Euroamerican Funding Group, LLC SEQRA Resolution

A regular meeting of the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 1550 Franklin Avenue, Mineola, Nassau County, New York on September 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM, local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

Richard Kessel

Lewis M. Warren Anthony Simon

Timothy Williams Amy Flores

John Coumatos Chris Fusco Chairman

Vice Chairman

2nd Vice Chairman

Secretary Treasurer

Asst. Treasurer Asst. Secretary

NOT PRESENT:

Joseph Foarile

Chief Financial Officer

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSONS WERE PRESENT:

Harry Coghlan

Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

Danielle Oglesby

Chief Operating Officer/Deputy Executive Director

Colleen Pereira

Administrative Director

Thomas D. Glascock

Agency Counsel

Andrew Komaromi

Bond/Transaction Counsel

The attached resolution no. 2019-80 was offered by Anthony Simon, seconded by Chris Fusco:

Resolution No. 2019-80

RESOLUTION FINDING THAT ACTION TO UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR EUROAMERICAN FUNDING GROUP, LLC WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Project Name:

Euroamerican Funding Group, LLC

Location:

215 Brooklyn Avenue, Westbury, Town of North Hempstead,

County of Nassau, New York, 11590

SEQR Status:

Type I ___

Unlisted XX

Determination

of Significance:

Negative Declaration XX

Positive Declaration

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title I of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act"), and Chapter 674 of the 1975 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 922 of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, industrial and commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "project" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said project to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed and to convey said project or to lease said project with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, EUROAMERICAN FUNDING GROUP, LLC., a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York (the "Applicant"), has presented an application for financial assistance (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requests that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 0.382 acre parcel of land located at 985-987 Prospect Avenue and 215 Brooklyn Avenue, Westbury, Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, New York (Section: 11; Block: 10; Lot: 29, 30, 31, 45 and 46) (the "Land"), (2) the construction of an approximately 12,000 square foot three-story building (collectively, the "Building") on the Land, together with related improvements to the Land, including surface parking spaces and (3) the acquisition of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment (the "Equipment") necessary for the completion thereof (collectively, the "Project

Facility"), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant as a mixed-use facility consisting of approximately ten (10) affordable one-bedroom senior living (62 and over) residential rental apartments and approximately 3,000 square feet of commercial space; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from real property taxes, mortgage recording taxes and sales and use taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617, et. seq., as amended (the "Regulations" and collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the Agency must satisfy the requirements contained in SEQRA prior to making a final determination whether to undertake the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, to aid the Agency in determining whether the Project may have a significant adverse impact upon the environment, the Agency has completed, received and/or reviewed (1) Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF"), dated February 27, 2018; (2) NYSDEC's Environmental Resource Mapper; (3) New York State Historic Preservation Office's Cultural Resources Mapper; and (4) other relevant environmental information (collectively, 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be referred to as the "Environmental Information"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, the Agency desires to conduct a review of the Project to determine whether the Project may have a significant adverse impact on the environment and whether an Environmental Impact Statement must be prepared with respect to the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

- <u>Section 1</u>. Based upon a thorough review and examination of the Project Environmental Information and upon the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Land and such further investigation of the Project and its environmental effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency makes the following findings with respect to the Project:
 - (1) The Agency is undertaking an uncoordinated review of the Project in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA and the Agency adopts each of the matters set forth in the Whereas clauses set our herein as part of this resolution and each of those matters set out in the Whereas clauses shall have the same force and effect as each of the other findings made in this resolution;

