STATE OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF ORANGE
ORANGE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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In the Matter of

UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY (UTEP)

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PUBLIC HEARING

Date: October 28, 2026
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Community Room
Orange County
Government Center
255 Main Street
Goshen, NY 10924

BOARD MEMBERS: JEFFREY CRIST, CHAIRMAN
LEIGH J. BENTON
MARC GREENE
LINDA MULLER (Absent)
VINCENT ODOCK
GIOVANNI PALLADINO
DEAN TAMBURRI

ALSO PRESENT: DANIEL G. BIRMINGHAM, ESQ.
MARTY BORRAS
WILLIAM HARRINGTON, ESQ
FELICIA KALAN
BRIAN SANVIDGE
LINO J. SCIARRETTA, ESQ
RUDOLPH ZODDA, ESQ.

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VICTORIA CHUMAS ARIAS
Court Reporter, CopyCAT Court Reporting

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Good afternoon, everybody. Welcome to the Orange County Industrial Development Agency's monthly meeting for October 28, 2026. I would like to call the meeting to order and ask everybody to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was Recited.)

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Thank you. One announcement, as I get ready to open the Public Hering, the agenda has changed, and there will be no action on Amazon tonight and no action on the UTEP adoption.

And with that, I would like to resume the Public Hearing for the Uniform Tax Exception Policy.

(Background Noise.)

Can we have quiet back there, please?

That hearing was opened last week, October 21, 2026. We received

comments last week. We received written comments in the following few days up until tonight, and I would just make note: This is about our Uniform Tax Exemption Policy proposed changes, not about any projects. We've already received comment, as I have noted. We still have a busy agenda of meetings tonight, so I would ask you to limit your comments to three minutes. And I guess that's it.

MR. SCIARRETTA: Just to reiterate, I see there's a lot of signs about the Amazon project. That's not what the Public Hearing is about. That being said, the Public Hearing is about the UTEP amendment that the Board is considering. And as a result of that, again, if you have a comment to say about Amazon, again, it's not about Amazon this evening; it's about the UTEP. You all have three minutes to speak. We

will have a timer. You'll be notified at the one minute mark when the one minute is left, okay? So with that being said, all of your -- I ask you to speak slowly because everything is being taken down by a stenographer. There she is over there. Please state your name, address for the record, for everyone who comes up, and state whatever you need to state. But again, I would appreciate and we would appreciate comments about the UTEP because this not a Public Hearing about the Amazon project. So with that being said...

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Thank you. And I would ask those who want to speak raise your hand, state your name, and spell your name for the stenographer, please. Who would like to speak tonight?

MS. MALICK: There is a sign-up sheet somewhere.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: I don't know

that that was intended for speaking. That's attendees.

MS. MALICK: I think everyone thought that, so...

MR. SCIARRETTA: So someone start it up, whoever wants to speak --

MS. MALICK: Where do we stand? I guess I will start. Give me one second because I thought we were going by that list, so I was not prepared to start. So my name is -- Pramilla Malick, and I am the Chair of Protect Orange County, as many of you have gotten our emails and our letters objecting to the Amazon project. And we further object to many aspects of UTEP, and we reject the framing and the representation that the policy is separate from the project because this policy is paper clipped to that project. And you just saying that it isn't doesn't just change the fact. Everyone knows

it's a backroom deal that was hashed out by you people, you know, capping warehouses at what the law already provides in exchange for the largest robotics warehouse in the country, one of the largest. In a small town of 7,000 residents, it's beyond absurd. So we will choose to say what we want to say. And we believe that they are two sides of the same coin, the Amazon project and UTEP, so we reserve our right to address it with that framing.

On the UTEP resolution, you passed and voted on language on August 19th. And then, at some point after the Public Hearing was announced, the language was changed with a new date, a November 1st date, that the public did not see in advance. And we object to that. We think you should vote on the language -- on the resolution that you voted on August 19th and strike the

November 1st date. So that's number one.

Number two, you know, this Hearing, there was no public announcement that, you know, you were going to have a continuation of the hearing.

MR. ZODA: One minute remaining.

MS. MALICK: Pardon?

MR. ZODA: One minute remaining.

MS. MALICK: Okay. All right. So anyway, we do not have the contract. We do not have the actual pilot agreement. The public does not have information in order to evaluate the policy and the project together, and we believe the policy and the project need to be evaluated together. And also, you can't sacrifice one community and then say, okay, we're going to cap the rest. That is unconstitutional. You are

basically protecting one segment of Orange County and sacrificing an entire other segment of Orange County.

