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5 Disadvantaged Communities Criteria

6 PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

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9 BEFORE: A.L.J. DANIEL O'CONNELL

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2 (On the record 6:04 p.m.)

3 A.L.J. O'CONNELL: Good evening. My
4 name is Daniel O'Connell. I am the administrative
5 law judge from the New York State Department of
6 Environmental Conservation Office of Hearings and
7 Mediation Services. I will be presiding over today's
8 public comment hearing to receive public input about
9 the draft disadvantaged communities criteria. This
10 evening Commissioner Basil Seggos is joining us
11 tonight and I would like to introduce the D.E.C.
12 Commissioner Basil Seggos.

13 MR. SEGGOS: Thank you, Judge. And
14 good evening everybody. It's great to be with you
15 all today. I wish it were in person but I know we
16 have a few of those coming up. So as judge
17 mentioned, my name is Basil Seggos. I'm the
18 commissioner of the Department of Environmental
19 Conservation. I'm also co-chair of the state's
20 Climate Action Council which, as you know, is -- is
21 charged with implementing the early stages of the
22 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act which
23 I believe everyone knows is one of the most ambitious
24 climate laws of any -- any government in the world.

25 And just incidentally, last week we

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2 finished the final of eleven public hearings on the
3 C.L.C.P.A. draft scoping plan. We have received over
4 ten thousand comments on that so far. We had about
5 twelve hundred people testify in person in those
6 eleven hearings around the state so it's been a very
7 robust several months of -- of dialogue on climate
8 issues in New York.

9 If you haven't commented yet on the
10 scoping plan, I urge you to go to [Climate.ny.gov](https://climate.ny.gov) to
11 learn how you can submit comments on line. That
12 comment period is open until June 10th. So as I
13 think everyone knows, the C.L.C.P.A. has climate
14 justice as -- as really the heart of the law. And a
15 key part of that is ensuring that all communities
16 benefit from this incredible transition that we'll be
17 making from where we are today, an economy largely
18 dependent on fossil fuels to one based on renewable
19 energy, the economy of the future ... jobs and
20 opportunities that will accompany that. And we need
21 to make sure every community benefits from that.

22 And that's exactly why we're here
23 today. So in a climate -- the climate justice
24 working group, I just want to begin by thanking them
25 for many months of extraordinary work. They

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2 volunteered themselves to deliver a -- a very
3 important product that we're all going to receive
4 comment on today and that is the draft criteria for
5 what is -- what is a disadvantaged community.

6 It's incredibly important for us both
7 D.E.C. and NYSEDA and really the entire state
8 government. So we understand from a legal and
9 technical perspective where the disadvantages --
10 disadvantaged communities are around the state. It's
11 important because as we look to transition to the
12 clean energy future and create jobs, jobs of the
13 future, we need to know where to put our emphasis.
14 And also so we can hold ourselves accountable in
15 meeting the metrics of the law.

16 So this criteria is obviously
17 incredibly helpful. I do want to thank, again, the
18 Climate Justice Working Group. I want to thank the
19 D.E.C. and NYSEDA teams that have been working
20 tirelessly to bring this all together. And, of
21 course, the staff and teams that are helping to do
22 this virtually and at one of the upcoming ten
23 additional meetings in the future.

24 So really tonight is about you. We
25 have a chance to hear from you directly. We're

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2 eager to hear your input and encourage you to -- to
3 give comments in a robust manner. Thank you.

4 A.L.J. O'CONNELL: Thank you,
5 Commissioner. On behalf of the department and the
6 New York State Energy Research and Development
7 Authority, I would like to thank you for joining us
8 at this hearing and for participating in this
9 important process. The department in partnership
10 with NYSERDA is holding eleven public comment
11 hearings across New York State to receive input on
12 the draft disadvantaged communities criteria and
13 finalize the criteria that will be used to implement
14 requirements outlined in the state's Climate
15 Leadership and Community Protection Act.

