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SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND 1 3 CONCESSIONS 2 CHAIR DICKENS: Good afternoon, I am 3 Council Member Inez E. Dickens, Chair of the 4 Subcommittee on Planning, Dispositions and 5 Concessions. I would like to thank Andy Cohen for 6 filling in for me in my absences and for doing such 7 phenomenal job. Well you didn't tell me that in 8 private. Welcome everyone to today's hearing. I 9 want to thank and acknowledge my Sergeant at Arms, 10 Allen Shue and Jessica Pelgreno (sp) was here. Ι 11 want to thank my Land Use Director Raju Man (sp) and 12 my Deputy Director, Amy Leviton (sp) and of course my 13 phenomenal Attorney, Dillon Casey. We are joined 14 here today by Council Member Andy Cohen and Council 15 Member Mark Treyger of which Mark gets the gold star 16 for today and has a gold shirt on to prove it and 17 we've been joined also by the newly elected and I 18 congratulate you Council Member Raphel Salamanca who 19 today has his very first Land Use item, welcome. We 20 have three items on our calendar. We will be hearing 21 and voting on all. I am now going to open up the 22 hearing for Land Use item 339, the Judge Gilbert 23 Ramirez Apartments. An application submitted by HPD 24 for the approval of an amendment to previously 25 approved real property tax exemption for property

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2	located at 443 East 138^{th} Street in the Speakers
3	district in the Bronx. I'm going to ask the
4	applicants to come up excuse me, are you want to join
5	this, ok. We've been joined by Artie Pearson,
6	Director of Land Use at HPD and Carolyn Williams,
7	Director of Land Use in the Bronx or at HPD? Please
8	state you name and your identification and proceed.
9	ARTIE PEARSON: Afternoon Chair Dickens
10	and members of the SubCommitee and welcome newly
11	elected Council Member Salamanca. I'm Artie Pearson,
12	Director of Land Use from HDP Office of Governmental
13	Affairs. Land Use #339 consist of an amendment to a
14	tax exemption approval for an exemption area
15	containing affordable housing development
16	construction constructed under the section 202
17	supportive housing program for the elderly with
18	financing and operating subsidies from HUD. The
19	exemption area contains one multiple dwelling located
20	at block 2283, lot 33 and is known as Judge Gilbert
21	Ramirez Apartments in Speaker Mark Melissa Viverito
22	district. The fully occupied building has 87 one
23	bedroom apartments, 10 two bedroom apartments for a
24	total of 97 units which includes a superintendent's
25	unit. Judge Gilbert Ramirez Apartment HDFP received

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND 1 CONCESSIONS 5 and tax exemption from the City that was approved on 2 March 18, 1982 by the board of estimate for term of 3 4 40 years. The prior resolution provided for a full exemption from real property taxes from the date of 5 construction commencement until the date the 6 7 certificate of occupancy was issued. Thereafter, a partial exemption equivalent to a shelter and tax 8 9 commenced. Beginning in 2004, increases in operating expenses made it difficult for the HDFC to pay their 10 11 shelter and taxes and consequently do not have 12 sufficient resources to pay their crew tax arrears. 13 HPD is seeking an amendment to that prior resolution in order to provide the exemption area with full 14 15 retroactive exemption from real property taxes from July 1st, 2004 through June 30th, 2016 and partial 16 17 exemption from real property taxes from July 1st, 18 2016 for the balance of the exemption term. I should note that this project along with the next item on 19 the agenda are moving along at the you know to have 20 21 the same exemption extended to it and it should be 2.2 noted that HPD and the State housing and community 23 renewal are working towards merging these two HDFP to create one entity and once those details are worked 24 25 out, HPD will be seeking a new article 11 tax

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2	exemption for the newly merged exemption area and the
3	amendment to the tax exemption will allow the HDFC's
4	to continue to operate as rental housing for low
5	income seniors while the merger is underway and the
6	new sponsor is in place.
7	CHAIR DICKENS: Ms. Williams do you have
8	anything you'd like to add?
9	CAROLYN WILLIAMS: Good afternoon
10	Council, I will just like to add that HCR did provide
11	approval for the merger, the consented merger. We
12	received that today in our office.
13	CHAIR DICKENS: All right and has the
14	Speaker given her approval for this?
15	CAROLYN WILLIAMS: Yes.
16	CHAIR DICKENS: Now this is really for
17	the preservation of affordability, does it provide
18	any deeper subsidies with the merger?
19	CAROLYN WILLIAMS: The project is
20	currently project based section 8. It will continue
21	to be project based section 8, tenants will will
22	continue to pay 30% of their income as usual. The
23	tenant pay average of about \$230 a month of of of
24	their portion of the rent at this time.
25	

