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### THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK RESOLUTION NO. 1882

Resolution approving the decision of the City Planning Commission on Application No. N 130178 ZRM, for an amendment of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, concerning Article IX, Chapter 3 (Special Hudson Yards District), in Community District 4, Borough of Manhattan (L.U. No. 863).

By Council Members Comrie and Weprin

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission filed with the Council on July 3, 2013 its decision dated June 19, 2013 (the "Decision"), pursuant to Section 201 of the New York City Charter, regarding an application submitted by the Department of Cultural Affairs, for an amendment of the text of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, concerning Article IX, Chapter 3 (Special Hudson Yards District), in Community District 4 (Application No. N 130178 ZRM), Borough of Manhattan (the "Application");

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 July 22, 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, including the revised negative declaration (CEQR No. 13DCP083M) issued on June 17, 2013 (the "Revised Negative Declaration");

RESOLVED:

The Council finds that the action described herein will have no significant impact on the environment as set forth in the Revised Negative Declaration.

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, N 130178 ZRM, 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 as follows:

Matter in underline is new, to be added;

Matter in ~~strikeout~~ is old, to be deleted;

Matter within ## is defined in Section 12-10;

\* \* \* indicates where unchanged text appears in the Zoning Resolution

**ARTICLE IX  
SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS**

**Chapter 3  
Special Hudson Yards District**

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**93-00  
GENERAL PURPOSES**

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**93-01  
Definitions**

**ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility**

An “ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility” is a #use#, operated by a not for profit entity, that comprises changing, non-permanent exhibits, events, expositions, presentations, festivals and fairs related to any or all of the following: visual arts, performing arts, culinary arts, literature, journalism, crafts, fashion and design, or any similar artistic activity. No trade shows shall be permitted unless they are related to one of the activities listed in the preceding sentence. Any #building# in which an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility# is located may include a moveable portion that may be extended and retracted to cover all or a portion of the Culture Facility Plaza described in Section 93-71(i).

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**93-10  
USE REGULATIONS**

**93-101  
ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility**

For purposes of this Chapter, all references to #community facility#, #community facility use# or #uses# in Use Groups 3 or 4 in connection with Eastern Rail Yard Subarea A1 shall be deemed to include an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility#.

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**93-17  
Modification of Sign Regulations**

- (a) Subdistricts A, B, C, D and E

Within Subdistricts A, B, C, D and E, the underlying #sign# regulations shall apply, except that #flashing signs# shall not be allowed within 100 feet of Hudson Boulevard, its northerly prolongation to West 39th Street and its southerly prolongation to West 33rd Street. The following modifications to the

underlying #sign# regulations shall apply in the Eastern Rail Yard Subarea A1:

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- (4) For an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility#, the total #surface area# of all permitted #signs# and banners shall be as set forth in this subsection. The maximum aggregate #surface area# of all #signs# shall not exceed 2,700 square feet. #Signs# (other than banners) facing the outdoor plaza, as described in Section 93-71(b), shall not exceed a maximum aggregate #surface area# of 200 square feet; #signs# facing the Connection to the High Line, as described in Section 93-71(f), shall not exceed a maximum aggregate #surface area# of 200 square feet; and #signs# facing West 30th Street shall not exceed a maximum aggregate #surface area# of 1,700 square feet. A maximum of 600 square feet of #signs# in the form of banners are permitted facing or within the outdoor plaza. No #sign# shall exceed a height of 30 feet above the level of the Culture Facility Plaza, as described in Section 93-71(i) and no #signs# facing West 30th Street shall be located at a height above the #High Line#. Banners located within the outdoor plaza may be installed on one or two poles located not less than 13 feet from an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility#. The bottom of any such banner shall be located at least 10 feet above the bottom of the pole. Any #sign# that exceeds 300 square feet of #surface area# shall be non-#illuminated# or a #sign with indirect illumination#.

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## 93-20

### FLOOR AREA REGULATIONS

The #floor area# regulations of this Section, inclusive, shall apply to #zoning lots#.

## 93-21

### Floor Area Regulations in the Large-Scale Plan Subdistrict A

In the Large-Scale Plan Subdistrict A, the #floor area# provisions of this Section shall apply.

