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A Local Law in relation to requiring the center for economic opportunity to review the jobs-plus program

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Access to Jobs-Plus Program Facilities for Residents of Public Housing

a. As used in this local law:

Agency. The term “agency” has the meaning ascribed to such term in section 1-112 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

Center for economic opportunity. The term “center for economic opportunity” means the entity established pursuant to executive order number 117 for the year 2008, its successor agency or another entity designated by the mayor to perform the functions required by this local law.

Jobs-plus program. The term “jobs-plus program” means the jobs-plus community revitalization initiative for public housing families as authorized by the omnibus consolidated rescissions and appropriations act of 1996, as enacted by section 204 of public law 104-134, such section 204 relating to public housing/section 8 moving to work demonstration, and as announced in page 66856 in number 244 of volume 61 of the federal register or a similar program that provides the following services to assist residents of public housing operated by the New York city housing authority with obtaining and retaining employment: (i) job search assistance; (ii) education programs; (iii) vocational training; (iv) child care, transportation and other related support services; and (v) subject to the cooperation of the United States department of housing and urban development and the New York city housing authority, a reasonable rent policy designed to encourage

employment and self-sufficiency for participating residents, such as by excluding all or a portion of such resident's earned or newly earned income for purposes of determining rent.

Jobs-plus facility. The term "jobs-plus facility" means a physical space in which services or benefits related to a jobs-plus program are provided.

b. The center for economic opportunity shall submit to the speaker of the council, the comptroller, and the mayor a review of the jobs-plus program, which shall include the strengths, limitations, and general effectiveness of the jobs-plus program, a proposed annual budget for the program, and the operational requirements needed to make participation in the jobs-plus program available to each resident of public housing operated by the New York city housing authority. Such review shall include specifications describing the type of jobs-plus facility requirements for a variety of geographic zones identified by the New York city housing authority for targeting job placements, job training opportunities, apprenticeships or other similar benefits; provided that if the New York city housing authority has not identified a particular geographic zone in which to locate a jobs-plus facility or ceases to identify such zones before submission of the review, the review shall recommend parameters to ensure that jobs-plus facilities are located in such a manner that each public housing resident has reasonable access to at least one such facility.

c. In developing the review required by subdivision b, the center for economic opportunity shall seek cooperation and assistance from the United States department of housing and urban development and the New York city housing authority, in addition to any other individuals and entities the center for economic opportunity deems appropriate.

d. The review required by subdivision b shall include an assessment of the estimated costs and timeline of implementing such review and a description of any recommended changes to federal, state or local laws, rules or policies to facilitate such implementation, including but not limited to changes needed to implement reasonable rent policies designed to encourage employment and self-sufficiency for participating residents.

§2. This local law takes effect immediately, provided, however, that the review required by subdivision

b of this local law shall be due one year after the effective date of this local law, and provided further that this local law shall expire and have no further force and effect on December 31, 2017.

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