THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL OF NEW YORK CITY, INC.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL OF NYC CORRESPONDENCE REPORT ON DETERMINATION OF PUBLIC NEED FOR A NEW AMBULANCE SERVICE, CHASDEI DEVORAH, INC., dba EZRAS NASHIM

Offices of the Regional EMS Council, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10115

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2	CHAIR LANGSAM: My name is
3	Professor Yedidyah Langsam. I'm the
4	Chair of the New York City Regional EMS
5	Council. I'd like to call to order the
6	meeting of November 19th, 2019. The
7	first item is the role call vote to
8	determine a quorum. Marie?
9	MS. DIGLIO: Please answer when
10	your name is called. Dov Jacob?
11	MR. JACOB: Present.
12	MS. DIGLIO: Grace Cacciola?
13	MS. CACCIOLA: Present.
14	MS. DIGLIO: Christine Mazzola?
15	MS. MAZZOLA: Present.
16	MS. DIGLIO: Samia McEachin?
17	Alison Burke? Dominick Battinelli?
18	MR. BATTINELLI: Present.
19	MS. DIGLIO: Joseph Marcellino?
20	MR. MARCELLINO: Present.
21	MS. DIGLIO: Danny Meisels?
22	MR. MEISELS: Present.
23	MS. DIGLIO: Ari Weisz? Lillian
24	Bonsignore? Bradley Kaufman?
25	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He's

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2	here.
3	MS. DIGLIO: William Goffin.
4	MR. GOFFIN: Here.
5	MS. DIGLIO: Mordechai
6	Goldfeder?
7	MR. GOLDFEDER: Present.
8	MS. DIGLIO: Robert Bristol?
9	Daniel Rodriguez? John Johnstone?
10	MR. JOHNSTONE: Present.
11	MS. DIGLIO: Travis Kessel?
12	MR. KESSEL: Here.
13	MS. DIGLIO: James Downey?
14	MR. DOWNEY: Present.
15	MS. DIGLIO: Jerry Gelbard?
16	MR. GELBARD: Present.
17	MS. DIGLIO: David Meketansky?
18	MR. MEKETANSKY: Here.
19	MS. DIGLIO: Eventually, I'll
20	get your name.
21	MR. MEKETANSKY: You'll get it.
22	MS. DIGLIO: Joseph Schenker?
23	DR. SCHENKER: Here.
24	MS. DIGLIO: David Ben-Eli?
25	DR. BEN-ELI: Present.

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2	MS. DIGLIO: Scott Orlanski?
3	MR. ORLANSKI: Here.
4	MS. DIGLIO: Mordechai Lax?
5	MR. LAX: Present.
6	MS. DIGLIO: Martina Bacarella?
7	MS. BACARELLA: Present.
8	MS. DIGLIO: Vincent Barranco?
9	Nancy Benedetto?
10	MS. BENEDETTO: Present.
11	MS. DIGLIO: Arthur Cooper?
12	Robert Crupi?
13	DR. CRUPI: Present.
14	MS. DIGLIO: Megan Farley?
15	MS. FARLEY: Here.
16	MS. DIGLIO: Manfred Fuchs?
17	MR FUCHS: Here.
18	MS. DIGLIO: Sean Graves?
19	MR. GRAVES: Here.
20	MS. DIGLIO: Jerry Gombo?
21	MR. GOMBO: Here.
22	MS. DIGLIO: Yedidyah Langsam?
23	CHAIR LANGSAM: Present.
24	MS. DIGLIO: Brian Levinsky?
25	MR. LEVINSKY: Present.

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2	MS. DIGLIO: Dennis Laurie?
3	MR. LAURIE: Present.
4	MS. DIGLIO: Mitchell Powell?
5	MR. POWELL: Present.
6	MS. DIGLIO: We have a quorum.
7	CHAIR LANGSAM: We have a
8	quorum. Thank you. The first item on
9	the agenda is the approval of the
10	September 17th, 2019 meeting minutes.
11	These have been distributed ahead of
12	time. I'm sure everyone's done their
13	homework and has read these
14	line-by-line. Are there any comments,
15	corrections, deletions, additions?
16	Hearing none. A motion to approve is in
17	order.
18	MR. GRAVES: Motion to approve.
19	CHAIR LANGSAM: Second. Thank
20	you. Any further discussion? All in
21	favor, say "Aye."
22	ALL MEMBERS: "Aye."
23	CHAIR LANGSAM: Motion is a
24	approved. The minutes are unanimously
25	approved. Thank you.