The other thing is, yeah, Amazon does not meet your UTEP requirements. It cannot prove financial need. A trillion dollar company does not need one dime of subsidies. And you're right, you can't on one hand say that --

MR. ZODA: Time is up.

MS. MALICK: Orange County is saturated with warehouses and then let a 3.2 million dollar -- square foot robotics facility in Orange County.

MR. ZODA: Time's up.

MS. MALICK: You can't do that. Thank you.

(Court Reporter Speaking.)

MS. MALICK: Pramilla Malick, M-A-L-I-C-K.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Who else would

like to speak?

MR. TAMBURRI: Technicality. If someone spoke at the Hearing originally, they've already made their comment. So they should not be speaking today.

MR. SCIARRETTA: Yeah, that's true. If you've already spoke, unless you having something new to add, we already have your comment on the record. It's --

MS. MALICK: There is no such rule. There's no such rule. I'm sorry.

MR. SCIARRETTA: Next speaker.

MS. MALICK: You're making --

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Who would like to speak?

MS. CID: Hi. Good evening. My name is Vanessa. I'm a worker, organizer, and community organizer for the last eight years.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: What's your last name?

MS. CID: Vanessa Cid, C-I-D. (Unintelligible.)

(Background Noise.)

AUDIENCE Member: We can't hear.

MS. CID: Is my time also being paused for this?

(Court Reporter Speaking.)

MS. CID: Thank you. V-A-N-E-S-S-A, Cid, C-I-D. I'm here today because I have been working with a couple workers from a couple buildings in the Hudson Valley, specifically Amazon, that have been working to organize better working conditions and build towards their union. The UTEP amendment that is looking to be changed --

(Background Noise.)

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We need to stop. I can't hear.

MR. TAMBURRI: Sir, I realize you want to appease everybody, but the meeting started 10 minutes ago.

If people can't be here by 5:00 at the start of the meeting, they can stand in the back. We are going to continue on.

MS. MALICK: I'm sorry. That's --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's ridiculous.

MR. SCIARRETTA: Please start speaking. We paused your time. Continue. Thank you.

MS. CID: As I was saying, there is no reason why this amendment should even be happening to give a trillion dollar company a pilot so that they can promise X amount of jobs. They promised 800 jobs at SWF1. They promised 2,000 jobs ar SWF2. They have not been employing that amount of people. And the people that they have been employing, they purposely hire them as flex workers, meaning that they only work a minimum of four hours so that they

can get away with it and meet the subsidy. That's not right. This company does not deserve another trillion dollar -- this trillion dollar company does not deserve a tax break, which is why I'm bringing it back to Amazon because of this amendment. And I know that it comes back to that. All of this to say that workers are currently living out of their cars in the parking lots, single mothers that can't afford to make rent. They can't afford to live here in the Hudson Valley. We should not be talking about making amendments to be giving out pilots.

Did we not see what happened recently? How many buildings, how many corporations, how many business have left after the pilot ended? I can name a few, but I don't know how much time I have left. So appreciate you for your time.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Thank you.

Who else could like to speak? Sir?

MR. GILROY: Hello. My name is Owen Gilroy. I'm a stower of three years tenure at the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Rock Tavern, called SWF1. In Orange County, Amazon is applying for major subsidy in the form of pilot agreement, and County Government is considering the UTEP amendment on the premise that constructing an additional warehouse in the region will create enough jobs to offset their tax liability in terms of community benefit.

My years of experience working for Amazon as an hourly forklift driver gives lie to that assertion. My coworkers and I are barely making ends meet. I have many homeless coworkers who sleep in their cars, in fleabag motels, or in tents at the edge of town after working six shifts a week, day and night. With the cost of transportation as they are, many

coworkers rely on ride-sharing apps to get to and from work, putting nearly a quarter or their daily check in the pockets of Uber and Lyft.

Secondly, a large portion of SWF1 employees are either part-time or seasonal associates with no medicine insurance, holidays, nor job security. While Amazon likes to trumpet their hiring statistics, most new hiring barely keeps up with the rate of firings and layoffs. The lack of real job security can blunt the benefits even for full-time employees.

Workers at SWF1 are subject to constantly shifting expectations of productivity, arbitrary changes in administrative policies, and secrecy from management when pressed on what exactly is required of us. A manager can fire any employee based on any standard that is clearly understood by nobody involved, compelling

employees to put themselves in unsafe situations every day in order to meet gruelling productivity demands or else face automated write-ups. We all get the sense that the job is a revolving door.

