



Legislation Text

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Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature, and the Governor, to enact legislation to require the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (“MTA”) to submit projects that involve the conversion of MTA properties and facilities in New York City into residential housing to be subject to the Uniform Land Use Review procedure

By Council Members Brannan and Koslowitz (by request of the Queens Borough President)

Whereas, The Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (“ULURP”) is a standardized review process pursuant to the City of New York affecting the land use of the City; and

Whereas, ULURP requires City agencies to review and approve actions related to “the use, development, or improvement of real property” in New York City; and

Whereas, Key agencies involved in the approval process, include the Department of City Planning, the City Planning Commission, and the City Council; and

Whereas, The ULURP procedure was designed to increase transparency and public participation in the zoning and land use decision making process; and

Whereas, However, ULURP generally does not extend to projects initiated by the New York State agencies, including the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (“MTA”); and

Whereas, The need to generate new revenue streams has led the MTA to explore the potential residential and commercial redevelopment of some of its properties and facilities in New York City; and

Whereas, Some elected officials and advocates have argued that the present definition of “transportation purpose” in State law allows the MTA to pursue property redevelopment without local community input or

oversight; and

Whereas, Moreover, some advocates support legislative proposals to amend current State law to require the MTA to respect local land use and zoning review procedures; and

Whereas, New York City continues to suffer from a chronic shortage of affordable housing; and

Whereas, New York City has adopted and modified existing policies, through Mandatory Inclusionary Housing/Zoning for Quality and Affordability (“MIH/ZQA”) and other measures, to encourage the development of additional affordable housing; and

Whereas, While the MTA may be able to redevelop some of their properties in order to generate additional revenues, such redevelopment should also address the community concerns, especially in the area of affordable housing; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature, and the Governor, to enact legislation to require the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (“MTA”) to submit projects that involve the conversion of MTA properties and facilities in New York City into residential housing to be subject to the Uniform Land Use Review procedure.

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