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5	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
6	RE: CARMAN PLACE APARTMENTS, LLC
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9	350 Front Street
10	Hempstead, New York
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12	March 8, 2022 9:15 a.m.
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14	BEFORE:
15	MICHAEL LODATO, Deputy Executive Director
16	FREDERICK E PAROLA, CEO
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2	APPEARANCES:
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3	TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD
4	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY 350 Front Street
5	Hempstead, New York 11550 BY: MICHAEL LODATO,
6	Deputy Executive Director
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1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 3 2 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: 3 morning. My name is Michael Lodato. 4 I'm the Deputy Executive Director of 5 the Town of Hempstead IDA. We're here this morning on March 8, 2022 6 7 to open up a hearing for Carman 8 Apartments, the residential portion. 9 I will now read the public 10 hearing notice into the record. 11 Notice is hereby given that a 12 public hearing pursuant to Title 1 of Article 18-A of the New York 13 14 State General Municipal Law will be 15 held by the Town of Hempstead 16 Industrial Development Agency (the 17 "Agency") on the 8th day of March, 18 2022, at 9:15 a.m., local time, at 19 350 Front Street, 2nd Floor, 20 Hempstead, New York in connection 21 with the following matters: 22 Carman Place Apartments, LLC, a 23 New York limited liability company, 2.4 on behalf of itself and/or the

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principals of Carman Place

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 4 2 Apartments, LLC and/or an entity 3 formed or to be formed on behalf of 4 the foregoing (collectively, the 5 "Company"), submitted its 6 application for financial assistance 7 (the "Application") to the Agency to 8 enter into a transaction in which 9 the Agency will assist in (a) the 10 acquisition of an approximately 2.54 11 acre parcel of land located at 155-161, 163-169, 171, 173-175 and 12 13 177-179 Main Street, 122 and 126 14 Bedell Street and Columbia Street, 15 Village of Hempstead, Town of 16 Hempstead, Nassau County, New York 17 (the "Land"), (b) the demolition of 18 existing (approximately 15,573 19 square feet total) buildings thereon 20 and environmental remediation as 21 part of the New York State 22 Department of Environmental 23 Conservation ("NYSDEC") Brownfield 2.4 Cleanup Program, (c) the 25 construction of 300,598 square feet

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 5 of residential space including, 227 2 workforce housing units (further 3 identified as 30 studio apartments, 4 5 140 apartments and 57 two-bedroom 6 apartments, with all units marketed 7 to income-restricted households 8 earning at or below 90% area median 9 income) and 1 superintendent unit, 10 all to be declared as one or more 11 condominium units within two 12 buildings totalling approximately 13 323,198 square feet, and a parking 14 structure for approximately 228 15 spaces below, at grade, and at 16 street level, and all located on the 17 Land (collectively referred to as 18 the "Improvements"), and (d) the 19 acquisition and installation therein 20 of certain equipment and persona 21 property including, but not limited 22 to, plumbing, mechanical, HVAC, 23 electrical, communications and other 2.4 building systems and infrastructure 25 improvements to the public water and

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 6 2 sewer system (the "Equipment"; and 3 together with the Land and the 4 Improvements, the "Facility"), which 5 Facility is to be leased by the 6 Agency to the Company and used by 7 the Company as rental housing as a 8 100% workforce housing community 9 (the "Project"). The Facility will 10 be initially owned by the Company 11 and operated and/or managed by 12 Conifer Realty, LLC, as managing 13 member of the Company. 14 The Facility will be leased by 15 the Company to the Agency pursuant 16 to a certain Company Lease and will 17 be subleased by the Agency to the 18 Company pursuant to a certain Lease 19 and Project Agreement. 20 The Agency contemplates that it 21 will provide financial assistance to 22 the Company in the form of 23 exemptions from mortgage recording 2.4 taxes in connection with the

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financing or any subsequent

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 7 refinancing of the Facility, 2 3 exemptions from sales and use taxes 4 and abatement of real property 5 taxes, consistent with the policies 6 and resolutions of the Agency. 7 A representative of the Agency 8 will, at the above-stated time and 9 place, hear and accept written 10 comments from all persons with views 11 in favor of or opposed to either the 12 proposed grant of financial 13 assistance to the Company by the 14 Agency or the location or nature of 15 the Facility. Prior to the hearing, 16 all persons will have the 17 opportunity to review on the 18 Agency's website 19 (http:\\tohida.org\) the application 20 for financial assistance filed by 21 the Company with the Agency and an 22 analysis of the costs and benefits 23 of the construction an ongoing 2.4 operation of the proposed Facility.

