

TO: City of Albany Industrial Development Finance Committee
FROM: City of Albany Industrial Development Agency Staff
RE: 45 Columbia Street Assoc. LLC - IDA Application Summary
DATE: September 11, 2019

Applicant: 45 Columbia Street Assoc. LLC

Managing Members (% of Ownership): Tom Rossi, John Blackburn, and Jeffrey Buell (Each owner controls the General Partnership equally).

Project Location: 45 Columbia Street, Albany, NY

Project Description: The project involves the renovation of 45 Columbia Street. The project will take what is currently a 78,000 SF vacant parking garage and create 27 market rate apartments and 125 parking spaces.

Estimated Investment: \$7,000,000 (est)

Community Benefits: Please see the attached CAIDA Project Evaluation and Assistance Framework Staff Analysis for more detail on the Community Benefits metrics below.

- *Revitalization:* The project is located in a Targeted Geography within the City, notably Downtown and in a high vacancy census tract.
- *Job Creation:* The project is committing to the creation of 1 permanent and 20 construction jobs.
- *Investment:* The project is anticipating a project cost of more than \$7 million.

Employment Impact:

- Projected Permanent: 1 FTE job
- Projected Retained: N/A
- Projected Construction: 20 jobs

Type of Financing: Straight Lease

Amount of Bonds Requested: None

Estimated Total Purchases Exempt from Sales Tax: \$2,000,000

Estimated Total Mortgage Amount: \$7,000,000

Requested PILOT: N/A (Applicant is seeking as-of-right 485a through the City of Albany.)

Estimated Value of Tax Exemptions:

- NYS Sales and Compensating Use Tax: \$160,000
- Mortgage Recording Taxes: \$70,000
- Real Property Taxes: N/A
- Other: N/A

Baseline Requirements:

- Application: Complete
- Meets NYS/CAIDA Requirements: Yes
- Albany 2030 Alignment:
 - Increase job opportunities for all residents.
 - Encourage investment in urban land and buildings for employment and housing.
- Planning Approval Status: Full Planning Board approval
- Meets Project Use Definition: Yes
- Meets “But For” Requirement: Yes, affidavit signed.

Cost Benefit Analysis: See attached Exhibit A: Description of The Project Evaluation and Expected Public Benefits.

Estimated IDA Fee

- Fee amount: \$70,000

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