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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK RESOLUTION NO. 1632

Resolution approving the decision of the City Planning Commission on ULURP No. C 080409 ZSM (L.U. No. 840), for the grant of special permits pursuant to Section 74-921(a) of the Zoning Resolution to allow Use Group 3A (museum use) in an M1-5 District, and Section 74-921(b) of the Zoning Resolution to modify the requirements of Section 43-43 (Maximum Height of Front Wall and Required Front Setbacks) for a building containing a museum use in Use Group 3A, on a zoning lot over which the High Line (as defined in Section 98-01) passes on property located at 555 West Street a.k.a. 820 Washington Street (Block 644, Lots 1 and 10), in an M1-5 District, Borough of Manhattan.

By Council Members Katz and Lappin

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission filed with the Council on August 18, 2008 its decision dated August 11, 2008 (the "Decision") on the application submitted by the Whitney Museum of American Art and the New York City Economic Development Corporation, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter, for the grant of special permits pursuant to:

1. Section 74-921(a) of the Zoning Resolution to allow Use Group 3A (museum use) in an M1-5 District, and
2. Section 74-921(b) of the Zoning Resolution to modify the requirements of Section 43-43 (Maximum Height of Front Wall and Required Front Setbacks) for a building containing a museum use in Use Group 3A, on a zoning lot over which the High Line (as defined in Section 98-01) passes;

in connection with the proposed development of a 6-story museum building on property located at 555 West Street a.k.a. 820 Washington Street (Block 644, Lots 1 and 10), in an M1-5 District (ULURP No. C 080409 ZSM), Community District 2, Borough of Manhattan (the "Application");

WHEREAS, the Application is related to Applications Numbers N 080406 ZRM (L.U. No. 837) Zoning Text Amendment to Section 74-92, to permit height and setback modifications for a building containing a Use Group 3A museum use in a M1-5 zoning district on a zoning lot over which the High Line passes; C 080407 PCM (L.U. No. 838), site selection and acquisition for a facility to be used by the Parks Department in connection with the operation and maintenance of the High Line public open space; C 080408 PPM (L.U. No. 839), disposition of city-owned property to the NYC Economic Development Corporation;

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 City Planning Commission has made the findings required pursuant to Section 74-921(a)(b) of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York;

WHEREAS, upon due notice, the Council held a public hearing on September 16, 2008 on the Decision and Application;

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the relevant environmental issues and the Negative Declaration, issued on April 30, 2008 (CEQR No. 07SBS021M); and

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

RESOLVED:

The Council finds that the action described herein will have no significant effect on the environment.

Pursuant to Sections 197-d and 200 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 September 24, 2008, on file in this office.

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City Clerk, Clerk of The Council