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If anyone would like to

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 8 2 testify, please come up, state your 3 name for the stenographer and, as I said, this is being filmed for our 4 5 YouTube channel. Thank you. 6 MR. DEEGAN: Good morning. My 7 name is Daniel Deegan. I'm with the 8 Law Firm of Forchelli, Deegan & 9 Terrana in Uniondale, New York, 10 attorney for the Applicant. 11 The Applicant in this case, as 12 was mentioned, is a joint venture 13 entity between Conifer, which is a 14 nationally ranked full-service 15 residential real estate firm with an 16 excellent track record specializing 17 in affordable housing. It's got 18 over 234 projects with over 16,000 19 units nationwide. 20 As I indicated, they have an 21 excellent track record, including 22 many projects here on Long Island. 23 Their joint venture partner is 2.4 Community Development Corporation of

Long Island, which is a Long Island

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1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 9 based not-for-profit. They are a 2 3 leader in community development and affordable housing and housing 4 5 assistance. They, together with 6 Conifer, have a successful track 7 record in joint venturing affordable 8 housing on Long Island. 9 We're here to talk about the 10 project which is Carman Place in the 11 Village of Hempstead. This 12 particular hearing is with regard to 13 the residential portion of the 14 project. The land is a 2.5 acre site on 15 the corner of Main Street and 16 17 Bedell. It's a currently vacant 18 piece of property as well for part 19 of it and also has several 20 structures on it that are outdated 21 and in need of renewal. 22 The proposal is to construct 23 228 units of affordable housing. 2.4 This project would be consistent 25 with the downtown overlay zone in

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 10 2 that it calls for mixed-use with 3 commercial on the first floor. There is 22,000 square feet of 4 5 commercial space on the first floor, which is the subject of the sister 6 7 application in this case. We'll 8 have a separate hearing on that in a 9 moment. 10 The project consists of two 11 separate buildings which would be 12 separated with residential 13 commercial on each floor. There 14 will be condominium units. The 15 residential portions of one condominium unit and the 16 17 commercial portion another unit. 18 The project represents \$121 19 million investment downtown in the 20 Village of Hempstead. 21 residential breakdown is as follows: 22 30 studio parents, 140 one-bedroom 23 apartments, 57 two-bedroom 2.4 apartments.

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The plan is to provide a high

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Proceeding Carman Apartments 11 quality housing project that would be targeted to people earning between \$27,000 a year on the low end and \$117,000 a year on the high end for families. These units will be marketed and targeted for Village residents.

The key to any project and to any community is to have a range of numbers represented and this project has a range, as I indicated, of 27,000 all the way up to 117,000 pretty much evenly across the spectrum.

As indicated, part of this project will also address on-site contamination that's been there for years. The project will produce over \$2 million in funds for the Village to address sewer and water issues as well as other community benefit features consistent with the downtown overlay zone.

We're anticipating

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 12 2 approximately 200 construction jobs 3 and up to 67 full-time jobs in the 4 overall project, including 5 commercial. 6 All the Village approvals are 7 in place. State funding has been 8 awarded to make this project a 9 reality. The request here is a 10 30-year PILOT agreement at 11 10 percent gross shelter rent. This 12 is consistent with what is required 13 by the state funding sources, as 14 well as consistent with this IDA's 15 policy for 100 percent affordable 16 housing. 17 We're looking for a sales tax 18 exemption and recording tax 19 exemption on any construction 20 financing that gets put in place. 21 Even with the PILOT, this 22 agency's own consultant has done a 23 report that shows this is a very 2.4 large economic positive for the 25 Village. And for the tax

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 13 jurisdictions, we're anticipating 2 over \$12.5 million worth of payments 3 to be made under the PILOT payment 4 5 which is significantly more than 6 what is currently being generated if 7 the property were left undeveloped. 8 That's it. 9 I also just want to recognize 10 that Roger Pine from Conifer is here 11 in the audience. HEARING OFFICER LODATO: Thank 12 13 you. Would anyone else like to 14 speak? 15 MR. GRODOTZKE: Good morning. 16 My name is Danny Grodotzke. I live 17 at 41 Rhode Avenue, North Merrick. I come in front of the board to 18 19 voice my approval for this project 20 that's about to come before you. I 21 represent over 1,000 members in the 22 plumbing industry on Long Island and 23 this project I feel is a very good 2.4 project. This project will help the

community and the people in the

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community.

