefits of the proposed facility. Obviously you don't have that available.

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MR. PAROLA: I'll see what I can give to you.

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MS. GARRY: And I can also agree with Ms. Winston that this needs to be postponed until there is proper notification to the residents of Hempstead and that the application for financial assistance, as well as the cost/benefit analysis was supposed to be

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available far before the public hearing. It's quite insulting to the public to give the people major documents that need research and analyzing, careful analyzing, by people who are going to make intelligent remarks.

So you're depriving the public of their right to have proper understanding and to give their proper analysis, which is the purpose of a public hearing. I can't quite understand how you can have a public hearing when you are supposed to want to hear from the public at a public hearing. That is our system in this country. It is that public hearings are scheduled so that people have the right to come forth and give forth information that the officials might not be privy to. They might not be in touch with the feelings of the people that are going to be affected

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adversely or positively about such an endeavor that has been initially undertaken by this Board.

So just the whole purpose of a public hearing is contradicted by the fact that you put this notice -- and whether the law requires it to be on your website or not is not the issue.

Governmental process and the call for transparency in our country calls for, whether it's in writing or not, it's the substance of what a public hearing is to know that putting a notice on your website one day prior to the hearing, and probably only because somebody in public asked about it in advance as to whether it had been scheduled, and we didn't even know it was scheduled until this one person called to find out, and then it went up on the IDA board.

So I'm joining Terry Winston

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and calling upon you to reschedule this public hearing. Do it the proper way. Put out this information two weeks in advance as to the application, as to the analysis of cost and benefits and as to the schedule of payments.

And I would also like to see a revised -- I mean the schedule of payment does not really tell you what the loss is. Cost and benefits, the losses has to have a list of what the normal taxes would be after this building is, so called, renovated and compared with realistic tax rates that have been in the past the history of the Village of Hempstead, which are not the two percent that I perceive that you are scheduling your new payments based on from a prior case. seems that you are putting a two percent increase each year which is highly unrealistic in spite of

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the fact there is this so-called

two percent cap, we know that can be

overridden and the history of

Hempstead shows very clearly that

taxes go up far beyond two percent a

year. I think it was only one year

that it went up two percent.

In addition, as raised by Ms. Wilson, Hempstead is totally overburdened with numerous, numerous pilot agreements. As we know, because of pilot agreements, each taxpayer, including the businesses, have to pay additional taxes to underwrite these tax losses that come about through the pilots so that every time you give a pilot, other people, everyone that owns a home, everyone that owns a business, people that are even renting because those increases go into what causes increases in rent, everyone is adversely affected and that money is taken out of their hands by your

agency and given to a developer.

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Now, there may be reasons here or there why such a thing might be appropriate; however, in the Village of Hempstead it has become totally inappropriate for any more pilots.

For example, if I can find this document -- First of all, let me first just say regarding this 50 Clinton thing, this corporation or whatever it is, L.L.C., that purchased this property, that's their investment and personally I see no reason why a business has to support its own investment on the backs of the taxpayers. That's stealing taxpayer money, legally stealing taxpayer money, to benefit the businessman. And that does not make any sense because business is supposed to support itself.

And the fact that, you know, they talk about bringing in jobs, we know from the history of Hempstead

that these pilots have brought in hardly any jobs for the people of Hempstead, so that's just a myth for Hempstead that they are bringing jobs and that's justification. If it was massive jobs and good paying jobs, then maybe you have to consider it but right now, this should not be considered.

The fact is that I brought some evidence to you as to how badly the Village of Hempstead is overburdened by all these pilots and I have this schedule that comes from the Village of Hempstead, proposed budget for 2016-2017, estimated revenues and the general fund and it lists each pilot agreement.

In prior, the winter of 2010, there was 17 such pilots. They're listed as 13 but two of them have several buildings including the Housing Authority has four buildings and Housing Associates has two

buildings, so basically there are 17 buildings prior to 2010.

