

**COMMERCIAL/RETAIL FINDINGS RESOLUTION
COLVIN AVENUE COMMONS 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 August 22, 2024 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:

Elizabeth Staubach	Chair
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	Vice Chair
Darius Shahinfar	Treasurer
Anthony Gaddy	Secretary
Joseph Better	Member
John F. Maxwell	Member

ABSENT:

Christopher Betts	Member
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AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Ashley Mohl	Interim Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Corcione	Chief Operating Officer
Andrew Biggane	Director of Finance and Operations, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Renee McFarlin	Senior Economic Developer, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Michael Bohne	Communications and Marketing Manager, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Cassidy Roberts	Program Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Maria Lynch	Executive Assistant
Olivia Sewak	Program Assistant, Capitalize Albany Corporation
Brett Williams, Esq.	Agency Counsel
A. Joseph Scott, III., Esq.	Special Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Darius Shahinfar, seconded by Joseph Better, to wit:

Resolution No. 0824-__

RESOLUTION (A) DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED COLVIN AVENUE COMMONS LLC PROJECT IS A COMMERCIAL PROJECT AND (B) MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REQUIRED UNDER THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW.

WHEREAS, 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

certified Public Hearing Resolution to be sent via certified mail return receipt requested on July 24, 2024 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 to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; 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 22, 2024 (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 the receipt of a negative declaration from the Planning Board issued on December 23, 2020 (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, an environmental impact 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 Company has represented to the Agency that (i) the Project is located within census tract 3.02 in the City of Albany which is contiguous to a distressed census tract as that term is defined in Section 854(18) of the Act and therefore is located within a distressed census tract, 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; 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:

Section 1. 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:

- Increase job opportunities for all residents.
- Encourage investment in urban land and buildings for employment and housing.

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 the representatives of the Agency that the Project will result in the expansion of the local consumer base which will increase support for local business and employers.

E. The Company has informed the Agency that the Project is expected to create approximately 12 full-time equivalent jobs and approximately 60 construction jobs.

F. 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.

Section 2. 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, construction 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.

Section 4. 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:

Elizabeth Staubach	VOTING	YES
Lee E. Eck, Jr.	VOTING	YES
Darius Shahinfar	VOTING	YES
Anthony Gaddy	VOTING	YES
Joseph Better	VOTING	YES
Christopher Betts	VOTING	ABSENT
John F. Maxwell	VOTING	YES

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.