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I've been to -- Most people
think because I'm in the
construction industry I'm always
here to push projects. I believe in
smart growth and I've always been in
favor of jobs that are planned,
well-planned, and the developers
take the time to listen to the
community and I think that the
project put before us will allow the
community to prosper. It will bring
more jobs to the community. It will
bring affordable housing to the
community which is sorely needed.

We've been through some tough times through the pandemic and I think with this project moving forward, especially with the developer Conifer Le-Chase that they will give you a great project and along as taking care of the people and the needs and the community.

So again, I support this

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 15 2 project and I hope it moves forward 3 so some of my members that live in 4 the Village of Hempstead can work in 5 their own back yards. Thank you. HEARING OFFICER LODATO: 6 7 you. Would anyone else like to get 8 up and testify? Please state your 9 name and where you're from. 10 MR. BENJAMIN: I'm Elder 11 Reginald Benjamin. I'm the executive director of ABBA 12 13 Leadership Center. I'm a local 14 resident in the Village of 15 Hempstead. I've been a chaplain in 16 Nassau County Jail from 1998 to 17 2018. I've been running the ABBA 18 Leadership Center now for the last 19 16 years. I'm ex-offender 20 employment specialist. I'm a gang 21 violent reduction specialist and 22 I've been working in the Village of 23 Hempstead since I came here in 1998. 2.4 I am speaking in favor of this 25 project because for one thing it

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gives people an opportunity to go to
work.

I worked with Conifer Le-Chase

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on the last project. I think we got over 50 people to go to work on that particular project. When the houses were built there was two young ladies sleeping on their mother's floor but because they had those affordable housing projects both of them was able to move into that building from the Village of Hempstead, not from another community, but from the Village of Hempstead. One has gone on to become a nurse. The other one is a director of one of our other programs in terms of one of the guys that owns the company she now works for as a key person. So this particular project I'm looking forward to it moving forward.

In fact, one of the guys here now, Derek Armstrong, is the guy who

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 17 moved up and cleaned up all that 2 3 litter and debris from that area. He's a local contractor. Curtis 4 5 Lowery is right there. He done work 6 on several projects in this area and 7 I'm particularly interested in being 8 involved with this project because I 9 already worked with Conifer Le-Chase 10 on several different projects. They 11 helped get our guys trained, OSHA-30 trained and we're talking about 12 13 affordable housing where people 14 right now are jammed up in their 15 relatives' basement and people are 16 sleeping on the floors in 17 overcrowded houses. We need this 18 project to move forward. 19 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: Thank 20 you very much. 21 MS. PENNY: I'm sorry, I didn't 22 realize when I said my name I was 23 supposed to speak so I apologize. 2.4 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: Would 25 you like to speak?

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 18 MS. PENNY: Yes, please. 2 3 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: Just state your name one more time. 4 5 MS. PENNY: Eileen Penny from 6 All Systems. We are a plumbing 7 contractor. We have worked with 8 Conifer Le-Chase since 2005 in their 9 many projects in Long Island. We've 10 been part of the revitalization 11 projects that have gone on in 12 Ronkonkoma and in Patchoque and also 13 in Bay Shore. These projects change 14 the community and Conifer Le-Chase 15 is a frontrunner in these projects. 16 They have been honest. They 17 have been wonderful to work with and 18 their priorities are the same as 19 ours, safety. Safety, safety and a 20 productive successful project at the 21 end. 22 So we're grateful for that 23 relationship and we do believe that 2.4 if it comes into Hempstead that it 25 will be a good project for the

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community. We're going to give them
228 affordable housing units where
these people can come. They can
live. They can walk the streets
like they do in Patchogue, Long
Island and be safe and that's what
we're hoping for with them.

We're going to get construction jobs for the local people. We've worked with Reverend Benjamin for years on other projects. We have a good relationship and like he just said, I've seen where one of the people that came to us through Reverend Benjamin went through the project and later came on to be a member of Local 200 where he will now benefit himself and his family going forward for many times.

