PILOT DEVIATION APPROVAL RESOLUTION TRHACKETT LLC PROJECT

seconded by

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 August 19, 2021 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:

Tracy L. Metzger

Susan Pedo

Vice Chair

Vice Chair

Lee E. Eck, Jr.

Hon. Darius Shahinfar

Anthony Gaddy

Robert T. Schofield, Esq.

L. Lloyd Stewart

Chair

Vice Chair

Vice Chair

Necretary

Member

Treasurer

Member

Member

ABSENT:

Sarah Reginelli

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

The following resolution was offered by

_____, to wit:

Mark Opalka Chief Financial Officer Thomas Conoscenti Chief Operating Officer Andrew Corcione Project Services Director Ashley Mohl Director of Economic Development, Capitalize Albany Corporation Senior Economic Developer, Capitalize Albany Corporation Renee McFarlin Michael Bohne Marketing and Communications Manager, Capitalize Albany Corporation Nora Culhane Economic Development Specialist, Capitalize Albany Corporation Erin Grace Executive Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation Marisa Franchini, Esq. Corporation Counsel A. Joseph Scott, III, Esq. Special Agency Counsel

Chief Executive Officer

Resolution No. 0821-

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 TRHACKETT 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, TRHackett LLC, a New York State 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 two (2) parcels of land containing in the aggregate approximately 0.67 acres located at 42 Besch Avenue and 47 Besch Avenue (Tax Map numbers: 76.46-4-29 and 76.46-4-30, respectively) in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York (collectively, the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of an approximately 60,000 square foot building (the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain machinery, equipment and other personal property (collectively, 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 39 unit residential apartment complex to include off-site parking spaces 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 22, 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 Executive Director 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 29, 2021 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project is or is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be posted on July 28, 2021 on a bulletin board located at Albany City Hall located at 24 Eagle Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York, as well as on the Agency's website, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on July 31, 2021 in the Times Union, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the City of Albany, Albany County, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on August 11, 2021 at 12:00 o'clock p.m., local time at 21 Lodge Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York, 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 August 19, 2021 (the "SEQR Resolution"), 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 May 25, 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, 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 August 11, 2021 (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 August 11, 2021, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency sent a copy of the Pilot Deviation Letter 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 put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Tracy L. Metzger	VOTING	
Susan Pedo	VOTING	
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	VOTING	
Darius Shahinfar	VOTING	
Anthony Gaddy	VOTING	
Robert T. Schofield	VOTING	
L. Lloyd Stewart	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 members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on August 19		
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 Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), 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 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 the day of August, 2021.		
(Assistant) Secretary		

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

PILOT DEVIATION LETTER

- SEE ATTACHED -

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF PILOT DEVIATION NOTICE LETTER

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

The undersigned, being duly sworn, hereby states:

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1. That on August 11, 2021, 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 TRHackett LLC Project to be undertaken by the Agency for the benefit of TRHackett 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 Kaweeda G. Adams, Superintendent Albany City School District 1 Academy Park 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 7021 0350 0000 7167 7686

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 11th day of August, 2021.

¹ Julie Cze

Sworn to before me this 11th day of August, 2021.

Notary Public

Meredith A. McCarthy
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01MC6345002
Qualified in Albany County
Commission Expires July 18, 20

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EXHIBIT A

COPY OF PILOT DEVIATION LETTER

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CITY OF ALBANY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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August 11, 2021

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RE: City of Albany Industrial Development Agency
Proposed Deviation from Uniform Tax Exemption Policy
TRHackett 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 TRHackett 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 two (2) parcels of land containing in the aggregate approximately 0.67 acres located at 42 Besch Avenue and 47 Besch Avenue (Tax Map numbers: 76.46-4-29 and 76.46-4-30, respectively) in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York (collectively, the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of an approximately 60,000 square foot building (the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain machinery, equipment and other personal property (collectively, 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 39 unit residential apartment complex to include off-site parking spaces 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 with respect to 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	90%	
11	85%	
12	80%	
13	70%	
14	65%	
15	65%	
16	60%	
17	55%	
18	50%	
19	45%	
20	40%	
21 and thereafter	0%	

As noted in the table above, the abatement schedule is 20 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.

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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 August 19, 2021 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 August 19, 2021, 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 construction of an approximately 39 unit residential apartment complex and off-site parking to be owned and operated by the Company.
 - 2. The present use of the property: The Project site is currently vacant.
- 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 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 also create approximately two hundred and sixty (260) 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: \$480,000, sales and use tax; \$54,380, mortgage recording tax; and \$3,291,744 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 increase the level of activity in the University Heights neighborhood, thereby promoting the retention of existing jobs.
- 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 \$6,797,500.
- 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 University Heights neighborhood as well as the Albany 2030 Plan including: encouraging investment in urban land and buildings for employment and housing.

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