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of the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND CONCESSIONS

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HELD AT: 250 Broadway
Hearing Room, 16th Floor

B E F O R E:
STEPHEN T. LEVIN
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Charles Barron
Inez E. Dickens
Sara M. Gonzalez
Peter A. Koo

A P P E A R A N C E S

Carol Clark
Assistant Commissioner
Housing Preservation and Development

Gary Slomin
Director of Operations
Housing Preservation and Development

John L. Kelly
Nixon Peabody

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2 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Good afternoon,
3 everybody. Welcome to the Subcommittee on
4 Planning, Dispositions and Concessions. My name
5 is Council Member Stephen Levin. I'm Chair of the
6 Subcommittee. I am joined today by my colleagues;
7 from Brooklyn, Sara Gonzalez; from Manhattan, Inez
8 Dickens; and to my far left, my very far left, the
9 new--congratulations to Peter Koo for joining the
10 Democratic Party. I don't want to get too
11 political here. I was hoping that Council Member
12 Barron would be here as well so we could make some
13 joke about Peter being to the left of Council
14 Member Barron. But we have one item on the agenda
15 today and we will make this quick. Apologies for
16 being tardy. It's land use number 556,
17 application number 20125304 HAX Riverview Houses,
18 that is in Council District 16 in Community Board
19 5 in the Bronx. Council District represented by
20 Council Member Helen Diane Foster. Testifying on
21 this item are Carol Clark and Gary Slomin, as well
22 as John Kelly from Nixon Peabody. Commissioner
23 Clark.

24 CAROL CLARK: Thank you, Mr.
25 Chairman. I'm Carol Clark, Assistant Commissioner

1 of HPD, and as you noted, I'm joined by the
2 Director of Operations of HPD, Gary Slomin, and
3 John Kelly, a partner in the law firm of Nixon
4 Peabody, who represents the owner of this
5 property. It's known as Riverview Houses. It's
6 an Article 5 redevelopment corporation. Way back
7 in 1972 the Board of Estimate approved a
8 redevelopment agreement between the housing
9 company and the City of New York for a project
10 located at 1600 Sedgwick Avenue, which contains a
11 total of 383 rental dwelling units for low-income
12 families. The project was originally financed
13 with a HUD insured mortgage and is assisted by
14 project-based Section 8. The agreement between
15 the housing company and HPD was amended back in
16 1975 to allow HUD's supervision of the rents, and
17 HPD today is before the Council seeking to amend
18 and restate the agreement to reflect its current
19 status, which includes a provision that residents
20 who do not have Section 8 rental assistance cannot
21 be charged rent greater than the rent set by HUD
22 under the project-based Section 8 contract.
23 Council Member Foster had indicated her support of
24 the project, thank you.
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2 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Thank you. Do
3 any of my colleagues have any questions on this
4 item? Okay, I do not either. So, seeing none, I
5 thank you very much for coming down, everybody.
6 And being that this is the only item on the
7 agenda, I am going to ask Christian Hylton,
8 Counsel to the Committee, to call the roll. I
9 recommend an Aye vote.

10 CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Chair Levin?

11 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Aye.

12 CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Council Member
13 Gonzalez.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

15 CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Council Member
16 Dickens.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

18 CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Council Member
19 Koo.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

21 CHRISTIAN HYLTON: By a vote of
22 four in the affirmative, none in the negative and
23 no abstentions, LU 556 is approved and referred to
24 the full Land Use Committee.

25 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: We're going to

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2 keep the roll open for ten minutes. I believe
3 that Council Member Barron is on his way. Thank
4 you, Council Member Gonzalez.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: You're
6 welcome, Steve.

7 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: So we'll keep
8 the roll open. Thank you very much.

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11 CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Ready?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thanks for
13 holding.

14 CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Chris Hylton,
15 Counsel to the Committee. Council member Barron.

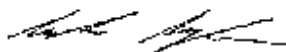
16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

17 CHRISTIAN HYLTON: Vote now stands
18 five in the affirmative, none in the negative and
19 no abstention.

20 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Okay, this
21 meeting is adjourned. You're welcome.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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