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»» Hello, everybody! We'll start in a few minutes, thanks for joining!

»» Hi everyone! We still have some folks trickling in and we'll get started shortly.

»» Hello!

(LAUGHTER) .

How are you? Oh, —

»» How are you doing on quorum, Abby.

»» Think we're waiting on just a couple more folks, we have 8 folks so I mean — there is some people waiting in the lobby.
9 folks.

»» Yeah, so we have quorum.

»» Great. So, I'm going to go ahead and get us started.

»» Dr. Sarah Sayeed: Call to order the commission's public meeting. And want to welcome everyone to the meeting including anyone who is participating through the livestream, thank you so much for being here with us today. And also thank you to the team for preparing this meeting, I know different people have been involved in getting this meeting ready today. So, thank you

so much for that. And also, want to thank the Law department for assistance in preparing the resolution that we'll vote on today.

And I'm going to do what we usually do, which is just to go over technical assistance information. Particularly for those who haven't been with us before. We can go to the next slide.

So, just as a reminder, all the Commissioners are audio enabled. And we would like to ask that you mute yourself if you are not speaking and keep your video cameras on.

And if possible unless there's a good reason not to.

And then, this session is going to be recorded. So, if you for participants if you want to keep your camera off for any reason, you may do that, though we encourage people to participate with their camera on. All participants are muted on entry, and the moderator will enable audio for participants during the comment period.

And we'll also be calling participants in the order they have registered for public comment prior to the meeting and then during today's meeting. If you haven't yet signed up for comment but would like to provide comment you may do so until 12:00 p.m.

And we can go to the next slide.

So, you can type name and affiliation into the chat to offer a public comment. If you're on the phone, and you want to sign up and you don't have access to a computer monitor you can text your name and affiliation to 9175879103 to offer public comment.

And we'll be calling on people in the order that their name was received. Via the chat box or text after we call on the people who had signed up in advance of the meeting.

I'm not sure, I know that I saw one person's email who was sent in a comment so, I'm not sure if others signed up. And I will ask the team about that when we get to that portion. For the captions, I know we were working through some of the technical issues so Abby I don't know if my instructions that are on the screen are accurate or whether — we will be doing live captioning.

Sorry not through a link, but on the screen.

»» Yes, so, actually there is now a live captioning option if you are joining Web Ex your lower right side, there should be three dots when you click on it, you can enable closed captions. You just click closed captions it will pop up, we have a captioner present. So, she'll be typing as we go.

So, in the lower right hand column, three dots and you can click on closed captioning.

» Thank you Abby for figuring out working on figuring that out I know it's been a long journey to work through that we had to go through a bunch of steps with the Web Ex folks so, I appreciate all the effort you put into that and for everyone that helped with that piece as well.

So, I wanted to also ask as I did last time, if you are a member of the public and you would like to sign up to receive informational e mails from the CEC, I put the link into the chat for you to sign up.

And also if you're here as a member of the press you can connect with our director of communications intergov, as we start with the attendance I want to start publicly thanking chuck who served as Commissioner, appointee of the former Queens borough president we now have a new Borough appointee, Donavan Richards, appointed new Commissioner I would like to welcome today. Mitchell Woo are you on the line.

»» Yes I'm present.

» Amazing, so, I will just briefly intro you if you would like to add to it, we would love to have you say hello, so, Mitch, who is a Queens native serves as director of Queens community serves for Chinese American planning council and helps run large non-profit social community services for Asian Americans in the U.S. and he was previously director for the coalition for Asian American children and families and currently serves on the citywide council on English language learners.

And was appointed by the former public advocate Laticia James and Hunter College, teaches Asian American studies and sociology. Welcome to the commission and your first meeting Mitch, would you like to say a few words.

»» Thank you so much, Chair and also for the welcoming remarks. Happy to be here. Happy to represent Queens and also provide what I can for the commission. For the city, one thing I will want to add about my bio, I'm a proud parent of public school students.

»» Wonderful! Thank you so much and again we're really glad to have you. So, I'm going to turn now to attendance.

I will just if you can just say here when I call your name to the Commissioners, Murad Awewdeh.

»» Here.

»» Eve Baron?

»» Here.

»» Holly Bonner.

»» Amy Breedlove.

»» Here.

»» Natalie.

»» Here.

»» Mark Diller?

»» He said he would be a little late.

»» Donna Gill?

»» Here.

»» Anthony Harmon?

»» Jose Hernandez? I think he was always unable to make it.

Michael Nussbaum.

»» Here.

»» Lilliam Perez?

»» Here.

»» Annetta Seecherran

»» Here.

»» Anastasia Somoza.

»» And Mitch Woo.

»» Here.

» Great. Okay. So, next on the agenda, we have reviewing approving minutes from our last meeting. And I want to make sure everyone has the minutes to the meeting. And if not, I think we could, can we make a motion to approve —

»» I move that we approve the minutes of our June 22 meeting.

» Okay.

»» I second.

» Great. And all in favor of approving the minutes say aye.

»» Any opposed say nay. Wonderful. So, all, we are officially approving the minutes for June 22. Thank you so much, everybody.

For that. And then, I'm going to go next to just a discussion we were having discussion last time about the open meeting law.

And I wanted to circle back to that conversation because the Commissioner has had asked us to clarify something with the law department. We voted on a resolution that authorized us to hold

our public hearing that we held last time virtually. And we were questioning whether we could make our own independent decision about meeting in person or virtually.

Even after the emergency declaration ends. And I did speak further to the law department, as you may know, both the state and local emergencies are still in effect. And the governor tended the state image through August 13.

And the local state of emergencies in effect until August 24. And both of the state and local emergencies have been renewed on a monthly basis. So, when I asked the law department about this language, that you see on the screen, we were kind of going back and forth about what is, the or mean in between these clauses. And then, when would this be going into effect. I received a reply that I wanted to read to you. And here's what it says. It says the language does not authorize the CEC to continue meeting virtually if the state of emergency expires.

Instead, it provides that you may continue meeting in-person even if the emergency persists. But, you have determined that the image does not impair your ability to meet in-person. So, it's allowing us to decide whether we want to meet in person during the emergency.

If, however, the emergency expires, then the resolution is no longer in effect. It remains in effect until the earlier of the emergencies expiration or a determination that the commission

may safely meet in person. If the emergency expires then it may no longer serve as a basis for meeting remotely. The words such time in clause 2, do not override the limitation that if the emergency expires earlier than a determination then it is safe to meet in person. The resolution is no longer in effect. I think some of you were saying that. In different ways last time.

So I just wanted to circle back and close the loop. On that conversation and wanted to just ask if there were any further, any further discussion or further comments on that.

»» I had a question.

»» Go ahead.

»» Okay, thank you. So, next I wanted to cover a little bit more about what we're doing related to the revisions to the poll site methodology just to come back on that last time, during the public meeting we were talking about potentially including some discussion of the methodology revisions in this meeting.

And I had emailed the Commissioners in between the public meeting to up date and want to provide up date to members of the public here as well. So, we could go to, I don't think there's a slide on this never mind.

On or before October 1 the commission is required to revise the methodology and to do so at least every five years there after.

And we are asked to look at the poll sites, the methodology,

the poll sites where we're providing services and languages provided by this program and to consult with the Mayor's office, and department the city planning while we're doing that and to decide how we want to update this methodology.