So the safety is a major thing. We want people to be safe. We want people to be able to come into the community. They will spend their money in the community and stay in

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 20 2 the community so for that we -- They 3 have also given -- Conifer has been a major part of the OSHA-30 training 4 5 which, again, goes back to the 6 safety of the people that will be 7 working on the project. And that 8 OSHA training, whether these people 9 stay with us or move on to other 10 companies, will be with them forever 11 and will help them be a much more 12 marketable employee as they go 13 forward. So it's a home run. Good for 14 15 the community. Good for the labor 16 force and everybody needs that after 17 the last 2 years of the pandemic. 18 Thank you very much. 19 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: Thank 20 you. If anyone else would like to 21 testify, please sign in if you have 22 not and you can testify on the 23 record. 2.4 MR. NEWBURGER: Grant 25 Newburger, building and construction

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 21 2 trades counsel of Nassau and 3 Suffolk. How are you, Mr. Deegan. On behalf of our 65,000 4 5 members, on behalf of local labor 6 and building trades, we'd like to 7 see a PLA for this project. We'd 8 very much like to be engaged. This 9 is a major construction project, 10 300,000 square feet plus and so 11 labor would like to be involved. 12 Thank you. 13 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: I'd 14 like to put on the record that CEO 15 Parola is in the meeting as well 16 now. 17 MR. PAROLA: Good morning. 18 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: If 19 anyone else would like to testify, 20 please come up, speak clearly, state 21 your name and just project a little 22 bit if you can. MR. ARMSTRONG: My name is 23 2.4 Derek Armstrong. My company is 25 MMCG. I think the project should

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 22 2 definitely go on. I'm a contractor 3 in the Village of Hempstead and I'm 4 also a homeowner --5 MR. PAROLA: He is not speaking for you, he is speaking for the 6 7 record. Please sit down. Go ahead, 8 sir. 9 MR. ARMSTRONG: I'm a homeowner 10 since 1986 in the Village of 11 Hempstead. MS. GARRY: Where's the mic? 12 13 MR. PAROLA: Please continue. 14 MR. ARMSTRONG: I'm also a contractor in the Village of 15 Hempstead. I did a big project in 16 17 the Village of Hempstead. I also 18 built the charter school, the 19 Julliard Charter School on Franklin. 20 And also, this particular 21 project that we are trying to get 22 passed, I also cleaned the area. 23 This is the area that I demolitioned and so I was hoping in 2017 that 2.4 25 this project would go through but

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somehow it didn't.

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So I'm looking forward to this project to continue, to pass. I think it's a good thing for the Village of Hempstead. I think it's a good thing for the people to be able to have a place to live. It's also a great opportunity to implore people from the Village of Hempstead and I think this is something that we really need definitely here.

And the other thing that I can't understand with these projects when it comes down to the Village of Hempstead is we have a lot of outsiders, not even homeowners in the Village of Hempstead, that have so much to say how Hempstead should be operated, how projects should be continued. I think that the people from the Village of Hempstead who pay taxes like myself, feel that I pay too much taxes, and for something like this here to be

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 24 stopped from people from the outside 2 3 to come to try to dictate what should happen in the Village of 4 5 Hempstead. I think you guys should 6 overlook those people and focus more 7 on more of the people in the Village 8 of Hempstead who are suffering 9 because nothing has being going on 10 for the last 20 years or 30 years that I've been here. I've been here 11 12 longer than that but nothing really 13 been going on and it's not right for 14 this to continue on where I can go 15 to Garden City, Mineola, Hicksville, 16 Huntington, different places and I 17 see all these projects going on but 18 still nothing is happening in the 19 Village of Hempstead because, again, 20 we have people on the outside 21 dictating what should happen. I 22 think you guys should overlook 23 people that is standing up here 2.4 talking down to the project that's 25 not even a homeowner or a resident

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 25 2 of the Village of Hempstead. 3 I think that you should take notice of the people standing up 4 5 here like myself, who is a homeowner, who is looking forward 6 7 for something like to this happen in 8 the Village of Hempstead to make a 9 big difference so that's my opinion. 10 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: 11 you. 12 MR. PAROLA: Thank you, sir. 13 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: If 14 someone else would like to get up 15 and testify, please just make sure 16 you're signed in and state your name 17 and whatever you would like to say. 18 Good morning. 19 MR. LOWERY: Good morning. You 20 won't have the problem when we're 21 not hearing me because I talk loud. 22 My name is Curtis Lowery. I own 23 Amazing Contracting Inc. and I 2.4 support Reverend Benjamin, Derek and 25 the gentlemen that are trying to

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build this project.