Now, since 2010, another 10
have been added here and that does
not include the one that you just
assigned to Parking Lot 1,
Renaissance downtown. So that would
make at least 11. I'm not sure if I
have counted any others that might
have come in between there, but
we'll say 11 since the winter of
2010. So I have that documentation
here for you and attached to it
you'll see a document that I
prepared.

As you probably know, I'm a journalist and investigative reporter. I'm not just merely a citizen, I'm also very conscientious investigator. I don't just accept what public officials say because we all know that they don't always tell the truth and it's very important to go to the basic documents and to do

the calculations to figure out what the impact of all this has been.

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So in 2009-2010, in my Freedom Press, I highlighted all the properties in Hempstead that were It was 12 pages off the tax roles. long and one of the items was the property off the tax roles due to pilot agreements. At that time, as I said, there were the 17 and now -so you'll see a listing of 17. It gives the assessed value and then I subtract the amount of assessed value that was attributed to the payments in lieu of taxes. We had to subtract that because we know we do get income from those payments. I subtracted that and the adjusted nontaxable for pilots was \$7 million as of the winter of 2010. And when you converted that of the tax rate in 2010, it was a loss of \$4 million each year to the Village of Hempstead, which is a substantial

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loss in the community because I'm sure you are all well aware of all the need for roads and how the infrastructure needs money. They were losing \$4 million a year just on the pilots.

Now, if you applied the tax rate in 2016 to that figure, it would come up to five-and-a-half million losing, if you updated but that is only for the original pilots before 2010.

ones, as we said, there were 10 and now 11. Additional pilots are added and the tax loss, approximately, will be between six and \$7 million per year even after you deduct the pilot tax payments. So you see that this a cumulative thing and the IDA is not responsible for all these pilots so don't let me think that I'm implying that.

The Nassau County has some of

them and the Village of Hempstead itself has some of the worse pilots because they were granted like in 1997 some of them and they were given like 40-year pilots with very, very low payments. So all of this has to be considered when you consider new pilots.

The community is suffering.

You all know that. You know that
the homeowners are not the
wealthiest people here on Long
Island so what another community
might be able to absorb because they
have much higher income, the people
of Hempstead cannot absorb these.

It's really truly time for this
organization to take this history,
take the facts into account before
it continues to go down this path
that is devastating to the people of
the community.

I have extra copies of this and so I will leave them here for you so

you can give them out to the other members of the Board and I would hope that they will listen to our testimony.

MR. PAROLA: We'll accept that and we'll include that in the package for the members.

Mark it as Community A.

(Whereupon, Community A was marked for identification and entered into the record.)

MR. PAROLA: Please continue, Ms. Garry.

MS. GARRY: One of the 11 new pilots, as you most likely are aware, are for 303 Main Street, which is a five-story apartment building built up by the Garden City line. It stands out as a sore thumb. It is overpowering, overburdening and it has people parking on the streets where you can't even get through the streets. It's a total horror to the community

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and this is what Renaissance wants to do the entire 127-acre downtown in Hempstead.

To look at the pilot agreement for 303 Main Street, and it is on the record that the mayor of Hempstead made a very foolish statement at that hearing stating there is no opposition to this pilot for 303 Main Street. He stated that at the public hearing when he did not bother to tell the people of Hempstead that there even was a public hearing so nobody showed up to that public hearing and 303 Main Street got an incredible pilot where, according to the Nassau County assessment, I don't have the figure for the Village of Hempstead because the Village of Hempstead assessor never reassessed 303 Main Street so that we can't find out exactly the loss because they have the original assessment in the

assessment books and it was very low because it was like a one-story building for car dealerships and mostly parking lots, so it was very low.

However, the County did
reassess it and according to the
County, the savings that 303 Main
Street received in school taxes is
1.3 to \$1.6 million for one year
just this one property alone. That
was just for the school tax.