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND 1 CONCESSIONS 7 2 CHAIR DICKENS: What are the sizes of the 3 units? 4 CAROLYN WILLIAMS: There are studios and one bedroom's. 5 CHAIR DICKENS: How many of each? 6 7 CAROLYN WILLIAMS: One moment please. There are 24 studios, 72 bedrooms, 72 one bedrooms in 8 9 723 Elton Avenue and the other building has 87 one bedrooms and 9 two bedrooms. 10 11 CHAIR DICKENS: Thank you. Are there any 12 questions from my colleagues but before doing so 13 there was a gentleman, Mister was it you wanted to 14 come up? UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, Mr. Moor is 15 16 here as the consultant for the second building that 17 part this project, that's Land Use #340. 18 CHAIR DICKENS: It's under consolidation. 19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's going, right 20 part of the consolidation yes. Mr. Moore can come up if he'd like. 21 CHAIR DICKENS: All right would you come 2.2 23 up please. Identify yourself and then you'll have to sign. Sergeant of Arms please provide him the sign in 24 25 sheet.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND 1 CONCESSIONS 8 PAUL MOORE: Hi my name is Paul Moore and 2 3 I'm a consultant for both buildings actually. Carmen 4 Parsons and well as Judge Gilbert. 5 CHAIR DICKENS: Oh so you will be returning? 6 7 PAUL MOORE: Yes. CHAIR DICKENS: Do you have anything you 8 9 would like to add as the consultancy for this consolidation such as the reason why it's being done? 10 11 Would you care to share with us? 12 PAUL MOORE: Well I think again to 13 promote the affordability. We're doing also 14 renovations on other properties. The residents will 15 receive new kitchens and bathrooms, the common areas, 16 some roofing work, some landscaping to beautify the 17 area and just to increase the quality of life. 18 CHAIR DICKENS: Will there be upgrade of 19 the HVAC system? 20 PAUL MOORE: Where there is HVAC, 21 correct. 2.2 CHAIR DICKENS: And you said will there 23 be check affording or will the work be done with the tenants in place? 24 25 PAUL MOORE: Tenants in place.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND 1 CONCESSIONS 9 CHAIR DICKENS: So there will be no 2 3 displacement of any of the tenants? 4 PAUL MOORE: No displacement of the tenants at all. 5 CHAIR DICKENS: Thank you. Are there any 6 7 questions from my colleagues? Council Member Cohen. COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Thank you very 8 9 much Chair. I... I was just curious, this is a forgiveness essentially of outstanding real estate 10 11 taxes it's a total whatever is outstanding we're forgiving? 12 13 CAROLYN WILLIAMS: That's correct. 14 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: And were ... is there 15 anything ... I wasn't clear myself I guess that we could do that in terms of is there anything unique 16 17 about the particular property that allows us to do 18 that in this case cause I'm aware just that you know 19 maybe not this far down the road other HDFC's in 20 trouble with this problem and I'm not sure what the solution has been? 21 2.2 CHAIR DICKENS: And as ... as part of that 23 maybe the Council Members also asking he just did not articulate it yet, he'd like to know how much of that 24 loss is the City will receive in doing this? 25

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2	CAROLYN WILLIAMS: Well there is the
3	senior housing development and there's nothing
4	unusual about us asking for a retroactive tax
5	exemption when we're trying to bring building back to
6	a stable condition and get them on the correct
7	footing and as far as the tax debt if you hold on
8	second I'll look that up for you. So for the Carmen
9	Parson's building which is Land Use 340, the
10	outstanding tax arrears are approximately \$746,000
11	and the outstanding DEP is \$666,000 for the Judge
12	Gilbert Building, that's Land Use #33 is \$1,868,000
13	and the DEP arrears is \$699,800.
14	COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: So were doing
15	both, were doing property tax and water and sewer?
16	PAUL MOORE: No just property tax.
17	CAROLYN WILLIAMS: My mistake, just
18	property tax.
19	COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Ok.
20	CHAIR DICKENS: We've been joined by
21	Council Member Darlene Mealy.
22	COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Thank you very
23	much I don't have any additional questions.
24	CHAIR DICKENS: Are there any other
25	questions? Seeing none I will now close the public

