

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ISLIP
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 28, 2026
5:00 PM**

The meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m., by Chairwoman Debra Cavanagh. Present for the Town of Islip Community Development Board of Directors was Debra Cavanagh. Present for the Town of Islip was Supervisor Angie Carpenter, Councilwoman Kuhn and Councilman Guadron. Present for the CDA was Executive Director, Julia MacGibbon, Affordable Housing and Project Development Director, Kevin Crean, General Counsel Robert Fuchs and Program Administrator Robert Balina.

An extensive mailing was distributed to local civic and business groups, not-for-profits and Village Consortium members. In addition, advertisements were placed in Newsday, The Bilingual News and Able News to notify all interested parties of the public hearing. In addition, the Community Development Agency posted a notification on its website <https://islipcda.org/>.

List of other attendees is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
Liz Perry	HALI
Robert Kuri	Consultant
Liz Fiordalasis	Day Haven
Doug Hirst	Long Island Housing Partnership
Catherine Albanese	Family Service League
Scott Soloman	VHB Engineering, Surveying, Landscape Architecture and Geology, P.C
Barbara Raymond	Town of Islip
Desi Wagner	Town of Islip
MaryAnn Pfeiffer	West Islip Youth Enrichment Services, Inc.
Ernesto Hernandez	LGBT Network

The Town of Islip Supervisor, Angie Carpenter welcomed all attendees and thanked the CDA for administering the programs on behalf of the Town and turned the meeting over to Julia MacGibbon, Executive Director, for opening remarks. The Executive Director then turned the meeting to Kevin Crean. Mr. Crean then explained the purpose of the meeting was to report on progress, to give citizens an opportunity to comment, to present new proposals and to discuss community development and housing needs in general, as well as any Fair Housing needs. This first public hearing is an important step to gather information for the Town of Islip CDA's 2026 Annual Action Plan. Kevin reminded the attendees that the performance from the 6/30/25 CAPER is available on the CDA's website and Town of Islip CDA's Relocation and Anti-Displacement Policy is available on the CDA's website. Hard copies of both of these documents are available for review at the meeting.

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Kevin Crean reviewed a brief presentation. See highlights below and the attached presentation slides:

- The five-year consolidated plan identifies the unified vision for community development actions to be undertaken during a five-year period (2025-2029). This hearing is for the Second Annual Action Plan of the five year plan.
- A review of the programs that the Islip CDA administers (Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program).
- To be able to properly plan and assess the home and community needs, the Town of Islip CDA holds meetings with stakeholders to assess needs for homeless, non-homeless, special needs, housing authorities, barriers to affordable housing and community development needs.
- The 2026 grant funding is expected to be flat funded however the amount cannot be estimated at this time. Congress will need to act on a federal budget and HUD has generally 30 days after that to announce funding amounts under the programs.
- Eligible activities for each of the programs and the deadlines to spend the grants.
 - Public services are requested to submit claim vouchers quarterly and program accomplishments no later than July 31st.
- The New Final Rule for HOME was published January 6, 2025.
- Fair Housing Rule, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, Section 3, Build America/Buy America and other Federal requirements
- Review of the 2026 application process for public services and important dates.
- Deadline for submission of proposals is March 6, 2026
- 2026 applications are located on the CDA's website
- 2nd Public Hearing will be held on March 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- Public Comment is requested for:
 - Housing needs in Islip Town
 - Community Development needs in Islip Town

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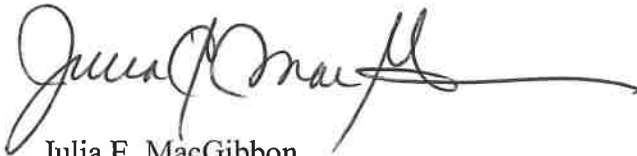
Public Session

All attendees of the Public Meeting were invited to speak about their projects or issues. The following individuals addressed the Board:

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| 1. | Catherine Albanese | Family Service League |
| 2. | Doug Hirst | Long Island Housing Partnership |
| 3. | Liz Fiordalasis | Day Haven |
| 4. | MaryAnn Pfeiffer | West Islip Youth Enrichment Services, Inc. |
| 5. | Ernesto Hernandez | LGBT Network |

There being no more speakers, the meeting closed at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julia E. MacGibbon
Executive Director

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