- (2) Prior to making a recommendation about the potential environmental significance of the Project, the Agency has reviewed appropriate information concerning the Project, including but not limited to the Environmental Information as defined previously and it has considered the criteria set out in Section 617.4, 617.5, and 617.7 among other provisions of the Regulations, including that criteria to identify the type of action associated with the Project, and to determine the significance of same;
- (3) In doing so, the Agency determined that the Project is an Unlisted Action pursuant to SEQRA as it involves construction of the Building on Land for use as a multi-family senior residential facility and 3,000 square feet of retail. The Project does not meet or exceed any threshold for a Type I Action;
- (4) Pursuant to SEQRA and based upon the review of the documents and information listed above, the Agency has completed Part 2 of the EAF and reviewed and adopted the completed Part 3 of the EAF;
- (5) The Agency has considered the Project, including identifying the reasonable impacts associated with it and compared same to the parameters and criteria set forth in applicable law and regulations, including but not limited to those set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §§ 617.1 and 617.3 in order to analyze such impacts pursuant to the SEQRA review it conducted for the Project; and
- (6)The Agency has considered the significance of the reasonable environmental impacts and reasonable environmental impacts of the proposed Project by: (i) carefully reviewing and examining the responses to the Full EAF, including the information in the completed Part 1 of the Full EAF, as well as that information set out in the completed Parts 2 and 3 of the EAF, together with examining other available supporting information and documents concerning the Project, as well as reviewing the EAF Mapper results for the Project site at issue, and information and documentation provided by the Applicant to the Agency pursuant to the application for Agency benefits, and the Agency has reviewed the impacts and potential impacts from the Project to land, stormwater and groundwater, wetlands, other water resources, and analyzed any impacts associated with agricultural district designation(s), as well as impacts and potential impacts associated with or to historic, archaeological and other recognized and/or protected resources, and impacts to threatened or

endangered plant and animal species, impacts to transportation, including such impacts associated with traffic and considered impacts to community character and cumulative impacts, if any, and considered each of the other potential impacts as required by the Regulations; (ii) considered the criteria set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.7(c) in light of such impacts or potential impacts; and (iii) thoroughly analyzed the identified areas of relevant environmental concern in issuing this negative declaration and determination that no potentially significant adverse impacts on the environment are noted in the EAF and none are known to the Agency.

Section 2. Based upon the foregoing investigations of the potential environmental impacts of the Project and considering both the magnitude and importance of each environmental impact indicated, the Agency has determined that the Project will not have a significant adverse impact upon the environment. The reasons supporting this determination are as follows:

- 1. <u>Impact on Land</u>. The Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to land resources or land use. The Project consists of the construction of an approximately 12,000 square foot threestory building to be used for residential purposes, including the addition of ten (10) net new affordable one-bedroom senior living (62 and over) residential rental apartments and approximately 3,000 square feet of commercial space. The zoning and land use classification will change as a result of the Project. The Project is consistent with surrounding uses, which are residential and commercial in nature. The Project is not anticipated to involve construction that continues for more than one year. Regardless, construction hours will be limited to 8 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday - construction is not permitted on Sundays, and no work is anticipated on Saturdays. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to land resources or land use.
- 2. <u>Impact on Water</u>. There are no wetlands on site, nor is the Project located within the one-hundred-foot buffer area of any wetland. The Project will not create a new water body. The Project is not located in a designated 100- or 500-year floodplain. The Land has been previously disturbed and will not physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody. Although the Project site is located over the Nassau-Suffolk sole source aquifer, the Project does not involve the storage of petroleum or chemical products or other types of industrial activities where groundwater or the aquifer could be exposed to contaminants. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any potentially significant adverse impacts to water.

While the Project will create a new demand for water in the amount of approximately 3,750 gallons per day, the existing public water supply has the capacity to serve the Project and an expansion of the existing Westbury Water System is unnecessary. The Project will generate liquid waste in the amount of approximately 3,333 gallons per day and utilize existing public wastewater treatment facilities, namely the Nassau County Sewage Treatment Plant, which also has current capacity to serve the Project.

- 3. <u>Impact on Air.</u> The Project will not be a significant source of air emissions. The Project does not entail the types of activities or operations that require the Applicant to acquire an Air Facility Permit or that are associated with a significant potential for air emissions. In addition, any increase in traffic including vehicle trips associated with the Project is not anticipated to materially impact air quality. Any potential impact on air as a result of construction activities will be minor and temporary in nature.
- 4. <u>Impact on Health or Safety</u>. The Project does not entail the types of activities or operations that are associated with a significant potential for affecting public health. Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impact to public health, air, land or water resources.
- 5. <u>Impact on Plants and Animals</u>. The Land in the area of the Project does not possess significant ecological value as it is within a well-developed residential and commercial area. The NYSDEC Mapper indicates that the Land does not contain a species of animal, or associated habitat listed as threatened or endangered. The Project does not involve the reduction or degradation of habitat of threatened or endangered species. Accordingly, the Project will not create significant adverse impacts to plants, animals or natural communities, wildlife habitat or wetlands.
- 6. <u>Impact on Agricultural Land Resources</u>. The Project is located in an area currently used for residential and commercial purposes. The Project will not involve the conversion or loss of agricultural land resources. Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts to agricultural land resources.
- 7. <u>Impact on Aesthetic Resources</u>. The Project will not be visible from any officially designated federal, state or local scenic or aesthetic resource. The Land is situated in a well-developed residential and commercial area and is consistent with surrounding uses. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any significant adverse impacts to aesthetic resources.

