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4	IN THE MATTER OF A
5	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
6	RE: NBD HOLDING, LLC
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10	46 N. Ocean Avenue
11	Freeport, New York
12	February 16, 2022 10:00 a.m.
13	10:00 a.m.
14	BEFORE:
15	MICHAEL LODATO, Deputy Executive Director
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19	Dolly Fevola Court Reporter
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2	APPEARANCES:
3	TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD
4	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY 350 Front Street
5	Hempstead, New York 11550 BY: MICHAEL LODATO, Dep. Exec. Director
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7	ALSO PRESENT:
8	TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD
9	PAUL O'BRIEN, Counsel for IDA
10	TOWN OF FREEPORT
11	MAYOR ROBERT T. KENNEDY
12	HOWARD COLTON VILMA LANCASTER
13	MARK DEVELLA CHIEF MICHAEL SMITH
14	JOHN GORDON, ESQ Forchelli Deegan Terrana
15	KIMBERLY LABRADOR
16	MICHAEL WHITE
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2	(PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS RECITED)
3	MAYOR KENNEDY: Members of the
4	IDA join me here. Ladies and
5	Gentlemen, please be sure to
6	distinguish your telephone, put them
7	on silence, clear audio for future
8	presentation.
9	I'd like to go around and
10	introduce everyone so you're
11	familiar with who's on the dais.
12	CHIEF SMITH: Good morning.
13	Michael Smith, Chief of police.
14	MR. DAVELLA: Mark Davella,
15	President of the Freeport member
16	IDA.
17	MS. LANCASTER: Good morning.
18	Vilma Lancaster, member of the IDA.
19	HEARING OFFICER LODATO: Good
20	morning. Michael Lodato, Deputy
21	Executive Director of the Industrial
22	Development Agency.
23	MR. COLTON: Howard Colton
24	Freeport.
25	MAYOR KENNEDY: Robert Kennedy,

1 Proceedings - NBD Holding 4 2 Mayor of the Village of Freeport 3 TDA. 4 Please proceed. 5 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: 6 morning. My name is Mike Lodato. 7 I'm the Deputy Executive Director of 8 the Town of Hempstead IDA. 9 I'm observing it's 10:02 a.m. 10 on February 16, 2022. We are here 11 to have a Public Hearing of NBD 12 Holding, L.L.C. who is looking for PILOT benefits and tax benefits and 13 14 sales tax benefits from the Town of 15 Hempstead IDA. I will now submit the Notice of 16 17 Public Hearing into the record. 18 Notice is hereby given that a 19 public hearing pursuant to Title 1 20 of Article 18-A of the New York 21 State General Municipal Law (the 22 "Hearing") will be held by the Town 23 of Hempstead Industrial Development 2.4 Agency on the 16th day of February, 25 2022, at 10:00 a.m. local time, at

1 Proceedings - NBD Holding 5 2 Freeport Village Hall, 46 N. Ocean 3 Avenue, Village of Freeport, Town of 4 Hempstead, New York, in connection with the following matters: 5 6 NBD Holding, L.L.C., a limited 7 liability company organized and 8 existing under the laws of the State 9 of New York, on behalf of itself 10 and/or the principals of NBD 11 Holding, L.L.C. and/or an entity formed or to be formed on behalf of 12 13 any of the foregoing (collectively, 14 the "Company") submitted its 15 application for financial assistance (the "Application") to the Town of 16 17 Hempstead Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") to enter into 18 19 a transaction in which the Agency 20 will assist in the acquisition of an 21 interest in an approximately 1.6 22 acre parcel of land located at 417, 23 435, 444, 447 & 477 Woodcleft 24 Avenue, Village of Freeport, Town of 25 Hempstead, Nassau County, New York

