SPECIAL MEETING

of the

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 4:01 p.m. - 4:48 p.m.

Nassau County Parks Administration Building
Conference Room, Eisenhower Park
East Meadow, New York

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2	APPEARANCES:	
3	RALPH FUMANTE, JR., Chair	
4	YARON LEVY, Board Member	
5	MATTHEW T. MENG, Board Member	
6	MONOLITA MITRA, Board Member	
7	LAUREN MORIARTY, Board Member	
8	JASON B. STEINBERG, Board Member	
9	PAUL SPEZIO - Counsel to OSPAC	
10	Also Present:	
11	DANIEL BAKER, ESQ.	
12	JOSH MEYER, ESQ.	
13	WILLIAM DUFFY, Special Counsel TOH	
14	GREG HOESL, Planner II	
15	JOHN PERRAKIS, Planner III	
16	KEVIN WALSH, Deputy County Attorney	
17	STEPHANIE J. VALDER, Stenographer	
18	KAREN LORENZO, Stenographer	
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2	PROCEEDINGS:	
3	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: I'm not going	
4	to ask anyone to take minutes, because I got	
5	court reporters on either side of me, so	
6	(Laughter.)	
7	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: I'm assuming I	
8	can get a copy of those "OSPAC" minutes.	
9	You have the minutes in front of you	
10	from the May 8th meeting.	
11	BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: Yes.	
12	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Everyone's had	
13	a chance to review them.	
14	I'll entertain a motion.	
15	BOARD MEMBER MENG: I'll make a motion	
16	to accept the minutes of the last meeting of	
17	May the 8th.	
18	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Can I have a	
19	second?	
20	BOARD MEMBER LEVY: I'll second that	
21	motion.	
22	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: I have a	
23	second.	
24	All in favor?	
25	(Chorus of "ayes.")	

- 1 NCPC OSPAC FILE #2-2024
- 2 MR. HOESL: All right. Next up on the
- 3 agenda, "Section 3," we have the "Introduction of
- 4 New Properties." This OSPAC Case 2-2024.
- 5 This is an application for the
- 6 assignment of the Coliseum lease for a
- 7 portion of the Nassau County Veterans Memorial
- 8 Coliseum site between the County of Nassau and
- 9 "LVS HOLDCO 2, LLC," also known as Las Vegas
- 10 Sands Corporation.
- The site location is 1255 Hempstead
- 12 Turnpike, Hamlet of Uniondale. This is the
- 13 Nassau Coliseum site, in the "Town of Hempstead's
- 14 Mitchel Field Mixed-Use District." The Coliseum
- 15 site is approximately 72 acres.
- Nassau County's requesting permission
- 17 to enter into a lease with Las Vegas Sands Corp.,
- 18 to allow for Sands to obtain site control over
- 19 the Coliseum site and provide for Sands to
- 20 operate the Coliseum. The proposed lease term
- 21 shall not exceed 42 years.
- 22 Operation of the site will include all
- 23 aspects of day-to-day maintenance and operation
- 24 such as:
- 25 Booking musical acts;

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- 2 And, or athletic teams use the Coliseum
- 3 as an event venue.
- 4 Maintaining the parking lot, i.e.,
- 5 plowing, sweeping, et cetera.
- 6 Hosting conventions;
- 7 And exhibitions for any purpose;
- 8 And et cetera.
- 9 While Sands intends to seek to develop
- 10 a casino at the Coliseum site, this proposed
- 11 lease does not authorize the Coliseum site to be
- developed or used for a casino, and any such
- 13 authorization will occur, if at all, through a
- 14 separate lease in the future that'll be subject
- 15 to public comment.
- A copy of the proposed lease has been
- 17 made available to the public 24 hours in advance
- 18 of today's meeting on the "OSPAC" website.
- Nassau County "DPW" has approved of the
- 20 request from the County of Nassau to enter into
- 21 this operational lease with Las Vegas Sands
- 22 Corporation.
- The public comment period for OSPAC
- 24 2-2024 will be open by the Planning Commission at
- 25 their June 20th hearing. Members of the public

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- 2 who wish to speak on the application will have an
- 3 opportunity to do so at that time. "OSPAC" will
- 4 then review the public comments and vote on this
- 5 application at the July 10th OSPAC meeting.
- 6 Here today, we have Josh Meyer and a
- 7 number of other -- Dan Baker with Sands as well.
- 8 BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: I have a
- 9 question.
- 10 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: No, go ahead.
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: You can go.
- 12 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: No, I was going
- 13 to say, do we want to have them make the
- 14 presentation of the lease and then we should have
- 15 the questions.
- 16 BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: I have no
- 17 question to offer with this just right now. I
- 18 was just -- so there's no public comment at this
- 19 current meeting? I'm just curious.
- 20 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: We have allowed
- 21 public comment at our public meetings any time,
- 22 anywhere.
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: Okay.
- 24 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: So Josh, since
- 25 this is a new lease from the previous one we