- 8. <u>Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources</u>. The Land and Project do not contain, nor are they adjacent to, a building, archeological site as designated by the NYS Historic Preservation Office or district which is listed on, or that has been nominated to, the State or National Register of Historic Places. Areas near the Project have been previously developed and lack the characteristics that would suggest the potential presence of any significant archaeological resources. Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts to historical or archaeological resources.
- 9. <u>Impact on Open Space and Recreation</u>. The Project will not encroach on public space and the parcels on which the Project will be constructed are currently zoned residential. Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts to open space or recreational resources.
- 10. <u>Impact on Critical Environmental Areas</u>. The Land is not located in or substantially contiguous to any Critical Environmental Area ("CEA") based on a review of the EAF Mapper associated with the Land. Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts to any CEA.
- Impact on Transportation. The Project will not result in a substantial increase in traffic above capacity of current traffic infrastructure, nor is it expected to generate substantial new demand for transportation facilities or services/infrastructure. Any impacts to transportation from construction activities associated with the Project will be minor and temporary in nature. Accordingly, it is not anticipated that that Project will create any significant adverse impacts to transportation.
- 12. <u>Impact on Energy</u>. The Project may result in a slight increase in energy usage, however, existing utility lines serve the Project and no significant improvements are necessary to accommodate the Project. Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts to energy.
- Impact on Noise and Odor. The Project is not expected to appreciably increase ambient noise levels or to create odors. The Project does not involve the types of activities that create significant noise or odors. Any impacts to noise and/or odor from construction activities will be minor, and temporary in nature. Moreover, while ambient noise levels may increase substantially during construction, such activities will not occur during noise sensitive hours as regulated by the Town Code. Further, to the extent that additional lighting is proposed as part of the Project, such lighting will not cause significant adverse impacts. Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts to noise or odors.

14. <u>Impact on Growth and Character of the Community and Neighborhood.</u> The Project will not result in significant population growth, and is in character with adjacent residential development and surrounding uses. Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts to the growth or character of the community.

Section 3.

Based on the foregoing, the Agency finds that the Project will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law and, in particular, pursuant to the criteria set forth at 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.7(b)-(c) of the SEQRA regulations and as such, no environmental impact statement shall be prepared. The Agency thus issues this Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA, and directs the following be undertaken and makes the following additional findings:

- 1. A Notice of Negative Declaration shall be filed and/or published to the extent required by the SEQRA regulations, and as the Agency may deem advisable. The findings and conclusions relating to the determination of significance contained within this Negative Declaration and this notice hereof are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference into this Resolution as applicable, including the Agency adopting by reference the completed EAF (including parts 1, 2 and 3 of it).
- 2. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Executive Director and the Administrative Director of the Agency are hereby further authorized on behalf of the Agency, or acting together or individually, to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Applicant and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution, including filing the Negative Declaration in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law and this resolution shall also constitute a notice of Negative Declaration.
- 3. The requirements of SEQRA have been satisfied. This resolution and notice of negative declaration shall take effect immediately.

<u>Section 4</u>. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Richard Kessel	VOTING Aye
Lewis M. Warren	VOTING Aye
Anthony Simon	VOTING Aye
Timothy Williams	VOTING Aye
Amy Flores	VOTING Aye
Chris Fusco	VOTING Aye
John Coumatos	VOTING Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

COUNTY OF NASSAU

We, the undersigned [Vice] Chairman and [Assistant] Secretary of the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), do hereby certify that we have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on September 19, 2019 with the original thereof on file in our office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our respective hands and affixed the seal of the Agency this 19th day of September, 2019.

[Assistant] Secretary

[Vide] Chairman

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