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Before we begin, I just want to clarify, as the Chair, according to Robert's rules of order, I am not supposed to offer any opinion on any matter that is being debated here. And so, I will not give my opinions. My role here is simply to make sure that we follow parliamentary procedure and that we follow all the rules as set forth by both the State, and our own rules, as well as Robert's rule of order. So I will not be offering an opinion on any item that comes before us.

The next item on the agenda is the correspondence report. Marie?

MS. DIGLIO: Yes, sir. The offices of the Council received the following correspondence: Nothing new from Membership, Fire Department, PCR monthly inventory control report for September, non-compliant PCR form report for September, 1st quarter program agency report.

From New York State Department

REMSCO CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - EZRAS NASHIM of Health: Letter stating no barriers to competency and fitness for Ezras Nashim. Letter stating no barriers to competency and fitness for Ambulnz New York 3. Letter to Captain Gregg Brady, Fire Department, congratulating him on being awarded the State Vital Signs 2019 EMS Agency Innovation Award for Clinical Delivery. A survey that is going to be e-mailed to EMS agencies by the Department of Health to collect salary information for EMS providers.

Post Public Hearing
correspondence from the public: 54
letters supporting Ezras Nashim
application, phone calls, letter from
New York State Assemblywoman Nily Rozic
supporting Ezras Nashim. Information to
clarify the Ezras Nashim application as
requested from the Ambulance Committee
at the Public Hearing, which included
clarified insurance information and
clearer map of proposed territory.

Letter from Karen Taddeo, Shahan

REMSCO CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - EZRAS NASHIM and Reisner objecting to alleged improper supplementation of Ezras Nashim's CON application. Application for transfer of operating authority from Taddeo, Shahan and Reisner for Ambulnz New York 3.

The offices of the Council sent out the following correspondence, agendas, minutes and the associated attachments for this meeting: 1st quarter program agency report to New York State DOH, 2nd quarter Regional Council report to New York State DOH. An affidavit was sent in regarding uniform requirements.

The following communications
were issued with regards to Ezras
Nashim's CON application: A Public
Hearing Notice associated information
mailed, e-mailed, and posted on REMSCO
webpage and published in New York Times.

CHAIR LANGSAM: Are there any questions for Marie regarding the correspondence report? Hearing none.

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By your leave, we will re-arrange the agenda, unless someone objects, so that all standing committees will deal with after the two major items on the agenda.

Hearing no objection to that, I will ask the Ambulance Committee to make their report.

MR. MARCELLINO: The Ambulance Committee met nearly prior to the REMSCO meeting this evening at 5:00 p.m. We reviewed the correspondence report. We also reviewed the Ambulance Committee tag reports. We are still awaiting information on the mapping project. There was no unfinished business and there is no new business.

On a review of the new applications for the determination of public need, there were two pieces of two determinations. The very first was review of the new application for the Transfer of Operating Authority on the vote of Ambulnz New York 3, LLC, #0668, five county licensure, transfer to

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Ambulnz-FMC, North America, LLC.

Upon further discussion of the Ambulance Committee, the Ambulance Committee has made a recommendation to approve. So we're going to bring forth a second motion to approve now by REMSCO.

CHAIR LANGSAM: Being that we have a seconded motion, it requires no new action here, other than to open it to discussion. I'm going to ask Marie to please read the motion that we're going to discuss.

