

November 4, 2016

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

Re: Jamaica Crossing
148-02 Archer Avenue-Block 9998/Lot 93
148-02 Archer Avenue-Block 9998/Lot 94
148-02 Archer Avenue-Block 9998/Lot 95
148-02 Archer Avenue-Block 9998/Lot 101(partial)
Queens, Community District No. 12

Dear Madame Speaker:

The referenced property ("Exemption Area") is the site for the proposed development of an affordable housing project under HDC's Mixed-Income: M² (Mixed-Middle) Program. The Exemption Area is located in the Jamaica Plan Rezoning Area approved by the City Planning Commission in 2007.

On November 24, 2015 the City Council approved Resolution No.917 ("Prior Resolution"), which authorized a tax exemption pursuant to PHFL Section 577 for the Exemption Area. However, while HPD intended to request an exemption for the community facility portion of the project, HPD's submission did not explicitly do so.

Accordingly, HPD respectfully requests that the Council amend the Prior Resolution by deleting the relevant paragraphs thereof in their entirety and replacing them with the following:

1. For the purposes hereof, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - (a) "HPD" shall mean the Department of Housing Preservation and Development of the City of New York.
 - (b) "HDC" shall mean New York City Housing Development Corporation.
 - (c) "HDFC" shall mean Jamsta II Housing Development Fund Company.
 - (d) "LLC" shall mean CJ Plaza Two LLC
 - (e) "New Owner" shall mean the HDFC and the LLC or any future owner of the Exemption Area.
 - (f) "Exemption" shall mean the exemption from real property taxation provided hereunder.



- (g) "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 New Owner enter into the Regulatory Agreement in their respective sole discretion.
 - (h) "Exemption Area" shall mean the real property located on the Tax Map of the City of New York in the Borough of Queens, City and State of New York, identified as Block 9998, Lots 93, 94, 95, and 101 (partial).
 - (i) "Expiration Date" shall mean the earlier to occur of (i) a date which is forty (40) 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.
 - (j) "Project" shall mean the construction of one multiple dwelling building on the Exemption Area containing approximately 129 rental dwelling units plus one unit for a superintendent, and approximately 20,212 square feet of community facility space.
 - (k) "Regulatory Agreement" shall mean the regulatory agreement between HPD and the New 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 including those portions of the Project consisting of community facility space restricted by the Regulatory Agreement (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 Expiration Date.

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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Enclosures

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