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- 2 voted on, I'd like to give the Sands and the
- 3 County an opportunity to speak to us, so we'll
- 4 all hear what --
- 5 MR. NIMMO: Can we close this door? Is
- 6 that alright with everybody, just so we can all
- 7 hear each other better?
- 8 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: That's okay
- 9 with me.
- 10 So you want to go first?
- MR. MEYER: Sure.
- 12 Is the streaming going or do you want
- 13 to wait for that or --
- 14 MALE VOICE: It is not yet. Yeah, I'm
- 15 still trying to get back on. I apologize.
- MR. MEYER: For the streaming?
- 17 MALE VOICE: Yeah.
- 18 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: You want to
- 19 wait on the technology?
- 20 MALE VOICE: I'm streaming it now.
- MR. MEYER: What's that?
- 22 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: You want to
- 23 wait for the technology?
- 24 MR. MEYER: It's how you would like to
- 25 proceed. I mean it was advised that it would be

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- 2 streamed, so it's up to the --
- 3 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: All right. If
- 4 we --
- 5 MALE VOICE: Yes.
- 6 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: -- we can -- do
- 7 we have an "ETA" on the technology time for this?
- 8 Can you broaden that a bit?
- 9 MALE VOICE: Five minutes.
- 10 MR. HOESL: Five minutes? All right.
- 11 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: We'll recess
- 12 for five minutes.
- MALE VOICE: Okay.
- 14 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Until they get
- 15 the technology going.
- MALE VOICE: Okay.
- 17 (Whereupon, a recess was taken at
- 18 4:05 p.m. and the meeting continued at 4:12 p.m.)
- 19 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Okay. I'm
- 20 going to bring the meeting back to order. All
- 21 right. We're -- we're having some technical
- 22 difficulty obviously and there's a lot of people
- 23 in this room, some very highly paid.
- 24 (Laughter.)
- 25 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Not myself, but

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- 2 others. And the public's come out. And I come
- 3 from the technology background, so when it goes
- 4 south I usually try and not to wait, because
- 5 it's -- if it comes back, they tend not to --
- 6 MALE VOICE: I'm not getting out to the
- 7 internet.
- 8 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: So where's our
- 9 attorney buddy? Sorry.
- I'm going to move forward.
- 11 MR. MEYER: Can we give it another five
- 12 minutes?
- 13 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: If you would
- 14 like, I'm not sure the rest of us would like it,
- 15 but I will take it under consideration.
- 16 MALE VOICE: No.
- 17 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Is every -- is
- 18 everybody okay with another five?
- 19 MALE VOICE: Nope.
- 20 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: No?
- BOARD MEMBER LEVY: We'll take his no.
- 22 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE: What?
- BOARD MEMBER LEVY: We'll take his --
- 24 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: No?
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: He's talking to

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- 2 somebody else.
- FEMALE VOICE: I think he's --
- 4 BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: I think he's
- 5 talking to somebody else.
- 6 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE: I don't know, it's
- 7 difficult --
- 8 MALE VOICE: I would say out of
- 9 courtesy five, but that's it after five.
- 10 MR. MEYER: Okay. That'd be -- I
- 11 greatly appreciate it. Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: No problem.
- 13 (Whereupon, a recess was taken at
- 4:13 p.m. and the meeting continued at 4:21 p.m.)
- 15 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Okay. We're --
- 16 we're going to -- we're going to restart, even
- 17 though the technology seems to be --
- MR. HOESL: We're going to at least
- 19 audio record the meeting.
- MS. LORENZO: I have the ability to
- 21 do --
- 22 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: I mean I
- 23 thought you -- whatever you guys decide is fine,
- 24 if you're going to audio record it or court
- 25 report it.

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- 2 MS. LORENZO: All right. We'll
- 3 we're -- we're going to also take it down, but
- 4 this is for your --
- 5 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: And the -- the
- 6 dueling stenographers will take notes.
- 7 MALE VOICE: Like the dueling pianos.
- 8 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: So -- so I
- 9 will -- I will watch what I say, because I'm
- 10 usually pretty loose at these meetings.
- Just for the public, what advisory are
- 12 you, by the way?
- MALE VOICE: I'm a Volunteer. We just
- 14 advise for the Council.
- 15 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Okay.
- 16 FEMALE VOICE: You know what, people
- 17 from our group are -- are trying to "live
- 18 stream," so I'll let you know if they can.
- 19 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Thank you.
- 20 Appreciate that. I'd like to know when we're
- 21 live.
- We should have a big red light up there
- MALE VOICE: Come in and log in.
- 24 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR: We don't have an
- 25 audience applause light though.

