

**SEARING GROUP LLC - Preliminary Inducement Resolution**

A regular meeting of the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) was convened in public session at the Theodore Roosevelt Executive & Legislative Building, Ceremonial Chambers, 1550 Franklin Avenue, Mineola, Nassau County, New York on December 15, 2022 at 6:45 p.m., local time.

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

**PRESENT:**

Richard Kessel	Chair
John Coumatos	Asst. Treasurer
Reginald A. Spinello	Member
William H. Rockensies	Member
Victor LaGreca	Member

**NOT PRESENT:**

Timothy Williams	Secretary
Raymond Pinto	Member

**THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSONS WERE PRESENT:**

Sheldon L. Shrenkel	Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director
Anne LaMorte	Chief Financial Officer
Colleen Pereira	Administrative Director
Carlene Wynter	Compliance Assistant
Nicole Gil	Administrative Assistant
Ben Ciorra	Director of Operations
Judge Anthony Marano	Agency Counsel
Milan Tyler	Bond/Transaction Counsel
Paul O’Brien	Bond/Transaction Counsel

**EXCUSED:**

Catherine Fee	Chief Marketing Officer
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The attached resolution no. 2022-108 was offered by Reginald Spinello, seconded by Victor LaGreca.

RESOLUTION TAKING PRELIMINARY ACTION TOWARD THE ACQUISITION AND STRAIGHT LEASING OF A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR SEARING GROUP LLC (THE “APPLICANT”) AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WITH THE APPLICANT WITH RESPECT TO SUCH TRANSACTION

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, SEARING GROUP LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, on behalf of itself and/or the principals of Searing Group LLC and/or an entity formed or to be formed on behalf of any of the foregoing (collectively, 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 0.80 acre parcel of land located at 101-105 Searing Avenue, Village of Mineola, Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, New York (Section: 9; Block: 452; Lots: 509, 511 and p/o 419) (the “Land”), (2) the construction of an approximately 101,600 square foot six-story building (the “Building”) on the Land, together with related improvements to the Land, including on-site 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 residential rental facility consisting of approximately 54 residential rental units, at least six (6) of which units shall be workforce housing units; (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, sales and use taxes and mortgage recording 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(ies) as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application and to the representations made by the Applicant therein, in certain supplemental documents and at this meeting,

including, without limitation, representations of the Applicant that: (A) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project Facility will be an inducement to the Applicant to undertake the Project in Nassau County, New York; (B) the completion of the Project and the leasing and operation of the Project Facility will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Applicant or any tenant, user or occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Applicant or any tenant, user or occupant of the Project Facility located in the State but outside Nassau County, New York; (C) the Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving permanent, private sector jobs and increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State; and (D) the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency will promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of Nassau County, New York, and improve their standard of living, and prevent unemployment and economic deterioration, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Financial Assistance consisting of an exemption from real property taxes, if granted, may represent a deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy with respect to the making of payments in lieu of real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, any approval of the Project is contingent upon, among other things, a final determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following determinations by the Agency that: (A) the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in the Act relating to the Project and the Financial Assistance have been satisfied; and (B) the undertaking of the Project by the Agency and the granting of the Financial Assistance are and will be in compliance with all other applicable requirements of the Act, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto (the "Regulations" and together with the SEQR Act, collectively, "SEQRA"), and all other statutes, codes, laws, rules and regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Project or the Project Facility (collectively, the "Applicable Laws"); and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Applicant to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Nassau County, New York, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration, by undertaking the Project in Nassau County, New York; and

WHEREAS, a preliminary agreement (the "Preliminary Agreement") relative to the proposed undertaking of the Project by the Agency has been or will be delivered to the Applicant for execution;

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

Section 1. The Agency hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director of the Agency (and hereby ratifies any actions taken to date by the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director): (A) to establish a time, date and place for a public hearing (the "Public Hearing") of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the location and nature of the Project and the proposed Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, said Public Hearing to be held in the city, town or village within which the Project Facility is or will be located; (B) to cause notice of said Public Hearing to be given to the public by publishing

a notice of said Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the governmental units within which the Project Facility is or will be located, such notice to comply with the requirements of and to be published in accordance with the requirements of the Act; (C) to cause notice of said Public Hearing, pursuant to the Act, to be given to the chief executive officer of the County of Nassau, New York, and of each city, town, village, school district and other affected tax jurisdiction in which the Project Facility is or is to be located; (D) to establish a time, date and place for a meeting of the Agency (the "IDA Meeting") to consider whether to approve a proposed deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy in accordance with the Act if the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director determines that the portion of the Financial Assistance consisting of an exemption from real property taxes constitutes a deviation from such policy; (E) to cause notice of any such proposed deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy and of the IDA Meeting to be given to the chief executive officer of each affected tax jurisdiction in accordance with the Act; (F) to conduct the Public Hearing or to authorize a hearing officer to conduct the Public Hearing; (G) to cause a report of the Public Hearing fairly summarizing the views presented at said Public Hearing to be promptly prepared and cause copies of said report to be made available to the members of the Agency; (H) to hold the IDA Meeting and to review and respond to any correspondence received from the affected tax jurisdictions regarding the proposed deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, if applicable; and (I) to otherwise comply with all other procedural and other requirements imposed on the Agency pursuant to Applicable Laws with respect to the Project and/or the Financial Assistance.

