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, <u>electronically</u>, pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.11, 202.28, 202.48, 202.55, 202.60, 202.67, 202.72 and 202.79 - Continuing Temporary Suspension And Modification Of Laws Relating To The Disaster Emergency - by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo of the State of New York on December 16, 2020 at 6:30 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
Lewis M. Warren	Vice Chairman
Anthony Simon	2nd Vice Chairman
Amy Flores	Treasurer
John Coumatos	Asst. Treasurer
Chris Fusco	Asst. Secretary
Timothy Williams	Secretary

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
Nicole Gil	Administrative Assistant Excused
Thomas D. Glascock, Esq.	General Counsel
Andrew D. Komaromi, Esq.	Bond/Transactional Counsel

The attached resolution no. 2020-102 was offered by Richard Kessel, seconded by Lewis M. Warren.

Resolution No. 2020 - 102

RESOLUTION FINDING THAT AN ACTION TO UNDERTAKE A THE ACQUISITION AND STRAIGHT LEASING OF A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR MITCHEL FIELD SENIOR CITIZENS REDEVELOPMENT COMPANY LP WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Project Name:MITCHEL FIELD SENIOR CITIZENS REDEVELOPMENT
COMPANY LPLocation:1485 Front Street, East Meadow, Town of Hempstead, Nassau
County, New York (Section 50, Block 601, Lot 8)

SEQRA Status: Unlisted Action

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, MITCHEL FIELD SENIOR CITIZENS REDEVELOPMENT COMPANY LP, a limited partnership organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, (the "Applicant"), pursuant to that certain Tax Exemption Agreement entered into on June 27, 1980, between the Agency and Company, obtained a forty (40) years tax exemption following the initial closing of the mortgage loan used to finance the construction of a 93,884.68 square foot building used for affordable housing for disabled individuals and low-income seniors aged 62 and over (the "Mitchel Houses") located at 1485 Front Street, East Meadow, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York (Section 50, Block 601, Lot 8) (the "Land"), which the tax exemption is scheduled to expire no earlier than December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mitchel Houses is presently operated a senior citizen and supportive housing community consisting of 126 apartment units, of which 125 units are "affordable," and 1 unit is a non-revenue generating superintendent apartment, with the community comprised of (94) 1-bedroom units for persons 62 and older, (20) 2- and 3-bedroom units for families where the head of the household is disabled, and (11) 1-bedroom units for disabled individuals, all

operated under a HUD Housing Assistance Payments ("HAP") Contract to ensure affordability to its residents; and

WHEREAS, Applicant 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 retention of an interest in the Land, (2) the renovation of the Mitchel Houses (the "Building") on the Land, together with related improvements to the Land, including surface parking spaces, (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 the continued use by the Applicant as an affordable housing for disabled individuals and low-income seniors aged 62 and over; (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 and sales and/or 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) Part 1 of a Short Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF"), dated September 1, 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

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

Section 1. 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. <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 refinance and renovation of an existing affordable housing

facility for disabled individuals and low-income seniors aged 62 and over and associated improvements. The zoning and land use classification will not change as a result of the Project. The Project is consistent with surrounding uses, which are primarily commercial / multifamily development in nature. As the proposed Project is an existing affordable housing facility for disabled individuals and low-income seniors aged 62 and over, it will not negatively impact the nearby properties. 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>. No wetlands in the area of the existing affordable housing facility for disabled individuals and low-income seniors aged 62 and over are anticipated to be impacted as renovation will be undertaken on property which houses similar uses. In addition, the Project is not located in a designated 100 year floodplain. The property has been previously disturbed and the renovation 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, no activities proposed for the Project are anticipated to impact groundwater or the aquifer, nor is renovation or operation of such project anticipated to expose such aquifer to the undue threat of contamination.
- 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 during the renovations is not anticipated to materially impact air quality as more specifically discussed in the Transportation section below, including based on various analyses completed regarding traffic. 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 EAF indicates that neither the Land nor abutting land was the subject of remediation. The Project also 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 Including to Threatened or Endangered</u> <u>Species</u>. The Land in the area of the Project does not appear to contain any habitats of significance as it is located in a well-developed residential and commercial area. The NYSDEC Mapper indicates that the property where such project is to be developed does not contain a species of animal, or associated habitat listed as threatened or endangered. Accordingly, the Project includes the renovation of an existing Building and the acquisition and installation of Equipment in conjunction

therewith. While the Project will expand the footprint of the Building it will not increase or substantially alter existing environmental conditions on the Land.

- 6. <u>Impact on Agricultural Land Resources</u>. The Project is located in an area currently devoted to commercial / multi-family residential uses. As a result it 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 property is situated in a developed residential and commercial area, as indicated with is zoned for uses consistent with the Project with is also consistent with surrounding uses. As the proposed Project is an existing affordable housing facility for disabled individuals and low-income seniors aged 62 and over, consistent with its surroundings, it is not anticipated to create any significant adverse impacts to aesthetic resources.
- 8. <u>Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources</u>. The Land on which the Project is to be maintained, as well as the parcels in the surrounding area, do not contain a building, structure or archeological site designated by the NYS Historic Preservation Office as a resource, nor are the same located within a district which is listed on, or that has been nominated to, the State or National Register of Historic Places. Other areas near the Land on which the Project is to be located 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 property on which the Project is to be located do not comprise public open space as it is devoted to residential uses. Further, as the structure to be maintained will continue to be used for a an existing affordable housing facility for disabled individuals and low-income seniors aged 62 and over, no use occurring on the property at issue is anticipated to adversely impact any open space or recreational resources, including any parks or park features in vicinity thereto. 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 on which the Project is to be developed is not located in or substantially contiguous to any Critical Environmental Area ("CEA") based on a review of the EAF Mapper associated with such property. Accordingly, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts to any CEA.

- 11. <u>Impact on Transportation</u>. 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. Further, anticipated truck traffic associated with the operation of the Project is also not anticipated to result in significant negative effects. 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>. During the renovations, the Project may result in an increase in energy usage, however, existing utilities serve the area where the Project will be developed and are anticipated to have adequate capacity to serve it. As a result, the Project will not create any significant adverse impacts to energy.
- 13. <u>Impact on Noise and Odor and Impacts from Light</u>. The Project is not expected to materially increase ambient noise levels or to create odors of consequence particularly in light of such project setting including the Project site location. As a result, it is not anticipated that operation of the Project will result in undue noise impacts. Further, any impacts to noise and/or odor from the renovation activities will be minor, and temporary in nature. In addition, any such noise from construction will be undertaken during work hours and as such is not anticipated to be significant. 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 is not anticipated to result in significant growth out of character or beyond the capacity of the area to accommodate same in light of the zoning of the site of said project and surrounding uses. In sum, the use contemplated by the Project is existing and the same, as well as the renovations to the Project Facility, are in character with surrounding uses. Accordingly, the Project is not anticipated to create any significant adverse impacts to the growth or character of the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Section 2.

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 NYCRR §617.7(b)-(c) of the SEQRA regulations and as such, no environmental impact statement shall be prepared.

Section 3. 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 4. 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
Chris Fusco	VOTING	Aye
Amy Flores	VOTING	Aye
John Coumatos	VOTING	Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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 December 16, 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.

) SS.:

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, 202.48, 202.55, 202.60, 202.67, 202.72 and 202.79 - 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 <u>16th</u> day of December, 2020.

[Vice] Chairman

(SEAL)

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