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- 2 (Laughter.)
- 3 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Anyway.
- 4 MALE VOICE: We're talking about TV
- 5 jokes.
- 6 (Laughter.)
- 7 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: All right. So
- 8 let's -- let's move forward.
- 9 I had given off the floor to Josh. And
- 10 you -- you want to kind of give us a little
- 11 history and tell us where we are.
- 12 (Stepping up.)
- MR. MEYER: Sure. Thank you very much,
- 14 Mr. Chairman.
- My name is Josh Meyer. I'm an outside
- 16 counsel for Nassau County on the negotiations of
- 17 this lease. I'm here today to introduce the
- 18 lease to the Board, to give you a belief overview
- 19 of the lease, to tell -- to explain to you a
- 20 little bit about how we arrived here at this
- 21 point and to tell you where we're going from here
- 22 and the process moving forward, so just -- just
- 23 so that we can familiarize the Board with -- with
- 24 that process. So --
- MR. HOESL: We're live, just --

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2	MR. MEYER: We're live	
3	MR. HOESL: yeah, just to let	
4	everybody know	
5	MR. MEYER: Yes.	
6	MR. HOESL: on this.	
7	MALE VOICE: Fantastic.	
8	FEMALE VOICE: Not yet not yet. Not	
9	yet (indicating), like give it a	
10	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: All right,	
11	continue please.	
12	MR. MEYER: Okay, sure. Thank you.	
13	MR. HOESL: So	
14	FEMALE VOICE: Oh, yes, you're up and	
15	running.	
16	MR. MEYER: Okay, great.	
17	(Laughter.)	
18	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: All right.	
19	(Laughter.)	
20	MALE VOICE: We got to start recording.	
21	(Laughter.)	
22	MALE VOICE: We're going to start	
23	recording this.	
24	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Why don't	
25	why don't we re-rack the tape?	

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- 2 MR. MEYER: Okay. You want me to
- 3 repeat that?
- 4 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Yes.
- 5 MR. MEYER: Yeah. So again, my name
- 6 is --
- 7 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: I'd -- I'd just
- 8 like you to introduce yourself.
- 9 MR. MEYER: Sure -- sure.
- 10 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: We're moving
- on. Whether the technology goes down or not,
- 12 we're going to plow through it.
- MR. MEYER: So again, my name is
- 14 Josh Meyer. I'm outside counsel for the County
- on he negotiation of this lease.
- I'm here today to introduce the lease
- 17 to the Board, to give you a brief summary and
- 18 overview of the lease itself, and to describe a
- 19 little bit of how we arrived here at this point
- 20 and to discuss where we're going and the process
- 21 moving forward.
- 22 So how we arrived here is back in 2015,
- 23 the County procured an operator for the Coliseum
- 24 and the lease for the Coliseum site. The County
- 25 entered into an agreement with "Forest City Ratner"

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- 2 at that time, the "Nassau Event Center." And
- 3 that was for renovations of the Coliseum as well
- 4 as:
- 5 Operation;
- 6 Maintenance;
- 7 Repair;
- And replacement of the Coliseum;
- 9 And to promote events and to host
- 10 events at the Coliseum.
- 11 The in -- so those renovations were
- 12 conducted between 2015 and 2017. In 2017,
- "Nassau Event Center" then began operating the
- 14 Coliseum and subsequent to that the -- they had
- 15 stepped away. It was assigned and through -- it
- 16 was assigned or transferred to various parties.
- 17 The last one was "Mastroianni." They were the
- 18 lender at the time.
- When, subsequent to that, the County
- 20 entered into negotiations with Las Vegas Sands,
- 21 that agreement was -- from "Mastroianni" was
- 22 assigned to Las Vegas Sands through the contract
- 23 with Las Vegas Sands. And Las Vegas Sands, that
- 24 agreement was terminated and Las Vegas Sands then
- 25 took over control of the Coliseum site.

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- 2 Subsequently, Hofstra University filed
- 3 litigation. The Court held that the -- the lease
- 4 with "Mastroianni" was, in fact, terminated and
- 5 they annulled the lease with Las Vegas Sands.
- 6 This lease that you have before
- 7 you today is to replace the lease with
- 8 "Mastroianni" -- that -- that was held by
- 9 "Mastroianni." It's limited to just the
- 10 operations of the Coliseum, and maintenance
- 11 repair and replacement of the Coliseum. It's
- 12 20 [sic] -- the -- the lease term is 27 years,
- 13 plus three 5-year renewals. That's because the
- 14 lease with the -- the lease -- the -- the
- 15 subsequent -- the prior lease was entered into,
- 16 the term began in 2017, so 7 years had elapsed on
- 17 that lease. That original term of that lease was
- 18 34 years plus three 5-year renewals.
- So now that -- that 7 years have
- 20 elapsed, the term of this lease is 27 years, plus
- 21 three 5-year renewals, for a total term of 42
- 22 years.
- 23 Again, it's just limited to operation
- 24 maintenance, repair and replacement of the
- 25 Coliseum itself to host events there. And that's

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- 2 all that we're doing with this lease at
- 3 this -- at this time. The -- there's no
- 4 development. There's nothing else associated
- 5 with this lease. It's just operations.
- 6 Where we're going moving forward with
- 7 this lease, "OSPAC" is hearing it today.
- 8 There'll be plenty of opportunity to -- the --
- 9 the Board can ask any questions they would like
- 10 to today. On Thursday, this lease will be heard
- 11 by the Planning Commission. And the Planning
- 12 Commission will hold a public hearing.
- On July 10th, the lease will come back
- 14 to this Board for -- the -- the transcript from
- 15 the -- from the Planning Commission hearing will
- 16 be presented to this Board. This -- the Board
- 17 will review that and any other public comments
- 18 that were heard at the Planning Commission
- 19 meeting from Thursday. And this Board will issue
- 20 a report and make recommendations to the Planning
- 21 Commission meeting.
- The Planning Commission meeting
- 23 will be held on July 18th. And at that time,
- 24 the Planning Commission will prepare a
- 25 report and issue recommendations to the

