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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE,

Plaintiff,

-against- Index No: 54190/2016

FLAVIO LA ROCCA, MARIA LA ROCCA, FLAVIO LA ROCCA & SONS, INC., a.k.a. F. LA ROCCA & SONS, INC., and FMLR REALTY MANAGEMENT, LLC,

Defendants.

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DEPOSITION TAKEN VIA ZOOM

March 5, 2021 10:00 a.m.

DEPOSITION of MARIA LA ROCCA, the Defendant herein, taken by the Plaintiff, pursuant to Article 31 of the Civil Practice Law & Rules of Testimony, and Court Order, held at the above-mentioned time and place, before, PAIGE HAYDEN, a Court Reporter and Notary Public of the State of New York.

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Page 3 STIPULATIONS: 1 2 3 IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the 4 attorneys for the respective parties herein, 5 and in compliance with Rule 221 of the Uniform 6 Rules for the Trial Courts: 7 8 THAT the parties recognize the provision of Rule 3115 subdivisions (b), (c) and/or (d). 9 All objections made at a deposition shall be 10 11 noted by the officer before whom the deposition is taken, and the answer shall be given and the 12 13 deposition shall proceed subject to the objections and to the right of a person to 14 15 apply for appropriate relief pursuant to 16 Article 31 of the C.P.L.R.; 17 18 THAT every objection raised during a deposition shall be stated succinctly and framed so as not 19 20 to suggest an answer to the deponent and, at 21 the request of the questioning attorney, shall 22 include a clear statement as to any defect in 23 form or other basis of error or irregularity. Except to the extent permitted by C.P.L.R. Rule 24 3115 or by this Rule, during the course of the 25



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1 examination persons in attendance shall not

2 make statements or comments that interfere with

3 the questioning.

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5 THAT a deponent shall answer all questions at a

6 deposition, except (i) to preserve a privilege

7 or right of confidentiality, (ii) to enforce a

8 limitation set forth in an order of a court, or

9 (iii) when the question is plainly improper and

10 would, if answered, cause significant prejudice

11 to any person. An attorney shall not direct a

12 deponent not to answer except as provided in

13 C.P.L.R. Rule 3115 or this subdivision. Any

14 refusal to answer or direction not to answer

15 shall be accompanied by a succinct and clear

16 statement on the basis therefore. If the

17 deponent does not answer a question, the

18 examining party shall have the right to

19 complete the remainder of the deposition.

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21 THAT an attorney shall not interrupt the

22 deposition for the purpose of communicating

23 with the deponent unless all parties consent or

24 the communication is made for the purpose of

25 determining whether the question should not be



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1 answered on the grounds set forth in Section

2 221.2 of these Rules, and, in such event, the

3 reason for the communication shall be stated

4 for the record succinctly and clearly.

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6 THAT the failure to object to any question or

7 to move to strike any testimony at this

8 examination shall not be a bar or waiver to

9 make such objection or motion at the time of

10 the trial of this action, and is hereby

11 reserved; and

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13 THAT this examination may be signed and sworn

14 to by the witness examined herein before any

15 Notary Public, but the failure to do so or to

16 return the original of the examination to the

17 attorney on whose behalf the examination is

18 taken, shall not be deemed a waiver of the

19 rights provided by Rule 3116 and 3117 of the

20 C.P.L.R., and shall be controlled thereby; and

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22 THAT the certification and filing of the

23 original of this examination are hereby waived;

24 and

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Page 6 THAT the questioning attorney shall provide counsel for the witness examined herein with a copy of this examination at no charge.



Page 7 1 2 MARIA LA ROCCA, the WITNESS herein, 3 having been first duly sworn by a 4 Notary Public of the State of New York, 5 was examined and testified as follows: 6 EXAMINATION BY MR. MENDELSOHN: 7 8 State your name for the Q. 9 record, please. Maria La Rocca. 10 Α. 11 State your address for the Ο. record, please. 12 13 Α. 140 Sussex Road, New Rochelle, New York 10804. 14 15 Good morning, Ms. La Rocca. Ο. 16 Α. Good morning. 17 My name is Scott Ο. 18 Mendelsohn. I am an attorney with 19 Wilson Elser, and we represent the 20 Plaintiff in this case, the City of 21 New Rochelle. I am going to be 22 asking you some questions today 23 about the action entitled the City of New Rochelle versus Flavio La 24 25 Rocca and Maria La Rocca, et al.



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Page 8 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Before we continue, do you 3 consent to this deposition 4 proceeding virtually over Zoom? 5 Α. Yes. 6 MR. MENDELSOHN: Counsel 7 for Ms. La Rocca, Ms. 8 Zalantis, do you also 9 consent? 10 MS. ZALANTIS: Yes. 11 Ms. La Rocca, is there anybody else in the room presently 12 with you? 13 14 Α. No. 15 If you don't understand a Ο. 16 question that I have asked you, or 17 if you cannot hear me, please let me 18 know, and I will try to accommodate 19 your request. 20 Α. Yes. 21 Ο. Please let me know if you need to take a break. I only ask 22 23 that if you need to take a break, if there is a question pending, answer 24 25 the question first, and we will take



Page 9 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 a break after. 3 Okay? 4 Α. Okay. 5 Q. Please let me know if --6 withdrawn. 7 We have a court reporter 8 here taking everything down, Mrs. 9 Hayden, so I just ask that your 10 responses have to be verbal. They 11 can't be "uh-huh" or head shaking. 12 They have to be yes or no, is that 13 clear? 14 Α. Yes. 15 Lastly, although you may 16 think you know what the question is 17 going to be before I get through 18 with it, please let me finish my question before answering. 19 20 Okay? 21 Α. Okay. 22 Did you review any 23 documents prior to testifying -today's testimony? 24 I reviewed some of the 25 Α.



Page 10 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 exhibits that we handed to the attorney, you know, whatever we 3 handed to her. 4 5 Q. Are you referring to the discovery that was given to me by Ms. Zalantis? 7 8 Α. I believe so. 9 Are you referring to the Q. documents that were collected and 10 11 that you gave to your attorney? 12 Α. Correct. 13 Q. Did you review any testimony in preparation for today's 14 deposition? 15 I don't understand. 16 17 Did you review anybody 18 else's testimony in this case, in preparation for today's deposition? 19 20 Α. I skimmed through the 21 deposition of my husband, but just for the exhibits. 22 Before today, did you 23 review any pictures in preparation 24 for today's deposition? 25



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Page 11 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Α. Yes. What pictures did you 3 Q. 4 review? 5 Α. Whatever we gave to Kathy 6 Zalantis. Before today, other than 7 Q. 8 with your attorney, have you had any 9 conversations regarding East Street 10 and the ownership of East Street? 11 Α. No. Before today, have you had 12 Ο. 13 any conversations with anybody other than your attorneys, regarding the 14 parcel, which is a piece of property 15 16 -- withdrawn. 17 Are you aware -- have you reviewed the Complaint in this 18 matter? 19 20 Yes, a while ago, yes. Α. 21 Q. And is it fair to say in 22 the Complaint there is a piece of 23 property referred to as the parcel? I don't remember. 24 Α. 25 Q. Are you aware of a piece of



Page 12 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 property that abuts East Street, that is next to East Street, and is 3 also next to Flowers Park and there 4 5 is pictures at the parcel, are you familiar with that area? Are you referring to our 7 8 property of 436 Fifth Avenue? 9 Q. No. You know what? We will wait until we get to the 10 11 pictures so you can accurately see what we are speaking of. 12 Before today's deposition, 13 did you speak with anybody about the 14 15 allegations of construction of a 16 parking lot next to East Street? 17 Only to the -- only to the 18 people that had sent the letter. 19 And who is that? Q. 20 Α. The City of New Rochelle. 21 Ο. Before today's deposition, 22 have you spoken with anybody regarding the Jersey barriers that 23 24 are part of your counterclaim in this matter? 25



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Page 13 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 I don't remember honestly. 3 I just know that we have them. 4 Are you currently taking Ο. 5 any medications and/or substances 6 that would otherwise impair your 7 ability to testify today? 8 Α. No. Where do you currently Q. live? 10 11 Α. 140 Sussex Road, New 12 Rochelle. 13 Q. How many properties do you and your husband own within New 14 Rochelle? 15 A. That we own, one. 16 17 Which property is that? Q. 18 Α. Our personal residence on 19 140. 20 Are you a part of any Q. 21 businesses that own any properties 22 within New Rochelle? 23 Α. Yes. 24 Q. What business is that? Flavio La Rocca & Sons. 25 Α.



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Page 14 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Other than Flavio La Rocca Ο. 3 & Sons, are you a part of any other businesses? 4 5 Α. Yes. What business is that? Ο. FMLR Realty Management. 7 Α. 8 Other than Flavio La Rocca Ο. & Sons and FMLR Realty Management, are there any other businesses that 10 11 you are a part of? 12 Α. Yes. And what is that? 13 Q. Marco Industries. 14 Α. 15 Any more? O. 16 Α. No. 17 Let's start with Flavio La Ο. 18 Rocca & Sons. What is your position with Flavio La Rocca & Sons? 19 20 Α. Vice president. 21 Q. Are you a -- an owner of Flavio La Rocca & Sons? 22 23 Α. Correct. Approximately what 24 Q. 25 percentage of Flavio La Rocca & Sons



Page 15 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 do you own? 3 A. 51 percent. 4 Q. And the other 49 percent is 5 owned by who? 6 A. Flavio La Rocca, my 7 husband. 8 Q. And what properties does Flavio La Rocca & Sons own? 10 A. They don't own any 11 property. 12 0. Okay. What is the main business 13 14 address of Flavio La Rocca & Sons? 15 71-B Potter Avenue, New Rochelle, New York 10801. 16 17 Q. Are there any other 18 addresses that Flavio La Rocca & 19 Sons operates on -- operates from 20 other than 71 Potter Avenue? 21 Α. No. 22 Q. Let's discuss FMLR Realty. 23 What is your position with FMLR 24 Realty? 25 Α. Member.



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Page 16 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 When you say, "member," 0. 3 what does that mean to you? 4 Α. Just my husband and I are 5 equally members of the LC. 6 Are you an owner of FMLR 7 Realty? 8 I am a member so I guess --Α. I mean, I don't know how to answer 9 10 that honestly. 11 Who are the -- who are the 12 members of FMLR Realty? My husband, Flavio La 13 Α. Rocca, and myself. 14 Is there a different 15 Ο. 16 percentage of membership within that 17 LLC? 18 Α. No. 19 Between the two of you? Q. 20 Α. No. 21 Q. Is it fair to say that you 22 are equal partners in FMLR Realty? 23 MS. ZALANTIS: Objection to the form of the question. 24 25 I just want to note that she



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Page 17 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 said she is a member, and you 3 asked about partnership. MR. MENDELSOHN: We can 4 5 -- you know, we will withdraw 6 the question. 7 Is it fair to say that you 8 are equal members of FMLR Realty, 9 you and your husband? 10 Α. Yes. 11 Does that FMLR Realty own any property within New Rochelle? 12 Α. 13 Yes. 14 What properties does FMLR 15 Realty own? 16 436 Fifth Avenue, in New 17 Rochelle, and 69-71 Potter Avenue, 18 in New Rochelle. What is 436 Fifth Avenue? 19 Q. 20 Α. It is our location where 21 our contractor's yard is located. When you say, "contractor's 22 23 yard," is that a location that Flavio La Rocca & Sons operates out 24 25 of?



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Page 18 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 A. Correct. 3 So are the only two 0. locations that Flavio La Rocca & 4 5 Sons operates out of those two 6 locations on Potter Avenue and 436 7 Fifth Avenue? 8 Α. Correct. Just for the duration of 9 Q. 10 this deposition, I am going to refer 11 to 436 Fifth Avenue as 436, is that 12 okay? 13 Α. Sure, thank you. 14 Other than -- I believe 0. 15 there was another business you said 16 you were a part of, Marco 17 Industries, is that fair? 18 Α. Yes. 19 Q. What is Marco Industries? 20 A. It is basically a realty 21 company for the property. 22 How many properties does Marco Industries own? 23 24 Α. One. Where is that property 25 Q.



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2	located?	
3	A. In Putnam County.	
4	Q. Does that property have	
5	anything do with Flavio La Rocca &	
6	Sons or FMLR Realty?	
7	A. No.	
8	Q. What is your what are	
9	your responsibilities regarding	
10	Flavio La Rocca & Sons?	
11	A. Basically I take care of	
12	the office.	
13	Q. What does that mean, to	
14	take care of the office?	
15	A. So I do the bookkeeping,	
16	payroll, compliance, insurance,	
17	day-to-day operations in the office,	
18	management.	
19	Q. Are you involved in the	
20	construction aspect of Flavio La	
21	Rocca & Sons?	
22	A. Not really, no.	
23	Q. Do you, yourself, know how	
24	to read a survey?	
25	A. Not really correctly, no.	



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Page 20 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 In your business dealings Ο. 3 with Flavio La Rocca & Sons, have 4 you had occasion to look at surveys? 5 Α. I look at them if they are presented, but I wouldn't know how to give an answer to it correctly. 7 8 When you say that you keep Q. 9 the payroll, how many employees does Flavio La Rocca & Sons have? 10 11 Α. Currently? 12 Ο. Yes. 13 Five. Α. 14 And as of 2015, so in 2015, Q. 15 how many employees did Flavio La 16 Rocca & Sons have? 17 I don't remember off the 18 top of my head. 19 Was it more or less than Q. 20 five? 21 Α. Probably five or less. 22 Are you -- have you met all 23 five of Flavio La Rocca & Sons employees that are currently 24 25 employees?