And we can consider newly available census data in those revisions and other relevant data. And we're also asked to consider how much our services are utilized during the covered cycles.

And we're asked to publish updates to this methodology on our website. We are not required to hold a public hearing, however, we have decided that that we want to do that since we did a public hearing and we're required to do the public hearing for the initial proposal. We decided we want to post the proposed revisions for at least 30 days and take comments then have the Commissioners vote on it.

After checking with the law department, we were given permission to post the proposed revisions by September 1, rather than trying to, we thought we had to finalize the revisions by then. But I think given that we're not required to hold a hearing and we're taking that extra step, we can post the proposed revisions, hold the public hearing then post the final voted on revisions after that.

So, slightly different and timeline gives us a little bit more opportunity to connect with the public around the methodology,

than we would have had if we tried to rush today.

What I wanted to note about the revisions is that we are probably focusing primarily on how we're going leverage utilization data to make decisions about how we're allocates resources. And one thing, to mention to you all is that applying our methodology at each election cycle has meant that some poll sites fall off of our list of sites to provide interpreters. And others are staying on. And this happens for a number of reasons. It could be that the population of citizens of voting age living in that geography has shifted over time. Right? And the poll site may no longer be among the highest concentration of citizens of voting age.

According to the methodology we have it may fall lower in the list. Or it could also be that the Board of elections, updates their poll site list as they do for each cycle that site for some reason is no longer on the universe's site or people are voting. So, there are different reasons why poll sites may not be on our list each cycle. However, we do want to address the case where utilization has been strong over three cycles, but that site is falling off our list even if it is still on the forwardable elections list, the revisions will address that gap. And we will look for a way to keep sites where utilization has been strong.

And that is what we'll be proposing for public comment.

Primarily.

And we'll be in touch with you more about that.

Are there any questions to that update?

Okay. And before I turn it over to the PB team I wanted to finally mention that we are holding an event coming up in August, which is an event for faith leaders in New York City. To talk about civic engagement and faith.

And we'll also be sharing information with them on the primary that is coming up and I wanted to, we'll send this flyer out to you after this meeting as well putting a link into the chat.

Where people can sign up.

And we are partnering with the center for faith and community partnerships, community affairs and interfaith center of New York to hold that event. We're looking to bring have a presentation about the primary Civic Engagement Commission engagement also breakout discussions where we'll be talking about what civic engagement means to them and what unique role they think, communities, faith leaders can have in civic engagement spaces.

So we would love for you to share this information with religious leaders you know and encourage them to join us.

So, I've taken a bunch of your time and away from the PB focus and so I'm going to turn it over to the PB team to take it from here and take us through the presentation, which is new for some

and not new for others and so, just going to make sure we're all on the same page with the background before we get to the resolution.

And we will send a copy of the flyer.

»» I do have a question actually. About the faith leaders event, is it okay if I ask that question now.

»» Sure, go ahead.

»» I was just curious about outreach to ensure that there is real representation from communities that are harder to reach, this has been a consistent point that I've been making. So, just curious about how the plan for outreach. Then I also want, is this intended to be an in-person gathering.

»» No, it is virtual. I thought it was easier and for accessibility for people across the city, to think about doing it in-person. Just tougher for people to commute and find a central location.

»» Yeah. So, my concern is that some of the folks who I think who would probably benefit from participating in this would be unlikely to participate in a virtual space. I think —

»» Yeah.

»» Some of the local leaders for Chhaya will find that hard, so we may want to think about if consider either Borough-based or Neighborhood-based or ethnic-based events like this. To ensure participation also concerned about language accessibility. I

know that in many of our communities, speaking, many of our Chhaya leaders do not, won't feel comfortable because of their limitation, English language limitations, participating in an event like this. So, just want to flag that for future considerations.

»» Thank you so much for that. Yeah. I totally agree with you that this is going to be hard for some of our faith leaders to participate in. And the exciting news that I have for everyone is that we are growing our outreach team. We'll have two more outreach specialists starting next week I just made an offer on the outreach director, roles so with a fuller outreach team hoping we can do more localized connections that we definitely want to build.

I am, I do feel good about partnering with the interfaith center of New York. They have made a lot of in roads I worked there before I came to Government, and I know that we made a deliberate effort to reach the broad swath of faith communities, including non-Abrahamic religions. I'm hoping this will bring in some of the diversity there is so much we need to do in that space so I appreciate you always reminding us Annetta about that.

Okay. So, thank you, then I'm going to give it over to the PB team.

»» Thank you, Sarah, I can kick it off for our presentation, hi

everyone I'm Lexi, participatory budgeting TRIE intern. I will start off running through our agenda for today's meeting we're going to begin with the goals and vision followed by the timeline and the steps in the PB process that we're going to talk about stakeholder engagement and design.

Then the proposed funding methodology, and finally our outreach and engagement strategy. Just starting with the goals and design principles. As you may already know, civic engagement commission will be, New York City's first budgeting process this September for this process all New York residents age 11 and up there be able to vote how 5 million dollars of Mayoral expansion funding should be spend the goals you see on right hand of the screen were deliberated on and finalized by the participatory budgeting advisory committee also known as PBAC, addressing equity issues, promoting greater respect for lived experience, building civic leaders bridging gaps in knowledge, increasing civic engagement. Strengthening confidence and trust in local Government essentially, throughout the process these are the outcomes we want to promote and highlight in it addition to the naming goals we'll also be showing throughout the presentation how we're working towards each of them.

I'm also going to be introducing the name of the process, which is going to be the people's money. So, we chose to continue using this name from the TRIE BP process it helps us A

distinguish our process from the PB process that is run by the city council called PBNYC also helps us to emphasize this is a bot all up process for the people. We just want to give heads up to everyone you should look out for new graphic coming soon.

»» I will pass it on to the team to talk about steps in the process and the timeline.

»» Thank you, Lexi.

Next slide. So, today, the focus of our conversation will be on phase I. Which is idea generation and so, there are obviously subsequent bases of the process that we will continue to brief you on and come back and provide more information, for example on the voting phase. But, starting off we want to provide context, so, there is a sense of what kinds of deliberation, what kind of conversations, decision points we've been discussing with various stake holder browns.

And again, working towards providing that context to have a sense of understanding where we landed for our funding methodology and in talking through the resolution we're proposing here today and how we arrived at that methodology. And then, laying out our plans for outreach and engagement, and getting feedback from all of you on how that on their plans to move that forward.

»» Wendy Trull: So, high level timeline, just to walk us through again that phase one time frame you see here, extends from April to October. We've been working with again our various stake holder groups, which we'll talk about in a little more detail. To discuss again our plans for implementation, we've been taking that feedback and revising refining our plan accordingly. Here we are presenting plan to Commissioners, today and proposing our methodology for the vote. Again, getting input from you all on our implementation plan including our outreach and engagement strategy and the other major activity, this month released RFI inviting, owes to help support this process and we're in the process of evaluating and announcing and selecting them so we're ready to begin and can be initiate those conversations that will be happening throughout the city related to idea generation and project development and again that is the focus of this conversation. And we will be coming back having further conversations about what we're looking at as phase two, which will have to do with how we're vetting projects and the voting process it self. Which we again this is a near-long process, ending in June, and just for awareness the actual project implementation phase will not occur until next fiscal year we have a full year to run the process.

