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| PUBLIC HEARING <br> RE: 99 Pine Street <br> April 13, 2016 <br> 12:18 p.m. - 12:25 p.m <br> 21 Lodge Street <br> Albany, New York 12207 |  |
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APPEARANCES:

STAFF:

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SUSAN PEDO, Vice Chair

HON. DARIUS SHAHINFAR, Treasurer

DOMINICK CALSOLARO, Member

LEE ECK, Member

ROBERT T. SCHOFIELD, Member

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# PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO <br> SECTION 859-a OF <br> THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 

| Agency | City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") |
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| Project Name: | 99 Pine Street residential conversion |
| Project Beneficiary: | 99 Pine Street of Albany, LLC (the "Company") |
| Project Location: | City of Albany, Albany County, New York |
| Hearing Date: | April 13, 2016 |
| Hearing Time: | 12:00 o'clock, p.m. |
| Hearing Location: | 21 Lodge Street Albany, NY 12207__ |

## Opening Remarks

Good afternoon.
My name is Tracy Metzger, and I am the Chair of City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") in connection with the project which is the subject of this public hearing.

Today we are holding this Public Hearing to allow citizens to make a statement, for the record, relating to the involvement of the Agency with a project for the benefit of 99 Pine Street of Albany, LLC, a New York State limited liability corporation.

I will now ask Sarah Reginelli, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency, to make certain preliminary remarks with respect to the Project and to then start the public hearing.

## Introductory Comments by Chief Executive Officer

Good Afternoon.
The Proposed Project is located at 55 N Pearl St (aka 99 Pine St) and consists of the conversion of vacant office space to 35 market rate rental apartment units.

Copies of the notice of this Public Hearing are available on the table.
Now, unless there is any objection, I am going to suggest waiving the full reading of the notice of this Public Hearing, and instead request that the full text of the notice of this Public Hearing be inserted into the record of this Public Hearing.

I will also note that general information on the Agency's general authority and public purpose are contained in a separate statement and it will be entered into the record.

## Remarks by the Company

Before we start the public hearing, I would first like to introduce the project applicant and ask him to make a brief presentation with respect to the proposed Project.

## Open Public Hearing to the Floor for Comments

I will now open this Public Hearing for public comment at 12:__ o'clock, p.m.
By way of operating rules, if you wish to make a public comment, please sign-in on the appropriate sign-in sheet that has been distributed by Agency staff. I will then call on the individuals listed on the sign-in sheet in the order in which they appear on the sheet. Please wait to be recognized, once recognized, please stand and state your name, address, and affiliation for the record. Please keep your comments to five (5) minutes so that all those present today may have a chance to comment for the record.

A record of this Public Hearing will be prepared and reviewed by the members of the Agency in connection with the Agency's consideration of the Proposed Project.

Again, the purpose of this Public Hearing is to solicit public comment. We are not here to answer questions. However, we will in the course of this Public Hearing consider questions if we have the information to answer the questions and there is sufficient time to consider such questions.

I will now refer to the sign-in sheet to identify individuals who wish to comment on either on the nature and location of the Project Facility or the proposed Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Issuer with respect to the Proposed Project.

For the record, please state your name and indicate your comments on either the Proposed Project or the proposed "financial assistance" being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Proposed Project.

## Written Comments

The notice of this Public Hearing indicated that written comments could be addressed to: Sarah Reginelli, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency. No written comments have been received by the Agency prior to this Public Hearing.

## Formal closure of the public hearing

So, if there are no further comments, I will now close this Public Hearing at 12: o'clock, p.m. Thank you for attending.

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April 13, 2016

Sarah Reginelli
Albany Industrial Development Agency
21 Lodge Street
Albany NY 12207

Re: 99 Pine Street of Albany, LLC

Dear Ms. Reginelli:

I am writing in support of the residential conversion project located at 99 Pine Street. This mixed use building, on a prominent corner, is experiencing a $55 \%$ vacancy rate. Currently downtown Albany has the highest commercial vacancy in the Capital Region with an overabundance of office buildings within the central business district (CBD). Last year, due to the increase in residential conversion projects, Downtown's vacancy rate dropped $2 \%$ and will have a long term impact on property values and the tax base for the City.

Leading the revitalization of Downtown are the residential development projects and the new Capital Center. Since the beginning of 201520 new retail or retail related services opened and three have expanded. Downtown no longer is a 9-5, Monday through Friday environment with six restaurants offering brunch on the weekend. But in order to continue attracting more retail we need to invest in increasing our residential base. According to MJB Consulting, a member of the Impact Downtown Albany study team, it takes 1,000-2,000 residents to support just one block of retail.

