

BEFORE CALIFORNIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY
AND HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
JOSEPH M. ALIOTO, CHAIRMAN

In the Matter of:)
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TO THE ELEVATOR SAFETY ORDERS)
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2 9:00 a.m.

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4 MR. ALIOTO: All right. Public hearing. We will
5 now proceed with the public hearing and during the
6 hearing we will consider the proposed changes to
7 occupational safety and health standards that were
8 noticed for review today.

9 Oh, let me stop here. I'm sorry. I meant to
10 say also, just because I'm leaving, that doesn't mean
11 that the meeting will not continue and you'll be able to
12 come back and do your public comment. One of the other
13 members of the Board will take over the chair and
14 proceed with public comment. So, sorry, I want to make
15 sure I clarify that.

16 Okay, onto the public hearing. The Standards
17 Board adopts standards that in our judgment are
18 enforceable, reasonable, understandable, and contribute
19 directly to the safety and health of California
20 employees. The Board is very interested in your
21 testimony on the matters before us and your
22 recommendations are appreciated, will be considered
23 before a final decision is made.

24 We have one item for -- on public hearing
25 today and that is related to Title 8, of course,

1 Elevator Safety Orders. This is Chapter IV, Subchapter
2 VI, Revisions to the Elevator Safety Orders. Before we
3 begin the public hearing and your comments on this
4 topic, we are going to hear from Dan Barker, who's going
5 to brief the Board. Board members will then have an
6 opportunity to make comments before we have the public
7 hearing. Dan, welcome. And would you mind please
8 briefing the Board?

9 MR. BARKER: Thank you, Chairman Alioto and the
10 rest of the Board. I'm just going to give a brief
11 outline of what the Title 8, Elevator Safety Orders are
12 for and what they -- what they look like. The Title 8,
13 Elevator Safety Orders are the regulations that govern
14 the installation maintenance and use of elevators,
15 escalators, dumbwaiters, and other conveyances as
16 outlined in the California Labor Code 7300. These
17 orders were put in place to assure to the greatest
18 extent possible the safety of workers and the public
19 while interacting with conveyances.

20 The orders date back to 1916, a time when
21 people were being seriously injured and killed by
22 largely unregulated elevators. Here's a copy of the
23 code that was written in 1916 in California. That's how
24 big it was. Okay. And it is interesting to note that
25 the chairman of the First Elevator and Escalator Code

1 Committee for the State of California was the coroner
2 for San Francisco County.

3 While this proposal before you only contains
4 49 pages of California regulations, it invokes hundreds
5 of pages of national consensus standards for all of the
6 conveyances we have jurisdiction over. This proposal is
7 the result of a very long dialogue with all
8 stakeholders, years of dialogue. We've had many, many
9 meetings and discussions with labor, elevator
10 manufacturers, building owners, and other state agencies
11 like the state fire marshal over the years.

12 We listened to them, they listened to us, and
13 we have arrived at a proposal that we believe has wide
14 support and provides important protections for workers
15 and the public. Group V is the next iteration of the
16 California regulations intended to provide enhanced
17 safety taking modern elevators, designs, earthquakes,
18 and other elevator industry factors into account.

19 Now explain the groups, because it's Group V
20 and it's actually amendments to Group I and Group V.
21 The elevator safety orders are broken down into groups.
22 Group I is the administrative orders, which tells us
23 what devices we regulate and how to regulate them.

24 It tells us how to regulate the professionals
25 who install, maintain, replace, and test them. It

1 includes in part requirements for the inspection and
2 permitting of conveyances. It also outlines the
3 requirements for the certification of elevator companies
4 and their mechanics. Group II outlines design
5 requirements for conveyances constructed prior to 1998.
6 This includes elevators like the Otis elevators in the
7 Hotel Dell in San Diego dating back to 1888.

8 Group III outlines the design requirements for
9 conveyances constructed between 1998 and 2008 and marked
10 the first time the ASME National Consensus Standard for
11 Elevators and Escalators was adopted as a reference in
12 California. Before that, California developed all of
13 its conveyance codes in-house. Group IV outlines the
14 design requirements for conveyances constructed from
15 2008 to present. Should the Board adopt these proposed
16 new Group V regulations, the Office of Administrative
17 Law will establish the effective date for that.