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#### (b) Eastern Rail Yard Subarea A1

- (1) The maximum #floor area ratio# for any #zoning lot# in the subarea shall be 11.0. The maximum #floor area ratio# for #commercial use# shall be 9.0, the maximum #floor area ratio# for #community facility use#, shall be 2.0, and the maximum #floor area ratio# for #residential use# shall be 3.0. #Residential use# shall only be permitted on a #zoning lot# with non-#residential floor area ratio # of 8.0 or more, or as provided for phased developments pursuant to Section 93-122 (Certification for residential use in Subdistricts A, B and E).

Any floor space occupied by an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility#, including any floor space #accessory# thereto, that is located:

- (i) below the elevation of the Culture Shed Plaza described in Section 93- 71(i),

- (ii) within the moveable portion that may be extended and retracted to cover and enclose all or any portion of the Culture Facility Plaza, or
- (iii) within a portion of a #building# that contains #residential use# and is not designed to house the moveable portion described above, shall be exempt from the definition of #floor area# for the purposes of calculating the permitted #floor area ratio# for #community facility uses# and the total maximum #floor area ratio# of the #zoning lot#. In addition, in a #building# containing both #residential use# and an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility#, any floor space occupied by elevator shafts, structural systems or stairwells serving the #residential use# that is either located on any #story# occupied entirely by the #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility# except for such elevator shafts, structural systems, and stairwells, or is located on a #story# occupied in part by the #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility# where such elevator shaft or stairwell is not accessible for #residential use# on such #story# except for emergency egress, shall be exempt from the definition of #floor area# for the purposes of calculating the permitted #floor area ratio# for #residential uses# and the total maximum #floor area ratio# of the #zoning lot#.

For a #building# or portion of a #building# containing #residential use# that is located adjacent to the #ERY High Line#, any floor space used for storage, restrooms, maintenance facilities or other support space for the #ERY High Line# shall be exempt from the definition of #floor area# for the purposes of calculating the permitted #floor area ratio# for #residential or community facility uses# and the total maximum #floor area ratio# of the #zoning lot#.

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## 93-514

### Eastern Rail Yard Subarea A1

(a) Location of #buildings#

#Buildings# shall be located only in the following areas:

- (1) east of the southerly prolongation of the eastern sidewalk widening line of Hudson Boulevard East;
- (2) west of the southerly prolongation of the western sidewalk widening line of Hudson Boulevard West and within 220 feet of West 33rd Street; and
- (3) west of the southerly prolongation of the eastern sidewalk widening line of Hudson Boulevard East and within 220 feet of West 30th Street, provided that either:

(i) such area contains only #uses# in Use Groups 3 and 4; or

(ii) where such area includes #residential use#, ~~(a)~~ such #residential use# is ~~permitted~~ shall be located only in a #building# or portion of a #building# located west of the southerly prolongation of the western

sidewalk widening line of Hudson Boulevard West, and such #building# may also include uses in Use Groups 3, 4, 6A and 6C, and (b) a #building# containing only #uses# in Use Groups 3 or 4 may be located not closer than 50 feet east of such prolongation. In addition, #uses# in Use Group 3 or 4 may be located in a #building# separate from any #building# containing #residential use#, provided that any such separate #building# may not be located closer than 50 feet east of the southerly prolongation of the western sidewalk widening line of Hudson Boulevard West.

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## 93-70

### PUBLIC ACCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL SITES

Public access shall be provided for special sites as specified in this Section, inclusive. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Section, inclusive, and any underlying regulation, the provisions of this Section shall govern.

No building permit shall be issued for any #development# or #enlargement# on such sites other than for an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility# until the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission certifies to the Department of Buildings that the provisions of this Section have been met.

An application for such certification shall be filed with the Chairperson showing the plan of the #zoning lot#; a site plan indicating the area and dimensions of all required public access areas and the location of all proposed #buildings#, and a detailed plan or plans demonstrating compliance with the provisions of this Section. For certifications relating to the #ERY High Line# and, if applicable, the #Tenth Avenue Spur#, as set forth in 93-71, paragraph (h), the requirements set forth in such Section shall apply.