As I said, the Village tax the loss there is very high also and I'm going to try to get an analysis of what it really is. But the general tax they also were saving \$200,000 a year in the general tax so we have 1.6 and 1.2. It is like close to 1.7 million just on those taxes and they're probably saving 500,000 to a million on the Village taxes. This building is extremely highly -- it has a high assess value. As I said,

because it's business. I can do
that because it's business. There
is something in this world aside
from business. It has do with
quality of life. It has to do with
fairness, justice and honesty and
it's time that this Board reassess
what it's doing in terms of
Hempstead.

I implore you to have another public hearing to get further information from other people because this public hearing was not properly noticed and the Village is also responsible for not noticing it to the people of the community. There is time to reassess this thing. This business needs to take on its own responsibility. If he wants to improve the value of his building, he needs to put his own investment money in it or get investments from somewhere else.

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2	number of jobs, yes.
3	MS. WINSTON: What was the
4	information.
5	MR. PAROLA: A sworn affidavit.
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7	enough.
8	MR. PAROLA: That's what the
9	law requires.
10	MS. WINSTON: That's what the
11	law requires so he can give you any
12	number and what way do you have of
13	checking whether or not he's telling
14	the truth. An affidavit just holds
15	him to whether or not he is telling
16	the truth or not and that's an
17	instrument that you can use so that
18	you can get that situation rectified
19	either criminally or civilly
20	alright.
21	MR. PAROLA: Correct.
22	MS. WINSTON: But he's just
23	telling you, I got 800 people
24	working there. How do you know he's

got 881 people working there?

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2	MR. PAROLA: I just told you.
3	MS. WINSTON: Then you don't.
4	That's what you're saying. And now
5	he's projecting 365 people working
6	there. How many of them are going
7	to be Village residents?
8	MR. PAROLA: We encourage
9	that
10	MS. WINSTON: No, I'm asking
11	you because that's part of the deal
12	when it comes down to
13	MR. PAROLA: It's not a
14	requirement with the IDA.
15	MS. WINSTON: Oh, you just take
16	it by face value or you look at the
17	person and say, oh, okay, you got
18	it?
19	MR. PAROLA: We encourage
20	folks, the developers, to hire from
21	within the local communities, but we
22	can't mandate it on a project like
23	this.
24	MS. WINSTON: That should be a
25	deal breaker because if he is not

2	hiring people from the community,
3	what is he doing? He's just reaping
4	the benefit for himself.
5	MR. PAROLA: Usually I don't
6	respond to these questions.
7	MS. WINSTON: If you furnished
8	this then, of course, I'm going to
9	question it. You furnished it.
10	You're required to furnish it and
11	I'm going to ask questions on it.
12	MR. PAROLA: The purpose of the
13	hearing is to take your testimony.
14	It is not for me to respond to you;
15	however, at the end
16	MS. WINSTON: That would be
17	part of your decision.
18	MR. PAROLA: I can only follow
19	the law. This is a lawful
20	situation Excuse me.
21	MS. GARRY: The law does not
22	say you don't have to answer
23	questions.
24	MR. PAROLA: That's the law.
25	MS. GARRY: The law doesn't say

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2	that.
3	MR. PAROLA: That's the way a
4	hearing is treated. This is form
5	submission to the Board to read
6	through comments with respect to a
7	particular application.
8	I will, because you've been
9	kind enough to spend your time here,
10	I will give you some thoughts or
11	responses to some of the things you
12	said at the end when everyone has
13	testified so
14	MS. WINSTON: I just have
15	another question. You had made
16	reference that you did not want to
17	see 50 Clinton an abandoned
18	building.
19	MR. PAROLA: Do you?
20	MS. WINSTON: Do I? No. But I
21	don't
22	MR. PAROLA: We agree.
23	MS. WINSTON: But I don't want
24	my house to look like it's abandoned
25	because I'm paying for Moe, Curly,

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I'm very disappointed with the mayor. Every time I go to these meetings I hear the same -- I'm not going to say the word. You can use the BS word or whatever word you want to use, bachelor of science, I'm tired of the politicians lying to the people like me.

