# RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SEQR DETERMINATION 1211 WESTERN AVE PROPERTY ASSOCIATES LLC PROJECT

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The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chair of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

## PRESENT:

Tracy L. Metzger Chair Susan Pedo Vice Chair Darius Shahinfar Treasurer Lee E. Eck, Jr. Secretary Member Dominick Calsolaro Robert T. Schofield Member

Each of the members present participated in the meeting telephonically pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, as supplemented, issued by New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, suspending provisions of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law that require public in-person access to public meetings and authorizing board members to participate in said meetings by conference call or similar service.

Chief Executive Officer

#### ABSENT:

# AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

\_\_\_\_\_, to wit:

Sarah Paginalli

Saran Reginein	Chief Executive Officer			
Mark Opalka	Chief Financial Officer			
Thomas Conoscenti	Vice President, Capitalize Albany Corporation			
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Amy Lavine, Esq.	Assistant Corporation Counsel			
A. Joseph Scott, III, Esq.	Special Agency Counsel			
he following resolution	was offered by, seconded by			

Resolution No. 0920-

RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE DETERMINATION BY CITY OF ALBANY PLANNING BOARD, AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE 1211 WESTERN AVE PROPERTY ASSOCIATES LLC PROPOSED PROJECT.

WHEREAS, City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 325 of the 1974 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 903-a of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, in January, 2020, 1211 Western Ave Property Associates LLC, a State of Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 0.92 acre parcel of land located at 1211 Western Avenue (tax map number 64.22-1-10) in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York (the "Land"), together with an approximately 30,000 square foot building located thereon (the "Existing Facility"), (2) demolition of the Existing Facility and the construction on the Land of an approximately 190,968 square foot building (the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Existing Facility, the Facility, and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be owned by the Company and operated as an approximately 136 unit residential apartment building, with approximately 1842 square feet of commercial/retail space, with a parking garage to accommodate approximately 150 parking spaces and any other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real property transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on July 16, 2020 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Public Hearing Resolution, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the "Public Hearing") pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on July 28, 2020 to the chief

executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be posted on August 4, 2020 on a public bulletin board located at Albany City Hall located at 24 Eagle Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on August 1, 2020 in the Albany Times Union, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of City of Albany, Albany County, New York, (D) as a result of the ban on large meetings or gatherings pursuant to Executive Order 202.1, as supplemented, and the suspension of the Open Meetings Law relating to public hearings pursuant to Executive Order 202.15, as supplemented, each as issued by Governor Cuomo in response to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, conducted the Public Hearing on August 12, 2020 at 12:00 o'clock p.m. local time, electronically via conference call rather than in person, and (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing and caused copies of said Public Hearing Report to be made available to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the Agency has been informed that (1) the City of Albany Planning Board (the "Planning Board") was designated to act as "lead agency" with respect to the Project, and (2) the Planning Board issued a Determination of Non Significance on February 26, 2019 (the "Negative Declaration"), attached hereto as Exhibit A, determining that the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and installation of the Project Facility will not have a "significant effect on the environment"; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is an "involved agency" with respect to the Project and the Agency now desires to concur in the determination by the Planning Board, as "lead agency" with respect to the Project, to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Negative Declaration and to indicate whether the Agency has any information to suggest that the Planning Board was incorrect in determining that the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" pursuant to SEQRA and, therefore, that no environmental impact statement need be prepared with respect to the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. The Agency has received copies of, and has reviewed, the Application, the environmental assessment form and the Negative Declaration (collectively, the "Reviewed Documents") and, based upon said Reviewed Documents, the Agency hereby ratifies and concurs in the designation of the Planning Board as "lead agency" with respect to the Project under SEQRA (as such quoted term is defined in SEQRA).

<u>Section 2</u>. The Agency hereby determines that the Agency has no information to suggest that the Planning Board was incorrect in determining that the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" pursuant to the SEQRA and, therefore, that environmental impact statement need not be prepared with respect to the Project (as such quoted phrase is used in SEQRA).

<u>Section 3</u>. The members of the Agency are hereby directed to notify the Planning Board of the concurrence by the Agency that the Planning Board shall be the "lead agency" with respect to the Project, and to further indicate to the Planning Board that the Agency has no information to suggest that the Planning Board was incorrect in its determinations contained in the Negative Declaration.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The	e question o	of the adoption	of the for	egoing Res	olution v	was duly	put to a	vote on	roll call,	which
resulted as	follows:									

Tracy L. Metzger	VOTING	
Susan Pedo	VOTING	-
Darius Shahinfar	VOTING	
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	VOTING	
Dominick Calsolaro	VOTING	
Robert T. Schofield	VOTING	

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY	) ) SS.: )
"Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY the meeting of the members of the Age 17, 2020 with the original thereof on f	Secretary of City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the hat I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of ency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on September ile in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said and therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates o.
said meeting was in all respects duly h Meetings Law") except as modified by the general public, and due notice of the such Open Meetings Law; and (D) the	A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) eld; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Executive Order 202.1, as supplemented, said meeting was open to the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with the ere was a quorum of the members of the Agency present, either incoordance with Executive Order 202.1, as supplemented, throughout
I FURTHER CERTIFY that, a and has not been amended, repealed or	s of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect rescinded.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I and any of September, 2020.	have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this
	(Assistant) Secretary

(SEAL)

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# EXHIBIT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

	Agency Use Only [IfApplicable]
Project :	
Date:	

# Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts and

#### Determination of Significance

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

#### Reasons Supporting This Determination:

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact
  occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to
  occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where
  there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse
  environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that
  no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- · Attach additional sheets, as needed.