16 Tonight's hearing is the first in a
17 series of eleven hearings scheduled in May and June.
18 New York State's Climate Justice Working Group, which
19 consists of representatives from environmental
20 justice groups from across the state as well as New
21 York State agency representatives voted in December
22 to release the draft criteria for identifying
23 disadvantaged communities for public review. The
24 draft disadvantaged communities criteria public
25 comment period began in March and will end on June

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2 7th, 2022.

3 The draft disadvantaged communities
4 criteria can be found at the website Climate.ny.gov.
5 Climate.ny.gov. The criteria are based on
6 geographic, public health, environmental hazard and
7 socioeconomic factors. Once approved the criteria
8 will be used to meet the requirements outlined in the
9 climate act to reduce pollution and greenhouse gas
10 emissions as well as to inform regulatory impact
11 statements and the state's clean energy and energy
12 efficiency investments.

13 This public comment hearing is being
14 held through the Webex audio visual platform. Notice
15 of the hearing was published in the department's
16 Environmental Notice bulletin on May 4th, 2022.
17 Assisting me today with the hearing are members from
18 the D.E.C. Office of Communication Services. I would
19 now like to induce -- introduce Alanah Keddell-
20 Tuckey, the -- the director of the department's
21 Office of Environmental Justice who will give a brief
22 overview of the work completed to date and the draft
23 criteria.

24 MS. KEDDELL-TUCKEY: Thank you, Judge.
25 Hi everyone. My name is Alanah Keddell-Tuckey and I

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2 am the director of the Office of Environmental
3 Justice at the Department of Environmental
4 Conservation. I am also the chair of the state's
5 Climate Justice Working Group. I want to thank you
6 for joining us for this public hearing on the draft
7 disadvantaged communities' criteria.

8 As Basil mentioned, the climate act is
9 the nation's most ambitious climate change related
10 legislation. Its goal is to reduce New York State's
11 greenhouse gas emissions from all human activities by
12 a hundred percent over 1990 levels by the year 2050
13 with incremental target of at least forty percent
14 reduction in greenhouse gases by the year 2030. At
15 least eighty-five percent of the reductions by 2050
16 must come from preventing the release of greenhouse
17 gases. The remaining fifteen percent may come from
18 carbon removal projects like conservation, conserving
19 soil, growing forests and restoring wetlands.

20 Implementing the climate act will
21 create opportunities to build a better future and
22 ensure that this work also advances climate justice.
23 The climate act mandates at least thirty-five to
24 forty percent of the benefits of New York State's
25 spending on clean energy accrue in disadvantaged

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2 communities. State agencies are also required to
3 prioritize greenhouse gas emissions and co-pollutant
4 reductions in disadvantaged communities including
5 D.E.C. and the -- including D.E.C. in the drafting of
6 regulations to meet greenhouse gas emission limits
7 required by the climate act.

8 The identification and prioritization
9 of disadvantaged communities in accounting for
10 benefits of cutting pollution and improving
11 resilience is what makes our climate act a
12 transformative law. To identify disadvantaged
13 communities in New York the climate justice working
14 group was guided by the language of the climate act
15 in identifying disproportionately burdened
16 communities. They voted to include forty-five
17 indicators using data on environmental hazards,
18 climate change risk, public health, geography and
19 socioeconomic factors like race, income, education
20 levels, unemployment rates and housing conditions.

21 Additionally, the draft disadvantaged
22 communities designations are reflective of the
23 working group, their lived experiences and the lived
24 experiences of residents in these historically
25 overburdened and underfunded communities.

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2 Each census tract is scored on a
3 relative burden risk, vulnerability or sensitivity.
4 Specifically, the percentile ranks of the indicators
5 for each census tract are combined to produce a value
6 that measures a census tract's relative level of
7 environmental burdens and climate change risks as
8 well as population characteristics and health
9 vulnerabilities relative to other tracts.