1 Proceedings - NBD Holding 2 (the "Land"), the demolition of the 3 existing structures and improvements 4 on the Land, the construction of an 5 approximately 89,836 square foot 6 three-story building on the Land 7 (the "Improvements"), and the 8 acquisition of certain fixtures, 9 equipment and personal property 10 necessary for the completion thereof 11 (the "Equipment"; and together with 12 the Land and the Improvements, the 13 "Facility"), which Facility is to be 14 subleased by the Agency to the 15 Company and used as a 100-room hotel 16 facility and for related banquet and 17 restaurant uses (the "Project"). 18 The Facility would be initially 19 owned, operated and/or managed by 20 the Company. 21 The Agency contemplates that it 22 would provide financial assistance 23 to the Company in the form of 2.4 exemptions from mortgage recording

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taxes in connection with the

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2 financing or any subsequent
3 refinancing of the Facility,
4 exemptions from sales and use taxes
5 and an abatement of real property
6 taxes.

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The Company has requested that the Agency provide financial assistance to the Company in the form of an abatement of real property taxes for a term of up to 20 years (the "PILOT BENEFIT"). The proposed PILOT Benefit deviates from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy and Guidelines, as amended to date (the "Policy"), because the proposed PILOT Benefit would be for a term of up to 20 years instead of 10 years. Copies of the proposed PILOT payment schedule are available on the Agency's website at www.tohida.org. The Agency is considering the proposed deviation from the Policy due to the current nature of the property and because

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2 the Company would not undertake the
3 Project and the Project would not be
4 economically viable without a PILOT
5 Benefit for a term of up to 20
6 years.

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A representative of the Agency will, at the above-stated time and place, hear and accept oral comments from all person with view in favor of or opposed to either the Project or the financial assistance requested by the Company. Comments may also be submitted to the Agency in writing or electronically prior to or during the Hearing by e-mailing them to idamail@tohmail.org. Minutes of the Hearing will be transcribed and posted on the Agency's website.

Members of the public have the opportunity to review the application for financial assistance filed by the Company with the Agency and an analysis of the costs and

1 Proceedings - NBD Holding 2 benefits of the proposed Facility, 3 which can be found on the Agency's website at www.tohida.org. 4 5 The Agency anticipates that the 6 members of the Agency will consider 7 a resolution to approve the Project 8 and the financial assistance 9 requested by the Company, including 10 the proposed 20 year PILOT Benefit, 11 at the Agency's Board Meeting (the "Board Meeting") to be held on 12 13 February 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. 14 local time, at 1 Washington Street 15 Town Hall Pavilion, Hempstead, New York 11550. 16 17 If anyone would like to come up 18 and speak, please sign in and state 19 your name to the stenographer. 20 Thank you. 21 MR. GORDON: John Gordon, 22 Forchelli Deegan Terrana, LLP 23 representing NBD Holding, the 2.4 applicant. 25 I just want to say that this is

the Village and my comment is -- the

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1 Proceedings - NBD Holding 11 2 first one is I want to give thanks 3 to the IDA for continuing to bring 4 things to the Village that help us, 5 you know, stay here longer and have 6 families here and just do the 7 wonderful things that it takes to 8 grow a village. 9 And from my family and the 10 people who go to the Nautical Mile, 11 we are in approval of this, Mr. 12 Mayor, and wanted to just give our 13 thanks for the efforts that's all. 14 MAYOR KENNEDY: Thank you very 15 much. Any comments on the Board? 16 MS. LANCASTER: We'd like to thank the IDA and the Mayor for 17 18 allowing us to have this project. 19 As you know, that property has 20 been sitting there with nothing on 21 it and in doing this we'll be able 22 to have more people come into our 23 community, enjoy it and basically 2.4 with the boats and going to the

restaurants and things like that.