	Determination	of Significance -	- Type 1 and	Unlisted Actions	
SEQR Status:	Type 1	<b>✓</b> Unlisted			
Identify portions of E	AF completed for this Proj	ect: 🔽 Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	

FEAF 2019

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information	
and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the as lead agency that:	
A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental imstatement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.	pact
B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:	÷
There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.76)	gative d)).
C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impactament must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reimpacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.	educe those
Name of Action: 1211 Western Avenue	
Name of Lead Agency: City of Albany Planning Board	
Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Albert R. DeSalvo	
Title of Responsible Officer: Board Chair	
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Albert R Defalso Date: 2	2/26/19
Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)  Date:	
For Further Information:	
Contact Person: City of Albany Department of Development and Planning	
Address: 200 Henry Johnson Bivd., Albany, NY 12210	
Telephone Number: (518) 465-6066	
E-mail: dpd@albanyny.gov	
For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:	
Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Vill Other involved agencies (if any)  Applicant (if any)	age of)
Environmental Notice Bulletin: http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html	

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# COMMERCIAL/RETAIL FINDINGS RESOLUTION 1211 WESTERN AVE PROPERTY ASSOCIATES LLC PROJECT

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Robert T. Schofield	Member

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A. Joseph Scott, III, Esq.	Special Agency Counsel
The following resolution	was offered by, seconded by
, to wit:	

Resolution No. 0920-

RESOLUTION (A) DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED 1211 WESTERN AVE PROPERTY ASSOCIATES LLC PROJECT IS A COMMERCIAL PROJECT AND (B) MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REQUIRED UNDER THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW.

WHEREAS, City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") Chapter 325 of the 1974 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 903-a of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial, manufacturing and industrial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

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WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on July 16, 2020 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Public Hearing Resolution, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the "Public Hearing") pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on July 28, 2020 to the chief

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on September 17, 2020 (the "Resolution Confirming SEQR Determination"), the Agency (A) concurred in the determination that the City of Albany Planning Board (the "Planning Board") is the "lead agency" with respect to SEQRA, and (B) acknowledged receipt of a negative declaration from the Planning Board issued on February 26, 2019 (the "Negative Declaration"), in which the Planning Board determined that the Project would not have a significant adverse environmental impact on the environment, and therefore, that an environmental statement need not be prepared with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, in Opinion of the State Comptroller Number 85-51, the State Comptroller indicated that the determination whether a project that consists of the construction of an apartment house is a commercial activity within the meaning of the Act is to be made by local officials based upon all of the facts relevant to the proposed project, and that any such determination should take into account the stated purpose of the Act, that is, the promotion of employment opportunities and the prevention of economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to aid the Agency in determining whether the Project qualifies for Financial Assistance as a commercial project within the meaning of the Act, the Agency has reviewed the following (collectively, the "Project Qualification Documents"): (A) the Application, including the attached Cost Benefit Analysis; and (B) Albany 2030 Alignment; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Project Qualification Documents, and to representations by the Company that although the Project constitutes a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total project cost, the Project is located within census tract 4.03, which is contiguous to censure tract 5.02 in the City of Albany which is considered to be a distressed census tract and therefore is in a "highly distressed area", as that term is defined in Section 854(18) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 862(2)(b) of the Act, the Agency would be authorized to provide financial assistance in respect of the Project provided that the obligation of the Agency to proceed with the Project was subject to certain conditions, including (1) following compliance with the procedural requirements of Section 859-a of the Act, a finding by the Agency that the Project would preserve permanent, private sector jobs in the State of New York or increase the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State of New York and (2) confirmation by the Mayor of the City of Albany of the proposed action by the Agency with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, having complied with the requirements of SEQRA and Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project, the Agency now desires, pursuant to Section 862(2)(c) of the Act, to make its final findings with respect to the Project and its final determination whether to proceed with the Project;

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AS FOLLOWS:

- <u>Section 1</u>. Based upon an examination of the Project Qualification Documents and based further upon the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project and such further investigation of the Project and its economic effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:
  - A. The Project is located in an area having a mixture of residential, not-for-profit, commercial, retail, and service uses.
  - B. The Project Qualification Documents makes the following comments/findings regarding housing in the City of Albany:
    - Encourage investment in urban land and buildings for employment and housing
    - Increase job opportunities for all residents
  - C. That undertaking the Project is consistent with the Project Qualification Documents and will assist and maintain current and future residential and commercial development and expansion in the neighborhood area.
  - D. The Company has informed representatives of the Agency that the Project is expected to create approximately five (5) full time permanent, private sector jobs.
  - E. The Company has informed representatives of the Agency that the Company is not aware of any adverse employment impact caused by the undertaking of the Project.
- <u>Section 2</u>. Based upon the foregoing review of the Project Qualification Documents and based further upon the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project Facility and such further investigation of the Project and its economic effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency makes the following determinations with respect to the Project:
  - A. That although the Project does constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total project cost, the Project is located in a "highly distressed area" (as defined in the Act).
  - B. That (1) the Project Facility will provide necessary infrastructure for area employers and businesses, (2) the completion of the Project Facility will have an impact upon the creation, retention and expansion of employment opportunities in the City of Albany and in the State of New York, and (3) the completion of the Project will assist in promoting employment opportunities and assist in preventing economic deterioration in the City of Albany and in the State of New York.

- C. That the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and installation of the Project Facility is essential to the retention of existing employment and the creation of new employment opportunities and is essential to the prevention of economic deterioration of businesses and neighborhoods located in the City of Albany.
  - D. That the Project constitutes a "commercial" project, within the meaning of the Act.
- E. That the undertaking of the Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving and creating permanent private sector jobs in the State of New York.
- Section 3. Having reviewed the Public Hearing Report, and having considered fully all comments contained therein, and based upon the findings contained in Section 1 above, the Agency hereby determines to proceed with the Project and the granting of the financial assistance described in the notice of the Public Hearing; provided, however, that no financial assistance shall be provided to the Project by the Agency unless and until the Mayor of the City of Albany, New York, as chief executive officer of the City of Albany, New York, shall, pursuant to Section 862(2)(c) of the Act, confirm the proposed action of the Agency with respect to the Project.