18 So now I'm going to go into some of the issues
19 that, that are addressed by the proposal. This proposal
20 includes changes to the administrative orders to bring
21 in requirements for certification and to facilitate the
22 use of Group V and its invocation of the A17.1, 2019
23 standard for elevators and other conveyances. It also
24 facilitates the use of the A18, the ASME A18. ASME is
25 American Society of Mechanical Engineers, by the way.

1 And this invokes the A18.1, 2020 standard for platform
2 lifts and stairway chair lifts used primarily by people
3 with disabilities and B20.1, 2021 for vertical
4 reciprocating conveyors which are used to move
5 materials. All of these are standards we currently
6 reference. We are just updating to more recent
7 iterations of these standards.

8 Group -- the Group V proposal seeks to enhance
9 safety while addressing all of the design issues that
10 are the subject of repetitive permanent variances
11 granted by this Board today, such as belt suspension,
12 car top railings, governor over speed switches, and
13 escalator sleep mode.

14 While there will always be permanent variance
15 requests, we estimate that this proposal should reduce
16 requests by at least 90 percent. Okay. It -- our data
17 actually shows it somewhere around 98, but I don't want
18 to be too optimistic about it. Yeah.

19 The proposal seeks to address safety issues
20 related to working from elevator car tops such as access
21 to elevator equipment to maintain and for the purposes
22 of maintenance and inspection. Reaching out too far
23 over a car top railing can be hazardous. So
24 anthropometric data was utilized to set safe limits on
25 reach to critical equipment mounted in the hoist way.

1 It requires the area on the car top used to
2 access equipment to be maintained as clear space.
3 Oftentimes the elevator car top which is very limited in
4 its size usually, is cluttered with fans, electrical
5 boxes, and other devices making it hard to establish a
6 secure foothold. The proposal requires some guarding of
7 equipment in the hoistway to prevent shearing and
8 crushing. As the elevator goes up and down the hoistway
9 with a mechanic on top the car passes fixed objects
10 mounted in the -- on the hoistway wall.

11 We are trying to prevent elevator workers,
12 including our inspection staff from being exposed to
13 these hazards. There is a requirement to light the
14 entire hoistway when work is being done in the hoistway.
15 That's not been a requirement before. This lighting can
16 be turned on manually or is triggered automatically when
17 workers are present in the hoistway, so they'll
18 automatically have light.

19 Group V requires the pit ladder to sense the
20 weight of a person in order to prevent operation of the
21 elevator. Recent accidents have resulted from elevator
22 workers being struck by the elevator while perched or
23 standing on the pit ladder. The pit ladder is used to
24 go down into the pit of the elevator.

25 While a stop switch is required at that access

1 point to the elevator pit in our code today, we felt it
2 was necessary to take a more protective approach to the
3 hazard. So now the ladder, if you step on it or stand
4 on it, will sense that you're on it and the elevator
5 won't move. Okay.

6 The proposal also addresses seismic issues
7 related to the securing of traveling cables and the
8 elevator hoistway and a requirement to monitor the
9 position of the hoisting cables so that if they become
10 displaced from the drive shift, the elevator controls
11 will shut the elevator off at the next available landing
12 after allowing passengers to exit.

13 So we had -- we've studied earthquakes and we
14 know that suspension ropes will try to climb out of the
15 shiv groups and if -- and if that -- if that's occurring
16 it -- the elevator controls will know that and take the
17 elevator out of service before it becomes a safety
18 issue, okay?

19 So that really concludes what I'm going to say
20 about the proposal. I'd like to thank Board staff for
21 all the work they put into this proposal after all the
22 work we did on it Board staff really took the red pen to
23 it and made it a far better document than what we had
24 produced.

25 So I also want to thank all the stakeholders

1 who are here today who are going to talk about this and
2 who contributed to this effort to get this, you know to
3 a point where we think it was a hugely collaborative
4 effort and I think that the proposal shows that. So I
5 would like to urge the Board to adopt it.

6 MR. ALIOTO: Thank you very much, Mr. Barker. We
7 appreciate your presentation. I'll note that first of
8 all, it's good to know another San Franciscan was in
9 charge of that group back in the day. What is that?
10 1800s, you said? So that's good. The -- now my
11 question really is just about this is the stack of
12 variances of permanent variances that we are considering
13 at this meeting. Are these the variances you're telling
14 me that are going to disappear as a result of this
15 passage?