10 Tracts with higher scores relative to
11 other tracts in the state or their region are
12 identified as disadvantaged communities. The working
13 group also voted to include low income households
14 with incomes at sixty percent of the state median
15 income level as disadvantaged for the purposes of
16 benefits and investments.

17 Later you'll see on the screen a -- a
18 snapshot of what this looks like on Long Island.
19 Based on the draft criteria twenty-five percent of
20 tracts on Long Island are considered to be
21 disadvantaged communities under the draft. Thank
22 you.

23 A.L.J. O'CONNELL: For people who
24 would wish to speak tonight, as you attend your --
25 you may attend the hearing tonight via the Internet

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2 or by telephone. In either case you should use audio
3 input from only one device otherwise you may
4 experience problems with feedback. Everyone has been
5 muted upon entry. If you experience any technical
6 difficulties you may call Five one eight four zero
7 two eight zero four four for assistance. And this
8 telephone number also appears on our slides today.

9 Today's public comment hearing is not
10 a question and answer session. In addition to
11 speaking at one of the eleven public hearings today
12 that have been scheduled, people may also file
13 written comments. E-mailed comments can be sent to
14 DACcomments@dec.ny.gov. And that e-mail address is
15 on our slide here. I just want to point out that
16 there is no space between D.A.C. and comments. It's
17 all one word. DACcomments@dec.ny.gov. All comments
18 submitted by e-mail must be received by the
19 department before five p.m. on July 7th, 2022.

20 Written comments may be sent by
21 regular mail and must be postmarked by July 7th,
22 2022. You can send written comments to Draft D.A.C.
23 Comments at New York State Department of
24 Environmental Conservation, Attention Office of
25 Environmental Justice, 625 Broadway, 14th Floor,

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2 Albany, New York 12233. For those of you who have
3 logged on online, you can view those addresses for
4 the e-mail address and the mailing address on the
5 slide. Equal weight will be given to written
6 comments and oral -- to written comments as well as
7 oral statements made during these public comment
8 hearings.

9 According to the notice speakers were
10 asked to preregister. Each speaker will be limited
11 to two minutes. For those attending via the Internet
12 you will see a two minute timer on the screen to help
13 you keep track of your time. When I call your name
14 your line will be unmuted. Please begin with your
15 name and address. If you are speaking on behalf of
16 someone or a group, please identify who you are
17 representing.

18 When you make your statement, please
19 speak slowly and clearly. All comments this evening
20 are being recorded by a court stenographer. If we
21 can't hear you there's a risk that your statement
22 will not be recorded accurately. For tonight's
23 hearing, Spanish interpretation and closed captioning
24 are also available to those who have joined via the
25 Internet. You will see an option to use either of

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2 these services in the lower left side of the Webex
3 page you are viewing -- you are viewing now.

4 Please click on either option to join
5 the interpretation or to see the closed captioning.
6 And we also have a slide for that as well. If you're
7 having a technical issue, you can call Five one eight
8 four zero two eight zero four four.

9 I'll call our first speaker for
10 tonight. Our first speaker is Monique Fitzgerald.
11 On our list of attendees we have a -- a Monique
12 listed there and you'll be unmuted shortly. Ms.
13 Fitzgerald your mic has been unmuted. Can you hear
14 me?

15 MS. FITZGERALD: Yes, I can.

16 A.L.J. O'CONNELL: Yes, can you speak
17 up just a little bit please and you may begin your
18 statement.

19 MS. FITZGERALD: Okay. So my name is
20 Monique Fitzgerald. I'm from North Southport and my
21 neighborhood is dealing with a landfill and we are
22 considered a disadvantaged community in our
23 neighborhood. I am very concerned that on Long
24 Island we didn't have representation on the climate
25 justice working group and the nuances on Long Island

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2 to be able to capture all of the disadvantaged
3 communities that will ultimately need to transition
4 for their own health benefit and for public health
5 benefit.