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- 2 Nassau County Legislature. And the
- 3 Nassau County Legislature, to anticipate it,
- 4 will take this up on August 5th.
- 5 And that's about -- that's about it.
- 6 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: That's it?
- 7 MR. MEYER: Yeah.
- 8 So I'm open to any questions, or
- 9 comments, or anything about the process or the
- 10 lease itself.
- 11 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Any questions
- 12 from the Board?
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: Can you clarify,
- 14 you said operations on the lease. What exactly
- 15 are the operations?
- MR. MEYER: So they'll operate the
- 17 Coliseum itself. So they'll -- they'll be --
- 18 their -- their -- they'll -- they will host
- 19 events there, so they can host events in the
- 20 parking lot. It is a 72-acre site, as well as
- 21 the Coliseum itself. It's to, you know, they are
- 22 keeping it running. They are maintaining it,
- 23 repairing it, replacing it, keeping the lights
- 24 on. And because they will be hosting events
- 25 there, they -- they need to control of the

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- 2 operations.
- 3 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Very similar to
- 4 the lease that was there before.
- 5 MR. MEYER: Right. This is -- this
- 6 is --
- 7 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: I mean it's an
- 8 extension of the same operating lease.
- 9 MR. MEYER: It's to replace that
- 10 lease --
- 11 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: It's the same,
- 12 right?
- MR. MEYER: -- because to the
- 14 litigation, the Court determined that that prior
- 15 lease was terminated. So this is to put the
- 16 prior tenant back in, for someone to be in
- 17 control of this, because the prior tenant was
- 18 terminated --
- 19 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Right.
- 20 MR. MEYER: -- as determined by the
- 21 Court.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER STEINBERG: Who's in
- 23 control of that?
- 24 MR. MEYER: Who's in control now? The
- 25 party with this is "LVS New York HOLDCO 2," which

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- 2 is effectively Las Vegas Sands.
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: So who's
- 4 "Mastroianni?"
- 5 MR. MEYER: "Mastroianni" was the --
- 6 they were the lender under the prior lease. And
- 7 because the other tenant had walked away
- 8 previously, the -- the lender took over and took
- 9 control of the lease, pursuant to the terms of
- 10 the lease.
- 11 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Do you have a
- 12 question?
- BOARD MEMBER MENG: The current lease
- 14 that goes before the Commission on Thursday --
- MR. MEYER: Yes.
- 16 BOARD MEMBER MENG: -- is that the same
- 17 lease presented at the last presentation?
- MR. MEYER: No. So the --
- 19 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Why -- why
- 20 don't you -- it might help clarify the difference
- 21 between this lease and the previous lease we've
- 22 heard about, which was that big lease with the
- 23 developer of the property and the "Marriott" was
- involved and so, you know, there was a lot of
- 25 rumble around that.

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- 2 MR. MEYER: Right. So that was a --
- 3 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: So this is just
- 4 to operate the Coliseum.
- 5 MR. MEYER: Right. So that was a
- 6 99-year lease with Las Vegas Sands to -- to --
- 7 to:
- 8 Operate the Coliseum;
- 9 Apply for a license;
- 10 And -- and develop the property at
- 11 their discretion, based on the terms of the
- 12 lease.
- This is not that lease, completely
- 14 independent of that. Right now, this is just for
- 15 the operation of the Coliseum.
- Since the time of the decision by the
- 17 Court, the property has been operating, the
- 18 Coliseum has been operating pursuant to a use and
- 19 occupancy permit, but -- and that was temporary.
- 20 This formalizes the relationship between the
- 21 parties, so that you have someone in there
- 22 operating and maintaining it. It's expensive to
- 23 operate and maintain.
- 24 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Yeah, just to
- 25 turn on the lights.

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- 2 MR. MEYER: That's right, who's paying
- 3 for -- for the utilities, who's operating it,
- 4 and -- and to host events there. So that's to
- 5 formalize the process, but much different and
- 6 completely independent from the -- from the
- 7 99-year lease.
- 8 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Could people
- 9 assume that the -- the way the Coliseum has been
- 10 run historically in the past with events,
- 11 et cetera, et cetera, would it -- it would be
- 12 similar going forward against this lease?
- MR. MEYER: (No response.)
- 14 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Similar?
- 15 MR. MEYER: What's that in terms of?
- 16 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: How the
- 17 Coliseum's run?
- MR. MEYER: Yes -- yes.
- 19 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: I mean it's
- 20 basically somebody is just going, hey, Ellis
- 21 (phonetic) is going to be running the Coliseum.
- 22 It's not --
- MR. MEYER: That's right.
- 24 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: -- I just want
- 25 to clarify that.