»» Thanks this is Benjamin. We wanted to acknowledge of course

that while we're running our citywide process, there are other opportunities for residents to weigh in directly how spending decisions get made in the city there are a couple, the city council process, the community board needs assessment and the civics role process within schools. Occasionally people are like well, which process are you? Or what process should I be part of? There are three, four, distinct processes all with the goal of giving communities a chance to weigh in on funding. But there are some definite differences as you can see here. The city council and our process both have funding for projects to actually be implemented. Community boards make recommendations to agencies on which projects they feel are.

Important in their community. The board members vote and the community boards district residents and city council and all city residents in the city wide process and DOE, the school. So, again different — we feel that they all are great ways for people to have a say in how their money gets spent in the city we want to make sure we continue to support each other's processes as we continue through the cycles. Next slide.

Of course, the city council is the sort of the biggest of these processes. That run right now if you combine we don't know exactly how many council members will be part of the process in the coming cycle, but at a million dollars apiece will take long before they have more funding than some of ours, most of theirs

does go to capital, there has been limited expense funding which is what all of our money is but we have talked to the central staff and the district staff, already and they are on board with our plans are. Hopefully throughout the processes we can collaborate on number of ways either sharing ideas, people give us capital ideas we can send them to the council and vice versa if they get expense ideas not doing expense they can let us know. We can run joint sessions can share on social media. But we're going to be in constant contact with them and of course with community boards as we move forward, we'll talk about them in a minute. But, as we move forward to the process so everybody's process runs smoothly.

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So, now we'll move on to more in depth conversation about stakeholder engagement on program design.

»» Thank you, Ben. So, this section we're going to discuss how we involve stake holders, not only in the design of the program, but also in the implementation plan. Here we want to start off with showing everyone what our governance and implementation structure looks like. You can look at it as a high level map of our stakeholders not complete list of our partnerships we'll get into, that further into the presentation. But we have been working with the following groups, the following groups have been advising the CEC on not only developing, what the program

would look like, but also how we would implement it. So, we worked with our participatory budgeting advisory committee we've been working with them almost over two years now. CEC also started meeting well started Intergov working group made up of different city agencies we're meeting with on a monthly basis to discuss and get their feedback and recommendation on the design of the program. We've also met extensively with the Borough President's office, city council community boards abdomen other city agencies. I will discuss the Borough advisory committee delegates and the following slide, but we are also, in tending, sorry — thank you. We're also looking to partner and have relationships with these following groups. We are hope to go contract with them to help us with the implementation of the plan. We're hoping to onboard a fiscal oversight contractor that would handle payments to the different community-based organizations that we will partner to carry out outreach and engagement for the program. We'll also work with technical assistance providers that will help develop the tools and resources that these organizations will need. To carry out the different engagement activities throughout this process. And we're also going to onboard our community coalition, that will carry out the different activities and get out to vote when we get there.

Next slide.

Great. As mentioned, we've been working with our participatory advisory committee. As the charter establishes that the CEC will work with the committee on the development implementation of the citywide PB plan. As of July of this year the CEC had 24 active committee members organize as follows. 14 members on the core committee, 8 members on the outreach subcommittee, 3 members on research and evaluation and 4 on the technology and digital engagement subcommittee. We've included a link in this presentation that has more information about members, their professional bios and I will little a little more background.

Next slide.

Great. So, we wanted to also highlight a few key recommendations that the advisory committee developed through their work CEC that went into our implementation plan that we're presenting to you today. The advisory committee provided key recommendations on how the governance structure should look like, as well as recommending that we have Borough-based advisory committees in each Borough. That will serve as similar to the budget delegate structure in the city council, but with members that will be compensated and these advisory committees would be managed by staff at the CEC.

We've included, those recommendations as well as additional recommendations as laid out in this slide.

Thank you. The advisory committee also recommended the

geography for citywide PB. They recommended that we fund citywide Borough and local projects. That Borough projects would be developed through a collaborative approach with different Borough wide stakeholders they also recommended what the expense funding recommendations should look like 3 million in year one scaling up to almost 11 million in year three and capital funding allocation recommendation of 200 million in year one and scaling to 400 million in year two we did not receive capital funding allocation for year one but we did receive expense allocation of 5 million dollars for year one.

The advisory committee members also recommended what the evaluation framework should look like for the future citywide PB. Members of the research and evaluations committee meet with the CEC to discuss the evaluation practices. Pros and cons of different frameworks and helped develop the scope of work. That for potential evaluators so we are looking into bringing in independent evaluator to work with the CEC and research evaluate each step of the process.

We also not only worked with the evaluation research committee but we also worked with folks from NYC opportunity. They are a department that they do a lot of program evaluation for different agencies in the city. So, we work alongside the agency to come up with the scope of work.

Next slide.

»» This is Ben again, to continue our stakeholder engagement review of course we are reaching out to all areas, in New York City speaks which you're all familiar with I'm sure is a key element of the administration and really interesting data there coming in from their civic engagement surveys. Across the city we got variable to add in some questions when they had community conversations about participatory budgeting, specifically. Just sampling of some of the responses we got, we've been learning a lot about from their feedback on how excited people are to be able to participate, how strongly they feel that allocating resources is in their communities not always equitable and they want to have input. So, someone in Brooklyn said people become animated when they talk about their neighbor hides resulted in active participation in the conversations. Of course Queens community should decide where the funding should focus on. So the community can access resources. We think this really supports idea citywide PB will be welcome and a great part of our civic engagement outreach across the city.

I mentioned before community boards are key elements to the success of this. They go through as I mentioned, their needs assessments, they sort of end up around the same time that we're doing our idea generation sessions. But they hold some of them hold public hearings and have public discussions and we're

working with them, we sent out a survey to find out ways they might be interested just sharing meeting dates and information, everything to co-sponsoring meetings with them. Being on the ground of.

»» Next then again as we talked about the Intergov working group it has been really great to have regular meetings with our partners throughout the administration. We can see a lot of these focus on our key demographic, from students to seniors to criminal justice impacted people to immigrant affairs, public housing, they are really useful and very helpful in talking about how we've done some of the allocation methodology, that we'll review later. They helped us review the RFI for our community partners to be involved.

They are going to help with engagement they have been helpful with accessibility making sure that our programs are accessible to all. And of course they know how to reach their demographics better than anybody. So, as we move through the process we'll be invaluable helping us we do reach the underserved populations as was mentioned earlier.

So, we look forward to continuing those conversations. And really feel it will make our outreach all that more effective.

Next slide.

Go back to Wendy for a minute.

»» Thank you, Benjamin. Wendy again from the CEC. So, now, going to walk you through the proposed funding methodology and allocation. Next slide.