Lastly, I am part of a group of workers inside SWF1 who are fighting to establish a union there in order to bring the company to the bargaining table and set rights, benefits, and expectations in stone. The constant propaganda, surveillance, and hostility we are subject to --

MR. ZODA: One minute.

MR. GILROY: Thank you.

-- at SWF1 for talking unions shows that there is no interest in creating decent long-term employment with this company. That Amazon is so proud of the notion of automating their newest facilities, given how hard they squeeze their employees

already, speaks to their desire to discipline their workforce. Move faster and don't complain, or we will replace you with a robot and get paid by a grateful government for the privilege. So it's in my opinion that a firm with such mighty resources to bear against it's own employees ought to, at least, pay it's fair share in taxes. Allowing Amazon to receive a pilot agreement to build SWF3 would be a slap in the face to workers in this region and benefits no one except a few billionaires and their robotic henchmen. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Thank you. Who else would like to speak? Anybody else? Ma'am?

MS. KASOW: Good afternoon.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Hi. Ma'am, could you state your name and spell it for the record?

MS. KASOW: I will. Sherry

Kasow, K-A-S-O-W. I'm asking you to enact your original warehouse cap and apply it to the Amazon today. You know how the residents, the voters feel about this mega warehouse, the roads, the pollution, the lack of jobs. And you, along with Wawayanda Town Board, have bulldozed through, totally ignored their opinions. These people have made almost a career out of coming to your meetings and sounding off on it. I would like to know what behooves each and every one of you to go ahead with this project that benefits no one but yourselves and give a tax break to the third richest man in the world. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Thank you. Who's next? Anybody else like to speak?

MS. SOLIMANDO: Rosemary Solimando, S-O-L-I-M-A-N-D-O. One thing that I'd like to note is: Why

was the Hudson Valley Buildings Group's letter placed on the fifth -- excuse me -- placed on the table when Protect Orange County letters -- letter with 57 group signatures not placed next to it? It is clear that you have made up your minds and are biased towards the interest of that group.

Also, I would like it on record that members of the public were turned away. In addition, as many people have said before, I think it's horrific, it's horrendous, it's reprehensible that any trillion dollar company is given a tax break. And if you have ever gone and spoken to any of the workers, which I have, and I did recently attend one of their meetings to unionize, I think you would think twice about some of the decisions that you're making. Because when you really listen to what these workers say, I don't know

how you can go to sleep with a clear conscience. So it really comes down to moral compass at this point, also. People are not about dollars and cents. That's not what human beings are. And I hate to say it, but thank you for those that are actually making eye contact with me. Because some people don't even do that at this table, and that's pretty horrendous if you ask me. A) We are all adults. You're supposedly all professionals, in good professions, making really good money in the United States of America. We have human beings that are living out of cars, mothers that can't feed their children. Where is the moral compass? Human life is not about dollars and cents. You can't take it with you, whatever you believe in. Whether you believe in a higher being or not.

MR. ZODA: One minute.

MS. SOLIMANDO: Thank you very much, sir.

That's all I'm going to say. It's ridiculous in my mind.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Thank you.

MS. SOLIMANDO: You're welcome.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Who else would like to speak?

MS. HANES: (Unintelligible) Hanes, H-A-N-E-S. I just want to clarify, are we not allowed to speak twice in this Public Hearing, this continuing of Public Hearing?

MR. SCIARRETTA: You have three minutes.

MS. HANES: So I had a lot of trouble finding the information on this hearing that there actually was a continuation, so I think many people could not even know that this is happening.

MS. BORRAS: It's right on the agenda, and it was announced --

MS. HANES: Did you have the

agenda here tonight?

MS. BORRAS: Everybody has -- whoever has the agenda --

MS. HANES: I looked on the website --

MS. BORRAS: It is also on the website.

MR. SCIARRETTA: Marty, it's fine.

MS. HANES: I know, but I had trouble finding it, so I'm just saying that I don't know -- well, I'm sorry you're pissed because I could read your lips.

MS. BORRAS: Listen, I'm going to remove myself because this is the kind of action I like, so I am going to remove myself.

MS. HANES: I understand you feel that it was obvious--

MR. SCIARRETTA: Ma'am, you have three minutes. Continue.

