



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

September 3, 2014 / Calendar No. 5

N 150023 PXX

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 One Metrotech Center (Block 147, Lot 4), (Human Resources Administration offices), Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 2.

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2014, 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 One Metrotech Center (Block 147, Lot 4), Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 2, which is intended for use as an office by the New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA); and

WHEREAS, this application (N 150023 PXX) 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 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 Brooklyn Community Board 2 and to all Borough Presidents pursuant to Section 195 of the New York City Charter; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, representatives from HRA and DCAS spoke in favor of the application; and

WHEREAS, 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 facility at 1 Metrotech Center is of sufficient size. The space is in good condition but did require renovation to make it suitable for HRA's needs. At no cost to the City, the landlord has paid for the renovation, furnishing of the space and the moving costs for the HRA programs to relocate from 10 Metrotech Center to 1 Metrotech Center. Additionally, the site is fully ADA compliant.
- b) **Suitability of Site for Operational Efficiency.** The 1 Metrotech office building has excellent access to public transportation. The 2, 3, 4, 5, M, N, R, Q, A, C, F and G subway lines are all within a few blocks of the building. Many bus lines also intersect the Metrotech complex. Additionally, the Long Island Railroad Atlantic Terminal is within walking distance of the site. The location also provides easy vehicular access to the Brooklyn Bridge, the Manhattan Bridge and the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway.
- c) **Consistency with the Locational and other Specific Criteria for the Facility Stated in the Citywide Statement of Needs.** HRA did not submit this action as a proposal for the Citywide Statement of Needs.

- d) **Whether the Facility can be Located so as to Support Development and Revitalization of the City's Regional Business Districts.** The facility is located within the Metrotech Business Improvement District, which provides such services as economic development, security, and maintenance to the 25-block area around Metrotech.

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 August 6, 2014 for use of property located at One Metrotech Center (Block 147, Lot 4), (HRA Offices) Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 2, is hereby **APPROVED**.

The above resolution, duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on September 3, 2014 (Calendar No. 5), 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*
KENNETH J. KNUCKLES, *Esq.*, *Vice Chairman*

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LARISA ORTIZ, *Commissioners Abstaining*