16 MR. BARKER: Yes, sir.

17 MR. ALIOTO: Okay. So the amount of paper we're
18 going to save is probably, I don't know what that is,
19 like a few thousand pages ever. So this is actually
20 really more of an environmental regulation than a --
21 than an occupational safety regulation. Are there any -
22 - are there any disagreements among any of the
23 stakeholders? And if so, would you mind summarizing
24 what those are?

25 MR. BARKER: Understanding that this is like a 13-

1 year project it started as a very contentious thing.
2 There were a lot of very contentious meetings over the
3 years, a lot of disagreement between us and some
4 stakeholders involved. But I would say that as the
5 years have gone by and we've -- and we have come closer
6 together and closer together on our understanding of
7 what needs to be done I think that there's -- I don't
8 really think that there's any major outstanding issues
9 that remain unresolved --

10 MR. ALIOTO: Great. Well, stakeholders.
11 Excellent. Well, thank you for that. That sounds like
12 it's a perfect example of why the advisory committee
13 process works so well. Maybe we'll work -- we're going
14 to work on the 13 years but that is really what I think
15 I know I speak for the whole Board when we say that
16 that's what we like to see that come out of advisory
17 committees, that kind of collaboration.

18 Thank you for all of you for all of the folks
19 at the elevator unit, everybody on staff that's been
20 working on this is obviously a monumental project and
21 just want to say thank you and congratulations for
22 wrapping it up.

23 Questions for comments from the Board?

24 Mr. Harrison: Yeah. So you talk about a monumental
25 lift and I -- we had a lot of conversations prior to

1 today's meeting. our packet is what I say, our Board
2 packet today is 1,433 pages, 1,047 of them are variance
3 applications Group V variance applications. So I think
4 this is going to solve environmental issues. It's going
5 to solve some ergonomic injury issues. It's going to
6 solve some staffing issues.

7 Kelly Chau had all of her -- she put the
8 entire packet together and so I want to thank her for
9 that. But man, without these variances, we're going to
10 have all kinds of like room for activities and also I
11 know there was some comments from the regulated
12 community about the length of time, the 13 years.

13 And I just want to say there are still
14 sections in the standard that refer to code from the
15 1970s. And so I think the elevator unit is well above
16 and beyond that and I want to congratulate staff for
17 bringing this back to us as well. I think we're in a
18 good place here and one of the comments was that, okay,
19 we finally got this to the Board for a vote and we're
20 already behind again, but I think we're doing better
21 than most. So, yeah, thank you for all your work on
22 this.

23 MR. BARKER: Excuse me. Can I make a comment about
24 that?

25 MR. ALIOTO: Please, yeah. Well, before you do --

1 did you -- I wanted you to just recognize the beauty of
2 this monumental lift pun.

3 MR. BARKER: I didn't catch that.

4 MR. ALIOTO: Go ahead, Mr. Barker.

5 MR. BARKER: I just want to say that this isn't the
6 end of the exercise. As you go through a long exercise
7 like this, there are things that come up that will be
8 the subject of ongoing discussions with stakeholders and
9 we will -- we will turn around immediately and begin
10 work on the next group of elevator regulations.

11 MR. ALIOTO: All right, excellent. Thank you. Any
12 other comments from the Board? No. Okay, great. We're
13 going to move on to public comment then. Public
14 testimony should say on this topic of this hearing. If
15 there are any in-person participants who would like to
16 comment, you can start lining up at the podium. When
17 it's your turn to speak, if you don't mind please
18 providing a completed request to speak slip to Ms. Money
19 and that's going to help us make sure that we keep a
20 very clear record, notwithstanding the -- come on up.
21 Notwithstanding that fact if you don't mind, please also
22 just introduce yourself by name and by association of
23 any way, of any sort.

24 If you do have your speaker card, please fill
25 that out and hand that to Ms. Money. Are there other --

1 there are other speakers here, I know, so if we could
2 have just two more, you could actually line up if that's
3 okay. And then we'll go three at a time so we'll have
4 three folks here and then we'll go online. If you have
5 written comments, you can read them into the record, but
6 it's not necessary to do so. You can hand OSHSB staff
7 your written comments or you can also submit those via
8 email to oshsbrulemaking@dir.ca.gov. Those are due by
9 5:00 p.m. today.