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I've been a substance abuse counselor in Nassau County Jail for about 15 years. It's pertinent that we like look at what's going on,

Man. Hempstead suffers from a lot of stuff. You know, you have people who won't even drive through

Hempstead because of the appearance of it, you know. So I think it's a wonderful thing that the gentlemen are coming here to try to like make Hempstead look like the neighbor,

Garden City. You know.

I've worked on mostly every

project that has validity to do with

the upbringing of Hempstead in

Hempstead because of Reverend

Benjamin. It will give a lot of

people a job. You know, they worry

about crime, what people are going

to steal if they don't have no

money. So we can help prevent some

of that by building these buildings,

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of that by building t

Proceeding Carman Apartments 27 making Hempstead look like a place that you want to go through. You know, give us some place to sleep. You know, fortunate enough for me, I know some people who sleep in cardboard boxes, you know, who want a place to live. These guys are coming here to build something that's affordable so somebody can have a place to sleep.

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You know, I urge you guys to pay attention to the importance but it's just like politics, Man, you're going to have people that like it and you're going to have people that don't like it. It's up to us to agree what's good, what's not good and I hope you do the right thing and just let this project go forward, Man, because my guys are blowing my phone up about, Curtis, when are we going to work.

So it's all about, you know, trying to help the next person and

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 28 2 this will help more people than it 3 will hurt people. Thank you. HEARING OFFICER LODATO: Thank 4 5 you, sir. 6 MR. PAROLA: Thank you, sir. 7 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: Would 8 anyone else like to testify? 9 State your name and where 10 you're form and say whatever you'd 11 like. 12 MR. HUDDLESON: Good morning. 13 My name is Tarell Huddleson. I'm 14 the executive director of Black Jobs 15 Matter through the umbrella of ABBA 16 Leadership Center. I just turned 34 17 the other day and I say that to say 18 that I am the youth and I am the 19 future and I work with the next 20 generation so I'm like in between. 21 I'm basically the bridge in between 22 the generation before mine and the 23 generation after mine and most of 2.4 the young people leaving Hempstead 25 because nothing is happening.

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I came from the Bronx. I was born and raised in the Bronx and since I go back there everything looks different. Hempstead looks exactly the same since I first came here. Nothing changes and every time they try to do anything people come with the nay say and oh, let's not do this, let's not do that, but nothing is changing and the youth is not staying so the money is not staying in Hempstead. It's going.

People are going down south,
moving out of Hempstead. When are
we going to make Hempstead an
attractable place? When are we
going to start letting building
going on and start letting jobs
happen? I seen jobs happen from
development but I don't see it
continue. I see if stopping. I see
people say, oh, let's not do this
and 4 years pass nothing happens.
Like, what do you have as an

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 30 2 alternative if you're going to be 3 against something that's going to 4 bring development and bring jobs? 5 I've seen it happen. I've been 6 on the front lines mentoring guys, 7 getting them guys jobs and seeing 8 guys change their lives through jobs 9 and taking it further. I mean you 10 can give a person a job and they 11 gotta do their best to take it 12 further and make it a career. 13 For people that say oh, one-day 14 job or, you know, I've heard stuff 15 like, oh, they get jobs for a couple 16 of months and stuff like that and 17 it's not true. Some people do, if 18 they don't do good but if you do 19 what you're supposed to do you're 20 going to go further. Anybody is 21 going to take you, if they see you 22 as an asset, not a liability. 23 That's how life works. 2.4 So all I'm saying is I'm for 25 development. I'm also against

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 31 2 people coming from outside of 3 Hempstead and telling Hempstead what 4 Hempstead needs. Hempstead needs to 5 tell Hempstead what Hempstead needs, 6 not outside residents, not people 7 that don't have a stake here, not 8 people that don't want to see 9 change. Doing the same thing and not 10 11 getting any results is insanity. We 12 need to change it. We need to 13 continue to grow. There's going to 14 be some growing pains but that's 15 what comes with that. That's what I gotta say today. Thank you for your 16 17 time. HEARING OFFICER LODATO: Would 18 19 anyone else like to testify? 20 MR. MUHAMMAD: My name is 21 Aubrey Muhammad. Peace in the name 22 of Allah. I'm Aubrey Muhammad. 23 This Carman Place is part of a 2.4 greater misdealt mis-development

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that is gentrification of Hempstead.