1	SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND
2	CONCESSIONS 11 hearing on Land Use Item 339 and I'm going to now
3	open up the hearing for Land Use Item 340. The
4	Carmen Parsons housing for the elderly. An
5	application submitted by HPD for approval of an
6	amendment to a previously approved tax exemption for
7	property located at 723 Elton Avenue in Council
8	Member Salamanca's district in the Bronx. His very
9	first Land Use item, welcome to this… this world.
10	ARTIE PEARSON: Again I'm Artie Pearson
11	from HPD Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. Land
12	Use #340 contains one multiple dwelling at block
13	2377, lot 20 and it's know at the South Bronx Carmen
14	Parsons Housing for the Elderly in Councils district
15	17 in the Bronx. This is fully occupied building
16	containing 24 studios, 72 one bedroom apartments and
17	one two bedroom apartment for the superintendent for
18	a total of 97 units. Again it's in the similar
19	situation as Land Use 339, this building received a
20	tax exemption approved by the City Council in October
21	of 1990 for a term of 40 years and again in both
22	cases the prior exemption went into effect from the
23	date of construction commencement and after the
24	certificate of occupancy was issued received a
25	partial exemption equivalent to the shelter rent and

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2	also beginning in 2004 increases an operating
3	expenses made it difficult for the HDFC to pay the
4	shelter and taxes and therefore there taxes have
5	accrued and at this point if the HPD is seeking a
6	retroactive tax exemption for a period of time in
7	order to get this property back on footing until the
8	merger has gone into full effect and a new exemption
9	will be requested.
10	CHAIR DICKENS: Ms. Williams do you have
11	anything you want to add?
12	CAROLYN WILLIAMS: Yes ma'am just that
13	the property the refinancing of the property will
14	increase operations, the ability to have fiscal
15	positive fiscal effect on the property, it'll also do
16	things such as reduces interest rates so that it has
17	more excess cash flow, it won't have the same issues,
18	tenants will continue to pay 30% of their income,
19	they will not be affected by the financial
20	transaction in anyway.
21	CHAIR DICKENS: Mr. Moore.
22	PAUL MOORE: I also was in with the
23	previous number, item number. In this bill there
24	will also be a renovation for all the units, kitchens
25	and bathrooms, common areas, doors, bringing the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND 1 CONCESSIONS 13 handicapped units up to code, up to the current code 2 3 and again just enhancing the quality of life of the seniors. 4 CHAIR DICKENS: Is it 100% occupied? 5 PAUL MOORE: It is, both buildings. 6 7 CHAIR DICKENS: All right I'm going to ask my colleagues if they have any questions but I'm 8 9 first going to ask Council Member Raphel Salamanca if he has any questions? 10 11 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Yes thank you Madam Chair. Thank you for your presentation. 12 So 13 you know I was newly elected and I was briefed on this last night so I do have some questions that I 14 15 thought about overnight. How many of these 16 apartments or how many of these units are 17 owned/rented? PAUL MOORE: There all rented. There all 18 19 rented. 20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: There all 21 rented, so who owns these apartments? These are ... this isn't HDFC no? These are not ... 2.2 23 CAROLYN WILLIAMS: Two, it's two separate HDFCs and there both controlled by Socks South Bronx 24 25 Community.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND 1 CONCESSIONS 14 2 ARTIE PEARSON: Corporation. 3 CAROLYN WILLIAMS: Corporation. These 4 are their only asset. 5 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: And so who was managing who ... who how what ... what consisted who 6 7 consisted of their board, who managed it? 8 CAROLYN WILLIAMS: I can tell you the 9 board members in one moment, just a second. The board members are; Antonia Rivera, Yolanda Collette, 10 11 Ann Gigo and Melocko Santiago. 12 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: So these are 13 all tenants or are they from South Bronx Community 14 Corp? 15 PAUL MOORE: They are a mixture of community residents and organizers at the time that 16 17 the buildings were formed. I think one of them may 18 be a tenant, I'm not sure about that 100%. 19 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: So you had 20 non-tenants who... who were board members? 21 PAUL MOORE: Correct. 2.2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: All right and 23 so I'm just curious on how, what happened, why was there the mismanagement that happened? How did this 24 25 happen?