Page 21 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Can you say that again? 3 Q. Sure. 4 Have you personally met all 5 of Flavio La Rocca & Sons employees that are employees currently? That are employees 7 8 currently, yes. I don't always get to meet them all. 9 What are the names of 10 11 Flavio La Rocca & Sons current 12 employees? 13 Α. Felipe Galindez (ph), Martin Sanchez (ph), Katherine Porco 14 15 (ph), Flavio La Rocca, and Maria La 16 Rocca. 17 What are Felipe Galindez's Ο. 18 responsibilities with Flavio La 19 Rocca & Sons? 20 He drives our trucks, he Α. 21 does masonry work, he can operate 22 some equipment as far as I know. I don't know what equipment. 23 Is it okay if I refer to 24 Q. Flavio La Rocca & Sons just as La 25



Page 22 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Rocca & Sons? 3 Correct. Α. What is Martin Sanchez's 4 Ο. 5 responsibilities for La Rocca & 6 Sons? 7 Α. He is a driver, and he 8 helps just with, you know, taking stuff off our truck, so just labor. 9 What about, I believe you 10 0. 11 said Katherine Porco? 12 Α. Porco. 13 Ο. What are Ms. Porco's responsibilities with Flavio La 14 Rocca & Sons? 15 16 She is just a secretary. 17 Ο. And Mr. La Rocca, your 18 husband, Flavio, what are his responsibilities with the company? 19 20 Α. He takes care of the 21 outside field, operates the 22 equipment, takes care of the employees, supplies, maintenance on 23 24 our trucks. 25 Q. Were all of those employees



Page 23 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 that you just mentioned that are 3 currently employees of La Rocca & 4 Sons, were they employees of La 5 Rocca & Sons in 2015? 6 I believe so. What about Felipe Galindez, 7 8 was he an employee in 2015? I believe so. I don't 9 Α. 10 remember exactly, but I believe so. 11 MS. ZALANTIS: I just --I'm sorry. I just want to 12 13 instruct my client not to 14 guess. So --15 What about Martin Sanchez? Ο. 16 Α. I don't know if he was. 17 Would you have records that Ο. 18 would be able to show whether or not 19 those two individuals were employees 20 of La Rocca & Sons in 2015? 21 Α. Sure. What would those records 22 Q. 23 be? The payroll spreadsheet if, 24 Α. 25 you know, you cut a check for them.



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Page 24 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Do you maintain the payroll Ο. 3 for La Rocca & Sons? 4 Α. Yes. 5 Q. Do you currently have in 6 your files of La Rocca & Sons the 7 payrolls going back to at least 8 2015? 9 Α. Yes, I should yes. MR. MENDELSOHN: We are 10 11 going to ask, and follow up 12 in writing for the production of those payroll records from 13 La Rocca & Sons. 14 15 What about FMLR Realty, what is -- what is the -- what does 16 17 that business do? 18 Basically owns the Α. property -- properties, the two 19 20 properties, 436 and 69-71. 21 Q. Does FMLR Realty have any employees? 22 23 Α. No. 24 What about Marco Q. 25 Industries, does that have any



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Page 25 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 employees? 3 Α. No. 4 Q. Who currently owns 436? 5 Α. FMLR Realty Management. 6 When did FMLR Realty 7 Management come to own 436? 8 Α. I don't remember off the 9 top of my head. 10 Q. Was FMLR Realty Management 11 the company that purchased 436? 12 Α. No. 13 Q. Who purchased 436? 14 Flavio La Rocca & Sons and Α. Maria La Rocca. 15 16 Q. Who did you and your 17 husband purchase 436 from? 18 Α. The Maffeis. 19 Prior to purchasing 436, 20 did you know the Maffeis? 21 No, I didn't. Α. 22 Did your husband know the Q. 23 Maffeis? 24 A. I don't remember. Do you recall what year you 25 Q.



Page 26 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 and your husband purchased 436? 3 I believe it was in 2002 or Α. 2003. 4 5 Q. Okay. 6 I am just going to show you 7 the first exhibit here. 8 MR. MENDELSOHN: Can 9 everybody see my screen? 10 Ο. Ms. La Rocca, are you able 11 to see my screen? 12 Α. Yes. 13 What is on the screen has Q. been previously marked in the 14 deposition of Flavio La Rocca as 15 Plaintiff's Exhibit 1. 16 17 MR. MENDELSOHN: 18 just for the record I am not 19 going to remark these 20 exhibits. We are going to 21 refer to them as the exhibits 22 that were marked during 23 Flavio La Rocca's deposition 24 for ease, and so there is 25 only one set of exhibits. Is



Page 27 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 that okay with you? 3 MS. ZALANTIS: Yes. 4 Ο. So Ms. La Rocca, you are 5 looking at what has been marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 1. Do you recognize this document? 7 8 Α. Yes. 9 And what is this document? It is the deed of the 10 Α. 11 property. 12 Now I am going to scroll to 13 page two, and can you see page two? 14 Α. Yes. 15 And can you see at the top 16 of the page where I am pointing with 17 my mouse that it says, "This 18 Indenture made the 18th day of 19 September 2002 between John Maffei 20 and Rose Maffei, and the party of 21 the first and Flavio La Rocca and 22 Maria La Rocca." Do you see that? 23 Correct, yes. 24 Ο. And do you recognize this 25 document as the deed when you



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Page 28 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 purchased 436? 3 Α. Yes. 4 And is it fair to say that 5 purchase occurred in September of 2002? 6 7 Α. Yes. 8 Do you recall approximately when it was transferred to FMLR 9 Realty? 10 11 I don't. I'm sorry. 12 What was -- was there a 13 reason for transferring it to FMLR Realty, from the ownership of you 14 and your husband? 15 16 No reason in particular. 17 Did you hire a lawyer to do Ο. 18 that process for you, the transfer? 19 Α. Yes. 20 Do you know if a deed was 21 recorded when you transferred the 22 property? 23 Α. Yes. 24 Q. Do you have a copy of that deed? 25



Page 29 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Α. I think so. 3 MR. MENDELSOHN: We will 4 follow up writing, but we are 5 going to request a copy of 6 that deed to FMLR Realty as 7 well. 8 MS. ZALANTIS: I believe 9 it was already produced. MR. MENDELSOHN: Then we 10 11 will check our -- our files, 12 but if it hasn't, we will follow up in writing. 13 14 At the time that you Q. purchased 436, did you have any 15 conversations with the Maffeis 16 17 regarding the ownership and what 18 they owned regarding 436? MS. ZALANTIS: Objection 19 20 to the form of the question. 21 MR. MENDELSOHN: I will 22 withdraw it and clarify the 23 question. Do you recall any 24 Q. conversations you had with the 25



Page 30 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Maffeis during the purchase of 436? 3 We met them. We met Α. 4 actually Mr. Maffei there at the 5 property to look at it. And when you met with Mr. Maffei, was that prior to the 7 8 purchase of that property? 9 Α. Correct. 10 Did the -- at that time, is 11 it fair to say -- withdrawn. 12 Currently, is it fair to 13 say that 436 has a gate out on front 14 of the property on the eastern side 15 of the property abutting East 16 Street? 17 Yes, it has always been Α. 18 there. 19 And has that eastern side Ο. 20 of 436 Fifth Avenue, does that 21 appear the same today as it did when you purchased it in 2002? 22 23 Α. Yes. 24 Q. Has the gate on the eastern 25 side of that property been moved at



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2	all since 2002?						
3	A. No.						
4	Q. Have any of the walls on						
5	the eastern side of that property						
6	been moved since 2002?	been moved since 2002?					
7	A. No.						
8	Q. When you when you had						
9	that conversation with Mr. Maffei,						
10	did you discuss the boundary lines						
11	of 436 at all?						
12	A. Personally, no, I didn't.						
13	Q. When you say, "personally,"						
14	do you know if anybody else had a						
15	discussion with Mr. Maffei about the						
16	boundary lines of 436?						
17	A. No, not at that time.						
18	Q. Did the discussion of the						
19	ownership of the East Street come up						
20	in a conversation with Mr. Maffei?						
21	A. No.						
22	Q. Do you know if your husband						
23	had any conversations with						
24	Mr. Maffei about the ownership of						
25	East Street?						



Page 32 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 I would think so. I mean, 3 it is there. 4 Do you know what the 5 substance -- I'm sorry. It is there. I mean, our 6 7 property abuts to it. It is part of 8 it. Ο. Do you know what the substance of those conversations 10 11 were if they happened? 12 Basically that we take care 13 of the property that is right in 14 front of us, of that East Street, 15 right in front of our property. 16 Q. At the time that you 17 purchased 436, who did you believe owned East Street? 18 19 Α. Each owner. 20 When you say, "each owner," Q. 21 who are you referring to? 22 Each owner of the properties located, you know, on 23 East Street (indicating). 24 25 Q. What was your basis for



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Page 33 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 that belief? 3 Α. Because we were told that, 4 and because the City never maintains 5 it. Who told you that the property owners that abut East 7 8 Street own East Street? Well, we have had meetings Α. even with officials that say that 10 11 they don't take care of it and it is 12 our responsibility. I am only referring to in 13 Q. 14 2002 when you purchased the 15 property, who did you believe owned 16 East Street? 17 Each owner. Α. 18 And did you have any Q. 19 discussions with anybody prior to 20 that purchase about the ownership of 21 East Street? 22 Α. No. 23 And what was your basis of Ο. your belief in 2002 that each owner 24 25 of the properties that abut East



Page 34 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Street owned East Street? 3 Because when my husband Α. 4 spoke with Maffei -- Mr. Maffei, we 5 had asked, you know, "Who takes care of it in front of the property," and 7 he said, "each owner." 8 Did he say that each owner Ο. 9 owns the property or just that they take care of it? 10 11 Owns and take care of it. 12 When did that conversation Ο. 13 happen? I believe before we bought 14 Α. 15 the property. 16 And where did that conversation happen? 17 18 Α. At the property. 19 Who was present for that 20 conversation? 21 Α. Just Mr. Maffei, my husband, and myself. 22 23 What else was discussed 24 during that conversation? 25 Α. I don't remember. I mean,



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Page 35 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 just the property in itself. 3 Was there a discussion 0. 4 about any other ownership of 5 anything else either within 436 or outside of 436 at that time? 6 7 We did speak about what was 8 inside the property. Obviously, he 9 was not keeping his trucks there, but whatever other materials and 10 11 bins he had there, we would keep. 12 Do you know if there was a 13 survey done at the property prior to you purchasing it? 14 15 Α. Yes. 16 Q. When was that survey done? 17 I believe it was in 2000. Α. 18 And who commissioned that Q. 19 survey, if you know? 20 Α. I don't know. It was 21 before we were there. I am going to show you --22 23 are you able to see my screen? 24 Α. Yes. 25 Q. What is on my screen now



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Page 36 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 was previously marked at the deposition of Flavio La Rocca as 3 Plaintiff's Exhibit 1A. Do you 4 recognize Plaintiff's Exhibit 1A? 5 6 Α. Yes. 7 Q. What is that? 8 It is a survey of the Α. 9 property. 10 And is this the survey that Q. 11 you are referring to in 2000 before 12 the purchase? 13 Α. Yes. 14 MS. ZALANTIS: Objection. 15 Can we clarify on the record 16 about the markings? 17 MR. MENDELSOHN: I have 18 stated this was used at the 19 deposition. The markings 20 were placed by your client at 21 his deposition. It is the 22 same -- it is the document. 23 Now Ms. La Rocca, other than the markings, do you recognize 24 this survey as the survey that you 25



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Page 37 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 are speaking of that was commissioned prior to your purchase? 3 4 Α. Yes. 5 Q. Did you go through that survey prior to your purchase of the 7 property? 8 I did not personally. Α. Do you know if anybody did? 9 Q. 10 Α. I believe my husband. 11 Did you get title insurance Ο. when you purchased the property? 12 13 Α. I think so, yes. Do you know if the title 14 Ο. 15 insurance company had a survey when 16 they issued that title insurance? 17 I would think so. 18 Do you know, as you sit Q. here today, if your property 436 19 20 encroaches onto East Street? 21 Α. I'm sorry, say that again? 22 As you sit here today, are 23 you aware if your property, 436, encroaches onto East Street? 24 We were told that in a 25 Α.



Page 38 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 letter. 3 Have you ever viewed any Ο. 4 surveys, or any other drawings, or 5 sketches, that depict 436 encroaching onto East Street? 7 Not that I remember. 8 Q. Have you ever been told by 9 anybody, other than the City of New Rochelle, that 436 encroaches onto 10 11 East Street? 12 Α. No. When is the first time that 13 0. you were told that 436 encroaches 14 15 onto East Street? 16 I believe '09 or '10, a 17 letter was sent to us. 18 Okay. I want to have you Q. 19 take a look now -- are you able to 20 see my screen? 21 Α. Yes. 22 MR. MENDELSOHN: For the 23 record, what is on my screen 24 is Plaintiff's Exhibit 4 that was identified at the 25



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Page 39 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 deposition of Flavio La 3 Rocca. It is -- says on it, 4 "Verified Answer with 5 Affirmative Defenses and Counterclaims." 6 7 Ms. La Rocca, do you Q. 8 recognize this document? Α. 9 Yes. And what is this document? 10 0. 11 A document that was sent to 12 us from, you know, that -- the 13 survey. 14 I want to scroll down to 0. 15 page 13 of 13 of this PDF. Can you 16 see what is on that page? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Q. What is on that page? A verification. 19 Α. 20 Q. Is there a signature 21 appearing on that page? 22 Mine, Maria La Rocca, and Α. 23 the Notary. 24 Q. Okay. 25 Does this refresh your



Page 40 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 recollection that this is a document 3 that you prepared? 4 That I prepared? Α. 5 Q. Well, let's take it one step further. Could you read for me the verification that is on page 13? 7 8 Sure, the one that is on Α. 9 the screen? 10 Yes, please. 0. 11 "Maria La Rocca, being duly sworn deposes and says, I am named 12 defendant in the above referenced 13 14 action. I have read the annexed verified answer with affirmative 15 16 defenses, know the contents thereof, 17 and the same are true to my 18 knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be on information 19 20 and belief, and as to such matter, I 21 believe the same to be true based upon my review of the record of 22 23 defendant." 24 Q. Just for the record, if you 25 need me to zoom in on anything



Page 41 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 because I don't want to make you 3 blind, let me know. 4 Thank you. I appreciate Α. 5 that. We can -- I know this Ο. 7 virtual stuff is fun, but it can 8 also not be fun so let me know. 9 Does that refresh your recollection about this document? 10 11 Α. Yes. 12 Is this a document that you Ο. prepared in this litigation? 13 14 When you say that I Α. 15 prepared, I didn't prepare the legal 16 part of it, I just signed the verification. 17 18 Is it fair to say prior to Q. signing the document that you 19 20 reviewed this answer and the counterclaims? 21 22 Α. Yes. 23 And you, in your verification, verified that what was 24 25 in it is true to the best of your



Page 42 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 knowledge? 3 Α. Correct. 4 I want to go to page --5 Paragraph 95. If you could start reading at Paragraph 95. 7 "Defendant's property has 8 certain concrete Jersey barriers, 9 which barriers the City claims encroach upon East Street." 10 11 You can keep going. Ο. 12 Sorry. Α. 13 Q. I will let you know when to 14 stop. 15 "When the City constructed Α. 16 a park across East Street from 17 Defendant's property, it took 18 certain concrete Jersey barriers 19 from Defendant's property that 20 belonged to the Defendant. The City 21 installed these concrete Jersey 22 barriers across the street from 23 Defendant's property as a barrier to 24 the park, and then subsequently 25 asphalted these Jersey barriers in



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Page 43 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 place, which installation encroaches 3 upon East Street. The City never 4 asked or offered to pay Defendants 5 to take the concrete Jersey barriers 6 for the City's use, and the Defendants never consented to the 7 8 City doing so." 9 You can stop right there. Q. Α. 10 Okay. 11 And you stopped at the end of Paragraph 98, right? 12 13 Α. Yes. 14 Ο. What are concrete Jersey barriers? 15 16 Α. They are these big barriers 17 that are used sometime to retain 18 equipment, or maybe define certain 19 things that you are trying to 20 restrict (indicating). Now, you say in Paragraph 21 Ο. 97 that the City placed these Jersey 22 barriers on East Street, is that 23 24 fair? 25 Α. Yes.