Maddalone and Associates are a proven developer in Downtown with their completed project at the BID's old office located at 522-524 Broadway and their latest residential conversion that is underway now at 40-48 South Pearl Street. They are committed to Downtown and the investments they are making here.

The Downtown Albany Business Improvement District looks forward to the continued momentum we are experiencing due to the residential conversion projects and the positive impacts projects like 99 Pine will have on our Capital City. If you have any questions I can be reached at $465.2143 \times 15$ or via e-mail at gsteffens@downtownalbany.org.

Sincerely,


Georgette Steffens
Executive Director

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City of Albany Industrial Development Agency/Capital Resource Corporation

MS. METZGER: Downtown Albany Business Improvement District We're going to move right into the public hearing for 99 Pine Street.

Again, my name is Tracy
Metzger. I'm the Chair of the City
of Albany Industrial Development
Agency in connection with the project which is subject of -- which is the subject of this public hearing.

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respect to the project and then to start the public hearing.

MS. REGINELLI: Thank you. Good afternoon.

Again, the proposed project, rightly this time, is located at 55 North Pearl Street, a/k/a 99 Pine Street, and consists of the conversion of vacant office space into 35 market rate rental apartment units.

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entered into the record.

Before we start the public
hearing, again, I'd like to first
introduce the project applicant and ask him to make a brief presentation with respect to the proposed project.

And, Seth, if you could step
down closer to the stenographer that would be great.

MR. MELTZER: Sure.

Good afternoon. Seth Meltzer,

Maddalone \& Associates. Thank you
for your time today.

Andy, are you --

MR. CORCIONE: Yup. Right
here.
(Whereupon, a slide presentation is presented to the Agency.)

MR. MELTZER: All right. You got the slides. Great.

So the project that we're

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describe -- we -- we refer to as 99 Pine Street of Albany, the Capital Center. It's a 100 thousand square foot building, although, originally it was three distinct buildings, where they were combined internally in the early '80s.

And what we're proposing to do
is to take the upper three floors and convert the upper three mostly vacant floors of commercial space into, as Sarah had mentioned, 35 apartments.

At this point it's looking like they'll all be one bedroom. Square footage range is somewhere in the 750 to 1100 square foot, depending on the footprint of -- of the floor plans and how they laid out. Obviously, with some older buildings, you can't quite have -cut up exactly as you'd like.

But-- but that seems to be the

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demand for downtown Albany as far as one bedrooms go.

And as far as amenities, we are looking at a rooftop deck, or say a rooftop patio, as well as a small dog park potentially up on the -- on the roof as well, a theatre room and a fitness center. And we'll also have storage in the building as well that will be available exclusively to the tenants of the building.

We are investing about \$6.7
million to -- to make this
conversion. And, you know, we're excited about supporting the continued growth in downtown Albany.

Andy, if you want to maybe go -- so there you see the sign out there on Pine Street, known as the Capital Center. It's got a beautiful atrium in the center, five stories going from the entry level

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we've done it once completely. We're in the process of another one. And we're excited to participate, as -- as I said, in the growth with this one as well. Seems to be quite a demand and we're exciting about everything that's happening.

MS. METZGER: Thank you.
MS. REGINELLI: I will now
open this public hearing for public comment at 12:23 p.m. and refer to the sign-in sheet for individuals who wish to comment on this project. Again, for the record, please state your name and indicate your comments on either the proposed project or the financial assistance of being contemplated.

And the first name on the list is Georgette Steffens.

MS. STEFFENS: Thank you. My name is Georgette Steffens. I'm the Executive Director of the Downtown

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Albany Business Improvement District.

And as many of you know, I
know you attended our Residential
Open House last year. Downtown
residential and the conversion of
vacant and underutilized buildings
is a game changer for downtown.
We had-- last year we actually
had our vacancy rate decrease by 2 percent, and, which, for sure, downtown has the highest commercial vacancy rate in the region.

And so it's also attracting new retail into downtown. We have 20 new retailers that opened in the last year.

So the more people that are moving to downtown, you know, we're not just that 9 to 5 anymore. We're the -- also adding a 5, you know, to 9:00 in the morning. We're now starting to be a $24 / 7$ city.

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I think the last time I was promoting, you knew that downtown was on a rise as we saw more dogs. This year it's going to be brunch. That's my new thing I'm promoting. And you've heard me say it several times, some of you. But we have six restaurants that are offering brunch now. Really seeing an impact of the weekend user.

And so it is decreasing our vacancy rate. Long term, it's going to increase our property values. Hence, increase our tax base. And that is good for all of us here in downtown.

So a-- as Seth said, they've done -- they actually took our old office building and renovated that, and it's a great product. And we're really excited to have their new project come on line for this year's Residential House and -- Open House
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County of Montgomery
My commission expires: 5-7-19
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