My taxes have gone up so high that I cannot even pay my taxes now, but he gets a tax break like the Bishop. He doesn't pay the right amount of taxes. He is selling out all the properties for what? And who is gaining on it? We are not gaining on it.

I've been living here 29 years and since he came into power my taxes are triple. For what? I don't see the benefit where I live.

So, as I said, there is a building and that person is going to get tax break. We're the ones that are supposed to get the tax break,

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not those people that come and want to buy the parking lot and all that. We're the ones that are supposed to be getting the tax break.

It does not matter who we put into politics here, democrat, republican, they are the same crap.

I'm sorry for my language.

MR. PAROLA: That's all right.

MR. SHILLINGFORD: Because I'm very, very angry that's why I don't talk. I go to those meetings and I don't talk.

MR. PAROLA: Maybe you should.

MR. SHILLINGFORD: If I talk, I will use words they will never think it's me. I try to medicate when I go to those meetings and say nothing and sometimes I walk out disappointed. Disappointed in the meeting.

The mayor like 11 years he's been here and nothing. I live on 238 Long Beach Road. Nothing since

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he came into power. He has not done anything for my area. And the fact is that he lives two-and-a-half blocks from me. Trustee Perry lives like two blocks up from me. I don't see no improvement. Who's benefitting? Not me. My taxes are more than my mortgage.

I'm supposed to pay \$21,000 a year? I don't even make that. They are making triple figures in salary and getting tax break. You know what I'm saying? Six figures, sorry, they are making. What am I making? Practically nothing, you know. What you want me to do? I cannot use violence. I'm not going to stoop down to their level. You see what I'm saying? So I meditate a lot.

One of the worse things I ever did is to move into the Village.

Since the mayor came like 11 years now he is there in power. First

three times he has not done zip for me. As I told him, one time he came to my home, I told him he is not the mayor. I criticize Mayor Wayne
Hall, whatever his name. What can I tell you. Better of the two evils are the democrats but they are both evil.

MR. PAROLA: Thank you, sir. Would you like to be heard on behalf of the school district?

MS. WILSON: I just have something else.

MR. PAROLA: Certainly.

MS. WILSON: I feel that there should be a cap on all pilots.

There should be a cap or no pilots because there are too many that are granted in one year and I feel that if it's not going to be no pilot, it should be a cap on any pilot.

Don't let so many be approved in ex-amount of years. It is not fair to approve for a person

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applying for a pilot and it gets approved and you have 10, 5, 11 in one year. It's ridiculous because each time a pilot is approved that's really putting a burden on the property owner's taxes.

I've been living here for like 30-something years, 40 years, in the Village of Hempstead owning my home, my husband and I, for like 33 years so I feel like the gentleman said, there is no improvement.

Since Mayor Hall became the mayor he approves any and everything that looks good, not that is going to benefit the community, but it has to be that it's going to benefit him and that's not right.

MR. SHILLINGFORD: Thank you.

MS. WILSON: You're supposed to represent the people, not yourself. Represent the people.

MS. WINSTON: Another thing.

MR. PAROLA: Just identify

yourself.

MS. WINSTON: I'm Terry

Winston. The mayor has been absent from like two or three meetings and it has been brought to my attention that he's recovering from a kidney transplant and because of his medical state there is a possibility that the decisions that he's making are a result of his condition so I want you to consider that, that there is a possibility that his decisions may not be of his own, you know.

MR. PAROLA: Okay. Just for the record, Deputy Agency
Administrator Michael Lodato is here with me.

I have a couple of notes if I can read them here. I have a bad cold but I had to drag myself in here today so I could have the hearing.

First of all, I'm sympathetic

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to everything that you're saying but you have to understand that the mandate of an IDA unfortunately is not, per se, to do property tax relief or other benefits for homeowners.