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 32 2 It seeks another PILOT. Hempstead 3 has 31 PILOTS for apartment 4 buildings. It's draining this 5 community of over 20 million a year 6 of vital resources over the last 7 two decades. Hempstead has been 8 devitalized by the same forces that 9 you say are coming to revitalize it. 10 It's a gimmick. These are 11 temporary construction jobs. Like 12 they did you at Metro 303. Once the 13 building is built, the opportunity 14 is gone. You enjoying that green 15 space? Somebody answer me. You 16 enjoying the pool there, the pool 17 hall and the apartments there, the 18 green space? It's built up to the 19 sidewalk. It's urbanization. They 20 have been urbanizing Hempstead since 21 the 80s. 22 Now, when Governor Hochul 23 expanded that urbanization to 2.4 Caucasian suburbia, the other areas

they speak about that look so

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1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 33 pleasant, they rejected this 2 3 urbanization but you'll promote it 4 here because they know it's 5 detrimental. 6 They have those 31 tax PILOTS. 7 They want 35 more. You think you're 8 paying high property taxes now, 9 thousands have been displaced from Hempstead, hundreds have lost their 10 11 homes. 12 These are temporary jobs that 13 will not give you the salary to pay 14 a mortgage. You, as a Hempstead 15 homeowner, you want to be a landlord 16 with your 300, \$400,000 house. 17 Split it in half to make it two 18 living spaces so you can be a 19 landlord and rent one. You 20 immediately get a \$10,000 increase 21 in property taxes. It's rape to 22 keep us impoverished and losing our 23 homes. 2.4 But these same developers get a

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loan from the bank. Dan Deegan, get

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 34 2 a loan from the bank. Conifer, get 3 a loan from the bank like everybody 4 else you're displacing where they 5 struggle get refinanced from losing their house and their small 6 7 business. 8 All this urbanization is 9 rejected. I think the plea for 10 these temporary jobs are no good 11 than Hofstra's deal with Hempstead. How did we benefit from Hofstra? 12 13 Any of you work at Hofstra? Any of 14 you work at RXR? A Russian oligarch 15 is financing the gentrification of 16 Hempstead. The irony. It's hypocrisy. It's racist. 17 18 It's trash and it must stop. This 19 IDA board should be banished. Thank 20 you. 21 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: Would 22 anyone else like to be heard? 23 MS. WINSTON: My name is Terry 2.4 Winston. I'm a resident of the 25 Village of Hempstead. I'm also a

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homeowner of 27 years.

Some of these PILOTS have

matured three times over but with

the exorbitant amount of extensions

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Village of Hempstead has yet to reap the so-called benefits of these

PILOTS. I doubt they ever will.

given to these recipients the

The recipients of these PILOTS are nothing more than scammers and they do not live in the Village of Hempstead but the neighborhoods that they come from don't have PILOTS.

The neighbors that they come from have money to ward off the retched scammers and they also have the political support which Hempstead egregiously lacks.

The so-called representation on this board from the Village of Hempstead their sole purpose is to pacify the residents of Hempstead into the belief that they have the interest of the Village residents

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 36 2 when it is abundantly clear that 3 they don't. They are stooges and 4 politically appointed by the mayor 5 to agree to every PILOT application 6 in Hempstead. I demand their 7 removal as I demand that these 8 PILOTS in Hempstead cease because 9 neither have the true interest of 10 the residents of Hempstead at heart. 11 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: Thank 12 you. Would anyone else like to be 13 heard? 14 MS. GARRY: Good morning. My 15 name is Katherine Garry. I'm a resident of Rockville Centre as many 16 17 of you may know. I'm here as a 18 person who lived in Hempstead for 19 10 years at 600 Fulton and 20 experienced the same kind of 21 discrimination that the people in 22 Hempstead experience every day. 23 I did research. I did not come 2.4 in making up things. I did the

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research. I read the documents.

