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3	REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING
4	FRANCHISE AND CONCESSION REVIEW COMMITTEE
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6 7	Held Remotely Via Microsoft Teams Conference Call
8	February 7, 2023 2:40 p.m.
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11	REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING in the
12	above-referenced matter, held via videoconference at
13	the above time, before Sabrina Brown Stewart, a
14	Notary Public of the State of New York.
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     ALLISON STODDART
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      Clerk:
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      KIMBERLY EGBERT
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      Office of Management and Budget:
      YVONNE QUINTIAN
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      Office of the Mayor:
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      Corporation Counsel:
      KENISHA SUTTON
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      Borough President of Bronx:
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      TOM LUCANIA
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      Borough President of Manhattan:
      TOMI VEST
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      Borough President of Queens:
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      ALLAN SWISHER
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      Borough President of Staten Island:
      LAUREN LEFKOWITZ
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     Department of Transportation:
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     RACHEL FRUMIN
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MS. EGBERT: Hello. This is Kimberly
Egbert, Clerk for the FCRC. Before we get
started with today's proceedings, I'd like to
confirm that everyone can hear me clearly.

MS. STODDART: Yes.

MS. EGBERT: Thank you.

Microsoft Teams conference call, and we ask that all attendees announce their names for the record each time they speak on the call, for ease of transcription. If you are not speaking, we ask that you mute your microphone to avoid background noises during the call. Only one person should be speaking at any given time. I will direct, should there be any conflict.

Chair, we are ready to begin.

MS. STODDART: Good afternoon, and thank you all for being here. My name is Allison Stoddart, Chair of the FCRC. The Franchise and Concession Review Committee Remote Public Hearing will now come to order.

Will the Clerk please call the roll?

MS. EGBERT: Mayor?

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2	MS. STODDART: Allison Stoddart,
3	present.
4	MS. EGBERT: Office of the Mayor?
5	MS. LIU: Ya-Ting Liu, present.
6	MS. EGBERT: Comptroller?
7	(No response).
8	MS. EGBERT: Let the record reflect
9	Comptroller is not present.
10	Corporation Counsel?
11	MS. SUTTON: Kenisha Sutton, present.
12	MS. EGBERT: Office of Management and
13	Budget?
14	MS. QUINTIAN: Yvonne Quintian,
15	present.
16	MS. EGBERT: President, Borough of the
17	Bronx?
18	MR. LUCANIA: Tom Lucania, present.
19	MS. EGBERT: President, Borough of
20	Brooklyn?
21	(No response).
22	MS. EGBERT: Let the record reflect,
23	President, Borough of Brooklyn is not
24	present.
25	President, Borough of Manhattan?

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2	MS. VEST: Tomi Vest, present.
3	MS. EGBERT: President, Borough of
4	Queens?
5	MR. SWISHER: Allan Swisher, present.
6	MS. EGBERT: President, Borough of
7	Staten Island?
8	MS. LEFKOWITZ: Lauren Lefkowitz,
9	present.
10	MS. EGBERT: Representative, Department
11	of Transportation.
12	MS. FRUMIN: (Inaudible).
13	MS. STODDART: Kim, did you get the
14	last name?
15	MS. EGBERT: Yes, it's Rachel Frumin
16	MS. FRUMIN: (Inaudible) here on my
17	end.
18	MS. STODDART: Great.
19	Welcome to this remote public hearing
20	of the Franchise and Concession Review
21	Committee. The hearing being conducted today
22	has been publicly advertised in accordance
23	with the New York City Charter and Concession
24	Rule of the City of New York.
25	We want to be sure that anyone desiring

1 2 to be heard has an opportunity to do so. We are registering individuals now for later 3 4 testimony. Those registered will be called upon to testify after their calendar item has 5 been called. All persons wishing to speak, 6 7 must now provide their name, affiliation, indicate which calendar items they wish to 8 9 testify on and whether they are for or 10 against said item, to the Clerk at this time. 11 MS. LEVY: Do we give our name now? 12 MS. STODDART: Yes, please. 13 MS. EGBERT: Yes. 14 MS. LEVY: Okay. Magdalena Levy, and 15 I'm from La Catrina Flower Studio in DUMBO, and I'm against the concessions for the 16 Triangle to Dumbo BID and the DOT. 17 18 MS. STODDART: Thank you. 19 Does anyone else wish to testify? 20 MS. QUINN: Yes. My name is Suzanne 21 Quinn, with a Q. I'm a Dumbo resident. I'm 2.2 speaking on that calendar item. I don't 23 know, actually, if I'm speaking for or against, but I'd like to hear the hearing and 24 25 then have the opportunity to speak.