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2	PAUL MOORE: Well I think that in the
3	previous management these building were managed my a
4	separate entity management company that was formed
5	when the builders first came in to (inaudible)in the
6	late 80's, 1992 for this specific building and and
7	about 2010 there was a management company that is not
8	innovative property management, they were brought in
9	by HUD to then take over management by the previous
10	management company that mismanaged the property and
11	brought the property into the condition that is was
12	in when innovative came in and made some upgrades and
13	stabilized the building to where it is now. They
14	were brought in by HUD to do that.
15	COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Now I'm just
16	concerned you know we have seniors who live here and
17	unfortunately because of the mismanagement of the
18	previous management company they're at risk of of
19	losing their apartments, they're at risk of getting
20	having an increase. Are they not am I wrong here?
21	PAUL MOORE: No they're not.
22	CAROLYN WILLIAMS. No they are not.
23	COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: So what
24	happens if this does not get approved, this tax
25	exemption?

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2	CAROLYN WILLIAMS: It will hinder our
3	ability to do the rehabilitation of this instead of
4	providing subsidies to the property to offset the
5	taxes we thought it was a better strategy to ask the
6	Council to relieve them of the tax burden so that the
7	money that would go towards the taxes would instead
8	be available to do the upgrades.
9	COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: All right, ok,
10	cool and again I apologize I was just briefed on this
11	last night so I just have some questions and so
12	innovative property management they're reputable
13	organization HPD have worked with them in the past?
14	PAUL MOORE: Correct, for many, for many
15	years, 15 years.
16	COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: So yet who
17	makes up innovative property management?
18	CAROLYN WILLIAMS: I just know Mariam
19	Gonzalez is the head I don't know.
20	PAUL MOORE: Mariam Rodriguez is the
21	owner of Innovative Property Management.
22	COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Ok how how
23	was this company chosen?
24	PAUL MOORE: Through HUD. HUD reached
25	out to her specifically. She's managed other HUD

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2	properties, has managed a lot of affordable housing
3	and senior buildings and HUD reached out to here
4	because she's community based. She's right there on
5	Westchester Avenue.
6	COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: All right so
7	there there are other properties in which her
8	companies manages?
9	PAUL MOORE: Correct.
10	COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: All right and
11	where exactly?
12	PAUL MOORE: Her she's on, she's at 796
13	Westchester Avenue.
14	COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Ok but how, in
15	terms of properties how many more other properties
16	is she managing? Or is this company managing?
17	PAUL MOORE: I couldn't tell you the
18	exact number but I'm, somewhere around maybe 600
19	units.
20	CHAIR DICKENS: Now let me, let me step
21	in for just a minute. Where an HPD should be able to
22	tell Council Member Salamanca where are the other
23	properties that she manages are any others in his
24	district, are any of them all section 8 and is
25	project based?

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND 1 CONCESSIONS 18 2 PAUL MOORE: So... 3 CAROLYN WILLIAMS: Yes we can, we can get 4 you the information on their portfolio. CHAIR DICKENS: Would you provide this to 5 the Council Member today? 6 7 CAROLYN WILLIAMS: I'll do my best. CHAIR DICKENS: And also he would like to 8 9 know, I'm stepping in I'm sorry. COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Please, please 10 11 go ahead. CHAIR DICKENS: He would also like to 12 13 know about any violations that are on this one or the 14 others to see about management. 15 CAROLYN WILLIAMS: In terms of the 16 violations according to our records right now they 17 have 12A a combined (inaudible) both sights, A combination of 12A and 12B violations. 18 19 PAUL MOORE: And the reason why they're 20 just to add to that I think the reason why that some 21 of them are there is just they haven't been physically submitted to get them taken off of the 2.2 23 viola... all of these violations are corrected there is no active violations on the building that I'm aware 24 25 of, it just need to be corrected. Not correct but ...