MS. DIGLIO: The Ambulance

Committee of the Regional Emergency

Medical Services Council of New York

City finds, based upon the receipt of a complete application for Transfer of

Operating Authority of Ambulnz Holding,

LLC, also known as Ambulnz New York 3,

LLC, DOH# 0668 to Ambulnz-FMC, North

America, LLC, dba Ambulnz New York 3,

LLC, and a review of competency and fitness having been conducted by the

REMSCO CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - EZRAS NASHIM 1 2 Regional Emergency Medical Services 3 Council of New York City, and of the New 4 York State Department of Health, and 5 that review having revealed no issues 6 challenging competency and fitness 7 recommends that approval of the Transfer 8 of Operating Authority with operating 9 authority within the five counties of 10 New York City be granted. 11 CHAIR LANGSAM: And the motion 12 that we will be voting on here is the 13 same motion with the words the "REMSCO," 14

> Do I hear any discussion on this The discussion becomes apart of the public record and gets included, so it would be good to have some discussion.

okay, based often everything. So we'll

have the word "REMSCO" substituted for

this motion.

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MS. DIGLIO: The lawyers are here if anyone wants to ask any questions.

> CHAIR LANGSAM: Okay. Hearing

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REMSCO CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - EZRAS NASHIM 1 2 no discussion. We will move to a vote 3 on this motion that we just read. 4 anybody want to hear it again? 5 MR. ORLANSKI: 6 CHAIR LANGSAM: Role Call. 7 MS. DIGLIO: Okay. So please 8 answer, in favor, against or abstain. 9 CHAIR LANGSAM: If anyone has a 10 conflict of interest, as defined by 11 06-06, as a pecuniary, financial 12 interest in a competing service and 13 those who serve as an officer of an 14 organization deemed to be in direct 15 competition with the applicant, should 16 recuse themselves. 17 Is there anyone here who needs 18 to recuse themselves? Hearing none. Ιs 19 there anyone sitting around the table 20 who feels that someone should have 21 recused themselves? Hearing none. will now move to the vote. 22 23 MS. DIGLIO: Okay. In favor, 24 against or abstain. Dov Jacob? 25 MR. JACOB: In favor.

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2	MS. DIGLIO: Samia McEachin?
3	Dominick Battinelli?
4	MR. BATTINELLI: In favor.
5	MS. DIGLIO: Grace Cacciola?
6	MS. CACCIOLA: Abstain.
7	MS. DIGLIO: Christine Mazzola?
8	MS. MAZZOLA: Abstain.
9	MS. DIGLIO: Joseph Marcellino?
10	MR. MARCELLINO: In favor.
11	MS. DIGLIO: John Johnstone?
12	MR. JOHNSTONE: In favor.
13	MS. DIGLIO: Mordechai
14	Goldfeder?
15	MR. GOLDFEDER: Abstain.
16	MS. DIGLIO: Travis Kessel?
17	MR. KESSEL: In favor.
18	MS. DIGLIO: Jerry Gelbard?
19	MR. GELBARD: In favor.
20	MS. DIGLIO: Joseph Schenker?
21	DR. SCHENKER: Abstain.
22	MS. DIGLIO: Scott Orlanski?
23	MR. ORLANSKI: In favor.
24	MS. DIGLIO: Mordechai Lax?
25	MR. LAX: In favor.

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3	MS. BACARELLA: In favor.
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5	Nancy Benedetto?
6	MS. BENEDETTO: In favor.
7	MS. DIGLIO: Arthur Cooper?
8	Robert Crupi?
9	DR. CRUPI: In favor.
10	MS. DIGLIO: Meghan Farley?
11	MS. FARLEY: In favor.
12	MS. DIGLIO: Manfred Fuchs?
13	MR. FUCHS: In favor.
14	MS. DIGLIO: Sean Graves?
15	MR. GRAVES: In favor.
16	MS. DIGLIO: Jerry Gombo?
17	MR. GOMBO: In favor.
18	MS. DIGLIO: Yedidyah Langsam?
19	CHAIR LANGSAM: Approve.
20	MS. DIGLIO: Dennis Laurie?
21	MR. LAURIE: In favor.
22	MS. DIGLIO: Brian Levinsky?
23	MR. LEVINSKY: In favor.
24	MS. DIGLIO: Mitchell Powell?
25	MR. POWELL: In favor.