10 So the hearing on this is going to happen, is
11 happening right now, of course, but you may submit
12 comments up until the close of business. And then
13 that's the way that we make sure that they're in the
14 record and that's very important that your comments are
15 considered. I'd also like to remind the audience that
16 the public hearing is a forum for receiving comments.
17 It's not a public debate here and your rebuttal comments
18 may be appropriate to clarify the point, but we're not
19 going to be engaging in any argument.

20 If you'd like to comment orally you're lining
21 up already. If you'd like to participate remotely and
22 you'd like to comment, you can join the comment queue
23 now by clicking the public comment queue link in the
24 Board meeting section of -- on the main page of the
25 OSHSB website that's in the -- yeah, or you can call the

1 following phone number. It's 510-868-2730 that will
2 allow you to access the public comment queue voicemail.

3 And for commenters attending via
4 teleconference or video conference, please listen for
5 your name and an invitation to speak and when it is your
6 turn, unmute yourself if you're using WebEx or dial Star
7 six on your phone to unmute yourself. Public comments,
8 we're going to limit to two minutes per speaker, please
9 and I'll ask you to self-police that so that we don't
10 have to -- there's going to be a timer that's going to
11 be up on the Board. If you could please do me a favor
12 and pay attention to that, folks that are online, you'll
13 be able to see that on your screens as well.

14 After all the testimony has been received and
15 the record is closed, staff will prepare a
16 recommendation for the Board to consider at a future
17 business meeting. We're not voting today. This is just
18 a public hearing to accept comments. Gabriella and
19 Julie, will you please provide instructions to the
20 Spanish speaking commenters so they are aware of the
21 public hearing comment process for today's public
22 hearing?

23 MS. CONDE: Yes, of course. And thank you very
24 much.

25 MR. ALIOTO: All right. Let's go to our first

1 speaker. If you don't mind just introducing yourself.

2 MR. HARDEMAN: Yeah, thank you, chair, Board
3 members and staff. My name is Greg Hardeman proud
4 native San Franciscan. I'm also the business
5 representative recording secretary for the Elevator
6 Constructors Local 8. I also am the Northern California
7 Elevator Industry Joint Apprenticeship and Training
8 Committee Chair for the labor side. I have 12 years
9 experience working for the union and before that I have
10 14 years experience working as a -- starting off as a
11 apprentice/helper becoming a mechanic and I've installed
12 elevators up and down Central Coast, Bay Area, the
13 Central Valley, San Francisco, San Jose.

14 I've done a lot of construction work and I'm
15 happy to say that California has the safest elevators.
16 As you heard earlier about the variances passing this
17 safety order will reduce those variants in from what
18 I've been told, majority of the variances you guys see
19 are from elevators.

20 This safety order will make it safer for the
21 riding public and the men and women that work on
22 elevators in California. So thank you for hearing me
23 out here today. You'll hear more people from our
24 industry and employers. This is a good thing and we're
25 excited that we're here today. Thank you very much.

1 MR. ALIOTO: Excellent. Thank you very much.
2 Appreciate your comments. Thank you for coming. Hey
3 there, welcome. Good morning.

4 MR. MICHALIK: Good morning. Good morning, Mr.
5 Chair, Board members. Thank you. My name is Ken
6 Michalik. I'm a labor representative for IUEC Local 18.
7 Have an office in Los Angeles and San Diego. I'm here
8 representing the 2,500 elevator constructor mechanics
9 and apprentices that build, maintain, and modernize the
10 conveyances that move Southern California every day.
11 I'm here to express our support for the proposed
12 revisions to the elevator safety orders, including the
13 adoption of Group V.

14 These updates reflect something deeply rooted
15 in California's identity that progress and safety are
16 not opposing forces but shared values. Our state has
17 always led the nation in worker protections and these
18 revisions continue that tradition by ensuring that
19 modernizations never comes at the expense of the people
20 who service the equipment or the public that relies on
21 it. We appreciate that the division approach this
22 rulemaking with transparency and clear commitment to
23 maintaining and in many cases strengthening the
24 protections that have made California a national model.

25 The careful review of the ASME codes and

1 decisions to avoid weakening existing safeguards and
2 emphasis on access clearances, maintainability, and
3 reflect a thoughtful worker-centered approach. We also
4 want to express our trust in the Board. You have
5 consistently demonstrated that safety is not a checkbox
6 but a responsibility.

7 We know that you will weigh the evidence and
8 the lived experience of, of the people who work in this
9 trade and industry and we trust that you will make a
10 decision based that best protects both members and the
11 riding public. Our mechanics take pride in their craft.
12 They take pride in going home safe. Those revisions
13 support that mission. Thank you.

