IN THE MATTER OF A
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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350 Front Street
Hempstead, New York
March 15, 2023
9:30 a.m.
B E F O R E:
MICHAEL LODATO, Deputy Executive Director
FREDERICK PAROLA, CEO

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            TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD
            INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
                    350 Front Street
                                    Hempstead, New York 11530
                    ALSO PRESENT:
            JOHN GORDON, ESQ.
                        Forchelli, Deegan & Terrana, Esqs.
                ROBERT MILES, ESQ.
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MR. LODATO: Good morning. My name is Michael Lodato. I'm accompanied by Fred Parola. We're with the Town of Hempstead IDA. We're here for a Public Hearing. We're observing it is 9:35 a.m. on March 15th, Wednesday. This public hearing is in regards to 2 Endo Boulevard, LLC. I will now read the Hearing Notice 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 $15 t h$ day of March, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., local time, at 350 Front Street, Second Floor, Room $234 A$, Hempstead, New York, in connection with the following matters.

The Agency has previously entered into a transaction on behalf

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Of 2 Endo Boulevard, L.L.C., a
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limited liability company duly
organized and validly existing under
the laws of the state of New York
(the "Company"), consisting of the
acquisition of an approximately 1.86
acre parcel of land located at 2
Endo Boulevard in the Town of
Hempstead, Nassau County, New York
(the "Land") and the renovation and
equipping of an existing
approximately 80,000 square foot
building located thereon
(collectively, the "Original
Facility"), which Original Facility
was leased by the Agency to the
Company, and subleased in part by
the Company to, and used in part by
Richner Communications, Inc, a
business corporation duly organized
and validly existing under the laws
of the State of New York ("Richner
Communications"), for it printing,
publishing and communications

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operations, and subleased in part by
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the Company to, and used by ZLK
Storage, L.L.C. a limited liability
company duly organized and validly
existing under the laws of the state
of New York ("ZLK Storage"; and
together with Richner
Communications, the "Sublessees"),
as a warehouse operation for
document storage and other warehouse
uses and as a self-storage facility
(the "Original Project").
The Agency also previously
provided assistance to the Company
and the sublessees in connection
with certain renovations,
improvements and equipping of the
Original Facility, including but not
limited installing a new roof with
solar panels, making "building
improvements and upgrading equipment
at the printer/publisher facility,
(the "2016 Facility").

The Company and the sublessees
have now submitted a request to the Agency for financial assistance and a modification and extension of the abatement of real property taxes on the Original Facility for a term of up to 7 additional years (the "2023 PILOT Extension"), in connection with the renovation and equipping of the improvements forming a part of the Original Facility (the "Original Improvements"), together with the acquisition and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment (the "2023 Improvements" and together with the Original

Improvements, the "Improvements"), and the "2023 Equipment" (and together forming a part of the Original Facility, the "Equipment"); and together with the Land, the "2023 Facility", the 2023 Facility together with the Original Facility and the 2016 Facility, the "Facility"), all to be subleased in
part by the Company, and used by the Sublessees as a warehouse operation for document storage and other warehouse uses and as a self-storage facility (the "2023 Project", and together with the Original Project, the "Project"). The Facility will continue to be owned by the Company and operated and/or managed by the Sublessees.

The Agency has previously
acquired a leasehold interest in the Original Facility, as modified by the 2016 Facility, and will continue to lease the Facility to the Company for further subleasing to the Sublessees. The Agency contemplates that it will continue to provide financial assistance to the Company and the sublessees in the form of exemptions from sales and use taxes, exemptions from mortgage recording taxes, and the modification and extension of current abatements 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 grant of financial assistance to the Company and the Sublessees by the Agency or the location or nature of the Facility. Prior to the hearing, all persons will have the opportunity to review on the Agency's website (https://tohida.org) the application for financial assistance filed by the Company and the sublessees with the Agency and analysis of the costs and benefits of the construction and ongoing operation of the proposed facility.

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heard, we're filming this, please stand over there near the

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project your voice or you can stand
closer to the camera if you'd like.
MR. MILES: Any item?
MR. PAROLA: Anything related
to the proposal. Sure.
MR. MILES: Oh, alright. This
is about 2 Endo?
MR. PAROLA: Yes, it is.
MR. MILES: Alright. Great.
MR. PAROLA: I just want to
comment for those that are
persnickety, we were here at 9:30
even though we had to start it, just
for the record, we have two guests
at the present time.

MR. MILES: Good morning
esteemed members of the Town of
Hempstead IDA. My name is Robert
Miles and I'm an attorney for The
Minority Caucus of the Nassau County
Legislature. I'm here on the behalf
of Legislator Siela Bynoe, County
Legislator, Second District.

The Legislator has a number of concerns regarding the extension of this PILOT agreement, one that originated in 2004 and now extended to 2030. This is not the first modification or extension of the PILOT agreement.

I do not have to remind you all
that continuing amending and
extending PILOT agreements
ultimately impacts the taxing
jurisdictions such as school
districts in which the properties are located.