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Those of you who want jobs, I don't think you have read the documents and understand exactly what this plan is. This is a plan to put you all out of this community. It's all documented.

This is another public hearing today for another PILOT, for another huge urban apartment building right here in the Village of Hempstead.

The IDA passed PILOT Number 31 a couple of weeks ago in spite of a number of Hempstead community leaders speaking right here quite strongly in opposition of the project. That building was for 96 units and this one is for an additional 228 units which is to be divided into two buildings with a proposed street put in between the two urban complexes.

The project proposes to have retail stores on the first floor.

The buildings are to be five stories

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Proceeding Carman Apartments 38 on Bedell and Main Street and they are to have very limited parking for the size of this urban complex which will be built without a setback with no outdoor public green space and it will probably look like that huge ugly complex up there at 303 Main Street. It is for the wealthy. They call it affordable. It's not affordable to the people of Hempstead. People up to \$116,000 will be housed in that and you know they are going to choose the people This project is called Carman Place. Many will recall that this Carman Place project was renounced by a large number of Hempstead residents in September of 2018 when

The community came out on mass to the hearing and the Village Board rejected it. So now, it's

Proceeding Carman Apartments 39 three-and-a-half years later and the same developers are now hounding the IDA board for the very same PILOT. Thirty years. There are four Hempstead reps on the IDA board who will be called upon to vote for and against the project.

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The four are: Former trustee

Lamont Johnson. Current trustee

Joylette Williams. Zoning Board

member, Dan Oppenheimer and Sharina

Gonzalez Lucas, none of whom are

here to hear this hearing.

I note this project is to be built on parking lot number 8 which was given away for free in 2015 by the Village officials, by your officials, at that time, one of which was then trustee but now Mayor Wayne Hobbs. Renaissance owns that property which he got for free but if this PILOT goes through he will be selling the free parking lot for

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many millions of dollars to the
developers. He is the one making
the profit, not you.

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In addition, a series of retail stores will be shut down. Current stores will be shut down. The people will lose their jobs and the premises will be demolished. I note that when the appraisal was done in 2015 it was appraised on a single apartment building standing alone for 104 units with no retail with parking and no surrounding buildings were to be demolished. What is proposed here today is an entirely different building from the one appraised. One must wonder if there is and was any fraudulent complicity involved here in changing the plan after the land was given away for free based on a different project.

This plan is the third such urban complex seeking a PILOT in the last year and there are at least 30

Proceeding Carman Apartments 41 other huge PILOTS and projects waiting in the wings for these urban PILOTS.

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Is this just and fair and is this what the people of Hempstead want? It is impossible for us to know what the people want because of all the secrecy, lies and deceit that have been told to the people over all these years and even today by the public officials. But anyone with common sense and with a sense of justice for all would know that without a doubt that this project should be renounced and defeated because it represents, not only an unfair taking of land, it is an intrical part of a massive takeover, a usurpation and an intended transformation of Hempstead into an urban area via 35 other projects and 35 other PILOTS that the Village residents will unjustly be forced to subsidize through their increasingly

1 Proceeding Carman Apartments 42 2 very high taxes. 3 I call upon you to reject this blatant hate crime. It is a hate 4 5 crime, an act of injustice against the people of Hempstead. May you 6 7 all renounce this crime and act with 8 common sense and a commitment to 9 justice for all in Hempstead. 10 Thank you. 11 HEARING OFFICER LODATO: Would 12 anyone else like to be heard 13 otherwise I'm going to close out the 14 hearing. 15 We are observing it is 10:04 16 a.m., Tuesday, March 8th. We're now 17 closing out the hearing for the 18 Carman Apartments, L.L.C. 19 residential portion sin die. 20 Thank you. 21 (Time noted: 10:04 a.m.) 22 23 2.4

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3	I, DOLLY FEVOLA, a Notary Public in
4	and for the State of New York, do hereby certify:
5	THAT the within transcript is a true record
6	of my stenographic notes.
7	I further certify that I am not related,
8	either by blood or marriage, to any of the parties
9	to this action; and
10	THAT I am in no way interested in
11	the outcome of this matter.
12	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
13	set my hand this 17th day of March, 2022.
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