Under the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the IDA is mandated to foster business, commercial development, and that is what we try to do.

with respect to 303 Main, just as a thought, one of the key requirements in the General Municipal Law is "that but for an IDA, the project would not go forward." 303 Main, for example, would be a hole in the ground right now. It would not have gong forward but for the benefits.

MS. WINSTON: What are the benefits?

MR. PAROLA: The pilot is still in effect.

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but the long-term affects are ratebles or structures or buildings that will be taxed and beneficial to the community down the line.

Part of the IDA mandate is jobs. And, for example, this particular project by the second year they have 881 and, again, it's by affidavit, so it's a criminal offense --

MS. WINSTON: Same number.

MR. PAROLA: Please. They are committed to 1246 jobs by the end of the second year, which by --

MS. WINSTON: 50 Clinton or 303 Main?

MR. PAROLA: No, we're on Clinton. We're on the subject property. That was just an aside. As to the subject property, no, obviously -- and I should mention and many of things that Ms. Garry said, the housing benefits that we provide, many of these, and with all

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due respect to the homeowners, these are tenants that would not be able to afford the benefits that are provided by IDA by keeping the rates down. Those go directly to tenants so that they can afford to stay in the community and have a home.

That's one of the things that the IDAs provide or can provide. We can't help homeowners. It's not in the law.

MS. GARRY: They are getting full value.

MS. WILSON: You can burden homeowners.

MR. PAROLA: Obviously, we're not the place to voice the concerns that many of you have with respect to the administration, but I will say that as a result of legislation passed by Assemblywoman Earlene Hooper, four members of the community appointed by the Village Board sit on any matter before the

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2	IDA for purposes of that particular
3	hearing in the respective
4	jurisdiction; in this case, the
5	Village of Hempstead.
6	So our seven member board is 11
7	for such items. Those members,
8	since they are, I guess, almost
9	eight months or so on the Board,
10	have generally supported the
11	proposals that have come forward
12	with respect to projects that the
13	IDA is extending benefits, including
14	this one.
15	This particular project and
16	maybe the last aspect I'll just
17	address is, that "but for."
18	This building has 40 percent
19	unoccupied. Now, if that building
20	goes belly up
21	MS. WINSTON: Big deal. I
22	don't care. That's his problem.
23	MR. PAROLA: that will have
24	a worse impact upon the community
25	MS. WINSTON: Really.

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benefits that we're providing. Because in assessment on commercial establishments the income production is part of what is in the process of determining what the property taxes are. So if that building becomes a vacant closed up entity, the taxes that we're receiving would be less because they would file a certiorari, a challenge to the assessments, and the taxes would be lower. And that is, in many of the cases, what we've done here that trying to help the community build up by providing benefits to help the economic engine of the community. And we do encourage local employment.

MR. PAROLA: -- than the

This Renaissance project, which
I personally would have voted
against, the first phase if I were a
member. I'm not. I'm just staff.

MS. GARRY: Did you make a

recommendation against it?

MR. PAROLA: I did.

MS. GARRY: How come you did not do that in public?

MR. PAROLA: Because it's not my job. I counselled that I thought it was not the greatest project in the world and I though we shouldn't be doing it. Too much housing and too much controversy. Let it go to County and that's what I personally counselled in our closed-door meeting. But again, I'm not a member in terms of the Board.

And I do agree there are too
many pilots in the Village of
Hempstead but, unfortunately, the
IDA can only address items that come
before it so areas that are more
urban -- and it's suburban but it's
urban -- are the areas that
developers want to be in. They
don't want to be in Levittown, it's
all residential, for example, and

they pay a penalty for that, obviously, because they don't get the rateables. But they don't want to go to Levittown. There's no development there in terms of commercial establishments or zoning board. So unfortunately, the west end, the Valley Streams, the Garden Cities, the Hempstead Village, they are heavily commercialized in terms of the fact that that's where a great deal of our projects come from.

