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**IN THE MATTER OF** the designation of the Downtown Far Rockaway Urban Renewal Area, (Block 15529, Lots 9 and 10; and Block 15537, Lots p/o 1, 5, p/o 40, 46, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 63, 65, 71, 79, 89, 92, 94, 99, 100, 112, 128, and 130) as an area appropriate for urban renewal, pursuant to Section 504 of Article 15 of the General Municipal (Urban Renewal) Law of New York State, Borough of Queens, Community District 14.

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An application for the designation of the Downtown Far Rockaway Urban Renewal Area was filed by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) on January 26, 2017 as part of the Downtown Far Rockaway Development Plan, a comprehensive planning, zoning, and redevelopment strategy that would support Downtown Far Rockaway’s growth and vitality by fostering a vibrant mix of residential, commercial, and community facility uses on vacant and underutilized sites near mass transit resources and along the area’s primary corridors.

**RELATED ACTIONS**

In addition to the designation of the Downtown Far Rockaway Urban Renewal Area, which is the subject of this report, implementation of the proposed development plan also requires action by the City Planning Commission on the following applications, which are being considered concurrently with this application:

- C 170243 (A) ZMQ** Zoning map amendment as modified
- N 170244 (A) ZRQ** Zoning text amendment as modified
- C 170246 HUQ** The Downtown Far Rockaway Urban Renewal Plan
- C 170247 HDQ** Disposition of City-owned Property within the Downtown Far Rockaway Urban Renewal Area
- C 170248 PPQ** Disposition of two City-owned properties

## **BACKGROUND**

A full background discussion and description of this project appears in the report on the related application for a zoning map amendment (C 170243 (A) ZMQ).

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This application (N 170245 HGQ), in conjunction with the applications for the related actions (C 170243 (A) ZMQ, N 170244 (A) ZRQ, N 170246 HUQ, C 170247 HDQ, and C 170248 PPQ) 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 16DME010Q. The lead agency is the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development.

A summary of the environmental review, including the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) dated June 29, 2017, appears in the report on the related application for a zoning map amendment (C 170243 (A) ZMQ).

## **PUBLIC REVIEW**

This application (N 170245 HGQ) and the application to amend the Zoning Resolution (N 170244 ZRQ) were duly referred to Community Board 14 and the Borough President for information and review, along with the related applications (C 170243 ZMQ, C 170247 HDQ, and C 170248 PPQ), which were certified as complete by the Department of City Planning on January 30, 2017, and were duly referred to Community Board 14 and the Borough President in accordance with Title 62 of the Rules of the City of New York, Section 2-02(b).

### **Community Board Public Hearing**

Community Board 14 held a public hearing on March 29, 2017 on this application (N 170245 HGQ) and the related applications (C 170243 ZMQ, N 170244 ZRQ, N 170246 HUQ, C 170247 HDQ, and C 170248 PPQ), and on that date, by a vote of 26 to two with no abstentions, adopted a resolution

recommending approval of the application with conditions.

A summary of Community Board 14's recommendation appears in the report on the related application for a zoning map amendment (C 170243 (A) ZMQ).

### **Borough President Recommendation**

This application (N 170245 HGQ) and the related applications (C 170243 ZMQ, C 170243 (A) ZMQ, N 170244 ZRQ, N 170244 (A) ZRQ, C 170246 HUQ, C 170247 HDQ, and C 170248 PPQ) were considered by the Borough President who held a public hearing on this application on April 27, 2017 and issued a recommendation on May 11, 2017 approving the application with conditions.

A summary of the Borough President's recommendation appears in the report on the related application for a zoning map amendment (C 170243 (A) ZMQ).

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

On May 10, 2017 (Calendar No. 1), the City Planning Commission scheduled May 24, 2017, for a public hearing on this application (N 170245 HGQ). The hearing was duly held on May 24, 2017 (Calendar No. 19), in conjunction with the hearings for the related actions.

There were several speakers as described in the report on the application on a zoning map amendment (C 170243 (A) ZMQ), and the hearing was closed.

### **WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM CONSISTENCY REVIEW**

This application (N 170245 HGQ), in conjunction with the related actions was reviewed by the Department of City Planning for consistency with the policies of the New York City Waterfront Revitalization Program (WRP), as amended, approved by the New York City Council on October 30, 2013 and by the New York State Department of State on February 3, 2016, pursuant to the New York State Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act of 1981, (New York State Executive Law, Section 910 et seq.) The designated WRP number is 16-087.

This action was determined to be consistent with the policies of the New York City Waterfront Revitalization Program.

### **CONSIDERATION**

The Commission believes that this application (N 170245 HGQ) for the designation of the Downtown Far Rockaway Urban Renewal Area is appropriate.

A full consideration and analysis of the issues, and the reasons for approving this application, appear in the report on the related application for a zoning map amendment (C 170243 (A) ZMQ).

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, that the City Planning Commission finds that the Downtown Far Rockaway Urban Renewal Area, designating property as an area appropriate for urban renewal is appropriate, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that having considered the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), for which a Notice of Completion was issued on June 29, 2017 with respect to this application (CEQR No. 16DME010Q), prepared with respect to the further modifications adopted by the City Planning Commission herein, 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 thereto, the action is one which minimizes or avoids adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable; and
2. The adverse environmental impacts disclosed in the FEIS will be minimized or avoided to the maximum extent practicable by incorporating as conditions to the approval, those mitigation measures that were identified as practicable.

The report of the City Planning Commission, together with the FEIS, constitutes 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, in its capacity as the City Coastal Commission, has reviewed the waterfront aspects of this application and finds that the proposed action is consistent with WRP policies; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the City Planning Commission hereby recommends to the City Council the designation, pursuant to Section 504 Article 15 of the General Municipal Law of New York, of the properties listed below as an area appropriate for urban renewal: (N 170245 HGQ).

<b>Blocks</b>	<b>Lots</b>
15529	9, 10
15537	1 (partial), 5, 40 (partial), 46, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 63, 65, 71, 79, 89, 92, 94, 99, 100, 112, 128, 130

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