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1 REMSCO CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - EZRAS NASHIM 2 MS. DIGLIO: Motion carries. 3 I'm going to send it around for your 4 signatures. 5 CHAIR LANGSAM: Okay. Did you 6 have a vote? 7 MS. DIGLIO: Yes, it carries. 8 CHAIR LANGSAM: Thank you. 9 Okay. Continue. 10 MR. MARCELLINO: For the second 11 review of the new application for 12 determination of public need, 13 determination of public need for new 14 ambulance for Ezras Nashim, the 15 Ambulance Committee met and it failed. 16 The motion failed. 17 CHAIR LANGSAM: Okay. At this point, it is appropriate for someone to 18 19 make the motion and then I'll ask for a 20 second. And the motion is to approve 21 the determination of public need for a 22 new ambulance, Chasdei Devorah, Inc., 23 doing business as Ezras Nashim, and we'll read the full motion later on, but 24 25 someone should make this motion.

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REMSCO CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - EZRAS NASHIM 1 2 MS. BENEDETTO: So moved. 3 CHAIR LANGSAM: Okay. Nancy 4 moved. Do we have a second? 5 MR. LEVINSKY: Second. 6 CHAIR LANGSAM: We have a 7 second. Thank you. We now move to a 8 discussion. Now, before we start the 9 discussion, recalling that I am not 10 going to offer my opinion on this, I want to read the relevant paragraphs 11 12 from 06-06, which is the current 13 regulation by which all CONs are 14 processed in New York State. 15 Opportunity shall be provided 16 for REMSCO members, all of you sitting 17 around the table, to make inquiry and 18 ask questions prior to making a 19 determination. You are allowed to ask 20 questions, not only among yourselves, 21 but of anyone. As the application and 22 the public hearing constitute the 23 appropriate forum to introduce and 24 provide new information, this is not an 25 opportunity for either REMSCO members or

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REMSCO CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - EZRAS NASHIM non-REMSCO members to introduce/provide new information. You cannot introduce anything that has not been already produced. Should I, in my judgement, hear someone doing that, I will put a stop for it on the record, because that will invalidate the proceedings.

The applicant could have amended the application, so long as it occurs prior to the public hearing. So we are now stuck with what we have. Okay.

Now, she has here the Public Officers

Law and I have 06-06, which essentially says the same thing and I'm going to read 06-06.

And it says, "members who have a pecuniary, financial interest in a competing service and those who serve as an officer in an organization deemed to be in direct competition with the applicant should recuse themselves.

Does everyone understand that?

It means if you make money or you're on a board of directors of a corporation

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that might be affected by this, then you
should recuse yourself. If you're just
a volunteer or you're a paid employee,
et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, you
have a duty as a member of REMSCO not to
recuse yourself and to vote.

Having said that, is there anyone around this table who wishes to recuse themselves for cause? Hearing none.

Is there anyone sitting around this table who feels that someone should have recused themselves?

For the record, we have heard no objections and we will proceed.

Finally, the REMSCO shall make its determination by a role call ballot of the members present to accept or reject the recommendation of the committee; that means the Ambulance Committee. They came with no recommendation. Therefore, we are going to be recommending the motion that was just made or not recommending it.

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Now, the motion must be made in the form of an approval, which is what we did. Nancy made a motion to approve. It's improper for someone to make a motion to disapprove, so we have a motion on the floor for discussion to approve.

Based on the Department's Bureau of House counsel opinion and appendix 3, which I will not read to you because it's very long, in order to make a determination, it must be passed by not less than a majority of the entire members authorized to vote. Not those members present for the meeting. Let me explain that because that is an odd thing.

In many committees, you get a quorum, the majority committee votes and that's done. The Open Meeting Law and the General Construction Law of New York State explicitly state that any body that makes a public determination, such as we do, you must have a positive

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REMSCO CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - EZRAS NASHIM approval of the majority of the members, whether they are here or not. To be clear, there are 26 members of REMSCO. To approve, we need 26 divided by 2 plus 1, which is 14 "yes" votes.