MS. HANES: From my point of view, it's not so obvious. And I

feel like other hearings we've had, like with Amazon, it has not been put out there in a way where it was conducive to everybody to find it and to be there. I see a -- (Unintelligible) -- faces here, but this is our life. This is our community, and we care very much about this community and what happens. And we want the best for it. Are we allowed to send in more comments after today? Is that going to be allowed?

MR. SCIARRETTA: Ma'am, this is not a Q-and-A session. If you have something to say, just state it.

MS. HANES: I want to know my question. Can I --

MR. SCIARRETTA: It is not a Q-and-A session. If you have a statement, make it. You have three minutes.

MS. HANES: I have never had anybody answer that in a meeting.

They usually tell us --

(Unintelligible Due to Multiple speakers.)

MR. SCIARRETTA: So continue.

MS. HANES: All right. Well, I would reiterate that I had no idea about the November 1st date, and that when there was a meeting on August 19th, that was not part of that. So this is something that came up; I don't know when. We found out about it through other means, but not through the website or anything else. So I would ask that that August 19th statement be the statement for the UTEP and no other date, November 1st, be added into that. All right? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Thank you. Anybody else like to speak tonight? We will be closing the hearing as soon as everyone who wants speak to speak is done.

MS. SPANO: Dana Spano

(Phonetic). I'm a Cornwall resident. I'm kind of cranky these days. I think it has to do with turning 50. And so I could understand the frustration some people had when, you know, the chairs were clanking, and people were chatting, and people were accused of not having things on the website. Like, I get frustrated too. But I don't think anyone's here to press buttons or to be a pain in the butt. You know, this is where we live, and just a little bit more patience and courtesy would be helpful.

I think it was pretty rude that working people who care about their community and each other who wanted to attend the meeting ended up leaving because, you know, we were being a little obnoxious with the chairs trying to accommodate. But they should have been able to be stay, and a little more grace should

be given out to people who want to show up.

Onto Amazon. I don't feel like we can separate the two. Please adopt the cap you voted for on August 19th, not November 1st, and apply it to Amazon. Amazon, a company that is an international trillion dollar company with one of the richest men in the word, as it was already stated -- I can't believe they're getting a tax break in the first place, but here we are. And so I'm just asking that you stick to what you voted on or what was agreed upon, whatever, back on the 19th of August, and you consider the public's input. Because, you know, we live here too. Thank you so much.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Thank you. Anybody else like to speak tonight?

MR. HAYES: Good evening. Edgar Hayes, H-A-Y-E-S, of Mount Hope. I want to receive you --

receive your spirit. And as you can see, my hat says put God first. When we put profits over people, we demoralize our own humanity. Amazon does not need a tax break. We all know why they have billions upon billions of dollars, probably cagillions (Phonetic). Why do we need to receive them? Why? What does it benefit Orange County? What does it benefit the people? What does it benefit the County? Yes, we get dollars. For how long? You have to weigh what you are -- what God is asking you to do. What is God calling you to do morally? Spiritually? What comes first, God or profits? What does God ask of us? You know, we understand what Martin Luther King talked about, the morality. If we put more money into spending bombs and destroying people, what does that do to ourselves?

So I'm asking you to vote not

your conscience, but your spirit. Where is your spirit? I pray it is for the people and not for the money. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Thank you. Anybody else like to speak? Sir?

MR. KANGETHE: Charles Kangethe, K-A-N-G-E-T-H-E. So this is my first meeting at the IDA, but I just want to mention, you guys should be better organized. You represent the county. You represent multiple residents in this county, and I think you have a responsibility to the people of this county. And the fact that you don't have a sign-up sheet and just calling people out, I think that's an intimidation tactic. And the fact that you're separating Amazon with UTEP, it's ridiculous. We all know why this is happening, UTEP. We all know it's all about Amazon, and you guys have a responsibility to the people of this

county, so please don't separate the two items.

And why now? Why are you doing UTEP now after so many warehouses have been approved in this county. I believe this is a bait and switch, and it's all about Amazon, so please stop bullshitting us. We have jobs, we have families, and we all know why this is all about. And the fact that you are changing dates now, it's ridiculous. And the fact that this man is -- keeps telling people and intimidating people, I think that should stop.

First of all, they should have enough chairs for the residents. This is not a meeting of just a few people. It's a meeting of the residents of Orange County, not even a town. So please do what's right by the people of this county. Each one of you has a responsibility to do, and that's why you are sitting on

that seat. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Thank you. Anybody else like to speak? Ma'am?