## <u>Section 4.</u> This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Tracy L. Metzger	VOTING	
Susan Pedo	VOTING	
Darius Shahinfar	VOTING	
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	VOTING	
Dominick Calsolaro	VOTING	
Robert T. Schofield	VOTING	

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY	) ) SS.: )
"Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY to the meeting of the members of the September 17, 2020 with the original	Secretary of City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the nat I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct plution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as therein referred to.
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I FURTHER CERTIFY that, a and has not been amended, repealed or	s of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect rescinded.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I day of September, 2020.	have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this
	(Assistant) Secretary

(SEAL)

# PILOT DEVIATION APPROVAL RESOLUTION 1211 WESTERN AVE PROPERTY ASSOCIATES LLC PROJECT

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Resolution No. 0920-

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DEVIATION FROM THE AGENCY'S UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT TO BE ENTERED INTO BY THE AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED PROJECT FOR 1211 WESTERN AVE PROPERTY ASSOCIATES LLC (THE "COMPANY").

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WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on July 16, 2020 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

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WHEREAS, in connection with the Project, the Company has requested that the Agency deviate from its uniform tax exemption policy with respect to the terms of the proposed payment in lieu of tax agreement to be entered into by the Agency with respect to the Project Facility, which proposed deviation is outlined in the letter dated September 11, 2020 (the "Pilot Deviation Letter"), a copy of which Pilot Deviation Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act, prior to taking final action on such request for a deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency must give the chief executive officers of the City and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is located (collectively, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions") written notice of the proposed deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy and the reasons therefor prior to the meeting of the Agency at which the members of the Agency shall consider whether to approve such proposed deviation; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2020, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency caused a copy of the Pilot Deviation Letter to be sent to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions to notify the Affected Tax Jurisdictions of the proposed deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy in connection with the Project; and

WHEREAS, through the Pilot Deviation Letter, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency notified the chief executive officers of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions of the proposed deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy and further notified said chief executive officers that the members of the Agency would consider whether to approve such proposed deviation at this meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AS FOLLOWS:

# <u>Section 1</u>. The Agency hereby finds and determines as follows:

- (A) The Agency has considered any and all responses from the Affected Tax Jurisdictions to the Pilot Deviation Letter.
- (B) The Agency has reviewed and responded to all written comments received from any Affected Tax Jurisdiction with respect to the proposed deviation.
- (C) The Agency has given all representatives from an Affected Tax Jurisdictions in attendance at this meeting the opportunity to address the members of the Agency regarding the proposed deviation.
- Section 2. Based upon (A) the findings and determinations in Section 1 above, (B) any comments received at the Public Hearing, (C) input received at this meeting from the Affected Tax Jurisdictions with respect to the proposed deviation, (D) the Agency's knowledge of the Project, (E) the recommendations of Agency staff, and (F) such further investigation of the Project and the effect of the proposed deviation as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency hereby determines to deviate from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy with respect to the terms of the proposed payment in lieu of tax agreement to be entered into by the Agency with respect to the Project Facility for the reasons set forth in the Pilot Deviation Letter. Based upon the aforementioned, the Agency hereby approves a deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the terms of the approved deviation to be as described in the Pilot Deviation Letter attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- Section 3. Upon preparation by special counsel to the Agency of a payment in lieu of tax agreement with respect to the Project Facility reflecting the terms of this resolution (the "Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement") and approval of same by the Chair (or Vice Chair) of the Agency, the Chair (or Vice Chair) of the Agency is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, and, where appropriate, the Secretary (or Assistant Secretary) of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency thereto and to attest the same, all in such form as is approved by the Chair (or Vice Chair), the execution thereof by the Chair (or Vice Chair) to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.
- Section 4. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, and to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolution and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement binding upon the Agency.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question	of the adoption	of the foregoing	Resolution	was duly p	out to a vote o	n roll call,	which
resulted as follows:							

Tracy L. Metzger	VOTING	
Susan Pedo	VOTING	
Darius Shahinfar	VOTING	
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	VOTING	
Dominick Calsolaro	VOTING	
Robert T. Schofield	VOTING	

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK ) ) SS.:
COUNTY OF ALBANY )
I, the undersigned (Assistant) Secretary of City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the 'Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on September 17, 2020 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates of the subject matters therein referred to.
I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law") except as modified by Executive Order 202.1, as supplemented, said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present, either intereson or appearing telephonically in accordance with Executive Order 202.1, as supplemented, throughout said meeting.
I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this day of September, 2020.
(Assistant) Secretary

(SEAL)

# **EXHIBIT A**

# PILOT DEVIATION LETTER

- SEE ATTACHED -

#### CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

21 Lodge Street Albany, New York 12207 Tel: 518-434-2532 ext. 19 Fax: 518-434-9846

## September 11, 2020

The Honorable Daniel P. McCoy County Executive of Albany County Albany County Office Building 112 State Street, Room 1200 Albany, New York 12207 Kaweeda G. Adams, Superintendent Albany City School District 1 Academy Park Albany, New York 12207

The Honorable Kathy M. Sheehan Mayor of the City of Albany City Hall 24 Eagle Street, Room 102 Albany, New York 12207 Anne Savage, Board President Albany City School District 1 Academy Park Albany, New York 12207

RE: City of Albany Industrial Development Agency Proposed Deviation from Uniform Tax Exemption Policy 1211 Western Ave Property Associates LLC Project

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is delivered to you pursuant to Section 874(4)(c) of the General Municipal Law.