Abstentions do not count as a "yes" vote. So essentially, an abstention is a "no" vote. No votes, of course, are no votes. So we need to have, to approve this -- what did I just say --

MR. MARCELLINO: 14.

CHAIR LANGSAM: 14 "yes" votes. It's been a very long day. Okay. Are there any questions about what I just said?

Now, just that people should know, what will happen is, we will have, I assume, a rather long discussion. And then we'll have a role call vote and then you will sign your name, again according to Open Meetings Law, there's no such thing as a private bout. You've lost that right, unlike when you elect

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the President, where it's secret. There

are no such things as secret ballots in

the Open Meeting Law. So your name goes

down forever for the public record.

After that, you will sign the ballot to confirm how you have voted and then we will forward the REMSCO decision to New York State. New York State can accept it or they can not accept it. Each party or any party, anyone in the street, doesn't have to be someone here, is allowed to appeal to the SEMSCO.

When and if that happens, and I say "when," because I'm pretty sure that there's going to be an appeal, one way or the other, what happens is, it is sent to an administrative law judge.

About a year from now, because they're very slow, the administrative law judge will offer an opinion, much like the hearing officer offers an opinion.

It then comes before the SEMSCOs, State Emergency Medical Systems Council Systems Committee, which is like

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They vote; later in that same afternoon, it goes before the entire SEMSCO. Then the SEMSCO votes. They can vote to overturn the REMSCO's decision or they can vote to affirm the REMSCO's decision. They have no other choice. That gets written to the public record.

All the lawyers among you know that nothing stops there, because you can then go to court to what's called an Article 78 Proceeding and this will be five more years later and the lawyers will make a lot of money.

Okay. So that's the procedure, so everyone knows what's happening. I know it's very complicated and this happens throughout the State and it happens all the time, so let's move on.

Okay. Any questions about anything that I've said? Hearing none.

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Discussions, pro and con, please make it

clear so that it can become part of the

record. Somebody's gotta be first.

MR. JACOB: Okay. So according to the policy statement 6-06, which is public need, there are eight variables that need to be met by Ezras Nashim.

One, first one will be geography, which is basically, geographic, that they have a response. Now, Hatzalah has the best response in that area.

Next one will be population, size, density and projections.

Hatzalah, right now, is serving that area for decades and will go on and continue to serve that area.

Level of care, they are requesting a BLS. Right now, Hatzalah is operating an ALS. So approving that would be a step down from what already exists. Quality, reliability and response pattern of existing services, Hatzalah is known for the best response team, best response time out there.

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REMSCO CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - EZRAS NASHIM 1 2 MR. MARCELLINO: Excuse me, Dov. 3 MR. JACOB: Yes? MR. MARCELLINO: Can you speak 4 5 up, please? 6 MR. JACOB: I apologize. Where 7 would you like me to start again? No, no. Keep 8 MR. MARCELLINO: 9 going. MR. JACOB: Type of service, 10 emergency and non-emergency, Hatzalah 11 provides both emergency and 12 non-emergency. Special need, there was 13 no claim of special need. Service 14 affecting this cost and operation, 15 16 Hatzalah's existing service is one of 17 the most effective in the country. Other local factors, there are none 18 aside from misrepresentation of 19 religion. It still does not establish a 20 need. Even if yes, they still have 21 seven previous variables that still have 22 not been met. 23 Simply put, there is a lack of 24 25 resource and they should be denied as

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Hatzalah right now has been caring for

this community for decades. And they

will continue to serve them for decades.

Thank you for your time.

CHAIR LANGSAM: Nancy?

MS. BENEDETTO: With all due respect, Chevra certainly has provided wonderful service to our EMS community. That's not the issue and that's not what we're debating here this evening. What we are looking at this evening is, there is a lack of evidence that existing resources will be reallocated to fulfill the maintaining modesty for observant Jewish women. That is a key piece here.

Secondly, we are looking at special needs. There's a listing of eight or whatever number of 06-06 qualifications. One of them is level of care. Level of care at the BLS level certainly is an appropriate level of care. It is not that it is the best. It is the beginning part of what this application is looking and seeking for.