6 We'll not have the tools to do that
7 transition if they are not considered a -- a
8 disadvantage community. Here on Long Island we have
9 -- we are the -- one of the most segregated
10 communities or regions of the country, and due to
11 gentrification and things like that are communities
12 that are disadvantaged are very small. And I believe
13 the census tracts that were utilized to baseline what
14 the areas that are disadvantaged puts us at a
15 disadvantage.

16 So I have more to say but I will add
17 that to my comments, my written comments. But I
18 thank you for your time. And basically I just want
19 to say the two points that I'm -- the main two points
20 is that I -- I believe that Long Island needs its own
21 representation on the climate justice working group,
22 and the census tracts are very large and will
23 incorporate -- doesn't -- it's too large for the
24 communities on Long Island that need to be
25 identified. Thank you.

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2 A.L.J. O'CONNELL: Thank you very
3 much. Our next speaker is Francesca Rheannon. Now
4 if you're a call-in user you'll need to press Star
5 Three on your telephone device and that will raise
6 your hand and alert us to who the call-in user so
7 that you can be unmuted. Francesca Rheannon, if you
8 are a call-in user please press Star Three so that we
9 can unmute you.

10 Our next speaker is Ryan Madden.
11 We'll be right with you and then your microphone will
12 be unmuted and you can begin. Go ahead.

13 MR. MADDEN: Thanks so much. My name
14 is Ryan Madden. I'm with the Long Island Progressive
15 Coalition. Thank you all for the hard work that has
16 gone into developing this complicated criteria. I
17 first want to say though that this process was
18 conducted without any representation from Long Island
19 with the climate justice working group which is
20 concerning.

21 There is no ground truthing for Long
22 Island's E.J. communities like there was from Buffalo
23 to Brooklyn where there were not ... indicators for
24 members to gut check their analysis with extensive
25 conversations on communities included and excluded.

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2 We ask that a Long Island rep be added to the group
3 as the body will be responsible for annual reviews.
4 This is allowable under C.L.C.P.A.

5 The current ... income indicator uses
6 two income tracts percents less ... A.M.I. and
7 percents less than a hundred percent of the federal
8 poverty line with both relatively disadvantaged Long
9 Island. Using the economic policy institute's family
10 budget calculator, which compared to the federal
11 poverty line is a more accurate and complete measure
12 of economic security, Long Island has the highest
13 cost of living in New York State. Nassau County
14 number one, Manhattan number two, Suffolk number
15 three.

16 The E.P.I. indicator is based on
17 housing, food, childcare, transportation, healthcare,
18 taxes and other necessary costs of living. For
19 example, ... on Suffolk's cost of living is roughly
20 forty percent higher than Albany County yet ... of
21 A.M.I. is only twenty-four percent higher. The fact
22 that our higher area median income does not
23 compensate for the high cost of living highlights the
24 economic insecurity facing many Long Island families.

25 Given Long Island's history of

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2 segregation, we argue that census tracts may not be
3 the most appropriate way to capture demographics here
4 but rather school districts is a level of analysis.
5 We ask that this be considered and modeled with the
6 results published for E.U. There also needs to be a
7 separate and distinct incorporation of the federally
8 and state recognized indigenous nations outside the
9 current census tract approach so that surrounding
10 areas are not inappropriately included undermining
11 the distinct status of these nations.

12 Long Island's coastal E.J. communities
13 from Brentwood to North Southport to the Shinnecock
14 nation are literally on the front lines of the
15 climate crisis. The ... lives and livelihoods are at
16 risk. Long Island's E.J. communities are routinely
17 targeted by cumulative environmental pollution and
18 hazards with the active support of their elected
19 representatives and often New York State agencies
20 which are meant to protect them. We must get this
21 criteria right to begin to address these legacies of
22 harm. Thanks so much.