Plans for public access areas shall be set forth in an instrument in a form acceptable to the City, and setting forth such provisions as necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Section. Such instrument shall be filed and duly recorded in the Borough Office of the City Register of the City of New York and indexed against the property. Such filing and recording of the instrument shall be a precondition for the Chairperson's certification under this Section. The recording information shall be included on the certificate of occupancy for any #building#, or portion thereof, on the #zoning lot# issued after the recording date.

The Chairperson shall allow for the phased development of public access areas upon certification to the Commissioner of Buildings that a plan has been submitted that provides for the completion of any public access area that is integral to the #development# of a #building# or #buildings# within each phase. Such plan may provide for the outdoor plaza described in Section 93-71, paragraph (b), to be constructed in phases. The completion of the Cultural Facility Plaza shall be deemed integral only to an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility# and to no other #use# or #development# in the Eastern Rail Yard Subarea A1. Where the public use and enjoyment of a public access area is contingent upon #development# on an adjacent #zoning lot# that has not yet occurred, the Chairperson may allow for the future development of such public access area at the time that the adjacent #zoning lot# is #developed#.

For any portion of any #development# or #enlargement# other than an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility#, No temporary certificate of occupancy from the Department of Buildings may be issued for any portion of any #development# or #enlargement# with a #floor area ratio# of 10.0 or more until the Chairperson

certifies to the Department of Buildings that the public access area is substantially complete, and the public access area is open to and useable by the public. No permanent certificate of occupancy from the Department of Buildings may be issued for any portion of such #development# or #enlargement# with a #floor area ratio# of 10.0 or more until the Chairperson certifies to the Department of Buildings that the public access area is complete and that all public access requirements of this Section have been met in accordance with the plans for such public access areas. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for #zoning lots# with multiple #buildings# for which the Chairperson has certified that a plan has been submitted that provides for the phased development of public access areas through completion of any public access area that is integral to the #development# of a #building# or #buildings# within each phase, such certifications shall be made with respect to substantial completion or completion of the public access areas integral to each such phase, except as provided in Section 93-71, paragraph (h). Issuance of a temporary or permanent certificate of occupancy for any #building# or portion of a #building# not occupied by an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit facility# shall not be conditioned upon the completion, substantial completion or improvement of the Culture Facility Plaza.

For an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility#, no temporary certificate of occupancy from the Department of Buildings may be issued for such #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility# until the Chairperson certifies to the Department of Buildings that the Culture Facility Plaza described in paragraph (i) of Section 93-71 is substantially complete and open to and useable by the public and no permanent certificate of occupancy from the Department of Buildings may be issued for the #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility# until the Chairperson certifies to the Department of Buildings that the Culture Facility Plaza is complete. If a moveable portion of the #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility# is not initially constructed as part of the #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility# but is constructed at a later date, any closure of the Culture Facility Plaza necessary for such construction shall not affect the validity of any certificate of occupancy previously issued for the #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility#. No temporary certificate of occupancy for the moveable portion that is thereafter constructed, or an amended temporary certificate of occupancy for the #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility# that includes the moveable portion, may be issued by the Department of Buildings until the Chairperson certifies to the Department of Buildings that the reconstructed Culture Facility Plaza is substantially complete and open to and useable by the public and no permanent certificate of occupancy for the moveable portion that is thereafter constructed, or an amended permanent certificate of occupancy for the #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility# that includes the moveable portion, may be issued by the Department of Buildings until the Chairperson certifies to the Department of Buildings that the reconstructed Culture Facility Plaza is complete.