The City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") has received an application (the "Application") from 1211 Western Ave Property Associates LLC (the "Company"), requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project to consist of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 0.92 acre parcel of land located at 1211 Western Avenue (tax map number 64.22-1-10) in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York (the "Land"), together with an approximately 30,000 square foot building located thereon (the "Existing Facility"), (2) demolition of the Existing Facility and the construction on the Land of an approximately 190,968 square foot building (the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Existing Facility, the Facility, and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be owned by the Company and operated as an approximately 136 unit residential apartment building, with approximately 1842 square feet of commercial/retail space, with a parking garage to accommodate approximately 150 parking spaces and any other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed

upon by the Agency.

In connection with the Application, the Company has made a request to the Agency (the "Pilot Request"). Pursuant to the Pilot Request, the Agency would (A) enter into a payment in lieu of tax agreement (the "Proposed Pilot Agreement") which terms are described below and (B) provide the mortgage recording tax abatement. The Proposed Pilot Agreement would not provide any abatements for any special assessments levied on the Project Facility.

The Proposed Pilot Agreement will provide that the Company be granted a twenty (20) year payment in lieu of tax agreement the Facility and any portion of the Equipment assessable as real property pursuant to the New York Real Property Tax Law. Under the terms of the Proposed Pilot Agreement, the Company will pay (A) a base payment equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the normal taxes due on the site of the Project (the "Base Pilot Payment"), and (B) an additional amount based on the increase in assessed value of the Project Facility (such increase in the assessed value due to the undertaking of the Project shall be referred to as the "Improvements"), such increased amount to be adjusted by the abatement as described as follows:

	Amount of Abatement on
Years	Increased Assessment
1	90%
2	90%
3	90%
4	90%
5	90%
6	90%
7	90%
8	90%
9	90%
10	85%
11	80%
12	70%
13	60%
14	50%
15	45%
16	40%
17	30%
18	20%
19 and thereafter	0%

As noted in the table above, the abatement schedule is 18 years, with Year 1 of the abatement schedule beginning in the year following the completion of the construction of the Project. Currently the construction period is estimated to be for two (2) years.

For purposes of computing the Base Pilot Payment with respect to the Project Facility, the base assessed value will be equal to the current assessed value of the Project site, as determined by the Assessor of the City of Albany.

Beginning in Year 13, the Proposed Pilot Agreement will also provide that the amount of payments in lieu of taxes payable by the Company will be the greater of (A) the amount determined in accordance with the above paragraph, or (B) an amount equal to 11.5% of the gross rental revenue generated at the

Project Facility.

The Policy provides that, for a facility similar to the Project Facility, (A) the payments in lieu of taxes will normally be determined as follows: a 50% abatement in real property taxes on the improvements in year one of the payment in lieu of tax agreement with a 10% per year decrease in such abatement over the term of the five year payment in lieu of tax agreement, (B) the amount of the assessed value of the Project Facility will change as the assessed value is established annually by the Assessor of the City of Albany and (C) the mortgage recording tax would not be abated, unless the Agency deviated from its policy with respect to the payment by the Company of real property taxes.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of such Pilot Request and that the Agency is considering whether to grant the Pilot Request and to approve a Proposed Pilot Agreement conforming to the terms of the Pilot Request. The Agency expects to consider whether to approve the terms of the Proposed Pilot Agreement at its meeting scheduled for September 17, 2020 at 12:15 p.m., local time at the offices of the Agency located at 21 Lodge Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York (the "Meeting"). As described later in this letter, during the meeting on September 17, 2020, the Agency will review the terms of the Pilot Request and, based on the discussions during such meeting the terms of the Pilot Request may be modified.

This letter is forwarded to you for purposes of complying with Section 874 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, which requires written notice prior to the Agency taking final action with respect to the Proposed Pilot Agreement (if said Proposed Pilot Agreement may deviate from the provisions of the Agency's Policy).

The Agency considered the following factors in considering the proposed deviation:

- 1. The nature of the Project: The Project involves the demolition of the Existing Facility and the construction of a residential apartment complex, commercial/retail space and parking to be owned and operated by the Company.
- **2. The present use of the property:** The Project is located in the Upper Western Ave Corridor of the City of Albany and the project site currently contains an office building.
- 3. The economic condition of the area at the time of the request of the Company and the economic multiplying effect that the Project will have on the area: At the time of the filing of the Application, the economic condition of the area in which the Project Facility is to be located is generally average. The area is also surrounded by distressed census tracts. Therefore, the area is strategically targeted for adding commercial/retail/residential development, based on the presence of vacant or underutilized buildings/real estate. This development is consistent with the Albany 2030 Plan.
- 4. The extent to which the Project will create or retain permanent, private sector jobs and the number of jobs to be created or retained and the salary range of such jobs: The Project will create approximately five (5) new permanent jobs. The Project will also create approximately ninety (90) construction jobs and the Company has committed to Regional Labor for 90% of the work force.

The Company expects that the Project will also result in the retention and creation of employment in the retail, restaurant, entertainment, service and office operations located in the surrounding area.