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- 2 MR. MEYER: Right. A private
- 3 entity --
- 4 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: I think -- I
- 5 think there's some people that might be confused
- 6 that there's all this other --
- 7 MR. MEYER: Right.
- 8 So this is a private --
- 9 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: -- stuff going
- 10 on.
- 11 MR. MEYER: -- right. This a private
- 12 entity operating the Coliseum.
- 13 Again, it's much different than the --
- 14 than the 99 -- independent of the 99-year lease
- 15 with Las Vegas Sands. So this just to make sure
- 16 that somebody is in there hosting events and --
- 17 and operating the Coliseum.
- BOARD MEMBER LEVY: Is there a quality
- 19 control mechanism from the County to ensure that
- 20 Las Vegas Sands is conducting business the way it
- 21 should be?
- MR. MEYER: In terms of this --
- BOARD MEMBER LEVY: Quality -- quality
- 24 control in general.
- MR. MEYER: The standard of the

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- 2 building you're saying, or the quality of events
- 3 or?
- 4 BOARD MEMBER LEVY: All encompassing.
- 5 MR. MEYER: Yes, throughout the lease
- 6 is they're -- they're required to maintain the
- 7 facility in, so in a first-class manner, as well
- 8 as host events similar as to what's been held in
- 9 the past.
- 10 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Just for
- 11 clarification, everybody did receive a copy of
- 12 the lease?
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: Uh-huh, yeah.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER MITRA: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: I just want to
- 16 make sure of that.
- MR. MEYER: And Mr. Chairman, this is
- 18 very similar to the lease that's previously been
- 19 before this Board a number of times at this
- 20 point.
- 21 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Yeah.
- MR. MEYER: But the difference is with
- 23 the prior lease that involved the renovation of
- 24 the Coliseum, which was done the last time under
- 25 "Nassau Event Center" and "Forest City Ratner"

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- 2 to about -- about \$180 million in renovations
- 3 were -- were done to the Coliseum.
- 4 And but all of the -- so this is the
- 5 same lease as was with the prior tenant,
- 6 "Mastroianni," but all the renovation provisions
- 7 have been removed, because that's not part of
- 8 this. They're just in to operate the -- the
- 9 Coliseum and keep it --
- 10 BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: So --
- 11 MR. MEYER: -- and keep it running.
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: -- so currently,
- 13 the current lease, the one that you're proposing
- 14 has no land development rights at all in it?
- MR. MEYER: None whatsoever.
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: No, they can't --
- 17 they can't touch a -- a single thing inside the
- 18 building?
- 19 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE JR.: Well to repair
- 20 and replace --
- BOARD MEMBER LEVY: To --
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: Well, to repair,
- 23 replace --
- MR. MEYER: Yes --
- 25 BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: -- besides that?

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- 2 MR. MEYER: Yes, they can -- they can
- 3 conduct repairs, alterations, things along those
- 4 lines. But no -- no development, no significant
- 5 capital repairs to the Coliseum itself.
- 6 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Although
- 7 certain capital repairs for that building might
- 8 not be objectionable to some of us.
- 9 MR. MEYER: This is -- this is true.
- 10 (Laughter.)
- 11 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Okay. I --
- 12 I -- I think it's important to point that out.
- 13 That's why I kind drove that point, to -- to make
- 14 that point, that this is not what was presented
- 15 to us in any way, shape or form through previous
- 16 meetings.
- MR. MEYER: Right -- right. That --
- 18 that --
- 19 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Everyone in
- 20 this room needs to understand, the Coliseum's
- 21 going to run --
- 22 MR. MEYER: -- that's right.
- 23 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: -- as it's run
- in the past. And we will go over -- comment on
- 25 that, but --

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- 2 MR. MEYER: -- the 99-year lease that
- 3 wasn't effective, the last one that came before
- 4 this Board was annuled by the Court, pursuant to
- 5 the legislation. So this is just to replace and
- 6 have -- effectively put the County back in the
- 7 position with private entity operating the
- 8 Coliseum.
- 9 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Other
- 10 questions?
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: Just confirm for
- 12 us who is the lessor and the lessee.
- MR. MEYER: So the -- the lessor on
- 14 this is the County itself. And the lessee is
- 15 "LVS New York HOLDCO," which is a subsidiary of
- 16 Las Vegas Sands.
- 17 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Other
- 18 questions.
- 19 MS. KIELY: Can the public ask
- 20 questions?
- 21 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: I -- I will
- 22 allow it, but I'd like to finish with and then
- 23 I'll just answer your question.
- MS. KIELY: Okay.
- BOARD MEMBER MENG: (Gesturing.)

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- 2 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Anyone want to
- 3 say anything at this point?
- 4 MR. BAKER: No, I don't think so.
- 5 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: I'm sorry,
- 6 Matthew.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER MENG: Yeah, I had a
- 8 question.
- 9 I'm not an attorney by any means, but
- 10 it seems like it's worded it for the benefit of
- 11 Las Vegas Sands. So as time progresses, if they
- 12 get the permission from the Governor to have a
- 13 casino, would this lease be:
- 14 Revised;
- 15 Or held in place;
- 16 Or restructured with that consideration
- 17 in mind?
- 18 MR. MEYER: There's no -- there's no
- 19 provision in there that would permit that. That
- 20 would be the subject of a separate lease, if --
- 21 if at all.
- 22 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Josh, just to
- 23 clarify that for everybody, if the Sands was to
- 24 get the license to be a casino to run on that
- 25 site, you would come back to us to have a new