Five Towns, for example, or

Freeport, for example. Those are

the areas where a high percentage of

what comes before us lie because

they lend themselves to commercial

development. Wrong or right, that

is the reality that my Board has to

deal with. They have to deal with

that which comes before them. And

for a while -- I can say to you

before the Renaissance item came

forward, we were going to put a moratorium on any development in Hempstead for the very reasons that you set forth, but the Board and, again, it's the Board's decision, not mine, the Board felt that, what are we here for? We are here for economic revitalization and to provide jobs; so therefore, that's our mandate. That's what the law requires and that's what the Board, at least at this point, they may change their mind at some point, but that is the controlling view as to where they're going.

MS. GARRY: I have a correction on material that I have here.

MR. PAROLA: Sure.

MS. GARRY: Katherine Garry speaking. Where I put 10 added pilots and I mentioned it really should have been 11 because the parking lot number one; however, I had forgotten there was still

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another one that has been granted by this Board and that is the building on Front Street behind the post office for the Dollar Store and other things. So there is really 12 new that have been added since 2010.

MR. PAROLA: Which, just let me interject -- Excuse me. I don't want to be rude, but that project we did a lot of work on. In fact, it fell through because Dollar Stores had certain conditions for the developer. But that man, Mr. Mann is his name, he worked very hard. You know it was there before vacant for like 20 years with nobody paying taxes. That is a good example of a project that helps the Village because he added jobs. He improved that whole little area there. hopefully you'll see other retail stores, et cetera, go in areas that are underdeveloped and vacant to a large extent. That's what IDA's --

I think that was a good example of what an IDA should do.

MS. WILSON: There are multiple dollar stores in Hempstead already. They are piling on top of each other. How long do you think they are going to be able to operate if they are doing the products in which they do, how long you think that store is going to be there? The next year they will be gone and they still won't be done paying back the taxes that they owe the Village or the Town for the pilot because they have to close.

MS. GARRY: See when a community has so many pilots already, you have to consider that and that is because the benefit becomes negative now because of all the other history of all these other pilots. You cannot just look at that little piece of property separately, okay. It needs to be

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looked in the context of the whole community and a community that has taken a very strong stand particularly at Parking Lot 1 against because they are finally seeing how these pilots are not for the people. They are for outsiders and they are destroying the tax base of the community.

Now, back to 303 Main Street because you made a major statement on that. You say it would just be open space. That's your opinion. It might not be open space. It's very possible if they did not go ahead with that building there would have been a different building, maybe a two-story building, and it probably would have brought in the same amount of money that this giant building is getting because it's getting all these tax breaks.

So that analysis just doesn't hold. It's kind of like scare

tactics saying 50 Clinton might become vacant. That's scare tactics. In this world, somebody else will see that it gets built up. It was not in as bad shape as that man said. It reminds me of when you did the pilot for 590-600 Fulton. The whole room was filled with tenants from 600 Fulton and 590 and the staff saying they did not need those particular renovations. Some of them were already in.

There was testimony and yet you had Mr. Deagan coming in saying, oh, this man he's a wonderful landlord.

He's a slum Lord. And the attorney comes in and makes a statement that he's a wonderful landlord.

Everybody knew that was wrong. He has shown since the time of the pilot the place is still a mess.

It's filthy. It doesn't get the kind of care it needs and he never put the renovations in.

He was supposed to put new kitchens and new bathrooms in. He has not done that. It's been years. This is the kind of nonsense that happens when you get these people and you just believe what they say.

And, in spite of the whole room being there, the Board went ahead and approved 590-600. The money does not go back to the tenants necessarily. It seems to us that the money goes right back to the landlord and this, again, is the type of thing that you as a Board need to understand.

This community is suffering from all of this. These people lie to you. You don't really follow-up on it. The people in the community are at a lower income level, a lower educational level, so that they don't have the time or the education to do the type of research that is necessary to go in and understand

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these governmental projects and to make proper assessments and then come and speak in public. It's hard for people to speak in public when they're not used to it. And they don't speak up for their rights because they have been held down and afraid of repercussions of landlords and all kinds of things.