14 MR. ALIOTO: Thank you very much. Morning.

15 MR. LANGE: Good morning, everyone. My name is Ryan
16 Lange. I'm with the Elevator Constructors Union Local
17 eight. We represent 1400 members. I became a licensed
18 elevator mechanic in 2003. This safety order will be
19 great for the riding public as well as elevated workers,
20 and we are in support of it. Thank you.

21 MR. ALIOTO: Thank you very much, Mr. Lange. Before
22 we go in person again, you can be, you'll be next, but
23 we're going to go online permitting. Mr. Roensch, let's
24 go online for the three next speakers.

25 MR. ROENSCH: Very good. Mr. Chairman, again, if I

1 may, we -- since we do have telephone callers for those
2 of you that would like to make comments, if you raise
3 your hand using the star nine button on your telephone,
4 that will alert us that you'd like to make a comment.
5 And today, as always, Mr. Chairman, we'd like to start
6 with our pre-registered commenters and that first
7 commenter is Audrey Radishak. She'd like to speak with
8 respect to the silica issue, and she's from the
9 California building industry.

10 MR. ALIOTO: So right now, we're only handling
11 issues related to this agenda item. This is a public
12 hearing. So folks that are online, if you are
13 interested in discussing silica, silicosis, or any other
14 non-agenda item, please wait for the non-agenda public
15 comment period for that. Right now, since we're in a
16 public hearing, we need to limit all of these comments
17 specifically to this elevator regulation. Thank you.

18 MR. ROENSCH: Mr. Chairman, looking through the list
19 of comment topics that have been listed, we see that
20 there are several, however at this time, pre-registered
21 commenters for the elevator issue or the over --
22 elevator hearing are not evidence. So with that -- with
23 that, I will move to raise hands.

24 MR. ALIOTO: Please do.

25 MR. ROENSCH: Yes.

1 MR. ALIOTO: Thank you.

2 MR. ROENSCH: We do have raised hands. Our first
3 commentary will be Mike Donlon. For one moment, Mr.
4 Donlon will promote you to be able to interact with the
5 Board. And then when we do, please unmute your
6 microphone and go ahead.

7 MR. DONLON: Good morning. Sorry, I'm not down
8 there in Napa. I wish I was, but have a good time while
9 you're down there if you can. I've been involved with
10 Cal/OSHA one way or another for 29 years. And I know
11 Dan mentioned this has been going on 13 years now.

12 The elevator unit and the Board have been
13 chasing the current codes and modifications or
14 modernizations to elevators for those full 29 years and
15 there have been some updates made, but this is by far
16 the most comprehensive and probably most important
17 rulemaking in the elevator safety order history.

18 So I urge the Board to vote yes on this. This
19 is like monumental and I want to say Carl and Dan and
20 your team, this is just amazing you got this done
21 because I've seen it battled over the years many times.
22 Thank you.

23 MR. ALIOTO: Thank you, Mr. Donlon.

24 MR. ROENSCH: At this time, we have no additional
25 hands raised for this topic.

1 MR. ALIOTO: Great. Let's go back in person.
2 Thank you. Welcome.

3 MR. RUSSO: Good morning, Chairman, Board, thank
4 you very much for taking the time to be here today. My
5 name is Matt Russo. I'm the business manager for IUEC
6 Local 8, which covers Northern California. Before that,
7 I spent 14 years working on the tools as first and
8 apprentice and then -- and then mechanic in
9 construction, modernization and repair. I applaud the
10 work of this committee and their foresight.

11 I would also like to thank the Board for their
12 consideration of these proposals. Our job as Elevator
13 Constructors, first and foremost is to not only ensure
14 our own safety but the safety of the riding public. By
15 adopting these changes, I believe it will increase the
16 safety of the riding public as well as workers and also
17 the safety of state elevator inspectors.

18 On behalf of the 1400 members that I
19 represent, I'm pleased to be here and thankful for all
20 your efforts and desire to you to improve and your
21 desire to improve the safety of the industry and the
22 riding public. Thank you very much.

23 MR. ALIOTO: Thank you for being here, sir.
24 Appreciate your comments.

25 MR. CHISHOLM: Good morning. Bill Chisholm, Local

1 8, business rep. I concur with Matt Russo with the rest
2 of my fellow workers in this industry and we do
3 appreciate all the work that it -- that has been put
4 into this to you know, make this industry more safe,
5 make it better for the public, all of the work that
6 you've put in. We feel that this really is important
7 for our industry, for our members and everyone
8 associated with that. Thank you.

