

IN THE MATTER OF a Notice of Intent to acquire office space submitted by the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 195 of the New York City Charter for use of property located at 1 Court Square (Block 79, Lot 30), Borough of Queens, Community District 2. (Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Offices)

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2016, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) submitted a Notice of Intent to acquire office space pursuant to Section 195 of the New York City Charter for the use of space located at 1 Court Square (Block 79, Lot 30), Community District 2, Borough of Queens, which is intended for use as office space by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and

WHEREAS, this application (N 160277 PXQ) was reviewed pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the SEQRA requirements set forth in Volume 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, Section 617.00 et seq. and the New York City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Rules of Procedure of 1991 and Executive Order 91 of 1977. This application was determined to be a Type II action which requires no further environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Intent was referred by the Department of City Planning to Queens Community Board 2 and to all Borough Presidents pursuant to Section 195 of the New York City Charter; and

WHEREAS, Queens Community Board 2 has not submitted a recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough President of Queens has not submitted a recommendation; and

WHEREAS, no recommendations were received from other Borough Presidents; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2016, the Commission duly advertised May 11, 2016 for a public hearing on this application; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission held a public hearing on the application on May 11, 2016 (Calendar No. 14); and

WHEREAS, two persons, one representative from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and one from the Department of Citywide Administrative Services spoke in favor of the application; and

WHEREAS, there were no other speakers and the public hearing was closed; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission, in reviewing the proposed location of office space has considered the following criteria of Article 7 of the Criteria for the Location of City Facilities as adopted by the City Planning Commission on December 3, 1990 pursuant to Section 203 (a) of the New York City Charter:

a) Suitability of the Site to Provide Cost Effective Operations

The proposed space at 1 Court Square is of sufficient size to meet the needs of DOHMH and will be appropriately renovated for cost-effective operations of the units that will be housed there. The space is currently vacant and in good condition and will require very little work to meet DOHMH's needs. In addition, the space is fully handicapped accessible.

b) Suitability of Site for Operational Efficiency

The proposed site is suitable for operational efficiency due to its excellent accessibility to DOHMH's headquarters building at 2 Gotham Center. 1 Court Square is well served by public transportation. The E, G, M, R and 7 subway lines all have stations within a few blocks of the building entrance. The routes of numerous Queens bus lines are within a short walking distance from 1 Court Square. Additionally, the location also provides easy vehicular access to the Queens Borough Bridge and the Long Island Expressway.

c) Consistency with the Locational and other Specific Criteria for the Facility Stated in the Citywide Statement of Needs

The proposed relocation and expansion was not included in the Citywide Statement of Needs. However, the siting criteria used here, such as access to public transportation, conform to the criteria used in the Citywide Statement of Needs. The most important siting criteria, however, is its proximity to the existing DOHMH headquarters at Gotham Center.

d) Whether the Facility can be Located so as to Support Development and Revitalization of the City's Regional Business Districts

1 Court Square is located within the Long Island City regional business district.

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the application warrants approval and therefore adopts the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the City Planning Commission that the Notice of Intent to acquire office space submitted by the Department of Citywide Administrative Services on April 27, 2016, pursuant to Section 195 of the New York City Charter for use of property located at 1 Court Square (Block 79, Lot 30), Borough of Queens, Community District 2, is hereby **APPROVED**.

The above resolution, duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on May 25, 2016 (Calendar No. 8), is filed with the Office of the Speaker, City Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 195 of the New York City Charter.

CARL WEISBROD, Chairman

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