23 A.L.J. O'CONNELL: Thank you very
24 much. Our next speaker is Sandi Brewster-Walker.
25 Sandi Brewster-Walker. If you are a call-in user

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2 please press Star Three so that we can unmute your
3 line. Sandi Brewster-Walker. If you are a call-in
4 user please press Star Three so that we can unmute
5 your telephone line.

6 Our next speaker is Phillip Brown.
7 Phillip Brown. If you are a call-in user please
8 press Star Three so that we can unmute your line.
9 Phillip Brown. Phillip Brown, if you're a call-in
10 user please press Star Three to unmute your line.

11 Our next -- our next speaker is
12 Michelangelo Lieberman. Michelangelo Lieberman, if
13 you are a call-in user please press Star Three so
14 that we can recognize your telephone line and we'll
15 unmute it. Michelangelo Lieberman. Michelangelo
16 Lieberman, if you're a call-in user please press Star
17 Three and we'll unmute your line.

18 Our next -- our next speaker is Hannah
19 Thomas. Hannah Thomas, if you are a call-in user
20 please press Star Three and we'll unmute your
21 telephone line. Hannah Thomas. Hannah Thomas, if
22 you are a call-in user please press Star Three and
23 we'll unmute your line.

24 Our next speaker is Alex Rodriguez.
25 Alex Rodriguez, if you are a call-in user please

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2 press Star Three and we'll unmute your line. Alex
3 Rodriguez, please press Star Three and we'll unmute
4 your line. Alex Rodriguez, if you're a call-in user
5 please press Star Three and we'll unmute your line.

6 I've gone through all of the
7 registered, preregistered speakers and called their
8 names. I'd just like to go through again. Perhaps
9 someone has phoned on and we could get to you at this
10 time. So I'll start from the top of the list again.
11 Francesca Rheannon. Francesca Rheannon, if you're a
12 call-in user please press Star Three and we'll unmute
13 your line. Francesca Rheannon.

14 Has Sandi Brewster-Walker joined the
15 meeting as a call-in user? If you did please press
16 Star Three and we'll unmute your line. Sandi
17 Brewster-Walker. Phillip Brown, if you're a call-in
18 user could you please press Star Three and unmute
19 your line. Phillip Brown, if you're a call-in user
20 please press Star Three to -- and we'll unmute your
21 line.

22 Michelangelo Lieberman. Michelangelo
23 Lieberman, if you're a call-in user please press Star
24 Three and we'll unmute your line. Hannah Thomas, if
25 you're a call-in user please press Star Three and

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2 we'll unmute your line. Hannah Thomas. Alex
3 Rodriguez. Alex Rodriguez, if you're a call-in user
4 please press Star Three and we'll unmute your line.

5 As I said, I've gone through all of
6 the speakers who preregistered and I've called
7 everyone again for a second time. If there's anyone
8 who was on the Internet or called in and would like
9 to make a comment tonight you may do so by raising
10 your hand. In the lower -- toward the lower right
11 hand corner there's a hand signal or a hand that's
12 there. If you want to press on that and raise your
13 hand I will call your name and your line can be
14 unmuted. And if you would like to make a comment you
15 can do so.

16 So if anyone would like to raise their
17 hand I can recognize you and you'll be able to make a
18 comment. If you're a call-in user and want to make a
19 comment, please press Star Three and that will raise
20 your hand as well. So anyone who has not
21 preregistered to speak tonight may do so now. You
22 can do that by raising your hand. If you're logged
23 on to the Internet you can click on the raise hand
24 icon at the bottom of the page of the Webex log in
25 page. If you're a call-in user please press Star

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2 Three and that will raise your hand and we can unmute
3 you that way.

4 Okay. Good. So we have a raised hand
5 there. I could ask if that person could be unmuted
6 please. Kermin Odekon. Kermin Odekon, you've been
7 unmuted.

8 MR. ODEKON: Hi, can you hear me?

9 A.L.J. O'CONNELL: Yes, I can. You
10 may go ahead with your statement please. Could you
11 just spell your last name for the stenographer?