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1 Proceedings - NBD Holding 12 We're known as a fishing community 2 3 so why not enjoy what we have. 4 MAYOR KENNEDY: Agree. Mr. 5 Davello? 6 MR. DAVELLO: I just hope it 7 turns out to be the trophy project 8 that it's supposed to be. It's a 9 destination location that is 10 utilized by more than this community 11 alone and the Mile is so that the 12 tendency down there turn around to 13 fill up to the daily walk-along 14 outdoor shops that it should be 15 along with commerce for the village. 16 I think it's positive all the way 17 around and I give my approval. 18 MAYOR KENNEDY: Thank you. I 19 just want to make a few comments 20 also. 21 I look forward to this 22 development. I think it's great for 23 jobs in the village, future jobs in 2.4 the village and looks at the 25 construction jobs also. This will

1 Proceedings - NBD Holding 13 2 be a 43 million dollar development. 3 There will be many construction 4 positions opened up. It's economic 5 development for the Village of 6 Freeport where we can stabilize our 7 financial taxes in this village, 8 bring in extra revenues and secure 9 our property taxes at a good 10 reasonable rate with our residents. 11 We look at an annual property 12 tax revenue of the future, there's 13 future jobs on the long-term here. 14 We'll be bringing in, as Vilma has 15 stated, it will be bringing in and 16 expanding the boating community. 17 Freeport is known as the 18 boating capital of the northeast. 19 Let's continue. Let's bring in 20 those boats, get that intercoastal 21 traffic from down south to Main. 22 Let them stop and stay in a nice 23 place in the Village of Freeport. 2.4 I'm looking forward to this job

and I think it will be a great

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1 Proceedings - NBD Holding 14 2 advantage to the Village of Freeport 3 residence and commercial businesses. 4 Chief, any comments? 5 CHIEF SMITH: I'm in favor of this project also, Mayor. I'm with 6 7 the department for 32 years. I've 8 grown up on Long Island and I think 9 this is going to be probably the 10 biggest draw to Freeport since the 11 start of the Recreation Center and 12 this will be a focal point on the 13 south shore of Long Island. 14 MAYOR KENNEDY: Thank you. I 15 agree. 16 Howard Colton, Village 17 attorney? 18 MR. COLTON: I'm a 50-year 19 resident of the Village of Freeport. 20 I'm very excited about this project. 21 The Nautical Mile needs a 22 destination point. This provides 23 the destination point for the Mile. 2.4 It's going to help businesses. This 25 is a project that its time has come

1 Proceedings - NBD Holding 15 and it's definitely needed. Great 2 3 shot in the arm to the Nautical Mile 4 and the Village of Freeport. 5 I thank the IDA for hearing this matter and I thank the 6 7 developer for bringing it to the 8 Village of Freeport and selecting 9 the Village of Freeport. 10 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: 11 IDA would like to thank Mayor 12 Kennedy for allowing us to use this 13 Village Hall for this Hearing. This 14 has been very much a joint venture 15 between the IDA and the Village of 16 Freeport. It's a phenomenal 17 project. We look forward to moving 18 along with this. Thank you. 19 MAYOR KENNEDY: Mike, do we 20 need to close the meeting? Do we 21 have any other comments? Any 22 residents before we close? 23 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: 2.4 Normally, we keep it open for 25 20 minutes and then close it out as

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2	long as no one has any comments.
3	MR. DAVELLA: Is the developer
4	going to have a formal
5	groundbreaking ceremony by any
6	chance?
7	MS. LABRADOR: Kimberly
8	Labrador, NBD Holding owners rep.
9	Yes, we plan on having a formal
10	groundbreaking ceremony as soon as
11	we can get the ground. That looks
12	to be about June 1st.
13	MAYOR KENNEDY: Thank you.
14	MR. WHITE: Good morning
15	everyone. My name is Mike White.
16	I'm the business rep for Local 45
17	which covers the Freeport area. I
18	just had a couple of questions.
19	Have you guys reached out to
20	the Nassau Suffolk Building Trades
21	yet for the labor for this project?
22	MR. GORDON: No, not to my
23	knowledge.
24	MR. WHITE: You have plans of
25	reaching out for a labor agreement?