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2	MS. STODDART: Thank you.
3	MS. EGBERT: Does anyone else wish to
4	testify?
5	(No response).
6	MS. EGBERT: It appears that no one
7	else from the public wishes to testify at
8	this hearing.
9	MS. STODDART: Thank you.
10	Each speaker will be allotted
11	approximately three minutes. When you
12	testify, please restate your name and
13	affiliation, if any. You may also submit
14	written testimony to the Clerk, which will be
15	made part of the record. Any written
16	submissions must be given to the Clerk before
17	the close of the remote public hearing, via
18	e-mail, to FCRC@MOCS.NYC.GOV, and will be
19	provided to the committee after the hearing.
20	Will the Clerk please call the first
21	calendar item?
22	MS. EGBERT: New York City Department
23	of Transportation, Calendar Item Number 1:
24	In the matter of the intent to seek Franchise
25	and Concession Review Committee approval,

1 pursuant to Section 1-16 of the Concession 2 Rules of the City of New York, to utilize a 3 4 different procedure, to enter into a license agreement with Dumbo District Management 5 Association Incorporated, to provide for the 6 7 operation and management of a pedestrian plaza, located on Pearl Street, Water Street 8 and Anchorage Place, including a portion of 9 10 the pedestrian area under the Manhattan 11 Bridge arch, in the borough of Brooklyn and 12 maintenance and/or repair of certain 13 amenities installed within the license plaza. 14 The license provides for one five-year 15 term, commencing upon written notice to proceed, which may be renewed for up to two 16 additional five-year terms, exercisable at 17 18 the sole discretion of DOT. 19 MS. STODDART: We will take testimony 20 from the public. But first, I'd like to ask 21 the members of the committee if they have any 2.2 statements? 23 (No response). 24 MS. STODDART: Hearing none, will the 25 Clerk please call the next person who wishes

to testify.

the record.

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provide your full name and affiliation for

MS. LEVY: Sure.

So, basically, I'm here on behalf of my flower shop, La Catrina Flower Studio, and I'm also here as a resident. So, basically, I'm against this concession to the Dumbo BID in the DOT, because every decision that they take really affect not only my business, my everyday living here in Dumbo.

MS. EGBERT: Magdalena Levy, please

They already -- it seems that every time they get more power, they're getting more money, they're getting now this triangle. I don't know -- I want to see, I want to hear how it will be used and will they cause traffic. Because, as we know now, they're already organizing open streets here in Dumbo, which greatly affects traffic. And that shall not be allowed in a tiny neighborhood that already has a lot of influx with tourism and a lot of traffic.

I'm really bracing for the warm weather

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when they close the street again, and it will just be so chaotic, again, not only for my business, but also for just delivering groceries. My business is really affected because we get stuck in traffic for little deliveries, even just to Brooklyn Heights. A big arrangement cannot be walked, so we have to drive.

And we really get stuck in traffic here in Dumbo for up to half an hour just to go a few blocks, and I think that's really arbitrary. I end up paying full -- more overtime to my driver, and it's just really not cost-effective for me. I really, really need someone to help. Before they give more and more power to the Dumbo BID, why can't we just organize Dumbo before you give them another triangle?

So, I just basically need help making this happen, so we can all live in peace. Of course, they can do their own thing, but in a way that doesn't affect businesses or residents. I do know for a fact that other business owners do not agree with the closure

1 of Washington Street. And basically, well, 2 I'm here speaking just for myself, but I do 3 4 not agree. MS. EGBERT: One minute remaining. 5 MS. LEVY: Thank you. 6 7 MS. EGBERT: Thank you. Suzanne Quinn, can you please provide 8 your full name and affiliation for the 9 10 record. 11 MS. QUINN: Hi. My name is Suzanne 12 Quinn. I'm a resident of Dumbo, and I'm also 13 on the steering committee for Dumbo Action 14 Committee, which is our neighborhood 15 organization, speaking on behalf of myself today. 16 17 I wanted to come and learn more, as I 18 understand that the BID has had a license, in 19 part at least, for the space. So, I was 20 interested to learn how this latest action 21 might be different from that. We are in a 2.2 very small neighborhood geographically, 23 Dumbo, and I think most people outside of the 24 immediate neighborhood don't realize that the 25 neighborhood has changed a lot.

now outnumber businesses.