12 MR. ODEKON: Sure. It's O-D-E-K-O-N
13 as in Nancy.

14 A.L.J. O'CONNELL: Thank you very
15 much. Go ahead, sir.

16 MR. ODEKON: At some point in this --
17 first of all I want to appreciate the climate justice
18 working group for having the meetings online. At
19 some point in this process, you know, the -- the
20 percent of Long Island which was considered a ...
21 range from like fourteen to twenty percent. Then
22 that dropped significantly. I don't remember what
23 the exact number is right now but, you know, in the
24 past iterations, you know, this was hundreds of
25 thousands of potentially disadvantages residents in

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2 Long Island. No longer were considered residing in
3 the disadvantaged community, and I just wanted to
4 make the point that this was done without any
5 representation from Long Island within the climate
6 justice working group. And this has profound impacts
7 for the climate acts important purposes.

8 In addition, the current income
9 indicators use income metrics which are like percent
10 E.M.I., percent less than federal poverty level.
11 Both of these relatively disadvantaged Long Island
12 housing mobility metric uses percent renter, rental
13 housing cost burden and homes built before 1960 which
14 all relatively disadvantaged Long Island communities
15 using the economic policy institutes family budget
16 calculator which when compared to federal -- federal
17 poverty lines is more accurate and complete measure
18 of economic security.

19 Long Island has the highest cost of
20 living in New York State. Nassau County is number
21 one, Manhattan is number two, Suffolk County is
22 number three. This E.P.I. indicator is based on
23 housing, food, childcare, transportation, healthcare,
24 taxes and other costs of living. So, for example,
25 Nassau Suffolk's cost of living is forty percent

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2 higher than Albany County. Yet eighty percent of
3 A.M.I. is only twenty-four percent higher.

4 The fact that we live in a higher cost
5 area highlights the economic insecurity facing many
6 Long Island families. And, you know, every time I
7 brought this up before I said this was, you know,
8 this was legislative. That there's, you know, three
9 rural, three urban, three New York City. You know,
10 there are urban and rural components of Long Island
11 so it's a political decision to exclude three million
12 people from this decision making process. And, you
13 know, that's all I have for today. I'll join another
14 one.

15 A.L.J. O'CONNELL: Thank you very
16 much. Is there anyone else who would like to make a
17 comment? You can raise your hand by pressing the
18 hand icon, the Webex page at the bottom of the page.
19 If you're a call-in user you can press Star Three.
20 Any other one -- anyone else who would like to speak
21 tonight? So if you've logged on and would like to
22 make a comment tonight you can press the raise hand
23 icon at the lower part of the page, the Webex page.
24 If you're a call-in user you can press Star Three.

25 What I'd like to do next is I'd like

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2 to go off the record for about five minutes to see if
3 anyone else is going to log on. And I'll check again
4 to see if anyone else would like to make a comment.
5 So if we could go off the record please.

6 (Off the record 6:37 p.m.)

7 (On the record 6:48 p.m.)

8 A.L.J. O'CONNELL: During our break I
9 just wanted to ask as we return now if there's anyone
10 else who would like to make a comment tonight. If
11 you're a call-in user you can press Star Three and
12 that will raise your hand and we can recognize you.
13 If you've logged on via the Webex meeting in the
14 lower -- lower edge of your screen you should have a
15 raise the hand icon. If you just press on that that
16 will raise your hand and we can recognize you there.
17 Just one final call there. And then I have a series
18 of announcements I'll make this announcement again at
19 the end.

20 Okay. For everyone's benefit who's
21 logged on, you'll see now a screen of -- a slide
22 rather that shows the time and location of the
23 remainder of the hearings and I'll read them as well.
24 So the next hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, May
25 25th, 2022 at twelve noon. It will be the New York

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2 City hearing number one. It's a Webex hearing.