1 Proceedings - NBD Holding 18 2 preventing, not damage, but at least 3 working standard. And I also have minority 4 5 contractors that live in the area 6 that we can put to this project as 7 well. I'm hoping that we can work 8 together going forward. 9 MAYOR KENNEDY: I would be glad 10 to mediate between yourself and the 11 developer. If you need anything, feel free to call my office. We can 12 13 have a meeting and work out details 14 and further carry discussions. 15 MS. LANCASTER: Do you have a business card? 16 17 MR. WHITE: Absolutely. MS. LANCASTER: Just a 18 19 question. Your local, they have a 20 lot of experience in -- because, you 21 know, you're on the water. 22 Bulkheads, all that, you have that 23 type of experience? 2.4 MR. WHITE: Surprisingly, 25 Scalamandre & Sons, our top

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foundation and bulkhead contractors,
is right around the block in
Freeport. They would be perfect for
that work. We do everything from
the piles, bulkheads, all the way up
through the curtains. We cover it
all. And I have an extensive MWBE
list of 51 contractors that will
handle from the beginning all the
way to the end. If you'd like, I
can forward it to you guys if you
have an e-mail.
MS. LANCASTER: You can forward
it.
MAYOR KENNEDY: I will get you
a card.
MR. WHITE: Thank you very
much.
MR. JONES: David Jones,
Freeport resident. I just wanted to
know one other question the
neighbor across the street. Did it
still include the gas filling
station that's there?

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MS. LABRADOR: With regard to the gas station, which is known as Richard's Gas Stop, that will be taken down. That's being demolished. That is out of service. That's part of the project. So the entire area will be level and the project will go from the very end of the canal where Richard's is up to our survey line which is a little bit south of the --

MAYOR KENNEDY: Please explain the details on the boating facility and walkable areas on the water.

MS. LABRADOR: So we will have approximately 22 boat slips that are accessible to the public to come in and dock, and we have to determine with the new management company how that will be handled, whether or not they'll have access to all the amenities, any type of fee, and then the public promenade will be open to all to walk down and view the water.

1 Proceedings - NBD Holding 21 2 There will be a back way on the 3 backside on the Woodcleft canal 4 side. They will be able to walk 5 down and view sunset, sunrise, any 6 of those areas. 7 MAYOR KENNEDY: Beautiful. 8 Looking forward to it. 9 When is your approximate 10 completion date scheduled for the 11 development and opening? 12 MS. LABRADOR: We're opening 13 for soft opening by the end of 2024 14 with a full grand opening by end of winter beginning of Spring '25 based 15 16 on when we can start building. 17 MAYOR KENNEDY: As you know, 18 the Village of Freeport has its own 19 Building Department inspectors, 20 Planning Board, Zoning Board so 21 we'll be glad to help accommodate 22 the expeditious completion of this 23 project. Whatever you need, feel 2.4 free to come into the Mayor's 25 office. We'll try to help.

1 Proceedings - NBD Holding 23 the first level so that will all be 2 3 parking and stackable car lifts like the ones you see in the City. There 4 5 will be car lifts underneath plus 6 the parking lot across the street. 7 And we have an arrangement for 8 private off-site parking and then we 9 also have the offer with the Village 10 to create additional parking as 11 needed. 12 MAYOR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank 13 you. 14 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: Mr. 15 Newburger, you want to sign in and 16 say anything? 17 MR. NEWBURGER: Absolutely. 18 Grant Newburger. Building 19 Construction Trades counsel of 20 Nassau and Suffolk counties. 21 Like I just said, on behalf of 22 the building trades, this is a big 23 project. We'd like to be included. 2.4 I'd like to make sure on the record 25 that we are strongly advocating for

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2	prevailing wage on this project and
3	we'd very much like to see a project
4	laborer come in as well. Thank you.
5	HEARING OFFICER LODATO: Thank
6	you.
7	MAYOR KENNEDY: Thank you, sir.
8	If there is no other comments,
9	Mike, please.
10	HEARING OFFICER LODATO: If
11	there are no other comments and no
12	one else would like to testify, the
13	Town of Hempstead IDA would like to
14	close this meeting at 10:21 a.m.
15	sine die. Thank you everyone for
16	coming.
17	MAYOR KENNEDY: Thank you,
18	Ladies and Gentleman. Please get
19	home safe.
20	(Time noted: 10:21 a.m.)
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