Specifically, what I mean by that is that

Dumbo is now, first and foremost, a

residential neighborhood. It's the second

highest residential growth in all of the

City, through the last census. And residents

Yes, the BID definitely has a very big footprint in the neighborhood. A block and a half away, we have an open street that is taking over one of our another street that is also run by the BID. So, I do have concerns about actions like this, and it's important for me to have the voice of the residents on record. When -- you know, with this in concert with the open street, having the BID have so much control over the different areas.

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The piece that con -- so, I don't know, actually, so one of the questions in terms of how this application is different than what's been happening up until now on the triangle and under the bridge, that was the question, and the piece that I really object to is the part at the end of the application or

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2	whatever we're calling this, where it says,
3	"It will provide for one five-year term,
4	which may be renewed up to two additional
5	five-year terms exercisable at the sole
6	discretion of DOT."
7	I have a huge problem with that, that
8	this can go on forever without having
9	MS. EGBERT: One minute remaining.
10	MS. QUINN: Yes.
11	So, I have a huge problem that this
12	license, if you will, can go on in perpetuity
13	without having community input. A lot
14	happens in a neighborhood, in an area in
15	five years. So, that is the piece that I am
16	most I feel most strongly about, but would
17	like some, you know, clarifications in
18	general.
19	Thank you.
20	MS. EGBERT: Thank you.
21	Is there anyone else who wishes to
22	testify?
23	(No response).
24	MS. EGBERT: Okay. We have now heard
25	all testimony on this calendar item.

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MS. STODDART: Thank you.

Before we conclude, I want to ask if any of the agencies, DOT, presenting a calendar item today, have any statements for the record, prior to the close of the hearing.

MS. FRUMIN: Hi, this is Rachel Frumin from Department of Transportation. My role here is director of concessions and franchises. I work closely with public space who provide an (inaudible) through the outreach and partnership to other (inaudible) programs.

And I will pass on their concerns about lack of community input and the open space -the open street program for -- the BID area covers a larger area than the concession that we're talking about here. So, you're welcome to reach out to DOT directly for any input.

I'd be happy to receive your input.

Thank you.

THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. This is the court reporter speaking. I had a lot of difficulties hearing that.

MS. LEVY: Yes.
MS. STODDART: Yes, agreed. I'd love
the contact information for the
MS. FRUMIN: I also have a tough
accent, so I apologize for the lack of
clarity here. Happy to write my statement
MS. LEVY: No, it's not your accent.
It's actually the connection.
MS. FRUMIN: Oh, okay. Good to know.
MS. STODDART: Could the DOT
representative, could you share contact
information? I think that was the question.
MS. LEVY: Yes.
MS. FRUMIN: Yes, my contact
information is CONCESSIONS@DOT.NYC.Gov.
MS. LEVY: Okay. And I'm sorry, your
name again?
MS. FRUMIN: Rachel Frumin.
MS. LEVY: Thank you.
MS. FRUMIN: First name is Rachel,
yeah.
MS. STODDART: Thank you.
If no one else wishes to speak, that
concludes today's hearing.

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2	We ask that the reporter make the
3	entire public hearing agenda, which was made
4	publicly available and distributed at this
5	hearing, part of the final record of the
6	proceeding.
7	The hearing is now closed. Thank you.
8	MS. EGBERT: Thank you, bye.
9	MS. STODDART: Thank you.
10	(TIME NOTED: 2:55 p.m.)
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6	COUNTY OF QUEENS)
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8	I, Sabrina Brown Stewart, a shorthand
9	reporter within and for the State of New York, do
10	hereby certify that the within is a true and
11	accurate transcript of the statement taken on
12	February 7, 2023.
13	I further certify that I am not related to
14	any of the parties to this action by blood or by
15	marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the
16	outcome of this matter.
17	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
18	hand this 14th day of February 2023.
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