

April 1, 2015

Honorable Melissa Mark-Viverito
Speaker of the Council
City Hall
New York, New York 10007
Attention: Gary Altman

Re: Block 3237, Lot 108
Bronx, Community District No. 7
Council District No. 14

Dear Madame Speaker:

The referenced property ("Exemption Area") contains a single multiple dwelling known as 2629 Sedgwick Avenue that provides rental housing for low income families.

Under the proposed project, Urban Homesteading Assistance (UHAB) Housing Development Fund Corporation ("HDFC") will acquire the Exemption Area and Sedgwick Avenue Dignity Developers, LLC ("Company"), a limited liability company, will be the beneficial owner and will operate the Exemption Area. The HDFC and the Company (collectively, "Owner") will finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of the property with loans from a private lender and the City of New York Department of Housing Preservation and Development ("HPD"). The Owner and HPD will enter into a regulatory agreement establishing certain controls upon the operation of the Exemption Area.

The Exemption Area currently does not receive any exemption from real property taxation. In order to facilitate the project, HPD respectfully requests that the Council approve, pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law, an exemption from real property taxation as follows:

1. For the purposes hereof, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - (a) "Company" shall mean Sedgwick Avenue Dignity Developers, LLC.
 - (b) "Effective Date" shall mean the later of (i) the date of conveyance of the Exemption Area to the HDFC, and (ii) the date that HPD and the Owner enter into the Regulatory Agreement.
 - (c) "Exemption" shall mean the exemption from real property taxation provided hereunder.
 - (d) "Exemption Area" shall mean the real property located in the Borough of the Bronx, City and State of New York, identified as Block 3237, Lot 108 on the Tax Map of the City of New York.
 - (e) "Expiration Date" shall mean the earlier to occur of (i) a date which is thirty-five (35) years from the Effective Date, (ii) the date of the expiration or termination of the Regulatory Agreement, or (iii) the date upon which the Exemption Area ceases to be owned by either



a housing development fund company or an entity wholly controlled by a housing development fund company.

- (f) "HDFC" shall mean the Urban Homesteading Assistance (UHAB) Housing Development Fund Corporation.
 - (g) "HPD" shall mean the Department of Housing Preservation and Development of the City of New York.
 - (h) "Owner" shall mean, collectively, the HDFC and the Company.
 - (i) "Regulatory Agreement" shall mean the regulatory agreement between HPD and the Owner establishing certain controls upon the operation of the Exemption Area during the term of the Exemption.
2. All of the value of the property in the Exemption Area, including both the land and any improvements (excluding those portions, if any, devoted to business or commercial use), shall be exempt from real property taxation, other than assessments for local improvements, for a period commencing upon the Effective Date and terminating upon the Expiration Date.
3. Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary:
- a. The Exemption shall terminate if HPD determines at any time that (i) the Exemption Area is not being operated in accordance with the requirements of Article XI of the Private Housing Finance Law, (ii) the Exemption Area is not being operated in accordance with the requirements of the Regulatory Agreement, (iii) the Exemption Area is not being operated in accordance with the requirements of any other agreement with, or for the benefit of, the City of New York, (iv) the Exemption Area is conveyed to a new owner without the prior written approval of HPD, or (v) the demolition of any private or multiple dwelling on the Exemption Area has commenced without the prior written consent of HPD. HPD shall deliver written notice of any such determination to the Owner and all mortgagees of record, which notice shall provide for an opportunity to cure of not less than sixty (60) days. If the noncompliance specified in such notice is not cured within the time period specified therein, the Exemption shall prospectively terminate.
 - b. The Exemption shall apply to all land in the Exemption Area, but shall only apply to a building in the Exemption Area that exists on the Effective Date.
 - c. Nothing herein shall entitle the HDFC to a refund of any real property taxes which accrued and were paid with respect to the Exemption Area prior to the Effective Date.
4. In consideration of the Exemption, the Owner, for so long as the Exemption shall remain in effect, shall waive the benefits of any additional or concurrent exemption from or abatement of real property taxation which may be authorized under any existing or future local, state, or federal law, rule, or regulation.



HPD recommends approval of this matter and requests that it be referred to the appropriate committee at the next scheduled meeting of the Council.

Sincerely,



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