Page 44 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 And your contention, in Ο. this counterclaim, is that those 3 4 were your Jersey barriers, and that 5 the City took them, is that fair? 6 Correct. Where were the Jersey 7 Q. 8 barriers that you allege the City 9 took when they took them? They were outside of the --10 Α. 11 right outside our fenced property. 12 When you say outside of 13 your fenced property -- well, first of all. When we talk about the 14 Jersey barriers, I believe in this 15 16 you say that -- I don't think you 17 specifically say how many Jersey 18 barriers it was, but when you are 19 saying -- when I ask where the 20 Jersey barriers were, are we 21 referring to all of the Jersey barriers that the City took? 22 I don't remember if they 23 took all of them, but they took a 24 25 good portion of them.



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Page 45 1 M. LA ROCCA And that good portion of 2 Ο. the Jersey barriers, where were they 3 4 located when the City took them? 5 Α. Right outside our fence. We had some stacked one on top of another. 7 8 When you say outside of Ο. your fence, is that the fence on the 9 easternmost side of 436? 10 11 Yes, that is the only fence really we have. Yeah, the gate. 12 Is that the fence that 13 Ο. abuts East Street? 14 15 Α. Yes. 16 Q. So is it fair to say that 17 your allegation is that the City 18 took Jersey barriers that were on 19 East Street? 20 Α. Yes. 21 Q. Now those Jersey barriers, 22 how -- withdrawn. 23 Who owned those Jersey 24 barriers? We did. 25 Α.



Page 46 1 M. LA ROCCA When you say, "we," is that 2 Ο. you and your husband, or is that the 3 4 company? 5 Α. When we first purchased the property, they were there. So is it fair to say that 7 8 you are alleging you and your 9 husband owned those Jersey barriers? Α. 10 Yes. 11 Were those Jersey barriers in the contract of sale? 12 I don't remember if they 13 Α. were in the contract of sale, but we 14 15 spoke about it with the owner. 16 MR. MENDELSOHN: Just for 17 the record, we have an 18 ongoing discovery dispute 19 regarding the contract of 20 sale. We made a follow up writing to Defendant's 21 objections regards the 22 23 production. We will follow that up with the court. 24 25 Q. Do you have a copy of the



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2	contract of sale?	
3	A. Yes. Not in front of me,	
4	but yes.	
5	Q. We would ask that you	
6	preserve that contract of sale as	
7	well as any other documents that we	
8	are calling for production of.	
9	A. When you say, "contract of	
10	sale," the deed?	
11	Q. No, I am referring to the	
12	agreement between the La Roccas and	
13	the Maffeis for the purchase of the	
14	property?	
15	A. Like if there was something	
16	else in writing in?	
17	Q. There would have been on	
18	it there would have been a price,	
19	and a maybe a down payment, or	
20	something like that?	
21	A. I believe so.	
22	Q. How big are these Jersey	
23	barriers that the City allegedly	
24	took?	
25	A. I am not good with	



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Page 48 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 measurements, but there are 3 different sizes and some are very 4 big. 5 Q. Where are those Jersey barriers currently, if you know, 6 7 that were taken? 8 They are on the side of the Α. fence that is on East Street 9 10 opposite of ours. 11 So is it fair to say that 12 those Jersey barriers remain on East Street today? 13 Yes, but not on our 14 15 property. 16 Q. I'm sorry? 17 But not on our property. 18 Is it your contention that Q. 19 outside of the gate, where the 20 Jersey barriers were taken, is your 21 property? 22 Α. Yes. 23 Q. Okay. 24 And what is the basis for that belief? 25



Page 49 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Because we were told that. I mean, it is right outside our 3 4 fence, and we were told that the 5 pieces in front of our property are ours to maintain. Who took those Jersey 7 8 barriers? 9 When they were doing Α. 10 construction at the park, the skate 11 park, the contractor there took 12 them. 13 Ο. Do you know the name of that contractor? 14 15 Persico, P-E-R-S-I-C-O. Α. 16 Q. Did you witness those Jersey barriers being taken? 17 18 I did not personally see Α. them picking it up and putting it 19 20 there. My husband did, but they 21 were there when they were 22 constructing it. And it is your belief that 23 24 Persico taking them is the City 25 taking them, is that fair?



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Page 50 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Α. They were working for the 3 City. 4 Do you know if either you 5 or your husband notified the City regarding those Jersey barriers when they were taken? 7 8 Α. Yes. 9 Q. And how did that happen? Through a letter. 10 Α. 11 Do you know if those Jersey 12 barriers had any markings on them before they were taken, showing that 13 14 they were the property of Flavio and Maria La Rocca? 15 16 Α. I believe no. 17 Do you have any receipts or 18 paperwork that would show the value of those Jersey barriers? 19 20 Α. I don't remember. 21 Did Flavio La Rocca & Sons Ο. replace those Jersey barriers after 22 23 they were taken? 24 I don't know. I don't Α. 25 remember.



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Page 51 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Does Flavio La Rocca & Sons Ο. 3 use Jersey barriers in its construction or in its business? 4 5 Α. No. 6 Since you purchased 436, 7 has the City ever maintained East 8 Street? 9 Α. No. 10 Q. Do you know if the City 11 maintained it prior to purchasing 12 it? 13 Α. We were told that they do 14 not maintain it. 15 I am going to go back to Ο. 16 the answer, which is -- bear with 17 me, Plaintiff's Exhibit 4. Are we 18 still on the answer? 19 Α. Yes. 20 MS. ZALANTIS: Yes. 21 MR. MENDELSOHN: Off the 22 record. 23 (Whereupon, a discussion was held off the record.) 24 25 Q. We are looking at -- I am



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2	going to go to Paragraphs 105	
3	through 109. Can you read starting	
4	at Paragraph 150, and let me know if	
5	you need me to zoom in?	
6	A. Sure. "From 2002, to	
7	present, the Defendants at their	
8	sole cost and expense have	
9	maintained and/or improved East	
10	Street including, but not limited	
11	to, plowing and repairing potholes	
12	and removing debris in order to	
13	properly access its property.	
14	During that time, the City has	
15	refused to maintain, repair, and	
16	improve East Street. If the City is	
17	asserting its ownership over East	
18	Street, than it should have been	
19	maintaining, repairing, and	
20	improving East Street from 2002 to	
21	present. The Defendants have	
22	incurred considerable expenses in	
23	amount determined by the court for	
24	maintaining, repairing, and	
25	improving East Street for merely 20	



Page 53 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 The Defendants are entitled 3 to be reimbursed by the City for 4 those expenses related to actions 5 that should have been done by the City as a municipality that owns East Street." 7 8 As you sit here today, do Ο. 9 you believe the City should maintain East Street? 10 11 If they say that they own it, yes, they should. 12 13 Ο. Do you believe that the City owns East Street? 14 Their actions speak that 15 Α. 16 they don't. 17 Ο. Okay. 18 I want to go to what has 19 been previously marked as 20 Plaintiff's Exhibit 3. Now, I am 21 going to zoom out (indicating). Do you see on the first page there it 22 23 says, "Summons," and on the second page it says, Verified Complaint" at 24 25 the top, and this document is 30



Page 54 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 pages long, and at the end has various pictures and exhibits. 3 4 I am just scrolling to the bottom 5 here so Ms. La Rocca can see it. Ms. La Rocca, have you seen 6 this document before? 7 Α. Yes. 8 9 Is it fair to say that this Q. 10 is the Complaint that was filed by 11 the City of New Rochelle, against you, your husband, and the 12 13 businesses we have spoken about? 14 Α. Yes. 15 I want to go to Paragraph 16 10. Can you -- let me go in for 17 Can you read Paragraph 10? you. 18 Α. Sure. 19 "At all times pertinent 20 hereto, the City has been and 21 presently is the owner of a parcel 22 of property located in the City of 23 New Rochelle, County of Westchester, State of New York, consisting of 24 25 undeveloped open land between East



Page 55 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Street and Flowers Park, the 3 parcel." Remember earlier we talked 4 5 about the parcel, that I was 6 referring to a piece of property, the parcel? 7 8 Α. Yes. 9 I want to go down to -- to Q. -- we will go down to page 16. 10 11 These pictures I am showing have 12 been premarked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 3A from Flavio La Rocca's 13 deposition. I am going to the 14 15 second page of pictures. It is page 16 16 of this PDF. Do you see that? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Do you recognize that area Q. 19 that is depicted in the picture? 20 Α. Somewhat. 21 Q. Where is that area? I believe it is on East 22 Α. 23 Street. 24 Q. Okay. 25 Where on East Street



Page 56 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 relative to 436 is that area? 3 Down the road, going Α. towards East Place. 4 5 Q. Is it fair to say that that is north, past on East Street, down the roads towards East Place? 7 8 Α. Yes. 9 And when you are Q. traveling -- if you were traveling 10 11 from -- if you walked out the gate of 436, and faced East Place, would 12 this area that is depicted on this 13 picture I am showing you be on your 14 15 left side or right side as you walk 16 down towards East Place? 17 I believe it is to the Α. 18 right. 19 And that is the area that I Ο. 20 am referring to as the parcel. that fair for the rest of this 21 deposition? 22 23 Α. Yes. 24 Q. Do you recognize what is in 25 this picture that I am showing you?



Page 57 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Α. Not really. 3 Ο. I will show you -- can you 4 see what is on my screen? 5 Α. Yes. 6 Do you recognize what this 7 is? 8 It says Google earth, so a Α. 9 Google earth view. 10 Do you see down where my 11 marker is here on a red ping (indicating), on the lower middle of 12 13 the page it says, "436 Fifth 14 Avenue?" 15 Α. Yes. 16 Q. And is that an overhead 17 picture of 436 Fifth Avenue from 18 Google earth, with the skate park 19 across the street? 20 It seems to be, yes. Α. 21 Ο. And the -- the gate we have been talking about, is that viewable 22 on this overhead photograph in front 23 of 436 on the East Street? 24 25 Α. Yes.



Page 58 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 0. I will zoom in for you. 3 Yes, I mean, it looks like Α. 4 the -- the yard is open, so the 5 gates are on to the side 6 (indicating). Q. 7 Okay. 8 But is that -- in that 9 lower middle right, to the right of that red ping, are those the 10 11 outermost eastern walls of 436? 12 Α. Yes. 13 MS. ZALANTIS: Just for 14 the record, you were putting 15 your mouse over the area that appears next to a white -- I 16 17 don't know how to describe 18 it, a white vehicle or 19 structure. 20 MR. MENDELSOHN: Okay. 21 Ο. I am moving my mouse down 22 East Street, away from Fifth Avenue, 23 right to the right of that red ping 24 (indicating). If you follow this 25 down East Street, is that the skate



Page 59 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 park that you were talking about 3 with the little bell marking in it, 4 the green bell marking? 5 Α. Yes. 6 MR. MENDELSOHN: I just moved my mouse around that 7 bell marking (indicating). 8 9 Going further down East Q. 10 Street towards East Place, can you 11 see East Place on this picture? I believe so, yes. 12 Α. And would that be the area 13 Ο. down here, following the -- what 14 15 look to be a soccer field, to the 16 left on this picture, the street 17 that is perpendicular to it? 18 Α. Yes. 19 And do you see this area Q. 20 that I am putting my mouse around 21 (indicating), is has been previously drawn a circle around it at another 22 23 deposition. Do you see that area 24 that is right to the north of the 25 skate park and next -- and abutting



Page 60 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 to the parking lot right here 3 (indicating)? 4 Α. Yes. 5 Q. Is that the -- the parcel that we have been speaking of? 7 Α. I believe so. 8 Ο. Does that area now have a fence around it? Α. 10 Yes. 11 That is the area that we are referring to as the parcel, Ms. 12 13 La Rocca. 14 Α. Okay. 15 Is this picture a fair and 16 accurate depiction of how 436 and 17 the surroundings area looked? 18 Yes. I am not there daily, Α. 19 but yes, overall. 20 MS. ZALANTIS: I want to 21 clarify, are you asking her 22 currently or --23 MR. MENDELSOHN: Yes, currently. 24 25 Q. Just generally, an overhead



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Page 61 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 shot of the area? 3 I would think so, yes. Α. 4 Has Flavio La Rocca & Sons, Ο. 5 or any of its employees, ever parked 6 its vehicles in the parcel? 7 Α. No. 8 Ο. Has Flavio La Rocca & Sons, 9 or any of its employees, ever 10 performed any work on the parcel? 11 Not to my knowledge. 12 Do you see these vehicles that are parked directly across East 13 Street from the parcel that I am 14 15 moving my mouse over here 16 (indicating)? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Q. Do you know who owns this property, meaning, the property at 19 20 the corner of East Place and East 21 Street? 22 Α. Yes. 23 Who owns that property? Q. 24 Α. Guglielmo. 25 Q. Has Flavio La Rocca & Sons



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Page 62 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 rented space in that property 3 before? 4 Α. Yes. 5 Q. Do you see those vehicles 6 parked right outside, on the eastern side of Mr. Guglielmo's property? 7 8 Α. Yes. 9 Who parks their vehicles 10 there? 11 I believe it is Guglielmo's Α. employees and neighbors, or people 12 13 that even go to the skate park. 14 Ο. Has Flavio La Rocca & Sons, 15 or any of its employees or owners, 16 ever parked there? 17 Α. No. 18 Q. Has Flavio La Rocca & Sons, 19 or its owners, or employees, ever 20 done work to that area that I am 21 circling my mouse around to the east side of Guglielmo's property 22 23 (indicating)? 24 Α. No. 25 MS. ZALANTIS: Just for



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Page 63 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 the record, you circled 3 parking cars. 4 MR. MENDELSOHN: Yes. 5 Right to the eastern side there of his property. 6 Has -- I am just going to 7 8 -- I am going to refer -- when I say 9 La Roccas, I mean FMLR Realty, you, your husband, or Flavio La Rocca & 10 11 Sons. 12 Have the La Roccas ever 13 applied to the City for the option to park in the parcel? 14 15 Α. No. 16 Have the La Roccas ever asked the City for extra parking? 17 18 No, not there. We -- the Α. skate park we had inquired about 19 20 purchasing. 21 Q. When did you do that? 22 I don't remember the year, 23 but before it was being constructed. 24 Q. Do you know when the skate 25 park was constructed approximately?