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND 1 CONCESSIONS 19 CAROLYN WILLIAMS: Admist... Administered. 2 3 PAUL MOORE: Administratively. CAROLYN WILLIAMS: Off the record. 4 PAUL MOORE: Taken off the record. 5 6 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: All right so 7 IPM is going to manage this company so the board of 8 director will they have a board of directors? 9 IPM is just a managing agent PAUL MOORE: that the building has a board of directors, she just 10 11 read off the names of the four board of directors 12 members. 13 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Ok, so what and ... and the names that you just read off are ... are 14 15 the current board of directors or ... 16 CAROLYN WILLIAMS: That's correct, the 17 current board. 18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Ok, the current 19 board of directors, ok and the renovations that are 20 going to occur have they, have they what ... what, how 21 many, how many renovations have happened already or 2.2 are they... they. 23 PAUL MOORE: None of them, there waiting for the, this part of this is for the loan to close. 24 25 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Yes.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND 1 CONCESSIONS 20 PAUL MOORE: Upon loan closing is when the 2 3 renovations will take place. 4 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: All right, all right well thank you very much. 5 CHAIR DICKENS: I have a couple of 6 7 questions just based upon some of the question that were raised. Number one was the board of elected or 8 9 appointed? Number two if so when was the last election? Number three as far as the violations and 10 11 I understand Mr. Moore you said that they've all been cured and if there in the process of being cured 12 which ones of the class A which are the hazards? 13 14 CAROLYN WILLIAMS: Will have to get back 15 to you on that. 16 {crosstalk} 17 CHAIR DICKENS: I thank you so much but 18 in the future you should be prepared to come to 19 answer the questions about violations and the board 20 maker, you should know who makes of the board, not just their names but if there was an election and if 21 2.2 so how long ago. 23 CAROLYN WILLIAMS: Yes, we'll be better prepared. 24 25

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2	CHAIR DICKENS: And so in the future I
3	would expect that you would bring that information.
4	Are there any other questions from my colleagues?
5	Council Member Mealy?
6	COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Thank you, you
7	said that it would be no extra cost to the seniors so
8	you getting a different grant or something? Who's
9	going to subsidies are you'll make you'll new
10	rehabilitation?
11	CAROLYN WILLIAMS: The way it's happing
12	is the current debt is being restructured so that the
13	current debt is being paid off which has an interest
14	rate of about between 8% and 9% interest on the old
15	debt that was given by HUB back in 1992. The… the…
16	the debt is being restructured and paid off with a
17	new interest rate somewhere around 3% or 4%. So just
18	the difference in interest rate alone is saving the
19	property about \$200,000 a year in interest rate
20	savings alone, so and then because they have those
21	savings they have additional income where they can
22	afford to have the loan to make all the
23	rehabilitations and with this action in terms of
24	removing or you know us asking to forgive these taxes
25	during this time period, that money that would have

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1	SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND CONCESSIONS 23
2	I'm now opening up the hearing for Land Use Item 347.
3	Arcacia Gardens, an application submitted by HPD for
4	the approval of an amendment to a previously approved
5	urban development action area project for property
6	located at 401 thru 411 East 120^{th} Street in the
7	Speakers district in the Bronx. We have Artie
8	Pearson, from HPD, Director of Land Use and Kevin
9	Parris, what is your title at HPD?
10	KEVIN PARRIS: Senior Planner, Manhattan
11	Planning.
12	CHAIR DICKENS: Senior Planner what?
13	KEVIN PARRIS: From Manhattan Planning at
14	HPD.
15	CHAIR DICKENS: Proceed please.
16	ARTIE PEARSON: Afternoon Chair again I'm
17	Artie Pearson, Director of Land Use from HPD of
18	Intergovernmental Affairs and I'm joined by Kevin
19	Parris, Senior Planner from HPD Office of Manhattan
20	Planning.
21	Land Use # 347 consist of an amendment to
22	a previously approved project by the Council on July
23	23, 2015 known as the Acacia Gardens and is located
24	at 413 East 120 th Street in Speaker Melissa Mark-
25	Viverito's district. Acacia Gardens is a new