MS. SCHULER: My name is Irene Schuler.

(Court Reporter Speaking.)

MS. SCHULER: S-C-H-U-L-E-R. I don't know most people here. Most of you don't know me. So here is my question for you: Who lives in Wawayanda? Do you live in Wawayanda? Wawayanda? Wawayanda? Wawayanda? No? Nobody here has to answer me? No? You don't have to answer it, okay? All right. Because I'm a country hick. I've lived on the same road my entire life. I have never moved off it. I live in Wawayanda. You know, I boarder on the Monhagen Brook, you know, where the eagle comes and lots of wildlife. The traffic is horrendous these days. And I can't imagine with all of the warehouses, and all of the noise, and

all of the trucks. What is bothersome here though is that we all should get to have a voice. Everybody in the room should be able to have a voice. Because what good are we as a group if only certain people get to have a voice and a vote? And it really isn't right. And most people have obviously voted other people in, and -- I don't know. I would want to be proud of what I'm doing. I would not want to be ashamed and not afraid to look people in the eye, and -- you know? Nobody on this whole table lives in the Town of Wawayanda? Wawayanda thanks you.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Thank you. Who else would like to speak? Ma'am?

MS. UGROVICS: It's Deborah Ugrovics.

(Court Reporter Speaking.)

MS. UGROVICS: It's D-E-B-O-R-A-H U-G-R-O-V-I-C-S. Hi. First of all, I just want to say I do

live in the Town of Wawayanda since 1999. I loved it because of the farmland, seeing the cows. Shoot, there was one farm when I saw that elephant. I was like, an elephant? It is beautiful, but now the lands are getting so destroyed, trees are getting ripped down, the wildlife are losing where they used to live. They're all out and about. I mean, I see more deer now like crossing the roadways. I mean, for an example, last night, I was like -- it's a good thing I saw him coming, so I slowed down. But I was just like, you know, they don't know us. They could just easily just run out and bam into your car because I have had that happen.

I live on my Social Security. I am disabled. I have my own home. I don't want to lose my home. But my taxes go up. If I don't have the money to hold onto what I have, I am going to lose my house. And then

where does that leave me? It leaves me homeless. It leaves me out on the street. It leaves me losing everything I worked hard for as far as my home. I love my home. I love where I am. You get to see the hot air balloons flying over. I thought about that too. You know, I was like, are they going to lose their jobs because who is going to want to get in a hot air balloon to fly over and see nothing but industrial buildings down below. It's about the trees, and the nature, and the farmlands. And you know, it just -- it's really heartbreaking. It really is.

And the traffic is really -- it's really bad out there. I have a friend, she doesn't drive, and I kept busting her chops in the past. I'm going to teach you how to drive. I'm going to teach you how to drive. You know what? I'm not going to teach

her how to drive anymore because it's too dangerous out there. It really is. So if you guys really could take to heart, put yourselves in our shoes. And it's like the last two speakers said, we've got to trust in God. I know I do because none of what I have here is going to with me --

MR. ZODA: One minute.

MS. UGROVICS: -- once I go there. There is my home. That's where I'm going. But while I'm here, I try to do his work. I try to show myself as an example. So I don't get angry. I don't swear. You'll never hear that come out of my mouth. I feel like sometimes people tell me I'm too overly nice, but that's who I am. That's what God made me to be. And I really hope that you people can see that. Feeling it in your own heart and your own soul like it was said. Really, it's -- I mean, none

of yous [Sic] even live in the town, and that's -- that's kind of depressing, too, you know? Because what if this was going on by you? If you had nice country farmlands, you know, around you, and now, all of a sudden, it's being wiped out. And then Amazon alone can get a tax break? If anything, Amazon should be paying our taxes. We shouldn't -- they shouldn't get a tax break. That is just sounds like --

MR. ZODA: Please wrap up.

MS. UGROVICS: Like craziness. But thank you for letting me share that. And really, I really hope yous all sit down and really -- really look into yourselves, okay?

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Thank you. Would anyone else like to speak?

MS. CINTRON: I have problems with my vision, so I am going to stand here.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: That's fine.

MS. CINTRON: Thank you. My name is Edna Cintron, C-I-N-T-R-O-N. I've lived here for over 40 years in Wawayanda. And many years ago, they were proposing a dump by us in Wawayanda. And my son, who is now 45, they were told -- we were told we could call and object to why we wouldn't want this done. So my little boy said -- at the time, my little boy said I want to call up. So he called up, and he asked -- and I forgot who he was talking to. He asked the gentleman, Do you have children or grandchildren? And the man said yes. He said, Would like your children to play next to a dump? And the man said no. He said, So why do you think I want to play next to a dump? That dump was not approved, not because of what he said, but because of those sentiments.

