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Mr. Robert Kulikowski, Director Office of Environmental Coordination 253 Broadway 14<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10007

Re:

CEQR No. 07 DOB 001 Y Lead Agency, EAS Negative Declaration

Dear Mr. Kulikowski:

In accordance with Executive Order No. 91 of 1977, as amended, and the Rules of Procedure for City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) and Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Council of the City of New York and the New York City Department of Buildings are assuming CEQR Co-lead agency status for the review of the action described below.

The action proposed is passage of a local law by the New York City Council to amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to enacting the New York City Construction Codes and repealing chapter 1 of title 26 of the administrative code, sections 27-106, 27-118.1, 27-124, 27-125, 27-126, 27-127, 27-128, 27-129, 27-130, 27-131, 27-132, 27-133, 27-134, 27-135, 27-136 and 27-137 of the administrative code, articles 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 27 of subchapter 1 of chapter 1 of title 27 of the administrative code, subchapter 19 of chapter 1 of title 27 of the administrative code and chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of title 28 of the administrative code.

Enclosed are parts I, II and III of the Environmental Assessment Statement (EAS), and supporting documents and appendices.

Pursuant to with Executive Order No. 91 of 1977, as amended, and the Rules of Procedure for City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) and Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, 6 NYCRR Part 617, the lead

agencies are required to determine whether a proposed action may or will not have a significant effect on the environment. In accordance with this requirement, the Council of the City of New York and the New York City Department of Buildings, as co-lead agencies, have determined that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Attached is the Negative Declaration for this action, CEQR No. 07 DOB 001 Y. that includes statements for the findings that the project will not have a significant adverse environmental impact.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 212-566-3291, or 212-788-9122, respectively.

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