TO: City of Albany Industrial Development Finance Committee

FROM: City of Albany Industrial Development Agency Staff

**RE:** Clinton Avenue Apartments Housing Development Fund Corporation - IDA Application

Summary

**DATE:** October 11, 2017

Applicant: Clinton Avenue Apartments Housing Development Fund Corporation

**Managing Members (% of Ownership):** Deborah Leenhouts (27.9630%), Jeffrey Leenhouts (26.2963%), Catherine Sperrick (21.11%), Megan Houppert (6.11%), Sarah Hunt (6.11%)

**Project Location:** Clinton Avenue & Ten Broeck Street – 70 row homes – see attached list

**Project Description:** The project involves the revitalization of approximately 210 units in approximately 70 row houses and 2 vacant parcels. Approximately half of the units are vacant. 8 buildings are condemned. The project will be Mixed Income and Affordable: Approximately 10-15% of units will be middle income at 60 to 90% of the Capital Region Area Median Income (AMI) and 85-90% of units will be affordable at 50 or 60% AMI. The rehabilitation of the properties will be comprehensive and will be guided by the State Historic Preservation Office as we will utilize historic tax credits.

Estimated Project Cost: \$47,838,223

Type of Financing: Straight Lease

**Amount of Bonds Requested:** None

Estimated Total Purchases Exempt from Sales Tax: n/a

**Estimated Total Mortgage Amount:** \$18,401,726

**Current Total Assessment:** \$3,286,786 (purchase price 09/06/2017); \$7,956,200 (2017 tax roll)

Estimated Improved Total Assessment: \$6,750,000 (\$32,142.86) per unit

**Requested PILOT:** The proposal entails the Applicant entering into a 5% Shelter Rent, 30 year PILOT agreement with the IDA.

### **Estimated Value of Total PILOT Payments:**

O Total PILOT Payments: \$2,562,320 (properties have not generated any tax revenue for the last 11 years)

### **Estimated Value of Tax Exemptions:**

o NYS Sales and Compensating Use Tax: n/a HFA/HDFC

Mortgage Recording Taxes: n/a HFA/HDFC

o Real Property Taxes: \$8,055,361

o Other: N/A

# **Employment Impact:**

o Projected Permanent: 2 FTE retained; 5 new FTE

o Projected Construction: 65 jobs

# **Strategic Initiatives:**

o Albany 2030

- Increase job opportunities for all residents.
- Encourage investment in urban land and historic buildings for employment and housing.
- Provide a variety of housing types to meet the varied needs of Albany's households, including market, moderate and low income housing.
- Encourage diverse intergenerational housing. Diverse housing includes options for residents throughout different stages of life (e.g. students, couples, families with children, seniors) in the same neighborhood.
- o Impact Downtown Albany, Clinton Square DRI Plan, Arbor Hill Neighborhood Plan, and Sheridan Hollow Neighborhood Plan
  - Revitalization and diversification of downtown adaptive reuse of underutilized or vacant buildings.
  - Establish a greater critical mass of housing downtown.

## **Planning Board Actions:**

• The applicant is renovating more than 50% of the buildings and will not require site plan review at this time.

### **Estimated IDA Fee**

o Fee amount: \$365,500 (0.75\% of total project cost)

### Mission

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