I also need not remind you that
such agreements shift the tax burden onto neighboring businesses and I caution the Board that this type of action may set a precedent for
future businesses to continually
seek extensions and requests the
same types of negotiated deals.

Based on our rough calculations, over the life of these

PILOT agreements for 2 Endo
Boulevard, this property have and will continue to receive abatements in the millions. As such, the Legislator has the following questions:

What is the timeline for the hearing evaluation and ultimately voting on this PILOT?

What are the terms for the extended PILOT agreement?

How does this impact County, Town and school district taxes?

We would like to review the cost of benefits analysis to even consider this type of extension.

What are the construction activities or the scope of the construction by way of this PILOT agreement?

How many permanent jobs will be created by extending this PILOT?

What is the nature of the jobs?
What is the cost of materials

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receiving the sales tax exemption?
And what ultimately is the justification for extending the PILOT at this juncture?

I just ask that any follow-up to these questions be sent to my office.

Once again, I'm the attorney
for The Minority Caucus and
Legislature or obviously the
Legislator's Office. We look
forward to hearing from you all and thank you for your time.

MR. PAROLA: Thank you for your testimony. Normally, we don't engage in a back and forth.

MR. MILES: I understand.
MR. PAROLA: Just let me tell
you this is -- my name is Fred Parola, I'm the CEO. The Board has struggled, and the word struggled in emphasis, with this proposal because it is Sui generis. We don't do
this. We are, however, doing it

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this one time because of the impact of this particular business on Long Island.

This is the last of the printers that do this kind of work. They even do the New York Law Journal. If you're an attorney, I'm an attorney, you know how important that is although it's mostly online now or online. But there are a
hundred jobs at stake, all their competitors, and we'll be happy to share with the Legislator -- We appreciate your input from the Legislator to us but it's important that we have your input, but there are 100 jobs, mostly a lot balanced but there are a lot of the high end in terms of the economy of Long

Island. All their competitors I started to say a moment ago have
left Long Island. They are in
Pennsylvania, $I$ think, in New Jersey, and obviously the costs are
because the incentives they provide in those states are very attractive. So they came to us again and the alternative would be probably seeing them move to northern New Jersey or somewhere else with those 100 jobs so the Board, again, struggled with this and unique situation because the nature of the business, the number of jobs, felt that it was a balance.

The taxes don't go down. The taxes continue to go up which is an important thing. We always do that. So we make sure that there is not a loss per se but that's the overall. I can give you the mindset of the board as they were challenged with this presentation from the owners, the Richners, who own the business. MR. MILES: I understand the Board, and $I$ know you don't need to engage. I understand the Board doesn't take extending PILOT

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agreements lightly, especially one that already has 20 years. I understand that.

MR. PAROLA: Exactly. Yes.
MR. MILES: Once again, I know you don't need to engage. It's public comment.

MR. PAROLA: No, but it's informal. It's not crazy. It's on the record so it's a good thing. People have a greater understanding, perhaps, that are listening in or will listen in as to the matter in which this came down.

MR. MILES: If there's a way to get some of this material by way of paper or online --

MR. LODATO: Before you leave, I'll make you copies of the costs and benefits analysis abstract. That should pretty much summarize everything, as well as the draft PILOT, or go on tohida.org and download it.

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MR. PAROLA: It's on there.
MR. LODATO: Whatever works for
you.
MR. GORDON: I'm the
Applicant's counsel. Do you have a card? I can reach out to you.

THE WITNESS: I can write it down for you.

MR. PAROLA: Why don't you just
identify yourselves.
MR. GORDON: I'm John Gordon,
Forchelli, Deegan \& Terrana, Uniondale, counsel for the Applicant.

As Mr. Parola put it very well, this is an extension of an existing PILOT for a company with over 100 jobs here on Long Island, printer and publisher.

All of the competitors or all of the major competitors have already left Long Island for Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey. Even Newsday is not
printing on Long Island anymore. So this is, you know, a great opportunity for the $I D A$ to retain these jobs. These are good jobs on the Island and, you know, keep this as a driver of economic development so thank you.

MR. PAROLA: Thank you, Mr. Gordon.

MR. MILES: Robert Miles,
attorney for the Nassau County
Legislature Minority Caucus. We appreciate you taking our comments and the Legislator's comments.

MR. PAROLA: When you're a
legislator, you represent people so it's beyond just an individual. You know, that it's important that we respect the position and we go out of our way to try to satisfy those concerns.

MR. MILES: I appreciate it. I appreciate counsel also being open to us reaching out.

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MR. PAROLA: Thank you for coming.
MR. LODATO: We are observing that it's 9:50 a.m. and with no one else here to speak on 2 Endo, we are now closing this Public Hearing sine die.
Thank you very much for attending everybody.
(Time noted: 9:50 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 within transcript is a true record of my stenographic notes.

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 $16 t h$ day of March, 2023.


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