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Special needs is an item that needs to be addressed. And that is exactly what is being sought with this application; that there would be maintaining modesty for observant Jewish women. We are looking. That is a special need, so I'm asking people to look at it from that perspective. There you go.

CHAIR LANGSAM: Thank you.

Further comments? Dr. Schenker?

DR. SCHENKER: So I'm looking right now at the report from the hearing officer and I just have one question about his summary comments and recommendation. He states "yet we have the equally undeniable fact that perhaps 60 percent of women-involved emergency medical needs are either being not met or being met to some degree in contravention of their cultural religious concerns."

That sounds like a fact that was proven somewhere. I'm just curious

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1	REMSCO CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - EZRAS NASHIM
2	CHAIR LANGSAM: The hearing
3	officer's opinion? It's an opinion.
4	MR. KESSEL: It's an opinion, so
5	therefore, like, that being included is
6	part of the opinion?
7	CHAIR LANGSAM: It's an opinion.
8	MR. KESSEL: Okay. I just
9	wanted to clarify.
10	DR. SCHENKER: You have an
11	opinion that something is an undeniable
12	fact is not appropriate.
13	CHAIR LANGSAM: Okay?
14	MR. KESSEL: Okay.
15	MR. ORLANSKI: 100 percent,
16	maybe.
17	DR. SCHENKER: Correct.
18	CHAIR LANGSAM: Scott?
19	MR. ORLANSKI: Yes. Good
20	evening. Scott Orlanski. Hello, again.
21	Just as a point of clarification so that
22	there's no unneeded animosity, I
23	represent the United New York Ambulance
24	Network, which is the commercial
25	services ambulance in the State of New

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York.

So Nancy, I agree with you

1,000 percent. This application is not
about Hatzalah at all, but yet, the
applicant has made it about Hatzalah.

You had read the hearing officer's
report, you read the transcript:
Hatzalah this, Hatzalah that -- I could
care less. This has nothing to do with
Hatzalah. This has to do with Ezras
Nashim and their proving need.

There are eight variables, as we've all heard at nauseam, so I will not repeat them, but the variables and the requirements set forth by 06-06 were not met. They may want to be met.

There may be a desire to meet them, as it has been stated in the application submitted by Ezras Nashim.

But we are not here to debate wishes, wants or desires. We're here to discuss, and to opine, and to vote upon 06-06 as a policy and only those eight variables. Religion is not one of those

REMSCO CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - EZRAS NASHIM variables. And I submit to my fellow members of the Council that should we tread into those dangerous, murky waters, we will be in a world of hurt.

Also, regarding the hearing officer's opinion, recommendation, whatever it might be, we've had this hearing officer before. He's gotten us, as a Council, into trouble before, where he suggests that we don't have to follow 06-06. We re-interpret 06-06 even though 06 has been interpreted and re-interpreted the same way for decades.

This is not about any other organization. This is about the facts that were presented; not even about the emotion and everything that was bandied about at the hearing and if we do not like 06-06, as I have said many times before, then we should change it.

Legislate change if that's what you want, but right now, this is the only document, only those eight variables can be considered — not religion, not

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REMSCO CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - EZRAS NASHIM 1 2 culture, not any of the other things 3 that were mentioned. We have a duty to follow 06-06 as it has been done, as it 4 5 has been mentioned, and as the policy 6 statement states. 7 CHAIR LANGSAM: Thank you. 8 Nancy? 9 MS. BENEDETTO: Thank you. To 10 be clear, nowhere in 06-06 does it 11 identify one must need -- meet all eight 12 of those components. Therefore, it is 13 not necessary for eight of those to be 14 met. One, one, and that would be 15 special needs could qualify as a very 16 important factor in terms of meeting 17 this application. 18 MR. ORLANSKI: However, special 19 needs was not addressed by the applicant 20 in their application. 21 CHAIR LANGSAM: Okay. Please 22 address --23 I apologize. MR. ORLANSKI: 24 CHAIR LANGSAM: -- all comments 25 to the Chair.