- **5. The estimated value of new tax exemptions to be provided:** The estimated value of the tax exemptions are the following: \$1,000,000, sales and use tax; \$320,000, mortgage recording tax; and \$12,845,169 real property taxes.
- 6. The economic impact of the Proposed Pilot Agreement on affected tax jurisdictions: The economic impact of the Proposed Pilot Agreement is positive as development of the Project Facility is expected to spur additional development in the Upper Western Ave Corridor area of the City of Albany.
- 7. The impact of the Proposed Pilot Agreement on existing and proposed businesses and economic development projects in the vicinity: The Project will increase the consumer base to support local business and employers. The Project will have a positive revitalizing effect on the community by developing currently vacant parcels in a strategically identified neighborhood location. The Project meets the intent and furthers the implementation of following the City of Albany strategic initiatives Albany 2030.
- 8. The amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated by the Proposed Pilot Agreement: The investment by the Company in undertaking the Project is equal to approximately \$35,700,000.
- 9. The effect of the Proposed Pilot Agreement on the environment: The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- **10. Project Timing:** It is anticipated that the Project will be accomplished in a timely fashion.
- 11. The extent to which the Proposed Pilot Agreement will require the provision of additional services including, but not limited to, additional educational, transportation, police, emergency medical or fire services: It is not anticipated that the Project will have a significant burden upon the educational facilities for any school district within the City of Albany, Albany County. After the completion of the Project, the employment at the Project is not anticipated to generate a substantial burden on the highways of the City of Albany or the surrounding area. All necessary emergency medical and police services are available.
- 12. Anticipated tax Revenues: It is anticipated that there will likely be additional sales tax revenues after Project completion relating to certain future operating activities at the Project and related multiplier impacts.
- 13. The extent to which the Proposed Pilot Agreement will provide a benefit (economic or otherwise) not otherwise available within the municipality in which the Project Facility is located: The Project aligns with the continuing development of the Upper Western Ave Corridor area as well as the Albany 2030 Plan including: (a) encouraging investment in urban land and buildings for employment and housing and (b) increase job opportunities for all residents.

The Agency will consider the Proposed Pilot Agreement (and the proposed deviation from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy) at the Meeting. The Agency would welcome any written comments that you might have on this proposed deviation from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy. In accordance with Section 874(4)(c) of the General Municipal Law, prior to taking final action at the Meeting, the Agency will review and respond to any written comments received from any affected tax

jurisdiction with respect to the proposed deviation. The Agency will also allow any representative of any affected tax jurisdiction present at the Meeting to address the Agency regarding the proposed deviation.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above telephone number.

CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: <u>s/Sarah Reginelli</u>

Chief Executive Officer

# AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF PILOT DEVIATION NOTICE LETTER

STATE OF NEW YORK	)	
	) SS.:	
COUNTY OF ALBANY	)	

The undersigned, being duly sworn, hereby states:

1. That on September 11, 2020, I mailed to the following individuals a copy of a letter (the "Pilot Deviation Notice Letter") informing said individuals of (A) a proposed deviation (the "Deviation") by City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy relating to the proposed 1211 Western Ave Property Associates LLC Project to be undertaken by the Agency for the benefit of 1211 Western Ave Property Associates LLC (the "Company") and (B) the time and place of the meeting of the members of the Agency at which the question of whether to proceed with said Deviation is scheduled to be considered by the Agency:

The Honorable Daniel P. McCoy County Executive of Albany County Albany County Office Building 112 State Street, Room 1200 Albany, New York 12207

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The Honorable Kathy M. Sheehan Mayor of the City of Albany City Hall 24 Eagle Street, Room 102 Albany, New York 12207

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Anne Savage, Board President Albany City School District 1 Academy Park Albany, New York 12207

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2. That the letter attached hereto as Exhibit A is a duplicate copy of the Pilot Deviation Notice Letter which was mailed to the above individuals.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this Way of September, 2020.

Adam Carson

Sworn to before me this

day of September, 2020.

Notary Public

Pamella Welsberg
Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Rensselaer County
No. 01WE4943734
Commission Expires October 31, 2022

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# APPROVING RESOLUTION 1211 WESTERN AVE PROPERTY ASSOCIATES LLC PROJECT

A regular meeting of City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the office of the Agency located at 21 Lodge Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York on September 17, 2020 at 12:15 p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chair of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

## PRESENT:

Chair
Vice Chair
Treasurer
Secretary
Member
Member

Each of the members present participated in the meeting telephonically pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, as supplemented, issued by New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, suspending provisions of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law that require public in-person access to public meetings and authorizing board members to participate in said meetings by conference call or similar service.

Chief Executive Officer

#### ABSENT:

# AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Sarah Reginelli

Mark Opalka	Chief Financial Officer					
Thomas Conoscenti	Vice President, Capitalize Albany Corporation					
Ashley Mohl	Director of Development, Capitalize Albany Corporation					
Andrew Corcione	Senior Economic Developer II, Capitalize Albany Corporation					
Christopher Medve	Senior Economic Developer II, Capitalize Albany Corporation					
Michael Bohne	Communications & Marketing, Capitalize Albany Corporation					
Nora Culhane	Program Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation					
Virginia Rawlins	Program Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation					
Tammie Fanfa	Executive Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation					
Amy Lavine, Esq.	Assistant Corporation Counsel					
A. Joseph Scott, III, Esq.	Special Agency Counsel					
The following resolution, to wit:	was offered by, seconded by					

Resolution No. 0920-

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A LEASE/LEASEBACK TRANSACTION FOR A PROJECT FOR 1211 WESTERN AVE PROPERTY ASSOCIATES LLC (THE "COMPANY").

WHEREAS, City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 325 of the 1974 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 903-a of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial, manufacturing and industrial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

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WHEREAS, by further resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on September 17, 2020 (the "Commercial/Retail Finding Resolution"), the Agency (A) determined that the Project constituted a "commercial project" within the meaning of the Act, (B) found that although the Project Facility appears to constitute a project where facilities or properties that are primarily used in making the retail sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit such facilities may constitute more than one-third of the costs of the Project, the Agency is authorized to provide financial assistance in respect of the Project pursuant to Section 862(2)(a) of the Act because the Project Facility is located in a highly distressed area, (C) determined, following a review of the Public Hearing Report, that the Project would serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving permanent private sector jobs in the State of New York and (D) determined that the Agency would proceed with the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance; provided however, that no financial assistance would be provided to the Project by the Agency unless and until the Mayor of City of Albany, as chief executive officer of City of Albany, New York, pursuant to Section 862(2)(c) of the Act, confirmed the proposed action of the Agency with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on September 17, 2020 (the "Pilot Deviation Approval Resolution"), the members of the Agency determined to deviate from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 862(2) of the Act, prior to providing the Financial Assistance to the Project, the Mayor, as chief executive officer of the City of Albany, New York, must confirm the proposed action of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application, and to representations by the Company that (A) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Company to undertake the Project in City of Albany, New York and (B) the completion of the Project will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area in the State of New York and