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2	A. I don't remember. A while	
3	ago, but I don't remember.	
4	Q. Was that before or after	
5	2010?	
6	A. I don't know.	
7	Q. Was that before or after	
8	2015?	
9	A. No.	
10	Q. No, meaning before?	
11	A. It was before 2015, yes. I	
12	believe that has been there for five	
13	years already, yeah.	
14	Q. Now, does do the La	
15	Roccas ever park their vehicles on	
16	East Street?	
17	A. We do not park. We	
18	temporarily stage when we are taking	
19	our trucks out, we temporarily park	
20	our trucks outside.	
21	Q. When you say, "stage," what	
22	does staging mean?	
23	A. So we have to back out of	
24	our yard, so if we are lining up the	
25	trucks before they go out in the	



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Page 65 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 morning, that is where we put them. 3 Ο. And when you say, "temporarily," how long is 4 5 temporarily? 6 It depends. It could be an 7 hour, it could be four hours. It 8 depends. Q. Has the City of New 10 Rochelle ever given the La Roccas, 11 or the businesses, permission to do 12 that? Never needed it. 13 Α. 14 0. That is not my question. 15 Has the City of New 16 Rochelle ever given the La Roccas 17 permission to park their vehicles on 18 East Street? 19 Α. No. 20 0. Has the City of New 21 Rochelle ever given the La Roccas permission to do anything on the 22 23 parcel? 24 Α. No. I want to go down on 25 Q.



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1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Plaintiff's Exhibit 3A, as 3 previously marked, which is page 14 of Plaintiff's Exhibit 3. I want to 4 5 go down to page 15. On page 15, is 6 it fair to say that page 15 depicts part of the parcel? 7 8 It looks that way. Α. 9 Do you recognize any of the Q. 10 individuals in this picture? 11 Α. No. 12 Do you see that there is a O. truck on the left side of this 13 picture as you are looking at it? 14 15 Α. Yes. 16 Q. And what does that truck 17 say on it? 18 Α. F La Rocca & Son, Inc., 19 with our phone number and website. 20 Do you recognize that Q. 21 truck? 22 Α. Yes. Is that one of Flavio La 23 Ο. Rocca & Sons trucks? 24 25 Α. It was, yes.



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Page 67 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 When you say, "it was," did 3 Flavio La Rocca & Sons own that 4 truck? 5 Α. Yes. 6 When approximately did 7 Flavio La Rocca & Sons own that 8 truck? I -- I don't remember when 10 exactly. 11 Q. Did it own it in 12 approximately 2015? Yes, I believe so, yes. 13 Α. 14 Is that truck still owned 0. 15 by Flavio La Rocca & Sons? 16 Α. No. 17 When approximately was it Ο. 18 sold -- withdrawn. 19 What happened to that 20 truck? 21 It was sold. Α. 22 When approximately was it Q. 23 sold? 24 Α. I believe two or three 25 years ago.



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Page 68 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Now, can you see that there Ο. 3 are -- there is another truck in 4 this picture underneath the words Flavio La Rocca? 5 6 Α. Yes. 7 Q. Do you recognize this 8 truck? 9 Α. Yes. What is that truck? 10 Q. 11 A. A pick-up. 12 Who owns that truck? 0. Flavio La Rocca & Sons. 13 Α. 14 Is it fair to say that 0. 15 truck was owned by Flavio La Rocca & Sons in 2015? 16 17 Α. Yes. 18 Now are these trucks -- in Q. 19 2015, were they owned by the 20 company, or by the -- Flavio La 21 Rocca & Sons, or were they owned by 22 any individuals? 23 Flavio La Rocca & Sons. 24 Q. And do you see in the picture there are four individuals 25



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Page 69 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 depicted in this picture? 3 It is hard to see, but Α. 4 yeah. 5 Q. Can we agree there are two 6 individuals on the right side, and I 7 am moving my mouse around the side, 8 about from about the second truck 9 you just identified, and to the right of the picture? 10 11 Α. Yes. 12 Do you recognize either of those individuals? 13 No. 14 Α. 15 And what, if anything, does Ο. it look like those individuals are 16 17 doing? 18 Α. It is even hard to see, 19 maybe I am just blind. 20 O. How long have you been 21 married to Flavio La Rocca? 22 Α. 26 years. 23 And prior to being married, how long did you know Mr. La Rocca? 24 25 Α. Two years.



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Page 70 1 M. LA ROCCA Is it fair to say that you 2 0. 3 know what Mr. La Rocca looks like? 4 Absolutely. Α. 5 Q. I am moving to page 16 of Plaintiff's Exhibit 3. 6 7 Does this picture show the 8 parcel? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Q. Okay. And is that fair, it is how 11 12 it looked in approximately 2015? Yes, I think so. 13 Α. Do you recognize any of the 14 15 individuals in this picture? 16 Α. No. 17 Do you recognize any of the 18 equipment in this picture? 19 Α. Yes. 20 What equipment do you Q. 21 recognize? 22 The only piece that is 23 there, the compactor, I think that 24 is called. How do you recognize that 25 Q.



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2	compactor?	
3	A. Because we purchased it.	
4	Q. And when you say, "we," is	
5	that Flavio La Rocca & Sons?	
6	A. Correct.	
7	Q. Did Flavio La Rocca & Sons	
8	own that in approximately 2015?	
9	A. Yes.	
10	Q. Now in this picture, what	
11	is the compactor doing?	
12	A. Just seems like it is going	
13	on top of that area.	
14	Q. Now, other than employees	
15	of Flavio La Rocca & Sons, did	
16	anybody else use that compactor in	
17	2015?	
18	A. No.	
19	Q. So is it fair to say that	
20	the person riding that compactor is	
21	an employee of Flavio La Rocca &	
22	Sons in 2015?	
23	A. It would be. I just can't	
24	recognize them.	
25	Q. And do you recall Flavio La	



Page 72 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Rocca & Sons doing work to the 3 parcel in 2015? 4 I wasn't present. Α. 5 Q. That is not my question. 6 Do you know if Flavio La 7 Rocca & Sons did work to the parcel 8 in 2015? 9 No, not really. Α. 10 When you say, "not really," Q. 11 is it that you are not sure, or no? 12 I'm not sure, but yeah --13 I'm not sure. Did the City of New 14 Ο. 15 Rochelle give Flavio La Rocca & Sons 16 permission to use a compactor on the 17 parcel? 18 Α. No. 19 Did the City of New 20 Rochelle ever give permission for 21 Flavio La Rocca & Son's employees to be on the parcel? 22 23 Α. No. Q. 24 I am going to go to the 25 next picture, which is page 17. Do



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Page 73 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 you recognize this picture? 3 I recognize the equipment. Α. 4 Is it fair to say this is a 5 picture of the parcel? 6 Α. Yes. 7 Is it fair to say this is 8 about how it appeared in 2015? 9 Α. I guess so, yeah. 10 What equipment do you Q. 11 recognize? The loader. 12 Α. And how do you recognize 13 Q. 14 that loader? Because it has -- if I am 15 16 not mistaken, on the door, something 17 of ours, like a logo. 18 Is that loader something that Flavio La Rocca & Sons has 19 20 owned? 21 Α. Yes. 22 Did it own it in approximately 2015? 23 24 Α. Yes. Does Flavio La Rocca & Sons 25 Q.



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Page 74 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 still own that loader? 3 I believe so. Α. 4 When, approximately, did 5 Flavio La Rocca & Sons purchase that 6 loader? 7 A. I don't remember, maybe the 8 early 2000s. Is it fair to say that Q. 10 Flavio La Rocca & Sons owned it 11 before 2010? 12 Α. Yes. 13 Q. Going to the next picture on page 18. Do you recognize the 14 15 area in this picture? 16 Α. Yes, it is another view of 17 it. 18 And is it another view of Q. 19 the parcel? 20 Α. Yes. 21 Q. And is it fair to say that 22 this is how it appeared in about 23 2015? 24 A. I guess, yes. 25 Q. Do you recognize any of the



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Page 75 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 vehicles in this picture? 3 Α. Yes. What vehicle do you 4 5 recognize? The pick-up truck. 7 And is that the pick-up 8 truck on the left side of the photo? 9 Α. Yes. And how do you recognize 10 Q. 11 that pick-up truck? 12 It has our logo on it. Α. Going back to page 17 in 13 Q. 3A, do you see these vehicles that 14 15 are parked on the parcel on the 16 right-hand side of the photograph 17 that I am moving my mouse around 18 (indicating)? 19 Α. Yes. 20 Do you recognize any of those vehicles? 21 22 They are not ours. Α. Are they any of your 23 Q. employees? 24 25 Α. No.



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Page 76 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Ο. Going to page 19. Well, 3 actually, we will go back to page 4 Do you see in the upper part of 5 this picture on the parcel there is a -- it looks like a mound of 6 7 material that I am moving my mouse 8 across (indicating)? 9 Α. Okay. 10 Light brown, do you see Q. 11 that? 12 Α. Okay. 13 Q. Do you recognize that 14 material? 15 Α. No. 16 Does Flavio La Rocca & Sons 17 ever use any machines to make wood 18 chips? 19 Α. No. 20 Does Flavio La Rocca & Sons Q. 21 own any machines that can do that? 22 Α. No. 23 Does Flavio La Rocca & Sons ever use wood chips in any of its 24 25 construction?



Page 77 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 No, mulch, but not that. 3 don't even know what that is 4 actually. 5 Q. Going down to page 20, is this another picture of the parcel? Yes, it seems. 7 Α. 8 And do you recognize any of Ο. 9 these vehicle parked in there? Not ours or our employees. 10 Α. 11 I want to now turn -- one 12 moment. I am going to share with 13 you Plaintiff's Exhibit 12, which 14 was previously marked at prior deposition. Do you see at the top 15 16 it says, "Defendant's Response to First Set of Interrogatories and 17 Document Demands by Plaintiff?" 18 19 Α. Yes. 20 Now I am going to go to the 21 end of the document, page 15, and do 22 you see a verification on that page? 23 Α. Yes. 24 Do you recognize any of the 25 signatures on that page?



Page 78 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Yes, Flavio's and mine. 3 Were you involved in the Ο. preparation of this document? 4 5 Α. I don't remember. If you need to take a 6 7 minute to review it, if you want me 8 to --9 Α. If you can scroll down. 10 Q. Sure, sure. So you tell me 11 when to move, okay? 12 Α. Yeah. 13 Q. We are on page one now. 14 Yes. Α. 15 Page two. I am going to Ο. 16 skip ahead. I am going to skip to 17 page three where it starts the 18 requests. The first request on page 19 three is, "Identify all persons 20 having knowledge of the facts 21 relevant to the subject matter of 22 the Complaint." 23 Do you see that? 24 Α. Yes. 25 Q. And page four, their second



Page 79 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 request, "State who the people are 3 depicted in the various photographs in Exhibit 1 to the Complaint." 4 5 Do you see that? 6 Α. Which request? Request 2, that I just read 7 Q. 8 that first sentence? 9 Α. Yes. 10 And then page five, 0. 11 "Produce all documents and 12 communications concerning any articles, posts or mentions in the 13 local news site, Talk of the Sound, 14 of the Defendants." 15 16 Do you see that? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Do you recognize this? Q. 19 Yes, somewhat, it has been 20 a while, but somewhat. 21 Ο. Do you know if you were involved in preparing the answers to 22 these questions? 23 I believe so, yes. 24 Α. 25 Q. And other than you, who



Page 80 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 else was involved in preparing the 3 answers? My husband, Flavio. 4 Α. 5 Q. I am going to go back to page four, and I am looking specifically at Request Number 2. 7 Can you read -- I will read the 8 9 question, and if you could read the 10 answer, and we will move from there. 11 The Request Number 2 is, "State who the people are depicted 12 13 in the various photographs in Exhibit 1 to the Complaint. The 14 15 area depicted and what the 16 individuals are doing." Just to give you some frame of reference, 17 18 those pictures that we just went 19 through in Plaintiff's Exhibit 3A, 20 those are the pictures that are 21 referring to here, and I am going to 22 move down to your response to 23 Exhibit 1A. Can you start where my 24 mouse is at Exhibit 1A (indicating)? 25 Α. "Depicts a now fenced off



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Page 81 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 area near Flowers Park, which had been used at the time the photograph 3 4 was taken, and for many years before 5 and even months after by the neighboring property owners, Benny's Tree Service and PAB Paving for 7 8 parking of their employees vehicles." 9 I want you to stop right 10 11 there. Now, that area that we are speaking about there, that is the 12 13 parcel, correct? 14 Α. Correct. 15 Now, in here you responded 16 that the Benny's Tree Service and PAB Paving use that area as parking. 17 18 How do you know that? 19 Because I have seen it. 20 Q. Okay. 21 And other than PAB Paving and Benny's Tree Service, does 22 anybody else use that area as 23 parking? 24 25 Α. Their employees.



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Page 82 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 In approximately 2015? Ο. 3 Their employees. Α. 4 How often would they use Q. 5 that as parking? Every day. Α. 7 Did PAB Paving or Benny's Tree Service ever do any work to the 8 9 parcel? I don't know. 10 Α. 11 Did you ever see any of their loaders or pavers on the 12 13 parcel? I don't know. 14 Α. 15 Did you ever see any of 16 their employees raking the parcel? 17 I don't know. 18 Did you ever see any of 19 their, or do you know, if they 20 placed materials on the parcel? I wouldn't know. 21 Α. 22 Have you or anyone you know had conversations with Benny's Tree 23 Service or PAB Paving about the 24 25 parcel?



Page 83 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Α. No. 3 Ο. I want you to start --4 still in the same response to 1A, 5 the sentence that starts, "The men." 6 You want me to read it? Α. Q. Please. 7 8 "The men depicted in Α. 9 Exhibit 1A are raking existing gravel in the parking area with 10 11 rakes, and smoothing and compacting 12 the gravel in the parking area that had become displaced as a result of 13 snow plowing East Street and the 14 15 Parring area to allow for continued 16 parking of vehicles by the employees 17 of Benny's Tree Service and PAB 18 Paving in the parking area, which condition" --19 20 Q. Stop right there, please. 21 This talks about snowplowing. Who is snowplowing 22 23 East Street? At that time? 24 Α. 25 Q. In 2015.