## 93-71

### Public Access Areas in the Eastern Rail Yard Subarea A1

Any #development# in the Eastern Rail Yard Subarea A1 shall provide public access areas in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) Amount of public access areas

Public access areas shall be provided in an amount not less than 55 percent of the #lot area# of the #zoning lot#. At least 40 percent of the #lot area# of the #zoning lot# shall be publicly accessible and open to the sky. At least an additional 15 percent of the #lot area# of the #zoning lot# shall be publicly accessible and may be either open or enclosed. Such open or enclosed areas shall be comprised of the

types of public access areas listed in paragraphs (b) through (f), and paragraphs (h) and (i), of this Section. For purposes of determining compliance with such 55% and 40% requirements, the Culture Facility Plaza, any portion of the Connection to the High Line allowed to be covered by the moveable portion of an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility# pursuant to paragraph (f) of this Section, and any portion of the Connection to the High Line that is not required to have a clear height of 60 feet pursuant to paragraph (f) of this Section shall be deemed publicly accessible and open to the sky at all times, including any time when a moveable portion of an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility# extends over the Culture Facility Plaza or the Connection to the High Line. Open areas may also include the area of the sidewalk widening along Eleventh Avenue required pursuant to Section 93-61 and, at the option of the owner, the #Tenth Avenue Spur#. If the Cultural Facility Plaza is closed during the construction of the moveable portion of the #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility#, the amount of publicly accessible open space shall not be considered reduced during such period.

All public access areas listed in this Section, other than the #ERY High Line# and the #Tenth Avenue Spur#, shall be accessible to the public, as follows:

- (1) unenclosed public access areas shall be accessible between the hours of 6:00 am and 1:00 am, except that any portions of the outdoor plaza, as described in paragraph (b) of this Section, designed and constructed for purposes of vehicular use, shall be accessible at all times except as necessary to perform maintenance and repairs or address hazardous or emergency conditions;
- (2) enclosed portions of the through block connection and connection to the public plaza, described in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this Section, shall be accessible to the public between the hours of 8:00 am and 10:00 pm; and
- (3) upon completion of the Tenth Avenue bridge, described in paragraph (g) of this Section, access between the bridge and the outdoor plaza shall be provided by means of the through block connection between the hours of 6:00 am and 1:00 am.

All public access areas, other than the #ERY High Line# and the #Tenth Avenue Spur#, shall include public space signage erected at conspicuous locations. Such signs shall include the statement “Open to the Public,” followed by the hours of operation specified in this paragraph, (a). The public space signage for the Culture Facility Plaza may include additional information, consistent with the provisions of paragraph (i) of this Section.

(b) Outdoor plaza

A publicly accessible space, open to the sky (hereinafter referred to as the “outdoor plaza”), shall be located within the area bounded by West 33rd Street, the southerly prolongation of the eastern sidewalk widening line of Hudson Boulevard East, a line 250 feet north of and parallel to West 30th Street, Eleventh Avenue, a line 220 feet south of and parallel to West 33rd Street, and the southerly prolongation of the western sidewalk widening line of Hudson Boulevard West. Such open area may extend beyond such boundaries and have necessary grade changes, and up to ten percent of the area of such outdoor plaza may be covered by a #building or other structure#. In addition, a #building# containing eating or drinking places and #uses# listed in Use Groups 6A and 6C may be located within the outdoor plaza (but shall not be included as public access area pursuant to paragraph (a) of Section 93-71), provided that any such #building#:

- (1) is located within the area west of the southerly prolongation of the western sidewalk widening line of Hudson Boulevard West and within 400 feet of West 30<sup>th</sup> Street;

- (2) covers no more than 3,600 square feet of the #zoning lot# at the level of the outdoor plaza and above;
- (3) contains no more than 7,200 square feet of #floor area# at the level of the outdoor plaza and above, and no more than 3,600 square feet of #floor area# below the level of the outdoor plaza;
- (4) has a maximum north-south dimension of 85 feet at the level of the outdoor plaza and above;
- (5) is located such that the maximum east/west dimension measured along a line 355 feet from West 30th Street is 40 feet at the level of the outdoor plaza and above. For portions of the #building# located north or south of such line, the maximum east/west dimension shall increase at a rate of one foot in the east/west dimension for every four feet in the north/south dimension from such line, up to a maximum east/west dimension of 60 feet; and
- (6) has a maximum perimeter wall height of 24 feet, and a maximum #building# height of 30 feet. Above a height of 24 feet, no portion of a building may penetrate a #sky exposure plane# that begins at a height of 24 feet above the perimeter walls and rises over the #building# at a slope of 2.5 feet of horizontal distance for each foot of vertical distance. Such heights shall be measured from the highest level of the adjoining portions of the outdoor plaza.