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- 2 lease drawn up?
- 3 MR. MEYER: That's correct. That's
- 4 what that would require.
- 5 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: So -- so
- 6 I --
- 7 MR. MEYER: Yes.
- 8 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: -- just don't
- 9 want to mix apples and oranges here. And I want
- 10 it to be clear to everybody that this is somebody
- 11 just to run that building.
- MR. MEYER: That's right. That's
- 13 correct.
- 14 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: In its current
- 15 state?
- MR. MEYER: That's right.
- 17 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: And the
- 18 second piece is down the road, if somebody -- and
- 19 it may not even be the Sands. It could be
- 20 "Fumante Enterprises;" who knows?
- 21 (Laughter.)
- 22 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: That's my last
- 23 name.
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: Can I get a piece
- 25 of that?

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- 2 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Yeah, well, I
- 3 might need a construction company.
- 4 MALE VOICE: You're being recorded.
- 5 (Laughter.)
- 6 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: I've been
- 7 quoted on worse.
- 8 So anyway, if that was to, happen, if
- 9 there was some change, massive retail, et cetera,
- 10 et cetera, et cetera, whatever you could think of
- on that 73 acres of cement, you would -- you
- would propose a new lease for that purpose?
- MR. MEYER: That's correct.
- 14 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Okay.
- MR. MEYER: And which would require a
- 16 significant environmental review process --
- 17 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Right.
- 18 MR. MEYER: -- at that point.
- 19 And this Board, and -- and the public
- 20 and the Planning Commission would have -- would
- 21 have a -- multiple opportunities to comment on
- 22 that lease.
- 23 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Is this
- 24 (indicating) group okay with that, or --
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: (Nodding head

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- 2 yes.)
- 3 BOARD MEMBER LEVY: Yes.
- 4 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Do you want to
- 5 say anything or -- you don't have to, I mean --
- 6 MR. BAKER: No, I know I don't have to.
- 7 But again, just for the record,
- 8 Daniel Baker on behalf of the "LVS." I think
- 9 that Josh pretty much covered everything.
- 10 Again, the whole point of this lease is
- 11 to give "LVS" the operational day-to-day capacity
- 12 that is needed to run the Coliseum and the
- 13 property around it. So as Josh has stated, now
- 14 the Chair has eloquently addressed it, this is
- 15 all about operating the lease on the -- the
- 16 property on a day-to-day basis, as simple as
- 17 that.
- 18 Thank you.
- 19 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Now to the
- 20 public. You -- you had your arm up.
- MS. KIELY: Yes, okay. Great. I have
- 22 two questions.
- MS. LORENZO: Excuse me. Chairman, for
- 24 the record, can you just make sure everybody
- 25 states their name --

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- MS. KIELY: Oh, I'm sorry.
- 3 MS. LORENZO: -- and address perhaps?
- 4 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Yes.
- 5 MS. KIELY: I'm Monica Kiely and I'm a
- 6 Nassau County resident.
- 7 So have I two questions, the first one
- 8 is --
- 9 BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: Your address
- 10 please.
- 11 MS. KIELY: I live in Garden City,
- 12 New York.
- 13 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Are you
- 14 associated with any group?
- MS. KIELY: I'm associated with
- 16 "Say No to the Casino."
- 17 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Got it -- got
- 18 it.
- 19 MS. KIELY: My first question is quick.
- 20 Did the County consider any other
- 21 operator for this 42-year lease?
- MR. MEYER: No.
- MS. KIELY: Okay.
- And my second question is longer.
- 25 A little background. I'm not an

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- 2 attorney, but the whole reason that the other
- 3 lease was unwound was because Nassau County and
- 4 the Planning Commission were found guilty of two
- 5 things, violation of "Open Meeting Law" not
- 6 giving sufficient notice, public notice, you
- 7 know, for meetings, not giving the public time to
- 8 digest information and weigh in.
- 9 And the other thing they were found
- 10 guilty of was the attempt to segment.
- 11 Segmentation, the chopping up into one -- of one
- 12 big project into smaller pieces, in an attempt to
- 13 push those small pieces through --
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: If I -- if we
- 15 can.
- 16 MS. KIELY: -- without an environmental
- 17 review.
- 18 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: To answer your
- 19 question --
- 20 MS. KIELY: So my question is how is
- 21 this not --
- 22 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Could you just
- 23 hold --
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: Sorry.
- MS. KIELY: -- how this not

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- 2 segmentation?
- 3 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: No, it's --
- 4 here's my point is this. We have a lease in
- 5 front of us and we could have the questions
- 6 relative to that lease, because that's really
- 7 what this is about, the litigate, all this other
- 8 stuff, it -- it has nothing to do with the lease.
- 9 So I'd just like -- I'd just like to focus.
- MS. KIELY: Okay.
- But the intent of Sands is eventually,
- 12 as we all know.
- 13 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Well, we don't
- 14 know what their intent is. They may not even get
- 15 the license and then would be stuck with that
- 16 building.
- 17 So could you please just ask the
- 18 questions about relative to the lease that's in
- 19 front of -- that's what we're voting on. You
- 20 know, that's what the hearing is going to be
- 21 about, that lease.
- 22 The rest is history. I -- I'd prefer
- 23 not to dig it up, because --
- MS. KIELY: Okay. I won't dig it up,
- 25 but I would point out that the intent of this