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CHAIR LANGSAM: This is -- I'm reading -- here. It is a -- DOH,

Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services policy statement, which supersedes/updates 93-09, 93-10, this is the date -- it's not actually decades,

May 26th, 2006, which is when this one came out and it's the EMS operating certificate application process CON.

This is the guidelines by which the DOH evaluates every CON that comes before it and they're empowered by statutory authority to make the decision.

MR. LEVINSKY: Is the guideline
-- because someone was saying that if we
wanted to change it, we need to have
legislation and 06-06 is not
legislation, correct?

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CHAIR LANGSAM: That's correct.

Yes. Technically, you're correct. This is not legislation, but the legislature can come up with a law that says we no longer want to use a CON process or that we want to change the CON process. And they can direct the DOH to have whatever process the legislator wants. The legislature are laws, ultimately. Yes?

DR. SCHENKER: So policy 06-06, I'm actually looking at it right now, references Article 30 as the legislation that I think Scott mentioned should be changed.

CHAIR LANGSAM: Correct.

DR. SCHENKER: So Article 30 is where the actual information lives and it states that the REMSCO has the responsibility to make determinations of public need to establish additional emergency medical services and ambulance services to make determinations of public need as provided in Section 3008. So the legislation is actually

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2	Article 30.
3	CHAIR LANGSAM: Are there any
4	other comments, discussions, questions?
5	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is it
6	open for the public?
7	CHAIR LANGSAM: No, it is not.
8	Someone here could ask you a question.
9	That's okay, but I don't hear anyone
10	asking any questions.
11	MR. DERING: Is it open to any
12	statements from the applicant's
13	attorney?
14	CHAIR LANGSAM: Hmm?
15	MR. DERING: Is it open to any
16	statements?
17	CHAIR LANGSAM: No. And that's
18	exactly how we do it in the State and I
19	know because I am the Chair, and the
20	State committee does the same thing.
21	That's been proven long ago, but if
22	anyone wants to ask you a question, I
23	have no problem with that.
24	Nancy, do you want to ask the
25	lawyer a question?

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REMSCO CORRESPONDENCE REPORT - EZRAS NASHIM 1 Thank you. 2 MS. BENEDETTO: No. The place CHAIR LANGSAM: Okay. 3 for people to make comments is the 4 public hearing. That's why it's called 5 "public hearing." This is an 6 7 open-meeting; means that anybody can come and sit here and watch what 8 happens. It does not give people the 9 authority to speak; just as anyone can 10 11 come to Congress and watch them, whatever it is that they do there, but 12 you can't just get up and speak on your 13 14 own. Any other comments? Hearing 15 We will now move to a role call 16 none. 17 vote. MS. DIGLIO: So read the motion 18 19 again? CHAIR LANGSAM: Yes, please read 20 the motion exactly as it is now. 21 MS. DIGLIO: REMSCO, New York 22 City, which has conducted a public 23 hearing and has carefully reviewed the 24 information, materials and record in 25

