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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
RESOLUTION NO. 1763

Resolution approving the decision of the City Planning Commission on ULURP No. C 130076 ZMM, a Zoning Map amendment (L.U. No. 797).

By Council Members Comrie and Weprin

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission filed with the Council on March 22, 2013 its decision dated March 20, 2013 (the "Decision"), on the application submitted by Cornell University and the New York City Economic Development Corporation, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter, for an amendment of the Zoning Map, to facilitate the development of a 2.1 million square foot academic and commercial research campus on the southern part of Roosevelt Island. The program for the proposed development is expected to include classroom space as well as office, retail, residential, utility, and hotel use. The project would also allow for 2.5 acres of publicly-accessible open space, Community District 8, (ULURP No. C 130076 ZMM), Borough of Manhattan (the "Application");

WHEREAS, the Application is related to applications C 130007 MMM (L.U. No. 796), a proposed amendment to the City Map involving the establishment of a 50-foot right-of-way encircling the campus; N 130077 ZRM (L.U. No. 798), a proposed amendment to the Zoning Resolution creating the Special Southern Roosevelt Island District; and C 130078 PPM (L.U. No. 799), a disposition of city-owned property (Block 1373, Lot 20 and part of Lot 1) by the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) to the New York City Land Development Corporation (LDC);

WHEREAS, the Decision is subject to review and action by the Council pursuant to Section 197-d(b)(1) of the City Charter;

WHEREAS, upon due notice, the Council held a public hearing on the Decision and Application on April 30, 2013;

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the land use implications and other policy issues relating to the Decision and Application; and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the relevant environmental issues and the Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") for which a Notice of Completion was issued on March 8, 2013 (CEQR No. 12DME004M);

RESOLVED:

Having considered the FEIS with respect to the Decision and Application, the Council finds that:

- (1) The FEIS meets the requirements of 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617;
- (2) 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
- (3) The adverse environmental impacts disclosed in the FGEIS will be minimized or avoided to the maximum extent practicable by incorporating as conditions to the approval, in accordance with an environmental commitment letter, dated March 19, 2013, from Cornell and acknowledged and accepted by EDC, those project components related to the environment and mitigation measures that were identified as practicable; and
- (4) The Decision together with the FEIS constitute the written statement of facts, and of social, economic and other factors and standards, that form the basis of the decision, pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.11(d).

Pursuant to Sections 197-d and 200 of the City Charter and on the basis of the Decision and Application, and based on the environmental determination and consideration described in this report, C 130076 ZMM, incorporated by reference herein, the Council approves the Decision.

The Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, effective as of December 15, 1961, and as subsequently amended, is further amended by changing the Zoning Map, Section Nos. 8d and 9b, by:

1. changing from and R7-2 District to a C4-5 District property bounded by North Loop Road* and its northwesterly and southeasterly prolongations, the U.S. Pierhead and Bulkhead Line, a line 1380 feet southwesterly of the centerline of North Loop Road* and its northwesterly and southeasterly prolongations, and the U.S. Pierhead and Bulkhead Line; and
2. establishing a Special Southern Roosevelt Island District (SRI) bounded by North Loop Road* and its northwesterly and southeasterly prolongations, the U.S. Pierhead and Bulkhead Line, a line 1380 feet southwesterly of the centerline of North Loop Road* and its northwesterly and southeasterly prolongations, and the U.S. Pierhead and Bulkhead Line; as shown on a diagram (for illustrative purposes only) dated October 15, 2012, Community District 8, Borough of Manhattan.

* Note: North Loop Road is proposed to be mapped under a concurrent related application (C 130007 MMM) for a change in the City Map.

Adopted.

Office of the City Clerk, }
The City of New York, } ss.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by The Council of The City of New York on May 8, 2013, on file in this office.

City Clerk, Clerk of The Council