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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
RESOLUTION NO. 1170

Resolution approving the Second Amendment to the Arverne Urban Renewal Plan for the Arverne Urban Renewal Area, approving the designation of the area, and approving the decision of the City Planning Commission on ULURP No. C 030509 HUQ (L.U. No. 491).

By Council Members Katz and Martinez

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission filed with the Council on November 3, 2003 its decision and report dated November 3, 2003 (the "Decision"), on the application submitted by the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development ("HPD"), pursuant to Section 505 of the General Municipal Law of New York State and Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, regarding the proposed Second Amended Urban Renewal Plan (the "Plan") for the Arverne Urban Renewal Area (the "Area"), to facilitate the construction of 3,900 residential units consisting of low density one- and two-family homes and mid-rise buildings, the establishment of 770,000 square feet commercial and retail space, approximately 65 acres of parkland, a community center and school within the Arverne Urban Renewal Area generally bounded by Rockaway Freeway to the north, Beach 32nd Street to the east, the Boardwalk, Rockaway Beach Boulevard, and Hammels Boulevard on the south, and Beach 74th, Beach 81st and Beach 84th Streets to the west in Rockaway, Community District 14, Borough of Queens (ULURP No. C 030509 HUQ) (the "Application");

WHEREAS, the Application is related to ULURP Applications Numbers C 030510 ZMQ (L.U. No. 492), a Zoning Map amendment; C 030511 HAQ (L.U. No. 493), an urban development action area project; and C 030433 MMQ (L.U. No. 494), an amendment to the City Map;

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission has certified that the Plan for the Area complies with the provisions of Section 502 of the General Municipal Law, conforms to the comprehensive community plan for the development of the municipality as a whole and is consistent with local objectives, and that the Plan is in conformity with the findings and designation of the Area;

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

WHEREAS, the Area Designation is subject to review and action by the Council pursuant to Section 504 of the General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the Plan is subject to review and action by the Council pursuant to Section 505 of the General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development submitted to the Council its request dated October 24, 2003 regarding the Application;

WHEREAS, upon due notice, the Council held a public hearing on the Decision and the Plan on November 17, 2003;

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 October 24, 2003 (CEQR No. 02HPD004Q); and

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

RESOLVED:

Having considered the FEIS, with respect to the 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, the proposed action is the one which minimizes or avoids adverse environmental effects to the maximum extent practicable, including the effects disclosed in the FEIS; and
- (3) consistent with social, economic and other essential considerations, to the maximum extent practicable, adverse

environmental effects revealed in the environmental impact statement will be minimized or avoided by incorporating as conditions to the approval those mitigative measures which were identified as practicable; and

The Decision and the FEIS constitute the written statement of facts, and of social, economic and other factors and standards that form the basis of this determination, pursuant to 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.9(c)(3).

Pursuant to Section 504 of the General Municipal Law, the Council approves the Designation of the Area.

Pursuant to Section 505(4) of the General Municipal Law, the Council finds that:

1. The Area is a substandard or insanitary area or is in danger of becoming a substandard or insanitary area and tends to impair or arrest the sound growth and development of the municipality;
2. The financial aid to be provided to the municipality is necessary to enable the project to be undertaken in accordance with the Plan;
3. The Plan affords maximum opportunity to private enterprise, consistent with the sound needs of the municipality as a whole, for the undertaking of an urban renewal program;
4. The Plan conforms to a comprehensive community plan for the development of the municipality as a whole;
5. There is a feasible method for the relocation of families and individuals displaced from the Area into decent, safe and sanitary dwellings, which are or will be provided in the Area or in other areas not generally less desirable in regard to public utilities and public and commercial facilities, at rents or prices within the financial means of such families or individuals, and reasonably accessible to their places of employment; and
6. The undertaking and carrying out of the urban renewal activities in stages is in the best public interest and will not cause any additional or increased hardship to the residents of the Area.

Pursuant to Section 505 of the General Municipal Law, the Council approves the Second Amended Urban Renewal Plan for the Fulton Park Urban Renewal Area, dated April 2003 as modified by the City Planning Commission.

Pursuant to Section 197-d of the New York City Charter, and on the basis of the Decision and Application, the Council approves the Decision.

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 November 19, 2003, on file in this office.

City Clerk, Clerk of The Council

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