will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of any occupant of the Project Facility located in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Company to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the City of Albany, New York by undertaking the Project in the City of Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, in order to consummate the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance described in the notice of the Public Hearing, the Agency proposes to enter into the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Agency Documents"): (A) a certain lease to agency (the "Lease to Agency" or the "Underlying Lease") by and between the Company, as landlord, and the Agency, as tenant, pursuant to which the Company will lease to the Agency a portion of the Land and all improvements now or hereafter located on said portion of the Land (collectively, the "Leased Premises"); (B) a certain license agreement (the "License to Agency" or the "License Agreement") by and between the Company, as licensor, and the Agency, as licensee, pursuant to which the Company will grant to the Agency (1) a license to enter upon the balance of the Land (the "Licensed Premises") for the purpose of undertaking and completing the Project and (2) in the event of an occurrence of an Event of Default by the Company, an additional license to enter upon the Licensed Premises for the purpose of pursuing its remedies under the Lease Agreement (as hereinafter defined); (C) a lease agreement (and a memorandum thereof) (the "Lease Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Company, pursuant to which, among other things, the Company agrees to undertake the Project as agent of the Agency and the Company further agrees to lease the Project Facility from the Agency and, as rental thereunder, to pay the Agency's administrative fee relating to the Project and to pay all expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project; (D) a payment in lieu of tax agreement (the "Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Company, pursuant to which the Company will agree to pay certain payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility; (E) a uniform agency project agreement (the "Uniform Agency Project Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Company regarding the granting of the financial assistance and the potential recapture of such assistance; (F) a certain recapture agreement (the "Section 875 GML Recapture Agreement") by and between the Company and the Agency, required by the Act, regarding the recovery or recapture of certain sales and use taxes; (G) a sales tax exemption letter (the "Sales Tax Exemption Letter") to ensure the granting of the sales tax exemption which forms a part of the Financial Assistance; (H) a New York State Department of Taxation and Finance form entitled "IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agency for Sales Tax Purposes" (the form required to be filed pursuant to Section 874(9) of the Act) (the "Thirty-Day Sales Tax Report") and any additional report to the Commissioner of the State Department of Taxation and Finance concerning the amount of sales tax exemption benefit for the Project (the "Additional Thirty-Day Project Report"); (I) if the Company intends to finance the Project with borrowed money, a mortgage and any other security documents and related documents (collectively, the "Mortgage") from the Agency and the Company to the Company's lender with respect to the Project ("the "Lender"), which Mortgage will grant a lien on and security interest in the Project Facility to secure a loan from the Lender to the Company with respect to the Project (the "Loan"); (J) various certificates relating to the Project; (K) if the Company intends to request the Agency to appoint (1) the Company, as agent of the Agency and (2) a contractor or contractors, as agent(s) of the Agency prior to closing on the Project and the Lease Agreement, agency and indemnification agreements, interim Section 875 GML recapture agreements, interim sales tax exemption letters and interim thirty-day sales tax reports (collectively, the "Interim Documents"); and (L) various certificates relating to the Project (the "Closing Documents");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. All action taken by the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency with respect to the Public Hearing with respect to the Project is hereby ratified and confirmed.
- Section 2. The law firm of Hodgson Russ LLP is hereby appointed Special Agency Counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Special Agency Counsel for the Agency is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Company, to work with the Company, counsel to the Company, counsel to the Agency and others to prepare, for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution. Special Agency Counsel has prepared and submitted an initial draft of the Agency Documents to staff of the Agency.

# <u>Section 3</u>. The Agency hereby finds and determines that:

- (A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act;
  - (B) The Project constitutes a "project," as such term is defined in the Act;
- (C) The Project site is located entirely within the boundaries of City of Albany, New York;
- (D) It is estimated at the present time that the costs of the planning, development, acquisition, construction, reconstruction and installation of the Project Facility (collectively, the "Project Costs") will be approximately \$35,735,314;
- (E) The completion of the Project will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area in the State of New York and will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of any occupant of the Project Facility located in the State of New York;
- (F) Although the Project constitutes a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total project cost, the Company has represented to the Agency that (i) the Project is located within census tract 4.03, which is contiguous to census tract 5.02, which is considered to be a distressed census tract, and therefore, is in a "highly distressed area", as that term is defined in Section 854(18) of the Act, and (ii) completion of the Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State of New York:
- (G) The granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project will promote and maintain the job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare of the citizens of City of Albany, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act;
- (H) The Agency has reviewed the Public Hearing Report and has fully considered all comments contained therein;
- (I) The Project should receive the Financial Assistance in the form of exemption from sales tax, real property tax and mortgage recording tax based on an evaluation of the Project based on the Agency's Uniform Criteria for the Evaluation of Projects Policy and the description of

expected public benefits to occur as a result of this Project, as described on **Exhibit A** attached hereto; and

(J) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to enter into the Agency Documents, except that for the Interim Documents, the following conditions shall be met prior to the Agency entering into the Interim Documents: (1) the term of the Interim Documents shall not exceed sixty (60) days, unless future extensions are consented to by the Agency in writing, (2) the Company shall have paid the Agency's administrative fee, (3) the Company and any contractors shall have delivered evidence of adequate insurance coverage protecting the Agency and (4) execution by the other parties thereto and delivery of same to the Agency of the Interim Documents.

