



Legislation Text

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Resolution authorizing the Speaker to bring or join in litigation or to file or join an amicus brief on behalf of the Council, for the purpose of challenging the Land Lease Initiative Request for Expressions of Interest issued by the New York City Housing Authority on August 16, 2013.

By the Speaker (Council Member Quinn) and Council Members Mendez, Arroyo, Chin, Van Bramer, Comrie, Jackson, Koo, Koppell, Mark-Viverito, Richards and Williams

Whereas, NYCHA was created for the purpose of providing affordable housing to low-income New Yorkers; and

Whereas, On August 16, 2013, the New York City Housing Authority (“NYCHA”) issued a Land Lease Initiative Request for Expressions of Interest (“Land Lease Initiative”), which, among other things, invited private land developers to “submit proposals for the design, construction and operation of mixed-income rental housing (with retail, commercial or community facility space where permitted and applicable) on 14 development parcels (‘Development Parcels’ or ‘Parcels’);” and

Whereas, The Development Parcels are located within eight NYCHA residential campuses in Manhattan, south of 104th Street; and

Whereas, NYCHA reserves the right to issue a conditional designation letter and enter into negotiations to award a contract to a proposer submitting the most exceptional response to the Land Lease Initiative; and

Whereas, Under the Land Lease Initiative, NYCHA plans to convey each of the Development Parcels to a selected developer through a 99-year ground lease; and

Whereas, Only 20% of the housing units developed on each Parcel would have to be affordable to households earning up to 60% of area median income; and

Whereas, State law requires that NYCHA submit any plan or project to the local legislative body for approval; and

Whereas, NYCHA has not submitted the Land Lease Initiative for approval by the Council; and

Whereas, Federal law requires NYCHA to submit an annual plan; and

Whereas, The annual plan NYCHA submitted for 2013 does not provide a detailed description of the Land Lease Initiative as required by federal law; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker is authorized to bring or join in litigation or to file or join an amicus brief on behalf of the Council, for the purpose of challenging the Land Lease Initiative Request for Expressions of Interest issued by the New York City Housing Authority on August 16, 2013.

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