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Good morning, Chairman Riley and Committee Members. Again, my name is Kevin Alexander, and I am the President & CEO of Rockaway Development & Revitalization Corporation located in Far Rockaway, Queens. Established in 1978, RDRC is local development corporation that provides adult workforce, youth leadership development; commercial revitalization; HUD certified housing counseling; and business stabilization and attraction services. Collectively we serve over 2,500 participants and clients each year. Most recently, RDRC was designated as NYCHA REES partner organization (Resident Economic Empowerment & Sustainability) to increase our services to the thousands of residents living in five NYCHA campuses, that includes affordable housing opportunities created by the Downtown Far Rockaway Redevelopment, Arverne East and Edgemere Commons development projects.

The TCB Beach 21st Project is an excellent example of a what a community partnership between developer and community stakeholders should include: innovations in design (open spaces, excellent views and site lines); addressing the need for build resiliency as a coastal community; understanding community needs (daycare, well designed community space, concierge, laundry room, health & fitness, on-site social services and property management).

I have no doubt that The Community Builders will again do an effective job not just in terms of the physical build, but in its willingness to include local residents by providing OSHA training for locals to be placed on the project (66% of all new B21 hires were locals); placing experienced construction workers on the project; and creating business opportunities for local mwbe contractors and suppliers that equated into \$31M's on the B21 project.

In conclusion, RDRC is fully supportive of the TCB Ocean Crest project that will create another opportunity to provide deserving families with quality affordable housing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin W. Alexander
President & CEO