And I don't know -- all of you just said you don't live in

Wawayanda, so why is it -- it's still continuing that they want to put certain things in one part of the county and not in other parts of the county. It's not right. I can appeal to your sense of right, to your sense of wrong. Why isn't this a good idea, Amazon? Who wants to get off a highway and see an Amazon warehouse like that? I am 75 years old. I have lived here. I moved here from the city. I lived here, worked here, worked in Goshen all of these years. And I want to see Wawayanda improved for our children, for all of us, including all of you, and your children, and your families. Amazon is not going to do that for our children. They are not going to make livings at $15 an hour. They are not going to buy homes as $15 an hour. So I would want you to rethink what you are doing and, at the same time, though, this whole thing with

the UTEP -- with the UTEP --

MR. ZODA: One minute.

MS. CINTRON: Why aren't you voting on that today? If you say that it's a separate identity from the Amazon warehouse, why just not make a vote tonight? Why are you not doing that? I don't understand that. And I don't understand, really, the separation off it all, but why aren't you voting on it tonight? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Thank you. Anyone else like to speak tonight? Not seeing anybody -- sir?

MR. CAQUIAS: How are ya'll doing? I'm (Unintelligible) Caquias. I'm actually from the City of Middletown. And I'm actually talking for, what I haven't heard yet tonight, is the retired folks on fixed incomes. I'm talking more for my veteran brothers and sisters who are retired on fixed incomes. You're going to give this big tax break for

a corporation, but the poor veterans, who they've already given a pound of flesh, now in retirement, their golden years, are going to probably be asked to pay more. It's going to happen because everything's getting pricey. Everything's getting more expensive. Who pays? Always the worker, the soldier. But who gets the breaks? The corporations. Just go home, look in the mirror, and think about that.

Have you gone to a VFW and talked to the troops, the guys who served, and said, Hey, just so you know, they're getting a big tax break? But you know what? That two percent tax cap, we're going to vote to go over the tax cap this year so they can make ends meet, things like that. Just think about that. That's all I've got to say. Think about the veterans and the fixed income people.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Thank you.

(Court Reporter Speaking.)

MR. CAQUIAS: C-A-Q-U-I-A-S.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Thank you. Last call for anyone who would like to speak.

MS. COWIT: Deena Cowit.

(Court Reporter Speaking.)

MS. COWIT: Deena Cowit. C-O-W-I-T. So I came here from Monroe. I came here because it was a fantastic place. I am now literally one mile, less than one mile away from where Amazon is going to be. I am going to hear the voters or whatever they are all over the place. I am going to hear all kinds of sounds. Literally I'm maybe 1.3 miles away from them. Now, I don't know how you feel about that, but I don't feel good about that, okay? I pay my taxes. They should pay their fucking taxes. That's all have I to say. My taxes went up, and I am actually -- I don't work anymore, so

what am I going to do? You know, why are my taxes up and they get it downsized? I mean, come on now. Are you fucking serious?

MR. TAMBURRI: Enough with the curse words.

MS. COWIT: Okay. I'm sorry. But you know what? This is what I am right now. I am thinking about leaving, yes. I don't know how much my home is going to be worth after Amazon gets put in. So I want you to think about this. Amazon does not need a discount. They don't need it. They get plenty of money the way it is. We should be getting the discount. That's all I have to say.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Last call. Anyone else? I am going to close the Public Hearing then at -- oh. A motion from the Board to close the Public Hearing?

MR. BENTON: So moved.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: By Leigh.

Second?

MR. TAMBURRI: Second.

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Dean, thank you. Any other discussion?

(No Response.)

CHAIRMAN CRIST: All in favor, please say aye.

(All Respond Aye.)

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Opposed, the same.

(No Response.)

CHAIRMAN CRIST: Public Hearing is closed, and the time is -- what time is it? 5:37.

(Time Noted 5:37 p.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF NEW YORK)
: SS.:
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, VICTORIA CHUMAS ARIAS, a Notary Public for and within the State of New York, do hereby certify:

That the witness whose examination is hereinbefore set forth was duly sworn and that such examination is a true record of the testimony given by that witness.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or by marriage and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of November 2026.



VICTORIA CHUMAS ARIAS