9 MR. ALIOTO: Thank you, Mr. Chisholm. Morning.

10 MR. MCCLASKEY: Good morning, Mr. Chair, Board
11 members, my name is Eric McClaskey. I'm a member of
12 Local 8 San Francisco, former business manager and I've
13 probably been intimately involved for the 13 years with
14 Mr. Barker and the group and the Board in this process.
15 I'm currently the director of safety for the
16 International Union of Elevator Constructors, and I can
17 say that on behalf of the 32,000 members that we
18 represent throughout North America that the IUEC is in
19 full support of Group V.

20 The enhancements to worker safety, public
21 safety, the fact that we require true residual strength
22 monitoring of belts for the machineless product, the
23 enhancements for hoistway lighting the reach
24 requirements, the space about the car top, which is an
25 environment in which we work the ladder electrical

1 device, the separation of adjacent pits, and actually a
2 room for the controls so that we can work humanely on
3 the equipment is a big thing for us.

4 California has always led the way with code
5 development. I believe that we've always had the best
6 code and the latest and greatest code is not necessarily
7 the best code. what Mr. Barker and his team have done,
8 I think, is unsurpassed throughout the United States and
9 I urge the board -- the Board, for your vote of approval.
10 Thank you very much.

11 MR. ALIOTO: Thank you, Mr. McClaskey. Appreciate
12 those comments. I think we echo all of them. Thank
13 you. Sir, go ahead.

14 MR. TAYLOR: Good morning, Mr. Chair, members of
15 the Board. My name's Billy Taylor and I'm here on
16 behalf of the National Elevator Industry. We're the
17 leading trade association that represents elevator
18 manufacturers and manufacturers of escalators and other
19 building transportation products. Our member companies
20 represent about 85 percent of the work hours nationwide.
21 And I know I speak for the manufacturers when I say
22 we're very happy to be here today. It's been a long
23 time coming. And I'll get straight to the point and say
24 that NEI strongly supports the adoption of the proposed
25 Group V.

1 California's current elevator code is based on
2 the 2004 edition of the safety code and it's not been
3 substantially updated since 2008. And today's elevator
4 technologies including machine roomless designs, modern
5 control systems and advanced suspension technologies
6 have evolved significantly over the past two decades.

7 And so adopting Group V will incorporate the
8 2019 edition of the Safety Code and represent the first
9 major modernization of California's elevator code nearly
10 20 years. I should note that NEI continues to have
11 concerns with several provisions, specifically the
12 prohibition of retractable ladders, but we don't want
13 those issues to delay this important update.

14 And we actually appreciate the willingness of
15 DOSH to engage with industry and we believe there's a
16 path forward to work collaboratively on a future
17 amendment to address the use of retractable ladders in
18 the years to come. And so Group V is a significant step
19 forward for safety, modernization, and regulatory
20 efficiency and NEI urges the Board to support the
21 adoption. Thank you for your consideration.

22 MR. ALIOTO: Thank you very much. Any other
23 comments on this topic here in person? All right. I
24 don't see any hands and nobody's standing up. Mr.
25 Roensch, is there anyone online that would like to --

1 MR. ROENSCH: There are no hands raised online.

2 MR. ALIOTO: All right. If there's anyone
3 participating remotely, then you are unable to join the
4 comment queue or you would like to comment and have not
5 been able to do so, I just want to remind you that
6 written comments can be received up until 5:00 p.m.
7 today and they will be included in the record. If they
8 are received after that time, we will not, under the
9 rules, be able to include them in the record, so want to
10 encourage you to please do that. There being no other
11 persons coming forward to testify on this matter, the
12 public hearing on this proposal is now closed.

13 Thank you folks all of you for coming out.
14 Mr. Barker, thank you very much and your team, Mr.
15 Morris, all of you all, staff, as Dave said, monumental
16 lift and really well sounds like the stakeholders are
17 very much in agreement and congratulations to you also.

18 If you folks would like to continue to
19 participate in the rest of our meeting, you can. If
20 you're an elevator person and you got to get to work,
21 then you're more than welcome to take a minute and
22 gather your things and depart from the room.

23 (End Audio)
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