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Page 84 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Α. We were. 3 Ο. And when you say, "we were," is that Flavio La Rocca & 4 5 Sons? 6 Α. Correct. 7 How often would Flavio La 8 Rocca & Sons plow East Street? 9 Depending on the storm. Α. Other than Flavio La Rocca 10 Ο. 11 & Sons, did any other people plow East Street? 12 I don't think so because we 13 Α. would usually take care of it. 14 Would you agree that this 15 Q. 16 answer to this question is stating 17 that Flavio La Rocca & Sons was 18 doing work on the parcel, in raking 19 it out, and smoothing and compacting 20 the gravel area? 21 Α. Based on what I am reading, 22 yes. 23 Do you have personal Ο. knowledge of that work? 24 25 Α. No.



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Page 85 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Do you have personal Ο. 3 knowledge of snowplowing East 4 Street? 5 Α. Yes. 6 I want to go down to 1B. Can you read 1B? 7 "Exhibit 1B depicts the 8 Α. 9 same parking area described in response to 1A. Also depicted are 10 11 piles of mulch that upon information 12 and belief were placed in the 13 parking area by Benny's Tree Service 14 and/or PAB Paving." 15 Stop right there. 16 testified earlier that Flavio La 17 Rocca & Sons uses mulch in its 18 business, correct? 19 Yes, of clients. Α. 20 And is mulch stored in Ο. 21 Flavio La Rocca & Sons property at 22 436? 23 Α. No. Where does the mulch come 24 Q. 25 from that is used by Flavio La Rocca



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Page 86 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 & Sons? 3 By the supplier that we Α. purchase it from. 4 5 Q. And is it stored anywhere 6 once it is purchased? 7 No, because you pick it up 8 fresh to install it at the clients. What do you pick it up Q. 10 using? 11 Α. What do you mean? 12 When Flavio La Rocca & Sons 13 picks up mulch from the supplier --14 withdrawn. Does it use -- withdrawn. 15 16 When Flavio La Rocca & Sons 17 picks up mulch from the supplier, 18 does it use any machinery to do 19 that? 20 No, Flavio La Rocca & Sons 21 does not. 22 Does it use any trucks to transport it, the mulch? 23 24 Α. Yes. 25 Q. What sort of trucks?



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Page 87 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Α. Dump trucks. 3 In 2015, would it have used Ο. 4 those same dump trucks that were 5 pictured in the photographs that I showed you in Plaintiff's 3A? 7 For the clients, yes. 8 Now, you just read that Ο. 9 upon information and belief the 10 parking area -- the mulch was placed 11 by Benny's Tree Service and/or PAB 12 Paving. Do you believe that to be 13 true? 14 Α. Yes. 15 What is your basis for that 0. 16 belief? 17 Because Benny's is tree 18 service and he has the equipment to do all that work. 19 20 Have you ever seen Benny 21 put all that material there? No, I didn't personally 22 Α. 23 seen it. 24 Ο. Has anyone you have known 25 ever seen Benny put that material



Page 88 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 there? 3 I don't know. Α. 4 Do you know Benny, from 5 Benny's Tree Service? Yeah, I mean from seeing 7 each other down the street, yeah. 8 Ο. What is his full name? 9 A. Benny Rivera. 10 Have you spoken to Benny Q. 11 Rivera ever about the parcel? 12 Α. No. 13 Q. Have you ever spoken to Patrick Bongo (ph) about the parcel? 14 15 Α. No. 16 Q. Is Patrick Bongo the owner 17 of PAB Paving? 18 A. As far as I know, yes. 19 Q. Have you ever spoken to 20 either one of those individuals 21 about East Street? 22 Α. Yes. 23 What were those 24 conversations? When the eminent domain --25 Α.



Page 89 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 when the City was trying to take all of our properties to eminent domain. 3 4 And when approximately was 5 that? I don't remember. 6 Α. Definitely after 2005, 2006. I 7 8 don't remember exactly the year. Was it before or after Q. 10 2015? 11 I don't remember what year Α. 12 it was. Was it before or after this 13 Ο. lawsuit started? 14 I believe it was before. 15 Α. 16 Q. Did -- during those conversations, were you present for 17 18 those conversations? 19 Which conversations? Α. 20 With -- with either Benny 0. 21 Rivera or Patrick Bongo about the ownership -- about East Street? 22 Yes, for the eminent 23 24 domain, yes. 25 Q. Have you ever spoken to



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Page 90 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Patrick Bongo or Benny Rivera about the ownership of East Street? 3 4 Α. No. Personally, no. 5 Q. Do you know if anybody else 6 has? Sorry, it froze. 7 Α. 8 Do you know if anybody Ο. 9 else, other than you, has spoken with either of those individuals 10 11 about the ownership of East Street? I don't know. 12 Α. 13 Do you know if anybody, Q. other than you, has spoken to them 14 15 about the parcel? 16 No, I don't think so. 17 Now, going back to the Ο. parcel, in those pictures I showed 18 you, is it fair to say that there 19 20 are no trees or vegetation on that 21 parcel? I would have to look at it 22 23 again, but, I mean, I thought I saw 24 trees. 25 Q. I am going to go back to 3,



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Page 91 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 page 16. Would you agree it shows 3 the parcel. That area from East 4 Street up to the mulch piles, do you 5 see the light brown piles? 6 Α. Yes. 7 Q. Are there any trees on that 8 area? 9 Α. No. 10 Is there any vegetation in Q. 11 that area? Not that I could tell. 12 Α. Before 2015, was there 13 Q. trees or vegetation in that area? 14 15 I don't believe there were 16 trees because they were parking 17 there. 18 When is the earliest time Q. you recall people parking in the 19 20 parcel? 21 Α. Always. 22 So it is your testimony 23 people have parked in the parcel since 2002 when you bought the 24 25 property?



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Page 92 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Α. Yes. 3 Do you know when or if that Ο. 4 parcel was ever cleared? 5 Α. No, I don't. 6 Has Flavio La Rocca & Sons 7 ever moved any trees or vegetation 8 from that parcel? 9 Α. No. 10 Do you know if Benny's Tree 11 Service has ever moved any 12 vegetation from that parcel? I don't. 13 Α. 14 Q. Or PAB Paving? I don't. 15 A. 16 Q. I haven't asked, if at any 17 time you need a break, let me know. 18 If you need a bathroom break or 19 water break, whatever you need. 20 If we can, that would be Α. 21 great. 22 Now is a good time. Do you 23 want to take a five-minute break? 24 Α. Sure. 25 MS. ZALANTIS: Can I ask



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2	how long you think you may	
3	have left of this deposition?	
4	MR. MENDELSOHN: I think	
5	I have another hour and a	
6	half, Kathy, hopefully	
7	shorter.	
8	(Whereupon, a recess was	
9	taken at this time.)	
10	(Whereupon, the requested	
11	portion was read back by the	
12	reporter:	
13	Q: Do you know if	
14	Benny's Tree Service has ever	
15	moved any vegetation from	
16	that parcel?	
17	A: I don't.	
18	Q: Or PAB Paving.	
19	A: I don't.)	
20	Q. Ms. La Rocca, are you aware	
21	withdrawn.	
22	Do you know who created the	
23	or who originally paved over the	
24	parcel?	
25	A. It was like that when	



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2	Persico they were parking all	
3	their vehicles there when they were	
4	building the skate park.	
5	Q. Did you witness them pave	
6	over the parcel?	
7	A. No, but all their equipment	
8	and trucks were there.	
9	Q. And when approximately was	
10	that, what year?	
11	A. I don't know offhand.	
12	Q. Was that before 2010?	
13	A. I believe so, that was	
14	before the skate park was built,	
15	yes.	
16	Q. Do you recall how that	
17	area, the parcel looked, prior to	
18	Persico coming?	
19	A. No, I don't. That, I	
20	don't.	
21	Q. Do you ever remember trees	
22	on the parcel?	
23	A. No, I don't really	
24	remember.	
25	Q. Okay.	



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Page 95 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 I am going to now show you 3 -- well, withdrawn. 4 Have you ever heard of Talk 5 of the Sound? 6 Not until we were published 7 in it. 8 Q. Do you know when approximately that was? 2014/2015. I don't 10 Α. 11 remember. Q. Have you ever met any 12 representative or reporters from 13 14 Talk of the Sound? 15 Α. No. 16 Q. Are you aware or do you 17 know an individual named Bob Cox 18 (ph)? No, I don't know him 19 Α. 20 personally. 21 Q. Have you ever met Bob Cox? 22 Α. No. 23 Q. Have you ever spoken with Bob Cox? 24 25 Α. Nope.



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Page 96 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Do you know if your husband Ο. 3 has? 4 No, he hasn't. Α. 5 Q. Do you know if anybody from Flavio La Rocca & Sons or any of your businesses has? 7 8 Α. No. 9 Have you ever been asked to Q. 10 comment for any Talk of the Sound 11 source? 12 Α. No. 13 Q. Have you read the articles 14 that were published about you and 15 your businesses in Talk of the 16 Sound? 17 Yes, back then. Α. 18 What did you think of them? Q. 19 They were all lies. Α. 20 One of the allegations by Q. 21 Talk of the Sound is that you were -- that Flavio La Rocca & Sons and 22 its employees were doing work on the 23 24 parcel, is that fair? 25 Α. I believe so, yes.



Page 97 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Was that a lie? Ο. 3 I wasn't there, personally. Α. 4 I am now going to show you Ο. 5 what has been previously marked as 6 Plaintiff's Exhibit 13. Are you able to see my screen? 7 8 Α. No. What about now? 9 Q. 10 Α. Yes. 11 This is a video that was Ο. produced by us in discovery, and was 12 13 previously marked at Flavio La Rocca's deposition as Plaintiff's 14 Exhibit 13. 15 16 Ms. La Rocca, have you seen 17 this video just based on the title 18 that is shown on the screen at minute 00? 19 20 Honestly, I don't remember. Α. 21 I stopped looking at what he was 22 doing, and what he was publishing because it was just following us 23 everywhere. I don't like that. 24 25 Q. When you say following you



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2	everywhere, did you ever see him?	
3	A. I saw him driving by my	
4	property, my personal	
5	Q. When you say by your	
6	property I'm sorry. I didn't	
7	hear you?	
8	A. By my personal residence.	
9	Q. When you say hold on one	
10	second.	
11	When you say, "personal	
12	residence," are you referring to the	
13	residence that you currently live	
14	at?	
15	A. Yes.	
16	Q. Have you ever seen Mr. Cox	
17	at 436?	
18	A. Yes.	
19	Q. When was that?	
20	A. After this happened. He	
21	was always trying to stalk us. We	
22	had to call the police.	
23	Q. When you say trying to	
24	stalk you, what what do you mean?	
25	A. If I would be outside of my	



Page 99 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 yard, or my husband, or any of my 3 employees, he would try to attempt 4 to come into our properties. That 5 is where I saw him, at my yard. Is it your -- did Bob Cox ever come into your property? 7 8 He attempted, and we Α. blocked him. 9 10 Q. What property is that? 11 Α. 436 Fifth Avenue. 12 How did he attempt to get Ο. into 436 Fifth Avenue? 13 By walking. 14 Α. 15 Was he attempting to walk Q. 16 through the gates? 17 Α. Yes. 18 And how was he blocked? Q. 19 My employees told him to Α. 20 get off the property. 21 Q. Were you there? 22 Α. In my car. 23 Was Mr. La Rocca there? Ο. 24 Α. No, not that time, no. 25 Q. Okay.



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Page 100 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Approximately how many 3 times have you seen Bob Cox? Two times, here at the 4 Α. 5 house when he was trying to 6 videotape my property and my kids playing, and at the yard. 7 8 Okay. Q. 9 Have you watched this video 10 in preparation for this deposition? 11 Α. No. 12 I am going to now play the video that is in Plaintiff's Exhibit 13 13. I am stopping it at ten 14 15 seconds. 16 Do you recognize what is 17 depicted on this video right now? 18 Yes, the same as the other 19 exhibits that you showed. 20 Ο. Does that look to be the same -- withdrawn. 21 22 Does that show the property 23 -- I mean the parcel? Α. Part of it. 24 25 Q. Okay.



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Page 101 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 And is that the same -- is 3 this a fair and accurate 4 representation of how it looked in 5 2015? Yes, I don't remember that date or totally that year, but yeah. 7 8 Is that the same loader Ο. 9 that we previously discussed that was in Plaintiff's Exhibit 3 A? 10 11 Α. Yes. 12 And does the parcel look in Ο. similar condition as the pictures 13 that we previously looked at in 3A? 14 15 I'm sorry, say that again? Α. 16 Q. Does the parcel look in 17 similar condition as the pictures we 18 looked at in 3A earlier? That had like the same 19 Α. 20 view, yes. 21 Is -- is that loader that 0. is depicted, is that the one owned 22 by Flavio La Rocca & Sons in about 23 24 2015? 25 Α. Yes.



Page 102 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Is that loader in this Ο. 3 frame at second 10 of the video, is 4 it on the parcel? 5 Α. Seems to be partially on 6 the parcel and partially on East Street. 7 8 Ο. I am playing the video. I 9 am stopping at second 13. Do you 10 recognize anybody in this video? 11 No, I don't. Stopping at 17. Are you 12 able to recognize anybody now? 13 14 Α. No. 15 What is the area back Ο. 16 behind -- I am putting my cursor 17 over an area (indicating). It looks 18 to be a scoreboard in the 19 background. What is that area? 20 That is the -- what do they Α. 21 call it? City park. Is that Flowers Park? 22 Q. 23 I would assume so, yes. Α. Playing the video again. 24 Q. Stopping at minute -- at second 20. 25



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Page 103 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Are you able to recognize any people 3 depicted in that now? 4 No, very fuzzy. Α. 5 Q. What about any of the vehicles? 6 7 Α. Yes. 8 Ο. Which vehicles are you able 9 to recognize? The ones that I recognized 10 Α. 11 before, the left one and the right 12 one. 13 Ο. And are those the two yellow trucks? 14 15 Α. Yes. 16 Q. And are those -- were those 17 owned by Flavio La Rocca & Sons 18 approximately in 2015? 19 Α. Yes. 20 I am stopping at second 20. Q. 21 Do you see the two people on the right here that I am putting my 22 23 cursor around that are on the parcel 24 (indicating)? 25 Α. Yes.