Thank you, so, here you will see the actual geographic approach we're taking for implementation. What we're proposing here is both a Borough-based and Neighborhood-based process as mentioned earlier this approach was again deliberated with our advisory committee. We will be running a Borough-based process that will fulfill our mandate for ensuring all New Yorkers over the age of 11 are participating in this process in addition that area is shaded in blue, our tree, the tree Neighborhoods, where we ran the people's money last year, we intend to continue to sustain that effort. And maintain and continue to build the trust and enthusiasm and also maintain equity lens so again, that process will occur both at Borough-based level at the Neighborhood level, the Neighborhoods you see highlighted here roughly 50% of the city that will be local process and borough-based process. We have 5 million dollars to dedicate to project implementation in addition we have funding to also ensure that we are conducting outreach and we're being inclusive and able to bring as many groups into our process as possible and that means again partnering with the variety of organizations we'll talk a little more about our strategy in a moment. And then, some funding as well for operations to ensure we're able to get all of the

printing of the ballots, the translations, and generating all of the material and promotion to make sure people are aware this is happening and can participate, so, our total budget is 7.7 million.

Again, 5 million of that is specifically for the project implementation roughly 1.8 million is to go directly into communities to help build that civic engagement infrastructure we'll need to run the process successfully the remainder will be funding that will be making sure we have a smooth operations and the processes supported.

Then we're going to turn it over to Benjamin who helped to develop the methodology that you will see reflected in the resolution. A bit later, this was also a process and that we arrived at with our expertise from our participatory budgeting advisory committee members and then Ben can walk us through.

»» Thanks, so, this is the, obviously as Wendy said, allocated 50,000 for TRIE Neighborhood which leaves us with this 3.35 million dollars for the Borough process. So, first of all we looked, of course what is the population and the percentage of population each Borough has for city and to line the allocation up that way, you can see the numbers there. But, we wanted to continue to maintain equity lens in how we actually did the allocation. So, we looked at the poverty level percent under one-hundred percent of poverty in boroughs when you look at that

level compared to total city, under poverty you end up with some different numbers, what you see there the second to last column really showing trying to put the money where the most need is. And up in the column there ,8 hundred-thousand for the Bronx million dollars for Brooklyn. 525,000 for man hat,850,000 for Queens and 175,000 for Staten Island that does redistribute it a little bit, but again it does keep us looking through, at the allocation through an equity lens. Next.

Then of course where could all of this money get spent whether it's in the TRIE or the Borough process. It is expense funding as we talked about, mental health initiatives I'm sure most of you know what that is gardening programs after school jobs fairs, arts events will develop the criteria specifically as we talk to our advisory groups through the resident assemblies, of course we'll continue to use equity, need, feasibility, the basic criteria. The projects have to get done within the fiscal year. And we want to make sure they are serving the people most in need and the most people that will be a combination of things we look at you can see from previous processes some of the types of projects that have been funded in other expense processes, we expect similar ones but maybe bigger, gardening again PBNYC, youth job training and advocacy training for from its our money and some health education through people's money by bringing plant-based and educational gardens to schools in the lower east

side really impactful, projects that reach people immediately being through the expense process. So, we look forward to seeing many more ideas. And after that — next.

»» Thank you so much. Benjamin. Hi everyone good afternoon, I'll be walking us through the last portion of our presentation, which is on the outreach plan. So, to build a robust resident engagement strategy we're hope to go employ four different strategies. The first one is to engage broad number of partners. So, as Benjamin mentioned, we are engaging community boards throughout each stage of the process currently receiving their applications for hosting idea generation sessions. And as he also mentioned we have an intergovernmental working group building partnerships with city agencies but not only to receive feedback throughout the stages of the process but really to build and buy in and secure commitments throughout the rest of the program cycle. For them to inform their own constituencies and memberships about participation in each stage of the process. We've also as Benjamin mentioned held a meeting with city council members to explain to them about the process. And recruit their participation in the various Neighborhoods and districts they represent. And the third kind of prong of the strategy is to contract with CBOs and other types of community groups to host these generation ideas sessions I'll be going

over more in depth of our RFI we had released June 153 and closed July 15. And we're currently in the process of evaluating their applications and hope to go select partners by Monday. So, the next slide you'll see a little bit about a refresher on the different tiers the partnership we have in the RFI we have three types of tiers reason we do have this is because we want to approach residents from different angles and ensure that we're kind of covering different bases. So, for tier one, these are CBOs or MWBEs to cover our TRIE Neighborhood we have 33 of them and the goal is for our partner in that neighborhood hood to engage at minimum 150 residents. Meaningfully in the idea generation sessions themselves. And you can see the breakdown of the TRIE Neighborhoods by Borough right there. Tier 2, is also for partners who are CBOs or MWBEs the task is for them to engage high specific priority population for the CEC and to engage the minimum of 400 participants. Citywide. Either, they choose which high priority they want to focus on whether it is youth, older adults people with disabilities, low English proficiency, public housing residents or LGBTQIA+ individuals. Of course, denoting all of these identities are very intersectional, but, they would kind of ensure that they are at least meeting their criteria for whichever high priority population they need hope to go engage at least 8 partners one per group in those lists there.

Finally, tier 3 is for anyone else, this partner does not have to be a CBO or MWBE they be be libraries, they can be campuses, mutual aid groups, civic associations, and this is where they let us know how many participants they would like to engage and what funding they need to do that. And these can also be smaller CBOs want to engage folks, outside of TRIE Neighborhoods even within the TRIE Neighborhoods on the next slide you will see a little bit of results of the RFI by themselves, this is super, super wonderful we had 230 unique applications. Of course, applicants applied for multiple tiers so we have more applications by specific tiers, but again 230 unique applications. So, in tier for tier 1 you can see the breakdown of applications for that specific Borough, and next to the Borough in parenthesis you can see how many TRIE Neighborhoods we have in that Borough. Really exciting for example, we have 14 applications to cover one Staten Island TRIE Neighborhood that is really incredible and we're excited to parse through those. Tier 2, those demographic groups you can see the number of applications to cover which high priority population. And tier 3 which is our open call we kind of broke down the applications in these applicant types so you can see 7 different libraries applied to hold idea generations in their branch. We had schools apply we had 2 CUNY campuses apply, community boards, civic block associations, music academies, so we're really excited to

mold the idea generation into their own kind of streams of work and community engagement.

And on the next slide I chat a little bit about strategy two. Which is about investing in civic infrastructure. Of course when we engage variety of partners whether CBO or local civic group. We're not only asking them and supporting them, to facilitate the idea generation sessions themselves but we're also hoping to build their own technical training and support by employing the trainer model where we're kind of connecting them to different resources and skills. So, for example, we want to host different trainings on project management software that we use like air table or different social media trainings. Or how to build a coalition, how to build effective websites things like that where we can kind of be the bridge between various skill development and our partners who then will take that training and spread it amongst their own coalitions as well. So, we're super excited to build civic leaders in the process. And support their own leadership development.

So, is in the next slide I will pass it to Wendy to go over the last few strategies.

»» Thank you, for strategy three learning has been certainly a really high priority and has been ongoing subject of conversation thinking about all the ways that we can embed learning as part of the participatory budgeting process. And so,

we want to ensure that as part of these idea generation sessions that there is a robust opportunity to demystify some information about budget about the city budget in general. Which often times can be hard to get clear information about spending priorities and how the city spends their funding. And this being one way to kind of provide context and grounding, both for again what city funding priorities are, how do we spend our public dollars, and secondly, understanding what type of community need information exists out there available, how do we make that accessible how do we make that understandable and be able to have conversations about what we see, what is shared, what is statistically available. And what does that mean for folks in their own communities and to have that conversation and that dialogue, which is really key going back to some of our goals include building civic leaders bridging gap and knowledge about public spending. We're also very mindful that this is an opportunity to bring people together for people to have conversations, and we want to make sure it is engaging so we're also looking to create innovative ways to sort of gamify the conversation and gamify that space, so people feel energized and we have people moving, so it isn't sort of just kind of PowerPoint presentation. That may kind of fall flat but is an opportunity again for people to pique their curiosity to invite conversation and to again, give people the opportunity to learn more about community needed

information that is so critical to thinking about how they want to spend this particular pot of money and, what are their priorities.

