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Joseph Russo Chairperson

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Housing and Zoning Meeting November 9, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.

Present: L. Popovic, M.J. Musano, A. Chirico, C. Isales, G. Havranek, M. Caruso, P. Cantillo, V. Lajçi, D. Krynicki, D. Prioleau, R. Bieder, T. Accomando, T. O'Garro

Guests: F. Ricci, V. Signorile,

Chairperson Popovic opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. V. Signorile, of the Rent Stabilization Association, discussed the recent eviction moratorium. Housing Courts have not been hearing cases against covid-impacted tenants. Current moratorium expires January 15, 2022. Emergency rent assistance has had issues with rollout. The good cause eviction legislation would expand tenant protections and reduce evictions. Currently, landlords can only evict with good cause. According to RSA, the proposal will give tenants an ability to live within an apartment without eviction should the tenant comply with all features of the lease. RSA argues that it will reduce housing as tenants will stay in apartments for a long time. RSA argues that small landlords stand to lose value in buildings and that rent increases could not increase more than three percent. All owner-occupied housing of more than 2 units are affected in this proposed legislation. The legislation also applies to tenants who may not have a lease.

M. Caruso asked DM Cruz a question regarding any update on US Crane. There was no update other than complaints regarding noise emanating from the property. Violations were issued over the summer and will be heard by the ECB in December.

The meeting closed by a vote of adjournment at 8:45PM that was unanimously approved by all.