No #building# location or setback requirements shall apply to any #building# walls facing the northern, eastern or southern boundaries of the outdoor plaza.

#Building# walls fronting upon the western boundary of the outdoor plaza shall extend along at least 70 percent of the length of the southerly prolongation of the western sidewalk widening line of Hudson Boulevard West and shall rise to a minimum height of 90 feet and a maximum height of 120 feet. Above a height of 120 feet, a setback at least 20 feet in depth is required from such prolongation line. However, such #building# wall may rise without setback at such prolongation line, provided the aggregate width of such #building# wall does not exceed 50 percent of the width of such line and provided all other portions of the #building# that exceed a height of 120 feet are set back at least 20 feet from such prolongation line at a height not lower than 90 feet.

The retail and glazing requirements of Section 93-14 (Ground Floor Level Requirements) shall apply to at least 70 percent of the length of all #building# walls facing each side of the outdoor plaza, except that such retail requirements shall not apply to any #building# or portion of a #building# located west of the southerly prolongation of the eastern sidewalk widening line of Hudson Boulevard East and within 220 feet of West 30<sup>th</sup> Street containing only #uses# in Use Group 3 or 4 or an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility#. ~~located west of the southerly prolongation of the eastern sidewalk widening line of Hudson Boulevard East and within 220 feet of West 30th Street.~~

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(f) Connection to the High Line

A publicly accessible connection between the High Line and the outdoor plaza (hereinafter referred to as the “connection”) shall be provided that has a minimum width, measured parallel to the High Line, of



80 60 feet, and is located east of the Culture Facility Plaza. If any portion is covered For a width of 60 feet measured parallel to the High Line, the clear height of such the connection shall be at least 60 feet. Above such height, overhangs of the 60 foot width dimension of the connection shall be permitted by the movable portion of the #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility#, provided that the angle of such overhang is a maximum of 14 degrees east of the vertical extension of the western edge of such 60 foot width, as measured from the intersection of such vertical extension with the 60 foot clear height of the connection. Additionally, such overhang shall project over no more than 16 feet of the 60 foot width dimension. Any portion of the connection east of the minimum 60 foot width shall, if covered, have a minimum clear height of 60 feet. The movable portion of the #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility# shall be permitted to overhang any portion of the connection west of such minimum 60 foot width, provided that the angle of such overhanging portion is a maximum of 14 degrees measured at the western edge of the connection at its ground level. The glazing requirements of Section 93-14, paragraph (c), shall apply to at least 50 percent of the length of all #building# walls facing such the connection.

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(i) Culture Facility Plaza

A publicly accessible space located east of and abutting the non-moveable portion of an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility#, and bounded to the north by the outdoor plaza and to the south by the #ERY High Line# shall be provided. During times when the Culture Facility Plaza is not covered by the moveable portion of an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility#, the Culture Facility Plaza may be used for purposes of outdoor events related to an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility#. Outdoor installations for such events, including seating, shall be restricted to the Culture Facility Plaza. All such events shall be open and accessible to the general public free of admission charge, provided that ticketed events with tickets available on a first come first served or timed basis shall be permitted. During all times when the Culture Facility Plaza is not used for an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility# event or covered by the moveable portion of an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility#, the Culture Facility Plaza shall be open and accessible to the public between the hours of 6:00 am and 1:00 am. Notwithstanding any other provision, the Culture Facility Plaza may be closed to the public not more than 12 days each calendar year for an event related to the #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility#, provided that not less than five days prior to any such closing, notice is given to the applicable community board and is posted at conspicuous locations at such plaza. No #building# or portion of a #building# that is not used for an #ERY Culture, Festival and Exhibit Facility# shall have any obligation to comply with the requirements of this subparagraph or paragraph (a) of Section 93-71 related to the Culture Facility Plaza.

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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 July 24, 2013, on file in this office.

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City Clerk, Clerk of The Council