Then the fourth strategy, which is certainly related to the third, is again in addition to learning again the conversation deliberation, having that conversation so that it isn't just necessarily brain storming, but coming out of an idea generation session that there is a conversation about the idea itself, the ideas themselves, is there in trying to arrive at more of a collective effort of what ideas does the group want to put forward. And learning from one another maybe folks came in with a very specific idea in mind maybe after having that conversation they felt a little differently about the kinds of ideas and projects that they wanted to move forward. But giving that opportunity and that space to have the dialogue is really critical. And again we're grog to be building out a facilitator guide to equip all of these organizations, and provide them with materials and trainings and devices to make those sessions really productive and engaging and interesting.

Then finally, this is still ongoing but we're building our awareness campaign really important this is our first year, citywide PB there are certainly a lot of people through out the city never heard of participatory budgeting being able to come up with clear language where people can understand what that is.

Ways of talking about it, that makes it really relevant. And speaks again to raising people's voices and priorities that people have something really concrete at the end of the day, they are able to be a part of. So we will be thinking through all the ways which we can get the word out effectively, can looking at leveraging our relationships with the city and where we can get the word out, low cost certainly, bus shelters, taxi, so forth. Potentially subway ads branding, making fun merchandise to share out to kind of spark conversation. Social media kits that is something that we'll continue to build and create and share out broadly, so folks can send it out through their networks all of those partnerships we spoke about earlier, we will be sharing those social media tool kits with. And then, just also, we do have our people's bus so we're think being ways in which to deploy our people's bus to support our outreach efforts and to bring that into the space. We do also we're also working on series of public service announcements. It's a really storytelling project which we've, I think alluded to earlier we want to share one of those PSAs we're still working through editing of course all of the ways we can disseminate and share out the stories we did want to share one with you all so you get a sense of the work that happened last year and how we're able to use that storytelling and narrative as a way of again sort of bringing participatory budgeting into line — making that very

visible and real and as a way of encouraging folks to participate and be interested in being a part of process, I'm going to turn it over to Lexi to play hopefully we'll not have technical issues and we will all be able to hear and see.

»» Let me know if you can hear it.

»» We can't.

»» Not yet.

»» These were all produced by our artists and are dents in collaboration with Neighborhood coalition members we worked with last year —

No audio.

»» Just going to stop sharing and then reshare.

»» I also placed the link to the video in the chat in case it doesn't work out.

»» Still no in maybe can troubleshoot this — and share it later in the meeting it's up to everybody else.

»» I think that is right let's figure it out and maybe we can show it later I did put the video link to the chat. So people can watch on their own. If it doesn't work out.

So I want to turn next to thank you to the team for sharing all of this information. I would like to turn next to the resolution that we are going to vote on today. Related to the methodology and before we do that, just like are there any quick sort of questions on the deck itself?

»» Can I jump in?

» Yes.

»» Hello. I think the deck is great and good work. Amazing work on the team's side. I mentioned this before, and I think that we have to really have a intentional and honest conversation with the city and the agencies to make sure that we're putting in more money for folks to be able to be able to decide how resources are spent, not just on discretionary projects or capital projects but then DOT. Within DOE I know they are doing some of this within nitro within every agency we have 100 billion dollar budget in the city and we should be at least dedicating significantly more money. It should be a percentage of the budget dedicated to PB projects. But no comment on the resolution. And I'm happy to move it if no one else wants to.

»» Thank you for that comment, I actually wanted to go through the resolution text. Just to make sure that we all are on the same page.

»» Dr. Sarah Sayeed: Does anyone have any other questions before

we do that?

»» That is actually the question I want to be addressing so that would be helpful to go ahead and do that. —

»» Okay, so, can I be given permission to share my screen? Do I have that ability? I will try. Try.

Can folks see, my screen?

»» Yes.

»» Okay. So, what we're looking at today is a resolution related to the methodology that is focused primarily on the piece that is related to the Boroughs, the borrow based methodology, the Commissioner should have the text of this resolution in your email I'm going to go through it, it reads whereas the New York City civic engagement is charged with mission of enhancing civic participation in order to enhance civic trust and strengthen democracy in the New York City. Whereas commission is charged under section 3202 New York charter with implementing citywide participatory budgeting program to promote the participation of residents whereas commission ran from September 2021 to June 2022 first cycle of a participatory budgeting program, in 33 Neighborhoods hardest hit by COVID-19, resulting in the selection of programs that target a variety of community needs including programs that address hunger, mental health and gun violence and youth programming.

Whereas the commission intends to run Borough wide

participatory budgeting programs in Bronx Manhattan Queens Brooklyn Staten Island will entail solicitation professionals local projects voting and selection of projects for funding. And whereas the commission seeks to enhance civic engagement throughout the five Boroughs in particularly areas in the city with greatest need and whereas proposed funding methodology described below was developed with advice and feedback from the participatory budgeting advisory committee and the participatory budgeting intergovernmental group. Now therefore be it resolved that the commission adopts a proposed funding methodology as described in this resolution. Provided that such methodology may be subject to alteration in the course of future rule making. Such methodology sets forth target allocations per bow owe that may be adjusted as necessary. Sorry that was 1 and 2,3 Borough allocations shall be informed by weighted average of Borough population and percentage of Borough population below the poverty guidelines as set by the city poverty measure as follows.

The first step will be to calculate the city wide population that is ,1 hundred percent below poverty level. That should say 100%. Calculate — no, it is under. Sorry. Let me start over. Calculate the city wide population that is under one-hundred percent poverty level. Calculate the Borough population that is under one-hundred percent poverty level for each Borough. C

calculate the percent of Borough population that is under one-hundred percent poverty level based on the citywide population that is below 100% poverty level and allocate the funding proportional to percent of Borough population that is under 100% poverty level.

So, that is the text of the resolution. And I'm going to, should I keep the text up? During discussion? If there is any question or comment about it or should I stop sharing?

»» If you can leave it up for a second that might be helpful.

» All right. May I jump in.

»» Yes, go ahead.

» Thanks. This is Mark Diller in the third, whereas I have a small addition I hope is not controversial. Which is afterwards, it says the 33 Neighborhoods hardest hit by COVID-19 I believe it is the case that those are the ones that were identified by the TRIE by the task force on racial inclusion and equity I would propose that we add that phrase. As identified by TRIE. Because it is their work not ours and B it's appropriate to give credit where credit is due. I hope it's not controversial. And then, under the resolve portions of it, I'm just a little bit concerned or curious about item number 2. About adjusting these as necessary is that intended to refer to future fiscal years, or is that intended to say that as we go along in the current fiscal year that is under consideration we may move these things

around. I certainly think it is fair to learn and change as we go from year to year. But the engagement path.

