

**APPROVING RESOLUTION
1415 WASHINGTON PROPERTY LLC PROJECT**

A regular meeting of City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) was convened in public session at The Capital Center located at 55 Eagle Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York on September 23, 2021 at 12:15 p.m., local time.

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

PRESENT:

Susan Pedo	Chair
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	Vice Chair
Darius Shahinfar	Treasurer
Anthony Gaddy	Secretary
Robert T. Schofield	Member

Each of the members present participated in the meeting either in person or remotely pursuant to the signing into law on September 2, 2021 of Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021.

ABSENT:

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Sarah Reginelli	Chief Executive Officer
Mark Opalka	Chief Financial Officer
Thomas Conoscenti	Chief Operating Officer
Andrew Corcione	Project Services Director
Ashley Mohl	Director of Development, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Renee McFarlin	Senior Economic Developer, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Michael Bohne	Communications & Marketing Manager, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Nora Culhane Friedel	Economic Development Specialist, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Erin Grace	Executive Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Marisa Franchini, Esq.	Corporation Counsel
Nadene E. Zeigler, Esq.	Special Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by _____, seconded by _____, to wit:

Resolution No. 0921-__

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A LEASE/LEASEBACK TRANSACTION FOR A PROJECT FOR 1415 WASHINGTON PROPERTY 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

WHEREAS, in January, 2021, 1415 Washington Property 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, 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 2.85 acre parcel of land located at 1415 Washington Avenue (tax map number 53.-1-25) in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York (the “Land”), together with an existing approximately 66,237 square foot 95 room hotel located thereon (the “Existing Facility”), (2) the demolition of the Existing Facility and the construction on the Land of an approximately 414,850 square foot, five story building (the “New Facility” and collectively with the Existing Facility, 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 Facility, and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the “Project Facility”), all of the foregoing to be owned and operated by the Company as an approximately 240 unit student housing facility, with approximately 8,300 square feet of outdoor community courtyard/ampitheater and an 8,300 square foot plaza, with parking to accommodate approximately 207 vehicles 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; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on February 18, 2021 (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 February 25, 2021 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 February 25, 2021 on a public bulletin board located at 21 Lodge Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York and on the Agency’s website, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on February 27, 2021 in the Times Union, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the City of Albany, Albany

County, New York, (D) as a result of the ban on large meetings or gatherings pursuant to Executive Order 202., 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 March 10, 2021 at 12:00 o'clock p.m., local time electronically rather than in person; and (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the "Hearing Report") fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing and caused copies of said 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"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on September 23, 2021 (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, (B) acknowledged receipt of a negative declaration from the Planning Board issued on August 27, 2021 (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, by further resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on September 23, 2021 (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 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 the City of Albany, as chief executive officer of the 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 23, 2021 (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, 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 the 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) 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 (K) 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.

Section 3. 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 the 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 \$79,945,770;

(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 3, which is considered to be a distressed census tract, 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 the 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 exemptions 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.

Section 7. The 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 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 shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chair to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

(B) The Chair of the Agency is hereby further authorized, on behalf of the Agency, 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.

Section 10. 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:

Susan Pedo	VOTING	_____
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	VOTING	_____
Darius Shahinfar	VOTING	_____
Anthony Gaddy	VOTING	_____
Robert T. Schofield	VOTING	_____

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

I, the undersigned 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 23, 2021 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 to 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 Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021 (the “2021 Laws”), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency, either in person or attending remotely in accordance with the 2021 Laws, 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, 2021.

Secretary

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT EVALUATION AND EXPECTED PUBLIC BENEFITS

1415 WASHINGTON PROPERTY, 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, 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 Criteria/Benefit		Applicable to Project (indicate Yes or No)		Criteria Assessment/ Expected Benefit
1.	Retention direct and indirect of existing jobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Project will increase the level of activity in the Pine Hills neighborhood, thereby promoting the retention of existing jobs.</p> <p>The Company expects that the Project will result in the retention and creation of employment in the retail, restaurant, entertainment and office operations located in the surrounding area.</p>
2.	Creation of direct and indirect new permanent jobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Project will increase the level of activity in the Washington Ave Ext corridor, thereby promoting the creation of new permanent jobs.</p> <p>The Project will create 8 new full time equivalent jobs.</p> <p>The Company expects that the Project will result in the retention and creation of employment in the retail, restaurant, entertainment, service and office operations located in the surrounding area.</p>

3.	Estimated value of tax exemptions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>The exemptions have been weighed against the cumulative benefits of the Project.</p> <p>NYS Sales and Compensating Use Tax Exemption: \$2,544,000 Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption: \$520,000 Real Property Tax Exemption: \$5,143,547</p>
4.	Private sector investment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Project applicant expects to invest over \$79.9 million of private investment in the Project.
5.	Likelihood of Project being accomplished in a timely fashion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>High likelihood that Project will be accomplished in a timely fashion.</p> <p>The project is expected to receive City of Albany Planning Board approvals in 1Q 2021.</p> <p>The Applicant expects to close on the purchase of the properties in 2021.</p>
6.	Extent of new revenue provided to local taxing jurisdictions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Project will result in new revenue to local taxing jurisdictions under the proposed PILOT program through the City of Albany IDA.</p> <p>Project will result in an increase in assessed value from the current total assessment: \$7,000,000 (Per City of Albany Commissioner of Assessment and Taxation 2020 Assessment Roll) to the estimated improved total assessment: \$17,500,000 (Per City of Albany Commissioner of Assessment and Taxation).</p>

7.	Other:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>The Project will develop an underutilized property and create approximately 8 FTE.</p> <p>The Project commits to utilizing 15% City of Albany Labor for construction jobs.</p> <p>The Project commits to 20% of the value of construction contracts will be performed by MWBE entities.</p> <p>The Project commits to 15% of the construction workforce are minorities or women.</p> <p>The Project commits to 50% of contractors/subcontractors maintain a NYS certified apprenticeship program.</p> <p>The Project will increase the consumer base to support local businesses and employers.</p> <p>The Project will have a positive revitalizing effect on the community by developing currently underutilized land in a strategically identified neighborhood location.</p> <p>The Project meets the intent and furthers the implementation of the following City of Albany strategic initiatives: Albany 2030.</p>
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