But the fact is the people of Hempstead they are suffering from this and all of these scare tactics or what would happen if we didn't let them have it? Well, maybe this guy with the Dollar Store, maybe he would have found the money to do it anyway without the pilot. See, we don't know that. Or maybe somebody else would come forth.

And if the Village, with those that have the wherewith all that have been supporting this ridiculous downtown redevelopment that is going to impact not only Hempstead, it's

going to impact this entire Nassau County.

You get on the roads, they're putting 10,000 more people in here. It's like craziness, absolute craziness. And for you to support that kind of thing is absolute nonsense and to support this other stuff in terms of what the condition of the people is, you have to take that into -- maybe the law doesn't specifically say that but common sense says it and common sense is part of the human experience and so is compassion and caring about other people.

These people have investments.

These three residents who have come out here today they have investments in Hempstead and it's their home and they don't want to lose their home and it's time for you as a Board to just stop this constant harassment of the people of Hempstead and do

the morally correct thing and say enough is enough. That's my statement.

MR. PAROLA: Thank you.

MS. WINSTON: Terry Winston. I would like to also reiterate what

Ms. Wilson was saying with respect
to the Dollar Store because Mr.

Parola commented that that was a good project.

of Hempstead has Dollar Stores and they are not necessarily dollar stores per se that sell all of their products for a dollar, it goes up to like a 1.49 or what have you, these individuals, I don't know if they're paying their fair share of taxes, but I'm assuming that they are. They are small business owners. They have been in the Village of Hempstead for years. If you put that Dollar Store on Front Street and he's getting a pilot and they're

not, you're going to run them out of business because no one is going to go to them. They will go to the Dollar Tree Store because everything in there is a dollar.

So you're running all these small businesses out there that's been dedicated to investing money in Hempstead out of the Village because you think that having that Dollar Tree is a good idea. I think not.

You know, once again, you're deciding what's good for the Village of Hempstead without looking at all the factors and this has to be looked at. All right. The reason why this meeting is here is because you didn't intend on having us here. I know that. I also believe that you've already made your decision. All right. Okay. And I want you to know and understand that this is not the end. If I have to picket in front of this denouncing the IDA I

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2	will every day.
3	Whether it's by myself or other
4	people, I'm going to expose the IDA
5	for what they truly are, okay.
6	MR. PAROLA: Thank you.
7	MS. GARRY: Can I just ask who
8	this gentleman is here.
9	MR. LEVENSTEIN: My name is
10	Gene Levenstein. I'm the interim
11	Superintendent for Business Affairs
12	for the Hempstead School District.
13	MS. GARRY: For the Hempstead
14	School District for business.
15	MR. LEVENSTEIN: The
16	Superintendent asked me to attend
17	today's meeting.
18	MS. WINSTON: The school
19	district asked you to attend.
20	MS. GARRY: Thank you.
21	MS. WILSON: I live on 93
22	Surrey Lane in Hempstead south of
23	Fulton.
24	Now there is another project
25	that's being done across the street.

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It used to be a Mobil Service Station and across there is two more service stations; however, I don't know if they're going to be applying for a pilot, but I do know it's going to be mixture of they want to sell other food items and so what's in that particular project and yet across the street where it was a bodega, it was closed, they reopened and they are selling the same stuff. How much can you put in one town? You have a bodega on every corner. It's too much. It is too much. it's time to think about it. If you don't -- Now, I know that if you keep approving it's never going to stop. When you start refusing, they will move somewhere else. They are not going to stay. It you start refusing, they will go somewhere else and try to get it because once the developers build what they want

to build, they're out of here.

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See, they are thinking about their pockets, not about who it's going to affect. They're only thinking about how much they can make and they're outta here so they care less how long it's going to take or if a place is going to go under. They don't care. They build and they make theirs and the ones that are here have to suffer. And that, to me, is not for the people. And, to me, I feel that the government should stand for what it represents. For the people and by the people. And the way things are done now, it's not either. It's not

MR. PAROLA: Thank you. Anyone else wish to testify?

either. It's against the people.

