



## **CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

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February 27, 2008/Calendar No. 18

N 080272 PXQ

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**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 Gotham Center (Block 420, Lot 1)(New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene), Community District 2, Borough of Queens.

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**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2008, 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 Gotham Center (Block 420, Lot 1), Community District 2, Borough of Queens, which is intended for use as offices by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH); and

**WHEREAS**, this application (N 080272 PXQ) 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 Queens Community Board 2 and to all Borough Presidents pursuant to Section 195 of the New York City Charter; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the City Planning Commission held a public hearing on the application on February 13, 2008 (Calendar No. 29); and

**WHEREAS**, representatives from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the New York City Economic Development Corporation appeared in favor; 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 space will be utilized by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for use as its headquarters. The proposed space at One Gotham Center will provide adequate space to meet the operational requirements for the consolidation of DHMH's operations in Lower Manhattan which are currently carried out in seventeen different locations. The space will comply with the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act

b) **Suitability of the site for operational efficiency.** One Gotham Center is located in a M1-6/R10 zoning district within the Special Long Island City Mixed Use District. Access to the site by public transportation is excellent with the E, F, G, N, R, V, W and 7 subway lines all within walking distance. Additionally, the Q39, Q60, Q66, Q67, and Q69 bus lines stop nearby.

c) **Consistency with locational and other specific criteria for the facility stated in the Statement of Needs.** The facility was listed in the FY 2009-2010 Citywide Statement of Needs. The facility meets the criteria established for the siting, such as access to public transportation and major thoroughfares, and ADA accessibility.

d) **Whether the facility can be located so as to support development and revitalization of the city's regional business districts without constraining operational efficiency.** The proposed space is located within the city's 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 January 30, 2008 for use of property located at One Gotham Center (Block 420, Lot 1). Community District 2, Borough of Queens, is hereby **APPROVED**.

The above resolution, duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on February 27, 2008 (Calendar No. 18), is filed with the Office of the Speaker, City Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 195 of the New York City Charter.

**AMANDA M. BURDEN, AICP, Chair**

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