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**IN THE MATTER OF** an application submitted by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, for acquisition of property generally located on the block generally bounded by East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Park Avenue, East 112<sup>th</sup> Street and Madison Avenue (Block 1617, Lots 22, 35, 121, 122 and parts of Lots 23, 25, 28, 37) for use as passive recreation space and community gardens, Borough of Manhattan, Community District 11.

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This application (C 170364 PQM) was filed on April 17, 2017 by the Department of Housing, Preservation and Development (HPD) for acquisition of privately-owned property generally located on the block generally bounded by East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Park Avenue, East 112<sup>th</sup> Street and Madison Avenue (Block 1617, Lots 22, 35, 121, 122 and parts of Lots 23, 25, 28, 37) for use as passive recreation space and community gardens.

**RELATED ACTIONS**

In addition to the proposed acquisition of property (C 170364 PQM), that is the subject of this report, implementation of the proposed development also requires action by the City Planning Commission on the following applications, which are being considered concurrently with this application:

- C 170361 ZMM      Zoning map amendment to change existing R7-2 and R7-2/C1-4 districts to R9 and R9/C2-5 districts.
  
- N 170362 ZRM      Zoning text amendment to designate a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) area.
  
- C 170363 HAM      Urban Development Action Area Project (UDAAP) designation and project approval and the disposition of City-owned property.
  
- C 170365 ZSM      Special permit to modify the height and setback and yard

requirements within a Large-Scale General Development.

C 170366 ZSM Special permit to allow commercial use above the second story within a mixed-use building.

C 170367 ZSM Special permit to modify parking requirements within a Large-Scale General Development.

N 170368 ZCM Certification from the City Planning Commission to modify the ground-floor use requirements for a building facing a wide street.

### **BACKGROUND**

HPD proposes to acquire property located on the block generally bounded by East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Park Avenue, East 112<sup>th</sup> Street and Madison Avenue (Block 1617, Lots 22, 35, 121, 122 and parts of Lots 23, 25, 28, 37) for use as passive recreation space and community gardens.

A full background discussion and description of this application appears in the report on the related UDAAP action (C 170363 HAM).

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This application (C 170364 PQM), in conjunction with the related actions (C 170361 ZMM, N 170362 ZRM, C 170363 HAM, C 170365 ZSM, C 170366 ZSM, C 170367 ZSM and N 170368 ZCM), was reviewed pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and the SEQRA regulations set forth in Volume 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, Section 617.00 et seq. and the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR)

Rules of Procedure of 1991 and Executive Order No. 91 of 1977. The designated CEQR number is 17DCP048M. The lead agency is the City Planning Commission.

A summary of the environmental review, including the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), issued on September 19, 2017, appears in the report on the related UDAAP action (C 170363 HAM).

### **UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW**

This application (C 170364 PQM), in conjunction with the related actions (C 170361 ZMM, C 170363 HAM, C 170365 ZSM, C 170366 ZSM and C 170367 ZSM), was certified as complete by the Department of City Planning on April 24, 2017 and was duly referred to Manhattan Community Board 11 and the Manhattan Borough President in accordance with Title 62 of the Rules of the City of New York, Section 2-02(b), along with the related applications for a zoning text amendment ( N 170362 ZRM) and a City Planning Commission certification (N 170368 ZCM), which were referred for information and review in accordance with the procedures for non-ULURP matters.

### **Community Board Public Hearing**

Community Board 11 held a public hearing on this application (C 170364 PQM) on June 27, 2017 and on that date, by a vote of 29 in favor, five in opposition, and with three abstentions, adopted a resolution recommending approval with conditions.

A summary of the Community Board's recommendations appears in the report on the related UDAAP action (C 170363 HAM).

### **Borough President Recommendation**

This application (C 170364 PQM) was considered by the Manhattan Borough President, who

issued a recommendation approving the application with conditions on August 2, 2017.

A summary of the Borough President's recommendations appear in the report for the related UDAAP action (C 170363 HAM).

### **City Planning Commission Public Hearing**

On August 9, 2017 (Calendar No. 23), the City Planning Commission scheduled August 23, 2017 for a public hearing on this application (C 170364 PQM) and the applications for the related actions. The hearing was duly held on August 23, 2017 (Calendar No. 41).

There were eight speakers in favor of the application and none in opposition, as described in the report on the related UDAAP action (C 170363 HAM).

### **CONSIDERATION**

The Commission believes that this proposed acquisition, in conjunction with the related actions, is appropriate.

A full consideration and analysis of the issues and the reasons for approving the application appears in the report on the related UDAAP action (C 170363 HAM).

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that having considered the Sendero Verde Development Alternative in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) of the Harlem Neighborhood Rezoning applications, for which a Notice of Completion was issued on September 19, 2017, with respect to this application (CEQR No. 17DCP048M), and the Technical Memorandum, dated September 29, 2017, the City Planning Commission finds that the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and Regulations have been met and that:

1. Consistent with social, economic and other essential considerations from among the

reasonable alternatives available, the action is one which avoids or minimizes adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable; and

2. The adverse environmental impacts identified in the Sendero Verde Development Alternative of the FEIS will be minimized or avoided to the maximum extent practicable by incorporating as conditions to the approval, pursuant to the Land Disposition Agreement(s) with the City, those project components related to the environment and mitigation measures determined to be practicable.

The report of the City Planning Commission, together with the FEIS and the Technical Memorandum dated September 29, 2017, constitute the written statement of facts, and of social, economic and other factors and standards, that form the basis of the decision, pursuant to Section 617.11(d) of the SEQRA regulations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the City Planning Commission finds that the action described herein will have no significant impact on the environment; and

**RESOLVED**, by the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, that based on the environmental determination and consideration described in the report, the application (C 170364 PQM) of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development for acquisition of property located on a block generally bounded by East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Park Avenue, East 112<sup>th</sup> Street and Madison Avenue (Block 1617, Lots 22, 35, 121, 122 and parts of Lots 23, 25, 28, 37), Borough of Manhattan, Community District 11, is approved.

The above resolution (C 170364 PQM), duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on October 2, 2017 (Calendar No. 8), is filed with the Office of the Speaker, City Council, and the Borough President in accordance with the requirements of Section 197-d of the New York City Charter.

**MARISA LAGO**, *Chair*  
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