Section 4. In consequence of the foregoing, the Agency hereby determines to: (A) accept the License Agreement; (B) lease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to the Lease Agreement; (C) acquire, construct and install the Project Facility, or cause the Project Facility to be acquired, installed and constructed; (D) enter into the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement; (E) enter into the Section 875 GML Recapture Agreement; (F) enter into the Uniform Agency Project Agreement; (G) enter into the Interim Documents, subject to compliance with Section 3(J) above; (H) secure the Loan by entering into the Mortgage; and (I) grant the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project; provided, however, that no financial assistance shall be provided to the Project by the Agency unless and until the Mayor of the City of Albany, New York, as chief executive officer of the City of Albany, New York, shall, pursuant to Section 862(2)(c) of the Act, confirm the proposed action of the Agency with respect to the Project.

Section 5. The Agency is hereby authorized (A) to acquire a license in the Licensed Premises pursuant to the License Agreement, (B) to acquire a leasehold interest in the Leased Premises pursuant to the Underlying Lease, (C) to acquire title to the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale (the "Bill of Sale to Agency") from the Company to the Agency, and (D) to do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment thereof, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to such acquisitions are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed; provided, however, that no financial assistance shall be provided to the Project by the Agency unless and until the Mayor of the City of Albany, New York, as chief executive officer of the City of Albany, New York, shall, pursuant to Section 862(2)(c) of the Act, confirm the proposed action of the Agency with respect to the Project.

Section 6. The Agency is hereby authorized to acquire, construct and install the Project Facility as described in the Lease Agreement and to do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment thereof, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to such acquisition, construction and installation are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved; provided, however, that no financial assistance shall be provided to the Project by the Agency unless and until the Mayor of the City of Albany, New York, as chief executive officer of the City of Albany, New York, shall, pursuant to Section 862(2)(c) of the Act, confirm the proposed action of the Agency with respect to the Project.

<u>Section 7</u>. The Chair (or Vice Chair) of the Agency, with the assistance of Agency Counsel and/or Special Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and approve the form and substance of the Agency Documents.

Section 8. (A) The Chair (or Vice Chair) of the Agency is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agency Documents, and, where appropriate, the Secretary (or Assistant Secretary) of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency thereto and to attest the same, all in the forms thereof as the Chair (or Vice Chair) shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chair (or Vice Chair) to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

(B)	The Chair (or Vice Chair) of the Agency is hereby further authorized, on behalf or
the Agency, t	to designate any additional Authorized Representatives of the Agency (as defined in
and pursuant	to the Lease Agreement).

Section 9. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Agency Documents, and to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing Resolution and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Agency Documents binding upon the Agency.

# <u>Section 10</u>. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Tracy L. Metzger	VOTING	
Susan Pedo	VOTING	
Darius Shahinfar	VOTING	
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	VOTING	
Dominick Calsolaro	VOTING	
Robert T. Schofield	VOTING	

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK ) COUNTY OF ALBANY )	
"Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have the meeting of the members of the Agency September 17, 2020 with the original thereof o	y of City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the ecompared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of y, including the Resolution contained therein, held on n file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct ontained therein and of the whole of said original so far as efferred to.
said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) p Meetings Law") except as modified by Executive the general public, and due notice of the time and such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a	embers of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) bursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open we Order 202.1, as supplemented, said meeting was open to ad place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with quorum of the members of the Agency present, either interest with Executive Order 202.1, as supplemented, throughout
I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the da and has not been amended, repealed or rescinde	ate hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect d.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here day of September, 2020.	eunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this
	(Assistant) Secretary
(SEAL)	

#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT EVALUATION AND EXPECTED PUBLIC BENEFITS

#### 1211 WESTERN AVE PROPERTY ASSOCIATES, LLC PROJECT

Pursuant to the City of Albany Industrial Development Agency's (the "Agency") Uniform Criteria for the Evaluation of Projects Policy, the following general uniform criteria were utilized by the "Agency" to evaluate and select the project for which the Agency can provide financial assistance. In the discussions had between the Project Beneficiary and the Agency with respect to the Project Beneficiary's request for Financial Assistance from the Agency with respect to the Project Beneficiary has represented to the Agency that the Project is expected to provide the following benefits to the Agency and/or to the residents of City of Albany, Albany County, New York (the "Public Benefits"):

Description of Evaluation		Applicable to Project		Criteria Assessment/ Expected
Criteria/Benefit		(indicate Yes or No)		Benefit
1.	Retention of direct and indirect existing jobs	☑ Yes	□No	Project will increase the level of activity in the Upper Western Ave Corridor, thereby promoting the retention of existing jobs.  The Company expects that the Project will result in the retention and creation of employment in the retail, restaurant, entertainment, service, education and office operations located in the surrounding area.
2.	Creation of direct and indirect new permanent jobs	☑ Yes	□ No	Project will increase the level of activity in the Upper Western Ave Corridor, thereby promoting the creation of new permanent jobs.  The Project will create 5 new full time equivalent jobs.  The Company expects that the Project will result in the retention and creation of employment in the retail, restaurant, entertainment, service, education and office operations located in the surrounding area.

3.	Estimated value of tax exemptions	☑ Yes	□ No	The exemptions have been weighed against the cumulative
	overnbrions.			benefits of the Project.
				NYS Sales and Compensating
				Use Tax Exemption: \$1,000,000  Mortgage Recording Tax
				Exemption: \$320,000
				Real Property Tax Exemption: \$12,845,169
4.	Private sector investment	☑ Yes	□ No	Project applicant expects to invest over \$35.7 million of private
	,			investment in the Project.
5.	Likelihood of Project being accomplished in a timely fashion	☑ Yes	□ No	High likelihood that Project will be accomplished in a timely
	accomplished in a timery fashion			fashion.
				The Project has received
				conditional Planning Board approval.
				The Applicant closed on the
				purchase of the property in April 2020.
6.	Extent of new revenue provided to local taxing jurisdictions.	☑ Yes	□ No	Project will result in new revenue to local taxing jurisdictions under
	to local taxing jurisdictions.			the proposed PILOT program
				through the City of Albany IDA.
				Project will result in an increase
				in assessed value from the current total assessment: \$497,400 (Per
				City of Albany Commissioner of
				Assessment and Taxation 2019 Assessment Roll) to the estimated
				improved total assessment: \$19,500,000 (Per City of Albany
				Commissioner of Assessment and
				Taxation).