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- 2 law, the Sands is not in the business of
- 3 operating --
- 4 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: We don't
- 5 know -- we don't know their intent, though
- 6 they -- they do operate a lot of stuff. I'm not
- 7 defending them. I'll let them defend themselves,
- 8 but --
- 9 MS. KIELY: They are -- they are
- 10 developers and operators of the casinos.
- BOARD MEMBER LEVY: But that's a
- 12 conspiracy theory. We're talking about the lease
- 13 right now please.
- 14 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: All we have in
- 15 front of --
- MS. KIELY: Okay.
- 17 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: -- us is the
- 18 lease.
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: And as you
- 20 mentioned that, you know, they were -- they were
- 21 brought to Court, because whatever you've said.
- 22 And as it states right now, we're not even
- 23 supposed to open this up until June 20th.
- 24 MS. KIELY: Okay, I'm -- I --
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: We're doing this

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- 2 out of a courtesy.
- 3 MS. KIELY: -- I -- I said my piece.
- 4 And I thank you for --
- 5 BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: Okay. I'd like
- 6 to close --
- 7 MS. KIELY: -- engaging with the
- 8 public.
- 9 BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: -- public
- 10 comment.
- MR. SPEZIO: Yeah. Listen, you know,
- 12 while we are interested in hearing what you have
- 13 to say, you know, technically this is not the
- 14 forum for that. There will be subsequent
- 15 meetings where you can voice your opinion. And
- 16 I'd politely ask you to please just save them for
- 17 that time.
- MS. KIELY: Okay.
- 19 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: He's "OSPAC's"
- 20 attorney, by the way.
- MS. KIELY: Yeah.
- 22 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: So sometimes I
- 23 listen to him, but I --
- 24 (Laughter.)
- MR. KRUG: (Gesturing.)

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- I just have one more question, just a
- 3 question about the nature of the hearing.
- 4 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: The nature of
- 5 the --
- 6 MR. KRUG: What is -- I'm -- I'm just
- 7 curious, what is "OSPAC's" --
- 8 MS. LORENZO: I need his name. Sir?
- 9 MR. KRUG: -- jurisdiction over this?
- 10 MS. LORENZO: Chairman? I need his
- 11 name first. I'm sorry.
- MR. KRUG: She's --
- MS. LORENZO: Chairman, I need his
- 14 name.
- 15 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Please state
- 16 your name and address for the --
- 17 MR. KRUG: George Krug, Garden City.
- What is the "OSPAC's" jurisdiction of
- 19 this? Why does "OSPAC" have to weigh in on this?
- 20 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: "OSPAC" was
- 21 formed to, when the County wants to sell a piece
- 22 of property, change its usage, acquire open
- 23 space, parks.
- There -- there was history. I'll --
- 25 I'll do a little history, Mr. Krug.

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- 2 There was a time in the County that to
- 3 plug operational holes, they would sell stuff,
- 4 okay. "OSPAC" was formed as an advisory board
- 5 to:
- Take a look at those items;
- 7 To come up with monies for open space;
- 8 Make some recommendations on how the
- 9 parks should be used.
- 10 And it's turned out that "OSPAC" has
- 11 taken part, if you're -- if you're aware of all
- 12 the bonds that were passed, "OSPAC" was part of
- 13 recommending what those properties might be.
- 14 It's a recommendation. It's -- it doesn't --
- 15 it's no more than that.
- It has -- we look at a variety of
- 17 things. There's various little pieces of
- 18 property in the County, for tax reasons that they
- 19 got pulled into the County. And we try to look
- 20 at should we "pocket park" or should like it, the
- 21 County doesn't need to maintain this, because
- 22 they shouldn't. So we advise the County on that.
- 23 So that's -- that's, in a nutshell, what "OSPAC"
- 24 is about.
- I've been doing this since it was

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- 2 formed, 20-plus years ago. So we've been
- 3 successful at maintaining a lot of the properties
- 4 in the County that we, as residents, would like
- 5 to see as remaining as open space or used as
- 6 parks, et cetera, et cetera. That's -- that's
- 7 "OSPAC's" role.
- 8 We advise the Planning Commission. And
- 9 the Planning Commission takes our advice, rolls
- 10 it into theirs, that potentially goes to the
- 11 Legislature. So that's sort of the process.
- MR. KRUG: Okay. And how does this
- 13 lease fall under that umbrella?
- 14 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Well, it's the
- 15 use of any piece of property, as I said.
- MR. KRUG: Okay, thank you. Thank you
- 17 to you and the other volunteers for your service.
- 18 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: You're welcome.
- Okay, based on that, I'm -- I'm going
- 20 to move on. We have some -- I think we have
- 21 some -- do we have some other business? I should
- 22 look at the agenda.
- MR. HOESL: No, not particularly.
- 24 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Other than to
- 25 confirm our next meeting, which is July 10th.