All right, Dolly, I'm recognizing it's 10:15. I'm adjourning this hearing sine die. Thank you all.

(Time noted: 10:15 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATION

I, DOLLY FEVOLA, a Notary Public in and for the State of New York, do hereby certify: THAT the witness whose testimony is herein before set forth, was duly sworn by me; and THAT the within transcript is a true record of the testimony given by said witness.

I further certify that I am not related, either by blood or marriage, to any of the parties to this action; and

THAT I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of September, 2016.

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Properties	Off	Tax	Rolls	ACI	Due	to	PILOT
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114-134 Yale St - Housing Authority Apartment House Complex	A/V \$ 159,800
260 Clinton St Housing Authority Apartment House Complex	756,600
107 James Burrell Ave - Senior Citizen Apartment Complex and Parking Lot Antioch Housing Development Corp.	101,900
206 Clinton St Clinton Residence, Inc Apartment House Complex	98,900
20 Totten St - Housing Authority Apartment House Complex	351,650
173-191 Fulton Ave -Commercial Building, Ground level Parking Lot and Multi-level Parking Garage in rear of building	715,185
100 Terrace Ave - Apartment House Complex	367,290
151 S Franklin St - Union Plaza Senior Apartment Complex Union Baptist Housing Development Corp	155,880
400 Fulton Ave (80 Clinton St) - Senior Apartment House Complex	376,250
20 & 40 Gladys - Housing Authority Apartment House Complex	141,800
Adams Court Apartment Complex - Grove St, Linden Pl, Evans Ave, Maple Ave and S Franklin St	517,850
Parkside Gardens Town House Apartments (near Campbell Park) Maple Ave, Elm Ave. Evans and Laurel Ave - PGV Ltd	1,442,900
Martin Luther King Dr Park Lake Apartment Complex	1,201,200
110 Jerusalem Ave - Apartment Complex (Housing Associates, owner)	679,000
130 Jerusalem Ave - Apartment Complex (Housing Associates, owner)	675,500
7-21 Manor Ave - Current owner - Hofstra University - In Process of Being Sold to Private Developer	400,000
40-44 W Columbia St - Rivoli Apartment Complex and Commercial Space	243,450
123-127 West Columbia St - Colonna Senior Citizen Apartment Complex	86,000
Total A/V PILOT Properties	8,471,155

Adjustment in Non Taxable A/V due to Pilot Payments Totaling \$932,513 Made in Lieu of

Taxes

As of Winter 2010

10 additional PILOTS
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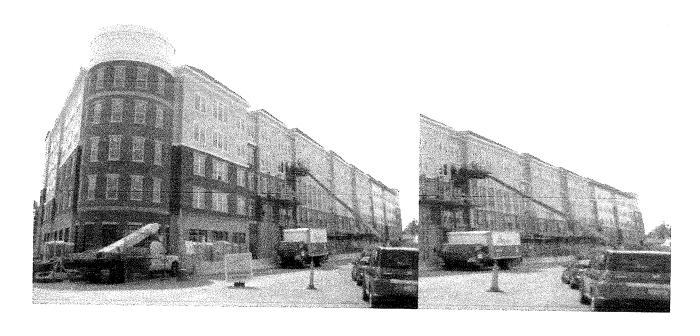
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Values

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NASSAU COUNTY TAXES				
11C - County General Fund	399		2.322	
11F - Fire Prevention	399		1.733	
11N - Nassau Community College	399		5.429	
11P - County Police Headquarters	399		38.279	
11W - STORM WATER RESOURCES ZONE OF ASSESSMENT	399		1.563	
1304 - SEWER DISPOSAL ZONE OF ASSESSMENT	399		3.475	
TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD TAXES				
11T - Town General Fund	399		14.412	
1X - Town of Hempstead Refuse Disposal District	399		9.611	
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