7.	Other:	☑ Yes	□ No	The Project will develop an
				underutilized property and create approximately 5 FTEs.
				The Project will increase the consumer base to support local businesses and employers.
				The Project has committed that 20% of the value of construction contracts will be performed by MWBE entities.
				The Project has committed that 90% of construction jobs will be filled by local residents.
				The Project has committed that 15% of construction jobs will be filled by City of Albany residents.
				The Project meets the intent and furthers the implementation of the following City of Albany strategic initiatives: Albany 2030.

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROJECT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RELATING THERETO

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing (the "Public Hearing") pursuant to Section 859-a(2) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "Act") will be held by the City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 12th day of August, 2020 at 12:00 o'clock p.m., noon, local time, in connection the 1211 Western Ave Property Associates LLC, as described below. As a result of the (1) ban on large meetings or gatherings pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 issued on March 12, 2020, as supplemented, (2) ban on non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason pursuant to Executive Order 202.10 issued on March 23, 2020, as supplemented and (3) suspension of the Open Meetings Law relating to public hearings pursuant to Executive Order 202.15 issued on April 9, 2020, as supplemented, each as issued by Governor Cuomo in response to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Public Hearing will be held remotely utilizing the Zoom video and teleconference platform rather than in person. Members of the public may participate in the Public Hearing by viewing, listening to and/or commenting on the proposed Project (as defined below) and the benefits to be granted to 1211 Western Ave Property Associates LLC, a Delaware State limited liability company (the "Company"). Detailed instructions for participating in the remote meeting are provided at the end of this notice and are available in the Public Hearings section of Agency website at http://www.albanyida.com.

The Company submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 0.92 acre parcel of land located at 1211 Western Avenue (tax map number 64.22-1-10) in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York (the "Land"), together with an approximately 30,000 square foot building located thereon (the "Existing Facility"), (2) demolition of the Existing Facility and the construction on the Land of an approximately 190,968 square foot building (the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Existing Facility, the Facility, and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be owned by the Company and operated as an approximately 136 unit residential apartment building, with approximately 1842 square feet of commercial/retail space, with a parking garage to accommodate approximately 150 parking spaces and any other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency.

The Agency is considering whether (A) to undertake the Project, and (B) to provide certain exemptions from taxation with respect to the Project, including (1) exemption from mortgage recording taxes with respect to any documents, if any, recorded by the Agency with respect to the Project in the office of the County Clerk of Albany County, New York or elsewhere, (2) exemption from deed transfer taxes on any real estate transfers, if any, with respect to the Project, (3) exemption from sales taxes relating to the acquisition, construction, renovation and installation of the Project Facility, and (4) in the event that the Project Facility would be subject to real property taxation if owned by the Company but shall be deemed exempt from real property taxation due to the involvement of the Agency therewith, exemption from real

property taxes (but not including special assessments and special ad valorem levies), if any, with respect to the Project Facility, subject to the obligation of the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility. If any portion of the Financial Assistance to be granted by the Agency with respect to the Project is not consistent with the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency will follow the procedures for deviation from such policy set forth in Section 874(4) of the Act prior to granting such portion of the Financial Assistance.

If the Agency determines to proceed with the Project, the Project Facility will be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed by the Agency and will be leased (with an obligation to purchase) or sold by the Agency to the Company or its designee pursuant to a project agreement (the "Agreement") requiring that the Company or its designee make certain payments to the Agency.

The Agency has not yet made a determination pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (the "SEQR Act") regarding the potential environmental impact of the Project.

The Agency will at said time and place hear all persons with views on either the location and nature of the proposed Project, or the Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency in connection with the proposed Project. A copy of the Application filed by the Company with the Agency with respect to the Project, including an analysis of the costs and benefits of the Project, is available for public inspection on the Agency's website. Given the COVID-19 related state of emergency, if a member of the public who wishes to inspect these documents is unable to access them on the website, arrangements for inspection may be made by contacting the Agency representative below. A transcript or summary report of the hearing will be made available to the members of the Agency.

Minutes of the Public Hearing will transcribed and posted on the Agency's website (www.albanyida.com). Additional information can be obtained from, and written comments are encouraged and may be addressed to: Sarah Reginelli, Chief Executive Officer, City of Albany Industrial Development Agency, City of Albany, Albany, New York 12207; Telephone: 518-434-2532 and electronically at info@albanyida.com.

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# Instructions for Participating in the Remote Public Hearing with Zoom

Members of the public who wish to participate in the Public Hearing will need either a computer, tablet or smartphone with the Zoom application installed or a telephone. For more information on installing Zoom, please visit <a href="http://www.zoom.com">http://www.zoom.com</a> or <a href="https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us.">https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us.</a>

For members of the public who wish to speak at the Public Hearing, the Agency recommends preregistering by 5:00PM on August 11, 2020 at:

# https://tinyurl.com/1211western

Members of the public who pre-register will be called on to speak in the order of their registration. Following the testimony of all participating pre-registered speakers, members of the public who wish to speak but did not pre-register, will have the opportunity to speak. Further instructions will be provided at the hearing for members of the public who wish to speak but did not pre-register.

For members of the public who wish to participate in the Public Hearing via telephone, they should use the dial instructions below:

Phone Number: (646) 876-9923 Meeting ID: 858 8346 7794

Dated: July 28, 2020.

CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BY: s/Sarah Reginelli
Chief Executive Officer