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Page 104 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 What are they doing? Ο. 3 I see a white slant, but I Α. 4 can't clearly see what they are 5 doing. I am letting it roll to 24. 7 Were you able to tell what they were 8 doing when I rolled the video? 9 Α. It looked like raking. 10 Ο. And is that on the parcel? 11 Α. Seems to be. And do you recognize any of 12 those individuals? 13 No. 14 Α. 15 Letting the video play. 0. 16 Stopping it at second 34. Do you recognize any of the individuals 17 18 that are depicted there? 19 No, it is very fuzzy. 20 What about any of the Q. 21 vehicles? 22 The compactor that I said Α. 23 before, yes. 24 Q. Was that owned by Flavio La 25 Rocca & Sons in approximately 2015?



Page 105 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 If it is the same one, yes. 3 Well, is it the same one Ο. that you identified earlier? 4 5 Α. I would assume so. 6 Stopping at -- I am going 7 to back it up a little. I am 8 stopping it at second 37. Are you 9 able to recognize that individual? Α. 10 No. 11 O. What about now at second 12 39? 13 Α. No. 14 It is your testimony you 15 don't know who that person is? 16 Α. No. 17 Is that one of the five Ο. 18 employees that you had in 19 approximately 2015? 20 I don't think so, no. I Α. 21 don't know. 22 Did Flavio La Rocca & Sons in about 2015 ever employ or hire to 23 do work people who weren't employees 24 of the business? 25



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Page 106 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Sorry, can you say that 3 again? 4 Ο. Sure. 5 In approximately 2015, did 6 Flavio La Rocca & Sons use people to do work who weren't employees? 7 8 Subcontractors, yes. Α. 9 Q. What about other than 10 subcontractors? 11 Α. No. Did Flavio La Rocca & Sons 12 Ο. 13 ever use day laborers? 14 Α. No. 15 So would the only people, 0. 16 by your testimony, that would be 17 working for Flavio La Rocca & Sons 18 in approximately 2015 be either 19 employees or subcontractors? 20 That worked for the year, Α. 21 yes. 22 What about at any time that Q. 23 Flavio La Rocca & Sons has been at 24 436, has Flavio La Rocca & Sons ever used laborers that are either not 25



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Page 107 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 employees or subcontractors? 3 Subcontractors for our Α. 4 clients, yes. 5 Ο. What is -- what is a subcontractor? 7 A subcontractor is 8 basically someone that we don't do the work for, for example, tree services we do not do, sprinklers 10 11 service we don't do. 12 What about laborers, other than employees, were those used by a 13 subcontractors, has Flavio La Rocca 14 15 & Sons used any other laborers since moving to 436? 16 17 Α. No. 18 Stopping at second 40. Q. 19 you recognize that individual? 20 Α. No. 21 Q. Do you speak Spanish? 22 Very limited, not fluent at Α. 23 all. Can you tell what is in 24 Ο. this individual's hand? 25



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2	Q. I am going to let it play	
3	because you can see their faces very	
4	clearly from 39. I am stopping it	
5	at 44. Was that able from	
6	playing that, were you able to	
7	recognize any of those individuals?	
8	A. No.	
9	Q. Stopping it at 50. Now are	
10	you able to recognize any of those	
11	individuals?	
12	A. Nope.	
13	Q. Were those individuals and	
14	that specifically that individual	
15	depicted holding the shovel, was	
16	that and withdrawn.	
17	Can you see the man in the	
18	tan shirt with the black pants on	
19	and the gloves on?	
20	A. Yes.	
21	Q. Would you agree he is	
22	holding what looks to be a shovel?	
23	A. Seems to be, yes.	
24	Q. Have you ever seen that	
25	person before?	



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2	with them and interviews them.	
3	Q. Do they have to fill out	
4	any paperwork with regard to taxes	
5	and anything like that?	
6	A. Yes, they have to fill out	
7	a W-2 I always get this wrong,	
8	W-4 is it? Yes, I9, W-4, and the	
9	driving you know, if they are	
10	going to drive our trucks because we	
11	have to submit it to our insurance.	
12	Q. And during that process, do	
13	you ever meet with them as the	
14	bookkeeper?	
15	A. No.	
16	Q. Do they ever bring any of	
17	the paperworks to you?	
18	A. No.	
19	Q. How often in about 2015	
20	were you at 436?	
21	A. Not often.	
22	Q. Do you have an office	
23	there?	
24	A. No.	
25	Q. Do you have an office at	



Page 112 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Potter Avenue? 3 I do. Α. 4 And do the employees of 5 Flavio La Rocca & Sons, in 2015, would they also go to Potter Avenue? Not in the office, no. 7 Α. 8 How big is Potter Avenue? I am not good with Α. dimensions. It has a house in the 10 11 front, and it has the garage with the office in the back, and the --12 13 some trucks parked there and 14 equipment. 15 In 2015, approximately how 16 many employees did Flavio La Rocca & 17 Sons have? 18 I don't remember. Not many 19 because our daughter got ill and we 20 had to down size. 21 Ο. But it is your testimony that you didn't meet them all? 22 Yes, I didn't. 23 24 Q. I am stopping at 54. 25 you recognize any of the individuals



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Page 113 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 -- second 45. Do you recognize any 3 of the individuals in that frame? 4 Α. No. 5 Q. Have you ever met Felipe Galindez? 6 7 Α. Yes. 8 Ο. Have you ever met Martin Sanchez? 9 10 Α. Yes. 11 Is either one -- any of the 12 individuals depicted in this video 13 so far, are they those people? 14 Α. No. 15 I am stopping at 101. What 16 have you seen the individuals do on 17 the parcel thus far? 18 A. Raking. 19 I am stopping the video. 20 Do you recognize the trucks in -- in 21 -- at 122? 22 Α. Yes. 23 Are there -- the truck that 24 is closest to us, is that a truck 25 that was owned by Flavio La Rocca &



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Page 114 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Sons in 2015? 3 Α. Yes. 4 Was there one person or Ο. 5 many people that drove that truck? 6 It depends on the project. 7 Is it your testimony that 8 people other than your husband drove that truck? 9 10 Α. Yes. 11 Now I am stopping it at 12 126. Minute 126. What is depicted 13 here? 14 A. The pick-up truck near our 15 yard. Q. 16 What is that on the 17 right-hand side of the -- of the 18 frame? 19 Α. The Jersey barriers with 20 the gate, one gate is open. 21 Ο. Is that the gate that we 22 have spoken about that is on the 23 easternmost side of 436? 24 Α. Correct. 25 Q. And is that actually 436 on



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2	the right-hand side of the frame?	
3	A. Yes.	
4	Q. Stopping it at 129. Is	
5	that also 436 still depicted on the	
6	right-hand side?	
7	A. Yes.	
8	Q. And is that a fair and	
9	accurate depiction of how the front	
10	of 436, on the east side abutting	
11	East Street, looks today?	
12	A. Yes.	
13	Q. And is that how it looked	
14	in 2015?	
15	A. It has always looked that	
16	way.	
17	Q. Is that since you purchased	
18	it in 2002?	
19	A. Yes.	
20	Q. Stopping at 150. Do you	
21	see the individual with the wheel	
22	barrel on the left-hand side?	
23	A. Yes.	
24	Q. Do you recognize that	
25	person?	



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2	A. No.	
3	Q. How many employees of	
4	Flavio La Rocca & Sons did you know	
5	in 2015?	
6	A. I don't know. I don't have	
7	the records in front of me.	
8	Q. I mean, did you know any of	
9	the employees other than you and	
10	your husband?	
11	A. Felipe Galindez and Martin	
12	because they worked for us. They	
13	have been working for us.	
14	Q. And it is your testimony	
15	you never met anybody any other	
16	employee of Flavio La Rocca & Sons	
17	other than Felipe and Martin?	
18	A. Yeah, I don't know these	
19	guys.	
20	Q. But if if they were	
21	working for Flavio La Rocca & Sons,	
22	they were either employees or	
23	subcontractors, is that correct?	
24	A. Correct.	
25	Q. I am going to stop it at	



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2	230, two minutes and 30 seconds.	
3	Can you see the compactor?	
4	A. Yes, to my right.	
5	Q. And have you been able to	
6	view what its doing?	
7	A. No, but usually the job of	
8	a compactor is just to roll over.	
9	Q. Have you, in this video, up	
10	to minute 2:30, have you seen it	
11	rolling over the parcel?	
12	A. No, I don't remember seeing	
13	that.	
14	Q. I am going to rewind it	
15	back to 226. I am going to stop it	
16	at 234. Were you able to view what	
17	the compactor was doing?	
18	A. It seemed like it was just	
19	staying there.	
20	MS. ZALANTIS: Can you	
21	play it forward?	
22	THE WITNESS: I'm sorry?	
23	Q. I am going to start it at	
24	220. I am going to stop it again at	
25	234. Were you able to see if the	



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Page 118 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 compactor was moving on the parcel? 3 Α. Yes. 4 Ο. And was it? 5 Α. Yes. 6 Q. Is that the same compactor that we spoke about earlier? 7 8 Α. Yes. 9 You testified that only Q. employees would ride on the 10 11 compactor of Flavio La Rocca & Sons 12 that you had previously identified. Do you recognize that individual 13 14 that is riding on it? 15 Α. No. 16 Q. You testified earlier, Ms. 17 La Rocca, that at some point the 18 City notified you that 436 was --19 actually, withdrawn. 20 I am going to show you what was marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 15 21 at a previous deposition. Can you 22 see this picture? 23 24 Α. Yes. 25 Q. And do you recognize what



Page 119 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 is depicted in the picture? 3 Our park. Α. 4 Is that the parcel that it 5 is showing? I can't see the full thing, 7 but it -- yes, it seems like it. 8 And is that a fair and Ο. accurate depiction of how it looked 9 in approximately 2015? 10 11 Α. Yes. 12 Do you see over to the -the left-hand side there is an area 13 with cones that I am circling my 14 15 mouse around (indicating)? 16 Α. Yes. 17 Do you ever remember any Ο. 18 trees or vegetation being on that 19 area? 20 Α. No. Did Flavio La Rocca & Sons 21 Q. 22 remove any vegetation from that area with the cones? 23 24 Α. No. 25 Q. Move -- that is the page



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Page 120 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 one of two we just went through. 3 Page two of two here, do you 4 recognize this as the parcel as 5 well? 6 Α. Yes. 7 Is that a fair depiction of Q. 8 the parcel? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Q. Do you see that area on the left of the cones? 11 12 Α. Yes. 13 Q. Are there any trees in this 14 photograph in the area with the 15 cones? 16 Α. No. 17 You testified earlier that Ο. 18 at some point the City notified you that 436 was encroaching onto their 19 20 property, is that fair? 21 Α. Yes. 22 When approximately was Q. 23 that? 24 Α. I believe it was in '09. 25 Q. How were you notified?



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Page 121 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Letter, a letter that was written to us by, I believe it was 3 Jeff Coleman and Paul Vacca. 4 5 Q. Other than that -- Getting 6 that letter, did anything happen previous to receiving that letter 7 8 that you were notified of an 9 encroachment? No, not that I remember. 10 Α. 11 I am going to show you what has been previously marked as 12 Plaintiff's Exhibit 9 in a previous 13 deposition. Take a moment and read 14 15 through this. 16 Α. Yes. 17 What is this? Ο. 18 It is a letter to FMLR Α. 19 Realty Management regarding a so 20 called encroachment from Jeff Coleman and Paul Vacca. 21 Is this the letter that you 22 23 were just testifying about? 24 Α. Yes. Was this the first 25 Q.



Page 122 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 notification that you received from the City about the encroachment? 3 Yes, I believe so. 4 Α. 5 Q. Can you read the first paragraph? Α. "Please be advised that it 7 8 has come to the attention of both this office and the Department of Public Works that the legal 10 11 nonconforming contractor's yard at the aforementioned location is 12 encroaching on City property. 13 Specifically, the public right of 14 15 way along East Street. 16 encroachment was discovered during 17 an inspection of the area and a 18 review of records contained in the 19 file of the City of New Rochelle." 20 Q. And then the next 21 paragraph? 22 "Consistent with the Provision of 281 of the Code of the 23 City of New Rochelle, you are 24 25 ordered to remove the encroachment



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Page 123 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 within 30 days. You may request a 3 hearing for this matter by contacting the Secretary to the 4 5 Commissioner of Public Works at 654-2132. Please feel free to 6 7 contact." 8 What, if anything, did you Ο. 9 do in response to this letter? We called Jeff Coleman and 10 Α. 11 Paul Vacca and we asked for a 12 meeting. 13 Q. Did that meeting occur? 14 Α. Yes. 15 When approximately in 0. relation to this letter did that 16 17 meeting occur? 18 Α. Not too long after. 19 Q. A week, two weeks? 20 Probably, two weeks. I Α. 21 don't remember exactly. 22 And where did that meeting Q. 23 occur? 24 Α. At 436 Fifth Avenue. 25 Q. Who was present for that



RECEIVED NYSCEF: 05/31/2022 Page 124 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 meeting? 3 My husband, Flavio La Α. 4 Rocca, myself, Paul and Jeff. 5 Q. And what was discussed that 6 a meeting? The encroachment and how 7 Α. 8 they came to that conclusion, and we 9 discussed about getting a survey to 10 find out how much because they 11 didn't even know how to tell us how 12 much it was so they suggested that 13 we get a survey done, and we told 14 them that we would contact them as 15 soon as it was done. 16 Did you believe at the time 17 of the meeting that 436 was 18 encroaching onto City property? 19 Α. No. 20 Did you believe at the time 21 of the meeting that 436 was encroaching onto East Street? 22 23 No, because when we bought



the property nothing was said that

we were encroaching. If a sale is

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Page 125 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 done, you would think when you are 3 doing the sale it would be brought 4 to your attention. 5 Q. Who would bring that to 6 your attention? Either the owner or the 7 Α. 8 attorneys when they are doing their 9 background check. No one ever 10 mentioned anything to us. 11 Now, when you testified 12 that the City suggested you get a 13 survey. Is that something that you 14 did? 15 Α. Yes. 16 Q. And when did you do that? 17 I want to say within a --18 we called them as soon as we 19 finished the meeting, I think that 20 day or the day after, and we got the 21 survey done. I don't know exactly 22 what day or how quickly they came, but I know they came fairly within a 23 reasonable amount of time. 24 Do you know what company 25 Q.