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this matter, recommends that the hearing
officer's report in the matter of the
application submitted by Chasdei
Devorah, Inc sorry, I butchered the
name dba Ezras Nashim for a new
ambulance service in the City of New
York, specifically Borough Park, section
of Kings County, as identified in the
attached map, be accepted and the
application be recommended for approval.
Please answer in favor, against
or abstain.
DR. COOPER: Mr. Chairman, so
the vote is to accept the report and
approve the application?
CHAIR LANGSAM: There is no
which report? There is no report.
MS. DIGLIO: The report of the
hearing officer.
DR. COOPER: Yes. That's what
the officer just said.
CHAIR LANGSAM: Yes, to accept
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2	CHAIR LANGSAM: Only one vote.
3	DR. COOPER: Thank you.
4	MS. DIGLIO: Please answer in
5	favor, against or abstain.
6	Dov Jacob?
7	MR. JACOB: Against.
8	MS. DIGLIO: Samia McEachin?
9	Alison Burke? Dominick Battinelli?
10	MR. BATTINELLI: In favor.
11	MS. DIGLIO: Grace Cacciola?
12	MS. CACCIOLA: Abstain.
13	MS. DIGLIO: Christine Mazzola?
14	MS. MAZZOLA: Abstain.
15	MS. DIGLIO: Joseph Marcellino?
16	MR. MARCELLINO: Abstain.
17	MS. DIGLIO: John Johnstone?
18	MR. JOHNSTONE: In favor.
19	MS. DIGLIO: Mordechai
20	Goldfeder?
21	MR. GOLDFEDER: Abstain.
22	MS. DIGLIO: Travis Kessel?
23	MR. KESSEL: In favor.
24	MS. DIGLIO: Jerry Gelbard?
25	MR. GELBARD: Not in favor.
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2	MS. DIGLIO: Joseph Schenker?
3	DR. SCHENKER: Abstain.
4	MS. DIGLIO: Scott Orlanski?
5	MR. ORLANSKI: Opposed.
6	MS. DIGLIO: Mordechai Lax?
7	MR. LAX: Opposed.
8	MS. DIGLIO: Martina Bacarella?
9	MS. BACARELLA: Not in favor.
10	MS. DIGLIO: Vincent Barranco?
11	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Not here.
12	MS. DIGLIO: Nancy Benedetto?
13	MS. BENEDETTO: In favor.
14	MS. DIGLIO: Arthur Cooper?
15	DR. COOPER: In favor.
16	MS. DIGLIO: Robert Crupi?
17	DR. CRUPI: Not in favor.
18	MS. DIGLIO: Meghan Farley?
19	MS. FARLEY: In favor.
20	MS. DIGLIO: Manfred Fuchs?
21	MR. FUCHS: Against.
22	MS. DIGLIO: Sean Graves?
23	MR. GRAVES: Not in favor.
24	MS. DIGLIO: Jerry Gombo?
25	MR. GOMBO: Opposed.

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2	MS. DIGLIO: Yedidyah Langsam?
3	CHAIR LANGSAM: Oppose.
4	MS. DIGLIO: Dennis Laurie?
5	MR. LAURIE: Not in favor.
6	MS. DIGLIO: Brian Levinsky?
7	MR. LEVINSKY: In favor.
8	MS. DIGLIO: Mitchell Powell?
9	MR. POWELL: Not in favor.
10	MS. DIGLIO: Okay. We have 7 in
11	favor; 12 against; 5 abstain, and 2
12	absent.
13	CHAIR LANGSAM: The motion
14	therefore fails.
15	MS. DIGLIO: It fails on all
16	counts because you don't have enough
17	votes either way, so that's how it goes
18	up to Albany.
19	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It just
20	fails.
21	CHAIR LANGSAM: It only fails
22	because it did not get approved. It did
23	not have 14 votes.
24	MS. DIGLIO: Okay.
25	CHAIR LANGSAM: That's the only

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2	way you look at it.
3	MS. DIGLIO: Okay.
4	CHAIR LANGSAM: Okay. Do you
5	have anything else from the Ambulance
6	Committee?
7	MR. MARCELLINO: That concludes
8	the Ambulance Committee report.
9	CHAIR LANGSAM: Thank you very
10	much for a very difficult task. We now
11	move to the
12	MS. DIGLIO: Wait. Hold on. I
13	have to send this around for signatures,
14	so don't leave.
15	CHAIR LANGSAM: Yeah, those who
16	are sitting around the table, you can't
17	go home. I will chase after you.
18	(Whereupon, a discussion was
19	held off the record.)
20	CHAIR LANGSAM: We're going to
21	take a breather for two or three
22	minutes.
23	(Whereupon, a recess was taken
24	at this time.)
25	CHAIR LANGSAM: At this point,

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## CERTIFICATE

I, DANIEL A. JOSEPH, a Notary Public within and for the State of New York, do hereby certify:

That the witness(es) whose testimony is hereinbefore set forth was duly sworn by me, and the foregoing transcript is a true record of the testimony given by such witness(es).

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

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