(AUDIO INTERRUPTED) Here's our process for this year, but we may change it as we go along. I would have a concern about that unless I'm miss reading or misunderstanding. Thanks.

»» Thank you Mark. We can certainly consider adding that clarification on the TRIE then, on number 2 it was meant to look forward, into the future cycles of this process to see whether we want to make adjustments.

»» In item number 2, maybe it would make sense to may be adjusted in future cycle as necessary or something like that. So, that we don't we clarify that aspect of it. If that is acceptable for my colleagues?

»» That is correct.

»» Does the team PB team want to comment on this? Any questions, any responses to the concerns? Raised by Mark?

»» I mean that makes sense to me I think we can circle back with our legal counsel and make the proposed changes.

»» Is there any other comment or discussion about — this? So we are talking here about adding, going to do this as we're.

»» Sarah this is Amy.

»» Yeah.

»» Hi Amy.

»» Hi. I've mentioned this before and I just want to state it again that I think this is really great to set up the process, I think my concern remains the metrics by which we evaluate and so, when you talk about revising, I think I worry that the metrics can constantly be bouncing around for measuring success. So, I think we just need to kind of focus in on what are the metrics and how we're going to look at those. And then, adjust according to those metrics.

» Yeah. So, that is a really good point and important point for us to discuss as a reminder to everybody, this initial sort of resolution is just covering the beginning of the process for idea generation and we're going to be having another resolution and more discussion as the process proceeds where we'll be talking about different phases of the program and I don't know if again the PB team do you want to say anything about in response to the point that was just raised?

»» I think we would just Amy it would be we would really appreciate if you would be willing or interested to join us in the evaluation committee we're working through those questions of establishing metrics and again working with outside evaluator. So if that is something that you would be interested in helping us to nail down I think that would be really helpful.

»» Yeah I would absolutely like to do that. Thank you and I did

understand that this resolution was to set it up I'm just thinking ahead in terms of measuring success.

» Yeah, — that's maybe that we can make sure that in the next cycle of this we kind of or next sorry, next time we discuss the methodology we can bring in this piece of it and elaborate more clearly on the metrics. And how we might think about it, including those in adjustments. It's a little bit thinking similar to our poll site, methodology, where we set it up and propose a resolution and now we're thinking about kind of revising it based on utilization, which is one of our metrics. So, it would be really great to explicitly build this in into the next round, when we do have a resolution another resolution to vote on.

»» Could I jump in on that for eye second because I'm a little bit confused Amy maybe you can help me with, are you proposing, with respect to metrics how projects are evaluated as whether they are successful as against their goals, or whether the numbers we're talking about are the way in which we allocate dollars as referenced in this resolution.

»» Thank you Commissioner Diller I think I'm actually speaking to both of those metrics.

» So, just to try to cover that point, as I understand it, from what Dr. Sarah Sayeed just said we'll have a future resolution with respect to in effect the metrics that relate to

implementation and success, or areas to learn. So that sounds like that covers that aspect of it. Is there an adjustment to this resolution you would propose with respect to the funding allocation part that that speaks to the part of your concern? I'm just not sure what I want to be helpful but not sure how.

»» Yeah, I don't think we've defined those metrics right now to put into this resolution, but, we need to constantly be looking at how we're allocating and how we're divvying things up. If the system, the process is working. So, I don't know how to put it into this one right now, Mark I'm sorry, but, I just want to make sure that we're not constantly adjusting to new found metrics that somewhere we have to kind of codify or decide on what the metrics are for the methodology of how we're distributing money.

»» Yeah —

»» Go ahead.

»» Sorry I was going to just propose, initially when we laid out the phases our thinking is that we could arrive at the allocation so we can be clear about the pots of money we have to work with and we can be communicating with residents about the amount of money we have to work with, so we can develop project ideas that are in line with that and again that is also really critical to messaging being able to talk about the process implementation and where it's being implemented how it is being

implemented. Our vision was that we would come back to the Commissioners with sort of second phase items that we would envision having as a subsequent resolution, it makes sense to us to think that metrics be a part of that and that we are setting ourselves up for success and are agreed that we're working towards certain goals and outcome and have our metrics agreed upon. So, I'm wondering if there is a scenario where we're able to move forward with an agreed understanding of how we're going to distribute the funding. And be able to come back to not later in a year, but subsequent to lay out our plan for evaluation, which we're still working through and again, having Amy I think you would be a part of that would be really helpful because we're looking to have that squared away in the next month or so.

»» So, I'm sorry I can't see everyone on my screen, I don't know if anyone has their hand raised. Or would like to add any more discussion points about the resolution?

Abby, does anyone else have their hand raised.

»» No, I don't see anyone so —

» Okay. So, I'm assuming that means there is no further comment or questions I would like to stop sharing my screen if that's okay.

»» Can I call a question.

» Oh, yes.

»» Could I jump in one last time on that.

» Yeah.

»» Thanks.

»» Mark Diller: I did note that to Amy's really good point. Especially in the proposed amendment is a adopted. It is broad enough the metrics discussion Amy was raising so, I would be comfortable voting, I share Amy's concern I can't claim to have thought it up but I share and appreciate it. I think the resolution is drafted, has just enough room in it to make that part of the work going forward so that we're not ignoring an important point. So, I would be comfortable voting in favor of it, but I defer to Amy on the last word on that because I want to make sure that that impression of mine fits within what Amy was raising because I would hate to leave that very important point hanging.

»» Thank you, Mark I think as it stands now, I think it's fine. And I think we, if we find it necessary to put in more specific language, we can do that. But at the moment I don't know what that specific language would be. So, I don't want to delay the process.

»» So, I think we need to make a motion to approve the edits. Right? And then, is it another vote on the edited version.

»» Actually under the rules if you move the —

»» Edits.

»» If you move edits, it becomes a subsequent resolution if they carry then the resolution carries. If they don't carry then you take a second vote on the original resolution.

»» Got it thank you for clarifying that.

»» I make a motion to accept the resolution with the edits.

»» Second.

»» All in favor of approving the edits to the resolution?

»» Aye.

»» Any opposed?

»» Say nay.

»» Okay. So, the resolution is passed with the edits and we will share that with the law department and post the edited version as well. So, now we have I think we can start a few minutes earlier on the public comment period. I know that several people had signed up email does to make comments so we can start a little bit earlier with that. So, first, company Abby do you want to call on people the order they registered by email I don't know if anyone texted you or signed up in the chat in addition?

»» Yes. Sure. Nobody texted me, I didn't see anything in the chat.

»» Okay.

»» If anybody wants to let us know now.

»» Sure, Terry.

»» Okay.

»» That's fine. If you want to assign up Terry I had asked people to sign up by 12. So, we technically we really can't allow more people but I will make an exception to you Terry because I'm not even sure if everyone that signed up —

»» Dr. —

»» Terry already signed up.

»» Oh, perfect.

»» Perfect, email. Okay. Sorry.

»» It's okay.

»» Please call on people in the order they emailed and I will let you have the floor, thank you company Abby.

»» Perfect a reminder due to the number of comments we ask your comment be three minutes or under. And I will be timing it. So, first up we have Joan Alexander, Docaridium, Joan are you still on the call?

»» Looks like I joined in the nick of time.