3 The next hearing after that will be
4 Thursday, May 26th, 2022 at six p.m. in the mid-
5 Hudson Valley at the Beulah Baptist Church, 92
6 Catherine Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. And
7 that name and address is on the slide there if you're
8 looking at the screen.

9 The next hearing after that will be
10 Thursday, June 2nd, 2022 at six p.m. That's a Webex
11 hearing. It will be a virtual hearing focusing on
12 the Finger Lakes and the Southern Tier.

13 On June 10th, 2022 at six p.m. for the
14 lower Hudson Valley at the Grace Baptist Church, 62
15 South 6th Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York 10550. The
16 zip again 10550 on June 10th.

17 The second New York City hearing will
18 be an in-person hearing at the New York State
19 Department of Environmental Conservation Region 2
20 office on the 8th Floor. That street address is 47-
21 40 21st Street, Long Island City, New York. The date
22 and time for that hearing will be June 14th, 2022 at
23 six p.m.

24 For the Central New York Mohawk Valley
25 there will be a Webex hearing, virtual hearing held

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2 on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at six p.m.

3 For the North Country and Capital
4 Region there will be a Webex hearing on Tuesday, June
5 21st, 2022 at twelve noon p.m.

6 For Western New York the first hearing
7 will be at Push Buffalo, School 77 at 429 Plymouth
8 Avenue, Buffalo, New York 12 -- no, 14213. That
9 hearing will be held on Thursday, June 23rd, 2022 at
10 six p.m.

11 There will be a Hudson Valley virtual
12 hearing held on Webex on Wednesday, June 29th, 2022
13 at noon.

14 And finally, the last hearing will be
15 held at -- in Western New York as a Webex virtual
16 hearing. It's scheduled for Thursday, June 30th,
17 2022 at twelve p.m. All the dates and times, the
18 locations are on the screen now. And also if you're
19 listening by telephone the details about attending
20 any of these public hearings go to Climate.ny.gov.
21 That's Climate, C-L-I-M-A-T-E dot N.Y. dot G.O.V. for
22 more information about these public hearings.

23 Also I'd like to note that written
24 comments may be filed until July 7th, 2022. In my
25 opening remark I may have said June but the deadline

1 Disadvantaged Communities Criteria - 5-18-22
2 for comments about the disadvantaged community
3 criteria is July 7th, 2022. There's a slide about
4 that information right now. You can e-mail comments
5 to DACcomments -- DACcomments@dec.ny.gov. And I just
6 want to point out that there is no space between the
7 two C's in DACcomments. D-A-C-C-O-M-M-E-N-T-S.
8 There's no space there.

9 Comments must be submitted by -- if
10 you're submitting comments by e-mail they must be
11 received by five p.m. on July 5th. No, let me try
12 that again. If you're submitting comments by e-mail
13 they must be received by five p.m. on July 7th, 2022.
14 You can send written comments by mailing them to
15 Draft D.A.C. Comments at the New York State
16 Department of Environmental Conservation, Attention,
17 Office of Environmental Justice, 625 Broadway, 4th
18 Floor, Albany, New York 12233.

19 Written comments must be submitted by
20 mail -- written comments submitted by mail must be
21 postmarked by July 7th, 2022. Before we adjourn for
22 tonight, I just want to see if there is anyone else
23 who has logged on and would like to make a comment.
24 You can raise your hand. If you've logged on using
25 the Webex platform click on the raised hand icon and

1 Disadvantaged Communities Criteria - 5-18-22
2 that will raise your hand. If you're a call-in user
3 you can press Star Three and that will also raise
4 your hand.

5 Anyone else? Thank you very much for
6 attending tonight's public comment hearing. I'd
7 refer you to the website [Climate.ny.gov](https://www.climate.ny.gov) for
8 additional details about the upcoming ten other
9 public hearings that have been scheduled. This
10 hearing is adjourned.

11 (Off the record 6:55 p.m.)

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9 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
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12 HOWARD HUBBARD, Reporter

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