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2	you hired to do that?	
3	A. Gabriel Senor.	
4	Q. I am showing you what has	
5	been marked a previous deposition at	
6	Plaintiff's Exhibit 10. Let me back	
7	out. I am going to scroll through.	
8	It is a four-page document	
9	(indicating). I am done scrolling.	
10	Do you recognize that?	
11	A. Yes.	
12	Q. What is it?	
13	A. That is the receipt from	
14	Gabriel Senor when they did the	
15	stakeout and payment.	
16	Q. I am on page one. Is there	
17	anybody's signature that appears on	
18	that page?	
19	A. My husband, Flavio La	
20	Rocca.	
21	Q. What is the date?	
22	A. 8/10/09.	
23	Q. So that is about a month	
24	and a half after the letter from the	
25	City of New Rochelle?	



Page 127 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Α. Yep. 3 And what was -- what was Ο. 4 the -- if you could read under this 5 part up here that says, "Terms," 6 what does it say underneath that? "Payment due upon receipt 7 of invoice 1.5 percent per month 8 9 thereafter description of services." And underneath that? 10 Ο. 11 "Stakeout right side paper Α. 12 street." 13 Q. What did you understand 14 paper street to mean? That it is not a real 15 Α. 16 street belonging to the City. 17 Meaning that it does belong 18 to the City or it does not belong to the City? 19 20 Α. That it does not. 21 Ο. And what is your basis for 22 belief of that? 23 Because we were told by the City itself, when we called several 24 25 times for debris, or things that



Page 128 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 needed to be cleaned up, that they said that they have no interest in 3 4 taking care of that street and it 5 doesn't belong to them. It is your testimony that you called somebody from the City of 7 New Rochelle, and they said that 8 9 East Street doesn't belong to them? 10 Α. Yes. 11 Who did you speak to from New Rochelle? 12 13 Α. I called DPW, and I called 14 the Department of Buildings. 15 And when was this? Ο. 16 Α. Back -- I don't know. 17 mean, years ago. Well, was it before getting 18 Q. 19 the 2009 letter or after? 20 We have complained several Α. 21 times about garbage debris being 22 disposed. I don't remember if it was before 2009. It probably was, 23 and even after. 24 25 Q. Who did you speak to from



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2	the City that told you that East		
3	Street did not belong to the City?		
4	A. I spoke to the secretary		
5	there, whoever picked up the phone.		
6	But even many times when I have		
7	spoken many times when I spoke		
8	with Jeff Coleman and Paul Vacca on		
9	the property and they said it was a		
10	paper street.		
11	Q. Did Paul Vacca and Jeff		
12	Coleman say it was a what were		
13	their exact words about East Street?		
14	A. What do you mean?		
15	Q. What exactly what were		
16	their exact words that they told you		
17	about East Street?		
18	A. That they were there in		
19	regard to the encroachment, that		
20	they are not responsible for taking		
21	care of East Street. Every owner is		
22	responsible for taking care of it.		
23	Q. Did Paul Vacca and Jeff		
24	Coleman every say that the City of		
25	New Rochelle does not own East		



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this office and the Department of

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Page 131 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Public Works that the legal nonconforming contractors's yard at 3 the aforementioned location is 4 5 encroaching on City property. Specifically, the public right of way along East Street." 7 8 Okay. You can stop there. Ο. 9 Now this letter doesn't say that you 10 may be encroaching, right? 11 No, it says it was Α. discovered. 12 13 Q. It says that -- that 436 is 14 encroaching on East Street, correct? 15 That is what it says. Α. Going back to Plaintiff's 16 Q. Exhibit 10. I am going down to the 17 second page here. 18 19 Α. Uh-huh. 20 Actually, staying on the 21 first page, do you know what "stakeout right side" means? 22 23 They are basically staking 24 it out, putting stakes to see the boundaries of the property. 25



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Page 132 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 I am going to the second Ο. 3 page, now the third page. Can you 4 see on page three that there were 5 professionals services rendered? I 6 am putting my cursor on the middle of the page (indicating)? 7 8 Yes. Α. 9 And you see it says, "Stakeout east side of lot?" 10 11 Yes. Α. And then it says, "Stakeout 12 Ο. sketch e-mailed to Flavio?" 13 14 Α. Yes. 15 Do you recall receiving the 16 e-mail of the stakeout sketch? 17 I don't recall. We must 18 have received it at some point. 19 Do you recall e-mailing Q. 20 with this company, Senor, prior to having this stakeout done? 21 22 Α. No. 23 I am going to go down to 24 page four. Have you seen this before? 25



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Page 133 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Α. Yes. 3 Q. And what is this? A. The stakeout sketch. 4 5 Q. And what do you believe --6 withdrawn. 7 Were you ever -- did you 8 come to a belief as to what this stakeout sketch shows? A. The boundaries of the 10 11 property. O. Does this stakeout sketch 12 confirm that there is an 13 encroachment onto East Street or 14 15 does it show something else? 16 MS. ZALANTIS: Objection 17 to the form. You are asking 18 for a legal conclusion. 19 MR. MENDELSOHN: 20 Withdrawn. 21 Q. Do you know what this 22 sketch shows? 23 A. As I mentioned before, it 24 seems that it is showing the boundaries of the property. 25



Page 134 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Ο. Do you know if it shows 3 that the boundaries -- or that the -- that 436 is within the boundaries 4 5 of the property, or that it is outside the boundaries of the 6 7 property? 8 Α. I don't know how to see it. 9 At some point you received Q. this sketch, correct? 10 11 Α. Yes. 12 And what, if anything, did Ο. 13 you do when you received it? We met with Paul Vacca, my 14 Α. 15 husband, and I, and Jeff Coleman. 16 Q. And approximately when was 17 that? 18 Α. I want to say a week or two 19 after. 20 Q. And where was that meeting? 21 A. At Fifth Avenue, 436 Fifth 22 Avenue. 23 What occurred at that 0. meeting? 24 25 Α. We took out the sketch, we



Page 135 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 met with them, we showed them where 3 everything was that Senor did. 4 What did you show them that 5 Senor did? 6 The stakeout. It says 7 there is a wood stake on the 8 property. Q. And --And they marked an -- also 10 11 an X on the back of our property so if I am looking at this correctly, 12 13 where it says, "East Street," you go 14 up, and whatever that corner is, 15 triangle. 16 Are you referring to up 17 here where my marker is 18 (indicating)? 19 Α. Yes. 20 MR. MENDELSOHN: For the 21 record, she is referring to 22 the -- it says at the top of 23 the photo, "10 cross on concrete base." 24 So it is your testimony 25 Q.



Page 136 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 that you showed that marking to Paul 3 Vacca and Mr. Coleman? 4 Absolutely. Α. 5 Q. And did you represent or 6 did your husband represent what these markings showed? 7 8 Α. It wouldn't have to 9 represent anything. We showed the 10 sketch and they saw what was 11 written. 12 What was the take away? Ο. They said that it was very 13 Α. minimal, that the City doesn't 14 15 really care, so it is fine, as far 16 as we are concerned it is fine. 17 When you say, "minimal," 18 how much was the encroachment based 19 on the staking an the sketch? 20 MS. ZALANTIS: I am going 21 to object. Again, you are asking her to read -- she is 22 23 not an expert on reading a 24 stakeout sketch. It speaks for itself. She doesn't need 25



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2	to testify.	
3	Q. You can answer the	
4	question.	
5	A. I don't know.	
6	Q. Did you come to an	
7	understanding, based on the staking	
8	and/or sketch, how much of an	
9	encroachment there was?	
10	A. No, they just said that it	
11	was minimal.	
12	Q. My question is, did you and	
13	your husband have an understanding,	
14	based on the sketch done, how much	
15	the encroachment was in 2009 when	
16	you received the sketch?	
17	A. I don't remember if it was	
18	told, or I don't remember that.	
19	Q. Do you recall whether the	
20	stakeout showed that there was an	
21	encroachment of 436 onto East	
22	Street?	
23	MS. ZALANTIS: Objection.	
24	A. I don't know how to read	
25	it.	



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Page 138 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Did you ever speak to Ο. 3 Gabriel Senor or somebody from Senor 4 about the sketch and the staking in 5 2009? 6 No, I mean, we called them 7 to ask them to come and sketch out 8 the property. And did they ever tell you Q. 10 how much the property was 11 encroaching onto East Street in 12 2009? 13 Α. No. 14 In 2009, did you see where 15 the stakes were and the cross was 16 put? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Q. Where are those on your 19 property? 20 Α. To the -- so when you are 21 looking at the property, to the 22 right there is the stake mark there, 23 and then as mentioned before, at the back of the property there is an X 24 25 on like a concrete base, an orange



Page 139 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Х. 3 And do you have an idea if, Ο. 4 you know, how far those stakes are 5 onto East Street? No, I don't have an idea. 7 So that meeting in 2009, Q. other than providing Paul Vacca and 8 Jeff Coleman with this sketch, what 9 else was talked about? 10 11 If we needed to do 12 anything, and they said, "It is minimal, the City does not care 13 14 about this. So if it is so minimal, 15 so you are fine, just leave it that 16 way." 17 So is it your testimony Ο. 18 that their belief that it was minimal was based on this sketch? 19 20 Α. I guess so. 21 Q. Now, in response -- after the meeting -- approximately 22 23 withdrawn. Approximately how long was 24 25 the meeting?



Page 140 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 If my memory serves me 3 right, maybe 15, 20 minutes. 4 And after that meeting and Ο. 5 through 2015, did you, your husband, 6 or the company making any alterations or changes to the east 7 8 side of 436? 9 Α. No. Did there come another time 10 Ο. 11 when you were contacted about an 12 encroachment? Not that I remember. 13 Α. 14 0. I am going to show you what 15 was previously been marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 16. Can you 16 17 read this out loud? 18 Α. "Dear property owner, the 19 City of New Rochelle recently 20 completed an examination of the area 21 in which your real property is 22 located. It is environs and the sitting of improvements made to your 23 property. This review revealed that 24 at certain points where your 25



Page 141 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 property and the property of other owners in the area boarders the 3 4 neighboring property, owned by the 5 City, there are circumstances for certain improvements, such as fence with gate, a row of hedges, a 7 8 concrete wall, and in one instance a 9 metal shelf used for storage of materials and equipment encroaches 10 11 and intrudes on, and over City owned real property. Please note that the 12 above list of encroachments is not 13 and does not constitute a complete 14 15 list of intrusions, but is only 16 provided as an example of some of 17 the more obvious transgressions." 18 Do you want me to continue? 19 Please. Q. 20 "Pursuant to Article 7, Α. 21 Section 55 of the Charter of the City, the Commissioner of the 22 Department of Public Works is 23 24 charged with the duty, among other 25 things, to control the operation and



Page 142 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 maintenance of public streets. Since permission to use City owned 3 4 property or a portion therefore, has 5 not been given nor secured, this unsanctioned use for your personal or business use must cease 7 8 forthwith. You are hereby directed 9 immediately to remove at your own costs and expense, and any and all 10 11 improvements which encroach beyond the boundary of your property and 12 13 intrude onto any portion of City owned real property. If you have 14 15 any questions concerning this 16 matter, or wish to resolve this 17 matter, do not hesitate to contacted the undersigned." 18 19 It is a two-page document. Q. 20 Do you recall receiving 21 this letter? 22 Α. Yes. 23 And what is the date of the Ο. 24 letter? 25 Α. November 18, 2015.



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Page 143 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Ο. Is it fair to say this is 3 another letter of the City telling 4 you that 436 is encroaching on City 5 property? 6 Α. Yes. 7 And can you see there is 8 handwriting at the top? Α. Yes, that is my handwriting. 10 11 And what does that say? 12 That is my handwriting, it Α. says, "Met with Flavio, and Maria, 13 and attorneys, and other business 14 15 owners." 16 Q. Do you recall that meeting? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Q. Who was present at that 19 meeting? 20 Α. Some of the other business 21 owners --22 Q. Who --23 -- and a previous attorney. Α. 24 What others business? Q. 25 Α. Benny.



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Page 144 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Is that Benny Rivera? Ο. Yes, Benny Rivera, and then 3 Α. I don't remember which other ones 4 were because if I am not mistaken at 5 this time is when the City started attacking us with the eminent 7 8 domain. 9 Now, what was the substance Q. 10 of that meeting, was it about this 11 letter? 12 Α. Yeah. 13 Q. And after that meeting, what, if anything, did you and the 14 15 other property owners do? 16 Like I said, I believe soon 17 after this is when we received the 18 eminent domain. The City wanting to take our property, as well as all 19 20 the other properties. 21 Ο. Now, my question is more 22 focused on with regard to what the substance of this letter, the 23 encroachment; after that meeting, 24 25 what, if anything, did Flavio La



Page 145 M. LA ROCCA 1 2 Rocca & Sons and Maria and Flavio La 3 Rocca do? 4 I don't remember, honestly. 5 If we sent them -- I believe -- I 6 don't remember. I have to check the 7 record. 8 Q. What record would you check? 9 A. I need to see if I have 10 11 note or anything. I don't --12 Do you keep notes regarding this encroachment? 13 14 Α. No. 15 Q. Do you keep notes, in 16 general, regarding 436 or the 17 property? 18 Α. Yes. 19 What is on those notes? Q. 20 Basically when -- on these, Α. like on the letters, if recalling 21 them, asking them -- meeting with 22 them, giving them information. 23 24 Q. Do you have other notes, 25 other than the note that appears



Page 146 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 here on this exhibit? 3 I don't think so. My only Α. 4 thing is soon after this is when 5 they were coming, like immediately after -- in December for the eminent 6 domain, so I don't remember exactly 7 8 what we did. 9 MR. MENDELSOHN: We are going to call and we will 10 11 follow up in writing for production of any notes of 12 this witness regarding these 13 letters or this action. 14 15 In receiving this letter, 16 was it apparent to you now that the City was not okay with the 17 18 encroachment? Yes, that is what it seems. 19 20 And what, if anything, did Ο. 21 you, or your husband, or the 22 businesses do in response? Again, right after this 23 were a series of events with the 24 25 City, when they were trying to take



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Page 147 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 our property for eminent domain so 3 then our focus was basically to save 4 our properties and to save our 5 businesses. Did there come a time when you reached back out to Mr. -- or 7 8 the Senor company that did the 9 staking? I don't remember. 10 Α. 11 Did there come a time when you contacted any other surveying 12 companies to do a full surveying, 13 not just a staking of the property, 14 to determine whether it was in fact 15 16 encroaching on the City property? 17 I don't remember. 18 When was the last time that Q. you spoke with the Senor company? 19 20 Α. When we had the stakeout. 21 Ο. I am going to show you what I am now marking as Plaintiff's 22 23 Exhibit 26. (Whereupon, Plaintiff's 24 Exhibit 26, an e-mail chain, 25