Section 2. The Applicant is hereby authorized to conduct such environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary or convenient to enable the Agency to make its determination whether to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance; provided, however, that such authorization shall not entitle or permit the Applicant to commence the acquisition, renovation, installation or equipping of the Project Facility on behalf of the Agency unless and until the Agency shall determine that all requirements of Applicable Laws have been fulfilled. The officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby directed to proceed to do such things or perform such acts as may allow the Agency to proceed to its final consideration of the Project. This Resolution constitutes an authorization to conduct concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning with respect to the Project within the meaning of Section 617.3(c)(2) of the Regulations and a determination of compliance with technical requirements within the meaning of Section 617.3(c)(2) of the Regulations and does not constitute, and shall not be deemed to constitute, either an approval by the Agency of the Project for the purposes of the Act or SEQRA or a commitment by the Agency to approve the Project or to grant the Financial Assistance.

Section 3. Any expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project and/or the financing thereof shall be paid by the Applicant as set forth in the Preliminary Agreement.

Section 4. The findings of the Agency set forth herein are expressly conditioned upon full compliance of the Applicant, the Project and the Project Facility with all Applicable Laws, and the Applicant shall be required to provide evidence of same satisfactory to the Agency prior to the granting of any Financial Assistance.

Section 5. If, following full compliance with all Applicable Laws, the Agency adopts a future resolution (the "Future Resolution") determining to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance, or any portion thereof, with respect to the Project and the Applicant complies

with all conditions set forth in the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution, then the Agency will (A) acquire an interest in the Project Facility pursuant to a deed, lease agreement, assignment of lease, license, bill of sale and/or other documentation to be negotiated between the Agency and the Applicant (the "Acquisition Agreement"); (B) renovate, install and equip the Building and acquire and install the Equipment; (C) lease (with the obligation to purchase), license or sell the Project Facility to the Applicant pursuant to a lease agreement or an installment sale agreement (the "Project Agreement") to be negotiated between the Agency and the Applicant; and (D) provide the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, all as contemplated by the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution.

Section 6. The form, terms and substance of the Preliminary Agreement (in substantially the form presented at this meeting and attached hereto) are in all respects approved, and the Chair, Vice Chair, Chief Executive Office/Executive Director, Chief Operating Officer/Deputy Executive Director or Administrative Director of the Agency are each hereby authorized, empowered and directed, acting individually or jointly, to execute and deliver said Preliminary Agreement in the name and on behalf of the Agency, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the officer executing same on behalf of the Agency, the execution thereof by such officer to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer's approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form now before this meeting.

Section 7. From and after the execution and delivery of the Preliminary Agreement, the officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, acting individually or jointly, to proceed with the undertakings provided for herein and therein on the part of the Agency, and are further authorized to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of the Preliminary Agreement as and when executed.

Section 8. The law firm of Phillips Lytle LLP, Garden City, New York, is hereby appointed Special Counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Special Counsel for the Agency is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Applicant, to work with counsel to the Agency, the Applicant, counsel to the Applicant, and others to prepare, for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

Section 9. The Chair, Vice Chair, Chief Executive Office/Executive Director, Chief Operating Officer/Deputy Executive Director and Administrative Director of the Agency are each hereby authorized and directed 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 10. 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
John Coumatos	VOTING	ABSTAINING
Timothy Williams	VOTING	ABSENT
Reginald A. Spinello	VOTING	AYE
William H. Rockensies	VOTING	AYE
Raymond Pinto	VOTING	ABSENT
Victor LaGreca	VOTING	AYE

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.



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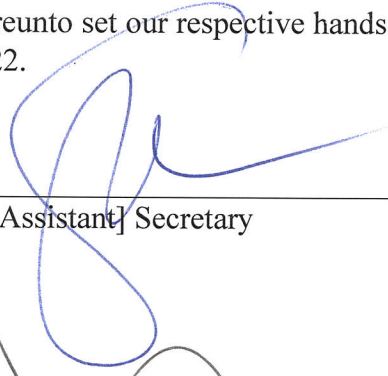
COUNTY OF NASSAU

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 15, 2022 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.



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[Assistant] Secretary



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[Vice] Chairman

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