»» Perfect (LAUGHTER).

»» Just confirming that we're speaking now in support of lowering the age?

»» Any comment you would like, lowering the age that was our previous public hearing.

»» Okay.

»» But yeah.

»» Go ahead, yeah, any comments — on the meeting so far?

»» Oh, okay. So I think maybe it is possible for me to go a bit after because I literally just joined I can speak ad nauseam for many, many hours of value of the distributive budgeting I need a moment to get my bearings.

» Sure, sure, next we have Fadyi Muhama.

»» Sorry, how are you, I'm good, I'm — I don't have any comments.

» Oh, okay.

»» Sorry.

» Thank you.

»» No worries.

» And then.

»» Well maybe —

»» (LAUGHTER).

»» Just wanted to make sure.

»» I'm good, everything I wanted to has been covered thank you so much.

»» Cindy Bahi, did you have any comments.

»» Hi everybody good afternoon. I participated in the last project for the PB people's money. And I'm just wondering is this a wider length of the city, or will it still be the same zip codes, or — you know — I'm just a little confused as to

how it would be this time. Will it be the same? Will we be should be chosen is it the same zip code we had before? I know you guys said you are widening it up. I was trying to listen to everything you guys were saying I was a little confused as to what was going on. And I said well I guess I have to work with you guys in terms of being an employee to understand the verbiage. We did have a great time people said they were excited being a part of making the decision on what exactly the money would be spent on. My particular zip code when which was the Belmont East Tremont area, we narrowed it down to a college prep course, which was absolutely amazing and they keep asking me are we going to have another one are we going to do more some of our kids don't know about scholarships, blah blah, just wondering if it would be able to use the same zip code or will you have it be something different or —

»» I want to just acknowledge first, the general comment then turn to the PB team Cindy I want to thank you for raising the question and also reminding us about how we're presenting and talking with us about sort of the lingo we're using I think this is one of the things we really need to continue to intentionally think about and bridge the gap because we're very aware that this, that the PB space and civic engagement generally can turn into some of this technical speak. That and we need to be mindful of being speaking in plain English and being accessible

I want to thank you for reminding us about that I just want to turn to the PB team to answer the question about focus area.

»» Chair if I might interject I think we should start calling it in public meetings participatory budgeting because PB is also, if not, if everyone is not familiar with that, we can lose people that way as well.

» Thank you for that. Yes.

»» Wendy you're on mute.

»» Oh, thank you. Sorry. Apologies. Yeah, we certainly I would echo the concerns of the jargon used in the space I think even the term participatory budgeting may not be the most descriptive or accessible that is something we continue to work through. And look to folks to help us think about ways to talk about it. I will just very high level, try and break down I think answer to your question, Cindy, you can certainly reach out to us directly we can have further conversation if it is still unclear. But to answer your question, we're continuing to run local process in the same way we ran last year again we want to maintain that same process will there be similar groupings of zip codes some slight adjustments TBD that are being made by the task force. And then otherwise, there is a Borough based process imagine there will be five ballots one for each Borough, in addition there will be 33 ballots for each TRIE Neighborhood if you live in one of those Neighborhoods TRIE Neighborhood you'll have the

opportunity to vote in local process same way you did last year. You'll also have the opportunity to participate in Borough based process for the entire Borough, if you live in the Bronx in a TRIE Neighborhood those are two ballots you can vote on and participate in, come up with ideas. If you do not live in one of those TRIE Neighborhoods you'll be participating again in your Borough based process I hope that does explain it again there is five Borough based ballots then 33 local ballots same process as last year, essentially, expanded process is the Borough based process.

»» Also to clarify again that we're doing an expanded process because civic engagement commission is charged in the charter with running a citywide participatory budgeting program. So, this is why we need to expand citywide. And make it more accessible to people.

»» One more question, Cindy again. So, the budget is going to be less than what was given last year? Is that —

»» Well no, actually we'll actually clarify with you and be directly in touch with you further about it, just to make sure we cover the comments from other participants. Cindy if that's okay we'll be in touch with you off line.

»» No problem. Thank you so much.

»» Thank you, Cindy.

»» You're welcome.

»» Great. Thank you Cindy. So, next up we have Ebony Smalls is Ebony still here? Going once, going twice?

Okay. And then we have Ofsen Omere, are you still here? Or Ebony, no? I guess we will move on to, Terry, thank you for your patience.

»» I wanted to say that, a lesson learned from the past year's process. Was that profound impact that PB had on young people 6th graders 7th graders 8th grader that were able to vote. And we took that to some of the local schools and actually made presentations in classrooms and did small group breakdown and the kids voted. I would just suggest as we do this, that we think about maybe either some suggestions as to how to engage young people, or suggestions about how to engage the schools or sending a letter out to the schools from the commission saying this is happening. And this is a wonderful idea for your social studies classes to be involved in something that makes the connection. Because you can get hundreds of kids to vote, just in one intermediate school. And I just wanted to put that out there, that it's really important for a lot of the children that we went to, most of them had immigrant parents who did not have the right to vote. They did vote in the participatory budgeting but for them this was like the first time the family was voting in something. It had another layer of significance. So, I would just encourage I encourage to encourage us structurally to go to

schools and work with the schools to be able to get them to participate in the voting process.

»» Great. Thank you so much!

And last up, we have Dandi Mckella.

»» Are you here.

»» Yes, I'm here, thank you.

»» I would like to acknowledge the civic engagement commission –
– excuse me.

»» Would like to acknowledge the New York City civic commission and Commissioners greetings my name is Dandi pronouns him and I'm a proud, LGBTQIA+ veteran and homeowner in longwood point. And community district two of the Bronx New York. I have lived in New York City since 1982. After my shift change home ports to Brooklyn. A New York City better street vendor since 204 selling general merchandise and food. Following tradition upholding honoring history and opportunity that vending in New York State has provided to veterans since 1894. Purely serves as New York City Civic Engagement Commission advisory committee member since 2019 consider myself a veteran for PB now. Excited to be a part of this meaningful group of like-minded individuals, striving to make a difference in our community citywide. I came today, I came before you today, because I support New York City civic engagement commission plan for phase one of citywide PB. Participatory budgeting, having lived in three of the five

Boroughs as a resident I see areas that change to uplift situations but where would funding come from to effect initiatives. Not to mention how one person's voice could be heard and considered with others who may have access to funding. A challenge which I believe is addressed in the citywide participatory budgeting plan phase 1. Funding methodology and approach towards our goals and design principles along with other steps will produce a learning experience to build out and strengthen participatory budgeting. Making our city better place for all who lives and wants to share in this vision. The veteran population in New York City has declined from 2 hundred-thousand to 165. Initiatives to — departure and attract veterans are needed I believe participatory budgeting can play a role in the future in this area. More LGBTQ+ initiatives are needed. Now as New York City street vendors look over the horizon, commissaries, which falls under capital projects are greatly needed in the city. Over 8 million people currently only 104 in existence. While in leadership role, had the pleasure to assist plaza, — on 160th street in Manhattan city counselor, (names) met her constituents in district on Sundays there. —

» Sorry, it's a 3 minute limit so I'm going to ask you to finish if there is any closing so sorry.

»» Not a problem it is, I just want to say thank you, thank you for your time and allowing me the time to be a part of this

public hearing.