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND 1 CONCESSIONS 24 construction project being developed under HPDs 2 (inaudible) program that will create 179 units of 3 4 affordable rental housing in a 12 story mixed use building. Under the terms of the original project, 5 rents are to be affordable to families with incomes 6 7 up to 90% of AMI with income targets for families 8 with income up to 60% and 90% of AMI. Our original 9 project summary contains an error which is why were coming back to the Council and under the terms of the 10 11 amended project, rents are to be affordable to 12 families with incomes up to 30% of AMI, 60% of AMI 13 and 90% of AMI with income targets respectively for families with incomes up to 30%, 60% and 10% of AMI. 14 15 The project itself remains unchanged and that the 16 building will contain a mix of units types including; 17 studios, one, two and three bedroom units and there's 18 a 30% set aside for homeless families. The project 19 also includes 5,300 square feet of ground floor 20 commercial space, 4,334 feet of community facilities 21 space and 29 parking spaces and 9,410 square feet of 2.2 private outdoor recreational space. This amendment 23 has been discussed with the Speaker's office and it of her support has been indicated and we can answer 24 25 any questions that you have.

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2	CHAIR DICKENS: Thank you so much. Are
3	there any questions from my colleagues? All right,
4	are there any members of the public wishing to
5	testify? Seeing now I will close the public hearing
6	on Land Use Item 347 and I'm now going to ask Council
7	Member Salamaca to please speak with reference to
8	what's in his district.
9	COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: All right well
10	thank you very much Madam Chair, this was a great
11	experience here in the Subcommittee. I definitely
12	want to, so in terms of LU 340 for the Carmen Parsons
13	Houses you know I I would like to ensure that they
14	get the adequate exemptions as I see that seniors
15	will be affected here and they would benefit from
16	this but something that I will request from HPD, I
17	would like to meet with the South Bronx Community
18	Corp, it's important that I meet with them. I also
19	would like to meet with the board you know who ever
20	compose of the board. I would also like a meeting
21	with the tenants and I would like a walk-through of
22	the… the building. I would like a walk-through now,
23	as soon as possible you can schedule it with my staff
24	and also a walk-though after the renovations have
25	been done.

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2	CHAIR MEALY: And there's also a few
3	other things that he had asked for, the violations
4	report was one, was still left open on… on class A
5	particularly and when is the next scheduled election
6	for the board. So please be prepared to give Council
7	Member the information he's requiring in a timely
8	fashion.
9	CAROLYN WILLIAMS: Will absolutely.
10	COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: All right,
11	thanks.
12	CHAIR DICKENS: Do you support this
13	Council Member?
14	COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Yes, I do
15	support this.
16	CHAIR DICKENS: Thank you I am now going
17	to put the three items up for a vote. I note for the
18	record that the applications that we are voting on
19	today has the full support of Council Member Salamaca
20	as well as the two Land Use Items in Speaker Melissa
21	Mark-Viverto's district and I am asking my colleagues
22	to vote aye. I will now call on Counsel to call the
23	roll vote to approve.
24	COMMITTEE CLERK: Chair Dickens.
25	CHAIR DICKENS: Aye.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS AND 1 27 CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Mealy. 2 3 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: May I explain my 4 vote? I just hope that our seniors be taken care of, 5 no increase at a time such as this and congratulations on your 1st Land Use issue and I vote 6 7 aye. COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Cohen. 8 9 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: We said the Speaker is definitely in support, right? I vote aye. 10 11 CHAIR DICKENS: You better answer my Council Member Salamaca because he sit me at the 12 13 table. 14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Treyger. 15 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: With 16 congratulations to my colleagues and welcome back 17 Chair Dickens and I agree that Interim Chair Cohen 18 did a great job as well. I vote aye. 19 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 4 vote in 20 the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions, Land Use Items 339, 340 and 347 are approved and 21 referred to the full Land Use Committee. 2.2 23 CHAIR DICKENS: Congratulations again Council Member Salamaca. I want to thank the members 24 25 of the public my colleagues, my Council and the Land

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2	Use staff for attending today's hearing. This	
3	hearing is hereby adjourned.	
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Date April 2, 2016