Resolution adopting a determination and finding under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act

A regular meeting of the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session, electronically, pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.11, 202.28 and 202.48 - Continuing Temporary Suspension And Modification Of Laws Relating To The Disaster Emergency - by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo of the State of New York on July 9, 2020 at 6:45 p.m., 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 Chairman
Timothy Williams Secretary
Amy Flores Treasurer
John Coumatos Asst. Treasurer
Chris Fusco Asst. Secretary

NOT PRESENT:

Lewis M. Warren Vice Chairman
Anthony Simon 2nd Vice Chairman

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSONS WERE PRESENT:

Harry Coghlan Chief Executive Officer / Executive Director

Danielle Oglesby Chief Operating Officer/ Deputy Executive Director

Anne LaMorte Chief Financial Officer

Catherine Fee Director of Business Development/Chief

Marketing Officer

Colleen Pereira Administrative Director
Carlene Wynter Compliance Assistant
Thomas D. Glascock, Esq. General Counsel

Andrew D. Komaromi, Esq. Bond/Transactional Counsel

The attached resolution no. 2020-52 was offered by Timothy Williams, seconded by Chris Fusco.

Resolution No. 2020 - 52

RESOLUTION FINDING THAT AN ACTION TO UNDERTAKE A THE ACQUISITION AND STRAIGHT LEASING OF A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC. WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Project Name: HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC. 2020

Location: 344 Duffy Avenue, Hamlet of Hicksville, Town of Oyster Bay,

Nassau County, New York (Section: 11; Block: 327; Lot: 421)

SEQRA Status: Type II

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 "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, LEG ACQUISITION LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and qualified to do business in the State of New York, and Home Depot U.S.A., Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and qualified to do business in the State of New York (collectively, the "Applicant"), have 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 9.04 acre parcel of land located at 344 Duffy Avenue, Hamlet of Hicksville, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York (Section: 11; Block: 327; Lot: 421) (the "Land"), (2) the renovation of an approximately 195,610 square foot 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 distribution center; (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 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 617.1, et. seq., as amended (the "Regulations" and collectively "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) Short Environmental Assessment Form, dated February 20, 2020; (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 is an involved agency in the SEQRA review of the Project, and as an involved agency is required to analyze the Project to determine whether it has the potential to have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, Section 617.2(a) of the Regulations state that a Type II action is an action or class of actions identified under Section 617.5 of the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Section 617.5(a) of the Regulations state that actions identified as Type II actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under the SEQR Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 617.5(c)(18) of the Regulations state that Type II actions not subject to further review under SEQRA include "reuse of a residential or commercial structure, or of a structure containing mixed residential and commercial uses, where the residential or commercial use is a permitted use under the applicable zoning law or ordinance, including permitted by special use permit, and the action does not meet or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part"; and

WHEREAS, to the extent that any land transfer is being undertaken, it is solely to effectuate the Financial Assistance to facilitate the Project Facility and the Agency will only be the nominal title holder for as long as is necessary to effectuate the Financial Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of the renovation and reuse of the Building as a distribution center.

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 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 Project is a Type II action under SEQRA because it constitutes "reuse of a residential or commercial structure, or of a structure containing mixed residential and commercial uses, where the residential or commercial use is a permitted use under the applicable zoning law or ordinance, including permitted by special use permit, and the action does not meet or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part" and does not meet or exceed any threshold for a Type I action.
- (2) More specifically, the Project includes the renovation of the Building and reuse of the same as a distribution center, and the acquisition and installation of Equipment in conjunction therewith. The Project will not expand the footprint of the Building nor impact or substantially alter existing environmental conditions on the Land.
- Section 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.

Section 3. 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 Ave
	VOTING Aye
Lewis M. Warren	VOTING Absent
Anthony Simon	VOTING Absent
Timothy Williams	VOTING Aye
Chris Fusco	VOTING Aye
Amy Flores	VOTING Aye
John Coumatos	VOTING Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

) SS.:

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 July 9, 2020 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 5 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law") as modified pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.11, 202.28 and 202.48 - Continuing Temporary Suspension And Modification Of Laws Relating To The Disaster Emergency - by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo of the State of New York, 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 9th day of July, 2020.

[Assistant] Secretary

[Vice] Chairman	

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[Vice] Chairman

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