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- 2 There is no new business. There's no old
- 3 business, so I'm going to jump through that.
- 4 So -- so I will --
- 5 MS. CONIGLIO: So -- so for those who
- 6 signed up --
- 7 FEMALE VOICE: There's no signal.
- 8 MS. CONIGLIO: -- are they going to
- 9 have the opportunity to --
- MS. LORENZO: Again, we need her name.
- 11 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Well, I -- I --
- MS. LORENZO: Chairman, I'm sorry. We
- 13 need her name.
- MS. CONIGLIO: Terry Coniglio,
- 15 Hofstra University.
- MS. LORENZO: Can you spell that
- 17 please?
- MS. CONIGLIO: Terry, T-e-r-r-y,
- 19 Coniglio, C-o-n-i-g-l-i-o.
- 20 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: There was a
- 21 sign up list?
- MS. CONIGLIO: Yes.
- MS. LORENZO: I need you to repeat what
- 24 you said.
- MS. CONIGLIO: So there was a sign up

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- 2 list of people --
- 3 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Above my pay
- 4 grade.
- 5 (Laughter.)
- 6 MS. CONIGLIO: -- of people to speak;
- 7 right?
- 8 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Who -- who put
- 9 that -- who has that list?
- 10 FEMALE VOICE: It's outside.
- 11 FEMALE VOICE: I had a number
- 12 (indicating) also.
- MS. CONIGLIO: Right.
- 14 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: You had a
- 15 number?
- AUDIENCE MEMBER: They gave us numbers
- 17 (indicating) and --
- 18 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Who -- who did
- 19 that?
- BOARD MEMBER PIRONI: Well, once again,
- 21 I don't think we should be opening up to
- 22 public comment.
- MR. WALSH: I think they took the
- 24 numbers to make sure there weren't too many
- 25 people because of the fire marshal.

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- 2 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Yeah -- yeah.
- 3 That was because of fire -- fire
- 4 requirements, the capacity of the room.
- 5 MR. WALSH: Yes.
- 6 MS. CONIGLIO: But then they asked us
- 7 if we wanted to speak to sign up --
- 8 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Who are they?
- 9 MS. CONIGLIO: -- on the paper.
- 10 (Inaudible discussion.)
- MS. CONIGLIO: People at the front
- 12 desk.
- MR. WALSH: It was the Parks
- 14 Commissioners was the one with the list.
- 15 MR. SPEZIO: That -- that instruction
- 16 should not have not been given. Again, this is
- 17 an introductory meeting to introduce the lease
- 18 for the operations of the -- of the Coliseum.
- We don't know what's coming -- the
- 20 actual one's coming. At that point, that would
- 21 be open public comment, you know, or I'm saying
- 22 the -- the meeting where this is, you know, the
- 23 next meeting about that where, you know, that's
- 24 open to the public comment, not -- not this --
- 25 MS. CONIGLIO: The next "OSPAC"

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- 2 meeting?
- 3 MR. SPEZIO: No, the public hearing --
- 4 (Inaudible discussion.)
- 5 MR. WALSH: The public hearing on the
- 6 20th.
- 7 CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: I'm gonna --
- 8 I'm gonna step in here, because I know I'm
- 9 probably gonna get in trouble, but fine.
- "OSPAC" gets a property introduced or a
- 11 lease introduced, whatever the County is gonna do
- 12 that affects "OSPAC," it gets an introduction,
- 13 which we kind of forward -- walk through that.
- 14 So that we have some idea about it, maybe we go
- 15 out and look at that piece of property,
- 16 et cetera, et cetera.
- 17 Then it goes in its official capacity
- 18 to the Planning Commission and they open up a
- 19 hearing. At that point that -- you can stop me
- 20 if I'm saying something wrong. But at that
- 21 point, the public gets an opportunity to -- to
- 22 state whatever they want to say. We get the
- 23 transcript of that, so we can hear the public.
- 24 That doesn't preclude us from hearing the public
- in person either. So that's the process.

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2	At that meeting, that second meeting	
3	that we talked about, which is July	
4	BOARD MEMBER MITRA: July 10th.	
5	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: July 10th	
6	thank you that's where we'll vote for it. And	
7	our vote will be based on what was read, what was	
8	said at the Planning Commission hearing against	
9	our criteria for open space, et cetera,	
10	et cetera, et cetera. I hope that helps.	
11	MS. CONIGLIO: (Nodding head yes.)	
12	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: You okay with	
13	that?	
14	MS. CONIGLIO: (No response.)	
15	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Okay.	
16	Sir, you okay with that?	
17	MR. SPEZIO: Proceed.	
18	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Okay.	
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2	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Based on that, I will	
3	call a motion to adjourn.	
4	BOARD MEMBER MORIARTY: Motion.	
5	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: I got a motion.	
6	BOARD MEMBER STEINBERG: Second.	
7	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: I got a second.	
8	All in favor?	
9	(Chorus of "ayes.")	
10	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Any opposed?	
11	(No response.)	
12	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Any	
13	abstentions?	
14	(No response.)	
15	CHAIRMAN FUMANTE, JR.: Thank you, all.	
16	VOICES: Thank you.	
17	(Discussion held off the record.)	
18	(TIME NOTED: 4:48 P.M.)	
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