» Great. Thank you so much for sharing your experience.

Appreciate it! I know Joan, did you want to make a comment now?

»» Yes, please.

»» I will be brief. I just want — good afternoon everyone thank you so much for putting together this meeting and for everyone's active participation. I just wanted to clarify that this is indeed about the expansion of PB across the other Boroughs, so, expanding from the TRIE Neighborhoods, yes? Okay. So, I hear it already part of my question part of my commentary being addressed I would like to just extend gratitude to terry for amplifying the youth piece. But I do know that part of the commission's work is voter protection. So you're quite aware of what the, what the current landscape looks like for voter outreach how people are, voter engagement has waned, so I would like to just maybe amplify and remind that as we heard about the youth and Dandi has done a great job making sure we consider the veteran piece we also make sure we have a plan for seniors and justice involved neighbors that are within these communities because they are usually the ones that we don't always hear from. So, as we're crafting our plan to engage not only in terms of getting ideas, so question we engage on the vote piece, but engage on getting ideas to hear from the people that we don't usually hear from. I just want to make sure that we remember to

do this piece. Because if we — get their voice included, based on the experiences that we've had because I've been doing this since we were the first four — city council groups to do it, once we engage the community and hear from them then it's a bit less of a pulling teeth to get them to vote on it as well. So, thank you for listening to me and I wish everyone a great rest of your summer looking forward to what happens next as we implement what we need to implement. Thank you!

» Great. Thank you so, so much! Dr. Sarah Sayeed I think that is everybody.

»» Okay. Terrific. Thank you so much, Joan for that comment as well. For just for everyone's awareness and reminder we do have charter guidelines about including the populations that you mentioned, Joan. So we are going to be very mindful of that and also build that into the RFI that went out to make sure that we had applicants who were working specifically with the populations that we are we know we must include in this process. So, thank you for reminding us of that. I'm deeply grateful to everybody who is a member of the participatory budgeting advisory committee. You have been with us for the long haul for this process. Even when we were struggling in terms of like No the having an allocation trying to figure out how we were going

to have this citywide PB process happen and being really thoughtful in continuing to give us advice and we're at a moment now where we are actually going to be doing citywide PB and really excited to have you continue as part of that journey with us.

So, let's see — are there, is there anything else that anyone wants to say because I think we're sort of near the ending point of the meeting.

»» I just want to say, Chair that I really appreciate all the work that the staff has been doing. And the work really shows in the deck. And also, to those from the public who participated today. It is really nice to see more people coming in and participating and I hope to continue to move in the right direction with participation, sorry it is getting lunch time, I think. But I just wanted to thank everyone.

»» Thank you!

Yes, I definitely echo the thanks that, I'm really grateful to all the people who are here, the members of public who are here we would love to have you come and join our meetings more often. We're always looking to build participation, I think members, conducting business in public, so I want to have more and more people be aware of what the CEC is working on and become interested in it. So, please spread the word. And encourage

others to continue to join us in the future as well.

I think, —

»» Much Natalie has her hand up, thank you just to echo what you said I want to say sometimes these meetings they are necessary they are a necessary part of the process they can feel a bit tedious at times for the public. But, public comment really is my favorite piece of this process. And just a little self-aggrandizing for my Borough, I'm so happy to see Staten Island so well-represented in this meeting thank you to Flynn and Terry, Deb from the — CC I'm thrilled to see, Staten Island represented, so well in this meeting thanks.

»» One thing I was going to note, actually the at the beginning when we were having our public meetings. We did not have a comment period at the end of the meeting. There's a difference as you may know between public meetings and public hearings. Public hearings are all about comment. Then public meetings are just sort of like the conducting our business in public there is no opportunity for the public to really say anything. And so, we added the 30 minute comment at the end. To facilitate community participation. So I'm really glad that we chose to do that. Because it's not always that line between hearing and meeting can I think to me, we could — I think it's important to integrate public participation even in the meetings. So, I'm really glad that we chose to do that from the beginning.

Or early on. Rather because at the beginning we didn't have that. (LAUGHTER).

»» Dr. Sarah Sayeed I know we're coming to a close here, I just wondered if we were able to solve the audio folks would want to stick around for the video we tried to play previously.

»» Yeah, that's great I think we have a few minutes. Thank you!

»» Are you going to play it, Wendy.

»» Nope.

»» (LAUGHTER).

»» Lexi.

»» It's on deck to do it, if I'm not mistaken.

»» You want me to try or do you want to try, Lexi.

»» Fingers crossed and making no promises, we'll see.

»» Could everyone hear that.

»» Yeah.

»» Perfect.

(MUSIC PLAYING).

»» My name is Mon Yuck, Vice President at the Public Health Services based in Brooklyn. We have a very mixed community here in sunset park many are undocumented. Some are new immigrants.

Some are TPS or DACA recipients because of that many of them don't have that opportunity to participate in their own Government system.

»» I think it's a really great question. Something new that we learned is that, I was actually surprised. I was very surprised with the number of people that participated and were willing to vote. We were on the streets we were tabling we went up and down lines and explained the projects to community members. People were interested. That means that this is significant investment. I think people's money has activated a new sense of engagement. It's allowed our community to see what their voice can actually do. And that their voice their votes actually matter. And this is at the heels of OCUV. Our city our vote passing. And really giving our communities a taste of what voting actually means.

And again, the impact that their votes can have. Our winning project was focused on mental health. So, it was very obvious that mental health was already a huge issue in sunset park. Particularly because of COVID-19. People spoke to us. They told us, I've had family members that really suffered during COVID, a lot of seniors felt isolated we had family members that really suffered in their relationships, or I had lost my significant other and my child is suffering from that loss. And his behavior is changing. We hear a lot of that. And you know I think we were able to bring this all together. When we were thinking about

these projects with our community partners. This investment in resources this investment in being able to have centered conversation on a project that centers conversations around mental health is so important because especially immigrant communities there is a huge stigma on seeking mental health services, we know in order for to us destigmatize it. We really need to put it out there. And let people know that this is something that we all face. This is something that you can seek help for. So I think this is just a really incredible way for us to tackle an issue that we've been seeing while coordinating across a number of partners and it has also allowed us to build up coalition to work on projects outside of peoples money in the future.

(MUSIC PLAYING) .

Amazing, thank you so much for that! I think what I want to say in part of shifting, is telling a different story.

This is going to be a really important part of how we make participatory budgeting come alive. And it is, I think that this story of the diversity of people who participate in processes like PB, is actually, needs to be told in a better way. So we're hoping that we can address that gap. A little bit more. So, yes, in closing again I want to thank everybody everyone on the CEC team, everyone at the Commissioners every one of the members of the public here in the participatory budgeting committee members

who are here and not here, thank you so much again. And if there are no further thoughts or concerns to raise, we can look forward to connecting with people in the next meeting. Where we'll be talking more about the methodology to provide language assistance at poll sites. And would like to ask, I would like to entertain a motion to adjourn if no one else has anything to raise.

»» So moved.

»» Do I hear a second.

»» Okay, great all in favor?

»» Aye.

»» Any opposed?

»» Okay hearing none, motions carried and we are adjourning for today and we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Thank you very much everyone!

»» Thank you!

»» Bye bye!

»» Bye!

Thank you, bye!