Page 148 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 was marked for 3 identification, as of this date.) 4 5 Now it says my name at the 6 top, but that is just because I 7 printed it off and I can represent 8 that to you. Do you see there is an e-mail chain on this document? Α. 10 Yes. 11 Q. What is your e-mail 12 address? Casalarocca@aol.com. 13 Α. 14 Ο. And starting at the bottom, 15 I am on page one into page two, do 16 you see an e-mail there? 17 MS. ZALANTIS: Can we 18 look at the entire document first? 19 20 MR. MENDELSOHN: Sure. 21 0. Let me know if you need 22 more time. 23 Okay. Α. 24 Q. I am on the bottom of page one, onto page two, do you recognize 25



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Page 149 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 the e-mail address that this is 3 from? 4 Α. Yes. 5 Q. And what is that? Casalarocca@aol.com. Α. 7 Is that your e-mail? Q. 8 Yes. Α. And when was this sent? 9 Q. Wednesday, July 6, 2016. 10 Α. 11 Ο. And who was it sent to? 12 Info@GabrielSenorpc. Α. 13 And that Gabriel Senor PC, Q. is that the company that did the 14 stakeout in 2009? 15 16 Α. Correct. 17 Can you read the subject Ο. 18 line? "Survey/deed and info on 19 Α. 20 436 Fifth Avenue, New Rochelle." 21 Q. And can you read the 22 e-mail? 23 "Attached please find the info we spoke about earlier. You 24 25 will find our original survey, deed,



Page 150 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 stakeout (from your company) and latest survey done by City of New 3 4 Rochelle. Please advise asap your 5 findings. We can also meet on the property to view stakeout." Do you recall sending this 7 8 e-mail? 9 Yes, I am getting --Α. 10 starting to remember. 11 And what was the reason that you sent this e-mail? 12 Α. 13 Because, again, with the eminent domain, they started doing 14 15 drilling in each of our properties. 16 They started digging down, and then 17 they presented a new survey from 18 when they wanted to take the eminent 19 domain, and I wanted to make sure I 20 had everything on file. 21 Ο. So were you -- were you 22 seeking to do a new survey? 23 I think I was seeking more 24 to verify what the City was doing. 25 Q. Moving up to the top?



Page 151 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Α. Uh-huh. 3 There is another e-mail Ο. 4 right on top of the one that you 5 just read, from July 6, 2016 from 6 info@GabrielSenorpc.com to that 7 casalarocca@aol.com, and it says, 8 "Maria, there was nothing attached. Kathy." 9 10 Do you remember receiving 11 that e-mail? 12 Α. Yes. 13 Q. And then above that, you wrote back on July 6th, to Gabriel 14 15 Senor PC, "sorry." Can you see 16 that? 17 Α. Yes. 18 And then there is also --Q. 19 you can see when we received this 20 e-mail from Gabriel Senor PC, to 21 Elliot Senor, there is an 22 attachment, and it says, "Info on 23 436 Fifth Avenue." What I am going 24 to show you now -- withdrawn. 25 Do you know if you ended up



Page 152 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 sending anything to Gabriel Senor to 3 follow up on? I believe I sent them 4 5 surveys. Q. Okay. 7 A. I sent it back. 8 Q. I am now going to show you what I am marking as Plaintiff's Exhibit 26A. 10 11 (Whereupon, Plaintiff's 12 Exhibit 26A, an e-mail chain, 13 was marked for 14 identification, as of this date.) 15 Q. I will scroll through it so 16 17 you have a chance to review it. 18 MS. ZALANTIS: It is 19 upsidedown. 20 MR. MENDELSOHN: Yep. 21 Q. On page four of four, does this look familiar? 22 23 Α. Yes. 24 Q. Is this the -- what you sent to Gabriel Senor in those 25



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2	e-mails?	
3	A. Yes.	
4	Q. I am on page four of four,	
5	what is that?	
6	A. This is a survey done by	
7	the City of New Rochelle for the	
8	eminent domain.	
9	Q. And is that something that	
10	you were sending to Gabriel Senor to	
11	review?	
12	A. Yes.	
13	Q. I am going to show you what	
14	I am marking as Plaintiff's Exhibit	
15	27.	
16	(Whereupon, Plaintiff's	
17	Exhibit 27, an e-mail chain,	
18	was marked for	
19	identification, as of this	
20	date.)	
21	Q. I will scroll through. I	
22	am stopping at the bottom. If you	
23	need more time, let me know.	
24	A. Can you go back?	
25	Q. I'm sorry?	



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Page 154 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Can you scroll back up? 3 Uh-huh (indicating). Are Ο. 4 you ready? 5 Α. Yes. 6 At the bottom of page two, 7 this is a two-page document, and 8 again this is Plaintiff's Exhibit 9 27, do you recognize this? Α. 10 Yes. 11 And what is this document? Ο. 12 E-mail that --Α. conversations that I had with 13 14 Gabriel Senor. 15 And at the bottom there is Ο. 16 an e-mail from Flavio and Maria La 17 Rocca at casalarocca@aol.com to 18 Gabriel Senor, and it says, "Attached please find the info we 19 20 spoke about earlier. You will find 21 our original survey, deed, stakeout 22 from your company, and latest survey done by City of New Rochelle. 23 Please advise of your findings. We 24 25 can also meet at the property to do



Page 155 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 stakeout." Was that -- what I just 3 showed you in 26A, those documents, were those the documents that you 4 5 sent them to review? 6 Α. Yes. And what was the purpose of 7 8 having them meet at your property to view the stakeout? 9 To confirm if the City's 10 11 survey was correct. We lost trust in the City at that point, and I 12 wanted to confirm everything. 13 14 Ο. Were you able to ultimately 15 confirm that the City was correct 16 with their survey? 17 I don't -- I don't remember 18 meeting with them. I don't remember 19 meeting with them so I don't know. 20 I can't say. 21 Ο. Well, as you sit here 22 today, what is your belief at how much 436 is encroaching onto East 23 24 Street? 25 Α. I don't know.



Page 156 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Moving up to the next Ο. 3 e-mail, Gabriel Senor, on July 6, 4 2016, writes back to Flavio and 5 Maria La Rocca, "Maria, nothing attached. Kathy, " which seems to be the same e-mail we just read earlier 7 8 with your "sorry" response right 9 above that, and then from Gabriel 10 Senor to Maria and Flavio La Rocca, 11 July 6, 2016, "Subject: Survey deed and info on 436 Fifth Avenue, New 12 13 Rochelle, " and it says, "Maria, the 14 fence is approximately 10 feet on 15 the outside of the property line as 16 indicated on our original field sketch. If you have any questions, 17 18 please contact our office at 19 914-422-0070. Kathy, Gabriel Senor 20 PC." 21 Do you recall receiving that e-mail? 22 23 I am sure I did. Α. 24 Ο. What is -- what do you believe is being told to you by 25



Page 157 1 M. LA ROCCA Gabriel Senor in that e-mail? 2 3 There are saying that the Α. 4 fence is approximately ten feet 5 outside the property line. 6 That is the fence on the east side of 436 east -- 436 Fifth 7 8 Avenue --When you are looking at it, Α. 10 to the right. 11 That is on the easternmost 12 side of 436? 13 Α. Yes. There is an e-mail above 14 0. 15 that from casalarocca@aol.com, to 16 Gabriel Senor PC, sent on July 20, 17 2016, and it says, "Re: Surveys, 18 deed, and info on 436 Fifth Avenue, 19 New Rochelle. Good morning, Kathy 20 and Eliot. We spoke with our 21 attorney, as mentioned on our 22 conversation over the phone, and she 23 would like to set up a meeting for 24 August 3rd, at 10:30 a.m., at Fifth Avenue to discuss and look over our 25



Page 158 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 copies and what you have. Please 3 let me know if this will work with 4 you as I do need to confirm with 5 her. She will be going on vacation 6 week after, and would like to at least meet before she leaves." 7 8 Do you recall sending that e-mail to Senor? 9 Α. 10 Yes. 11 It speaks -- this -- in this e-mail, you refer to a phone 12 conversation that you had previous 13 to this e-mail with Senor's company. 14 15 Do you recall that phone 16 conversation? 17 Basically telling them 18 about the survey that we had 19 received, and that we wanted to 20 speak to our attorney about it, and 21 again, I -- if I am not mistaken, that was during the time of eminent 22 domain so there was a lot of stuff 23 happening. 24 25 Q. Did you end up having this



Page 159 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 meeting that is referenced in this 3 e-mail? I believe so. I don't 4 Α. 5 remember if I was there though. Do you recall the meeting? I don't know, no. 7 Α. 8 Do you keep a calendar that 0. keeps track of your day to day? 9 Α. 10 Yeah. 11 MR. MENDELSOHN: We are 12 going to call for the production of Ms. La Rocca's 13 14 calendar from July of 2016 to confirm whether or not she 15 16 was at this meeting. We will 17 follow up in writing. 18 Ms. La Rocca, do you know 19 if this meeting happened? 20 Α. I believe it did because 21 our attorney wanted it, but again, I 22 don't remember if I was there or 23 not. 24 Ο. Do you know what the 25 outcome of the meeting was?



Page 160 1 M. LA ROCCA No, I don't remember. 2 3 Do you know if your husband attended the meeting? 4 5 Α. I would think so. And when it says, 7 "attorney," is it speaking of Ms. 8 Zalantis? I believe so. Α. 10 Ο. And at that meeting, was 11 there also somebody present from the Senor office? 12 Again, I don't know. I 13 Α. wasn't -- I don't know if I was 14 15 present at that meeting. I believe 16 I wasn't. 17 Who would know who was 18 present at that meeting? 19 I am assuming my husband 20 and Kathy. 21 Do you know what happened 22 after that meeting? 23 No, I don't. I think that is when the City wanted to -- they 24 25 filed a complaint against us.



Page 161 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 Have you spoken to --Ο. 3 withdrawn. 4 Do you have these e-mails 5 in your possession? I probably do. I don't remember them, but I probably do. 7 And do you have other 8 Ο. 9 e-mails regarding the property line 10 at 436 Fifth Avenue in your 11 possession? 12 I don't believe so. Α. 13 MR. MENDELSOHN: We are 14 going to call -- again, these 15 have been demanded, and they 16 have not been turn over to us 17 from Defendants. It is clear 18 that they were sent and 19 received by Ms. La Rocca. 20 She has identified them, and there may be other e-mails as 21 well. We are going to follow 22 23 up in writing, but we are certainly going to follow up 24 on that. 25



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2	Q. Other than Senor's office,		
3	what other who what other		
4	people or businesses have you or		
5	your husband been in contact with		
6	regarding either the eminent domain		
7	or the property line at 436 Fifth		
8	Avenue?		
9	A. Regarding the eminent		
10	domain, it was with all the property		
11	owners.		
12	Q. Was there any other tests		
13	or surveys done by all the other		
14	property owners?		
15	A. I don't know. That, I		
16	don't know if they did their own		
17	test or surveys. I know that for		
18	the eminent domain they have in		
19	each they said that they were		
20	doing in each property, they were		
21	doing pouring as well, and then they		
22	did the surveys, and that was one of		
23	the surveys, the last page was the		
24	surveys from City.		
25	Q. Other than Senor PC, has		



Page 163 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 any of the La Rocca's or their 3 businesses been in contact with any 4 other survey or staking companies 5 regarding their property? No, I don't think so. You don't think so or no? 7 Q. 8 Α. No, no. 9 Other than your attorneys, Q. 10 have you spoken to anybody else 11 about the property line or the eminent domain and your neighbors? 12 The officials that were 13 Α. coming to talk to us about the 14 eminent domain. 15 16 Do you have e-mails or 17 records regarding that? 18 No, because when we met, we Α. 19 met in person. 20 Were those meetings set up Q. 21 by e-mail or by phone? I believe by phone. 22 23 MR. MENDELSOHN: 24 Certainly, that is going to be a part of our a demand of 25



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Page 164 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 as well. Any records of 3 setting up meetings with City 4 officials about property 5 lines. Now, you testified that Felipe and Martin Sanchez currently 7 8 work for Flavio La Rocca & Sons, is that fair? 9 10 Α. Yes. 11 O. Do you have their 12 addresses? 13 Α. Yes, I believe so, yes. 14 MR. MENDELSOHN: We have 15 followed up in writing for both of their addresses and 16 17 we are awaiting them. 18 Q. Did the City of New 19 Rochelle ever give Flavio, or Maria 20 La Rocca, or any of their businesses 21 permission to encroach on East 22 Street? 23 When we met with Paul Vacca and Coleman, and we showed them the 24 stakeout, they said that it was 25



Page 165 1 M. LA ROCCA 2 minimal, and as far as they were 3 concerned, and the City was 4 concerned, they were fine with it. 5 Q. What exactly were their words that told you they were fine with it? 7 8 They said, "It is a minimal Α. 9 encroachment." And were they told at that 10 0. 11 meeting by anybody that the encroachment was inches? 12 I don't know. 13 Α. What did Flavio La Rocca 14 0. tell them about the encroachment? 15 16 Α. We showed them the 17 stakeout, the survey. I don't 18 remember anything else. This was back in '09 so --19 20 Just one minute. I may be Q. 21 done. 22 (Whereupon, a recess was 23 taken at this time.) 24 Q. Ms. La Rocca, just a couple 25 of more questions and we will be



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2	done.	
3	At any time did you	
4	other than the meetings or	
5	conversations that we have discussed	
6	here today, did you have any other	
7	conversations with any City	
8	officials about either the parcel or	
9	the alleged encroachment?	
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2	Q. Did you ever have any	
3	conversations with anybody at City	
4	Hall about either of those issues?	
5	A. No.	
6	Q. I have no further	
7	questions.	
8	(Time Noted: 1:08 p.m.)	
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10	MARIA LA ROCCA	
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12	Subscribed and sworn to	
13	before me this day of	
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17	Notary Public	
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4	Examination Before Trial of MARIA LA ROCCA was held
5	before me on the 5th day of March, 2021; that said
6	witness was duly sworn before the commencement of her
7	testimony; that the testimony was taken stenographically
8	by myself and then transcribed by myself; that the party
9	was represented by counsel as appears herein;
10	That the within transcript is a true record of
11	the Examination Before Trial of said witness;
12	That I am not connected by blood or marriage
13	to any of the parties; that I am not interested directly
14	or indirectly in the outcome of this matter; that I am
15	not in the employ of any of the counsel.
16	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
17	hand this 5th day of March, 2021.
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