

PUBLIC HEARING: TOWN OF HYDE PARK

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In the Matter of the Application of:

THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA FOR FINANCIAL

ASSISTANCE FROM THE DUTCHESS COUNTY

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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DATED: June 29, 2016  
Hyde Park, New York  
9:30 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.

Donna M. Wells, Reporter

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23 Hi. Thank you for allowing us to be  
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22 first time the Culinary has worked with them  
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25 Is it your testimony then that by your

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7 additional students into our programs. The  
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12 THE HEARING OFFICER:

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14 application that you have 537 full-time jobs  
15 and 21 part-time jobs for a total of 558  
16 full-time equivalent jobs; is that accurate?

17 BY MS. KRUPIN:

18 Yes. On the New York Campus, that's  
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21 Thank you for your testimony. Does  
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24 On behalf of the LDC I would like to say  
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