

SEARING GROUP LLC - Consent 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, Legislative Chambers, 1550 Franklin Avenue, Mineola, Nassau County, New York, on July 27, 2023, 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:

William H. Rockensies	Chair
Raymond Pinto	Secretary
Reginald A. Spinello	Member
Marco Troiano	Member

NOT PRESENT:

John Coumatos	Asst. Treasurer
Victor LaGreca	Member

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSONS WERE PRESENT:

Sheldon L. Shrenkel	Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director
Anne LaMorte	Chief Financial Officer
William Brunner	Chief Marketing Officer
Colleen Pereira	Administrative Director
Nicole Gil	Administrative Assistant
Ben Ciorra	Director of Operations
Hon. Anthony Marano	Agency Counsel
Paul O'Brien	Bond/Transaction Counsel

The attached resolution no. 2023-57 was offered by R. Spinello, seconded by R. Pinto:

RESOLUTION TAKING OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD AND APPROVING
CERTAIN MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH A CERTAIN PROJECT
FOR SEARING GROUP LLC AND ITS AFFILIATES

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 1 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 CEO/Executive Director of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act (the "Public Hearing") to hear all persons interested in the Project and the Financial Assistance contemplated by the Agency with

respect to the Project, to be mailed on March 10, 2023 to the chief executive officer of the County of Nassau, New York, and of each other affected tax jurisdiction within which the Project Facility is or is to be located; (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on March 11, 2023 in the Nassau edition of *Newsday*, a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the County of Nassau, New York; (C) caused the Public Hearing to be conducted on March 27, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., local time, at Village of Mineola Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Village of Mineola, Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, New York; (D) caused the Public Hearing to be streamed on the Agency's website in real-time and caused a recording of the Public Hearing to be posted on the Agency's website, all in accordance with Section 857 of the Act; and (E) caused a transcript of the Public Hearing (the "Report") to be prepared which transcribes the views presented at the Public Hearing and distributed the Report to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 874(4) of the Act, (A) the CEO/Executive Director of the Agency caused notice of a meeting of the Agency (the "IDA Meeting") with respect to the proposed deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy (the "Tax Exemption Policy") to be mailed on March 16, 2023 to the chief executive officer of each affected tax jurisdiction and to district clerk of the applicable school district (the "Deviation Notice"); and (B) the members of the Agency conducted the IDA Meeting on March 30, 2023 and reviewed any written comments or correspondence received with respect to the proposed deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy and approved the proposed deviation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act"), and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the appropriate personnel of the Agency reviewed the environmental assessment form and other materials submitted by the Applicant and made any necessary comments to members of the Agency, and by resolution of the members of the Agency adopted on March 30, 2023, the Agency decided to conduct an uncoordinated review of the Project and determined that the Project is a Type I Action pursuant to SEQRA and that the Project will not have a significant adverse impact upon the environment; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on March 30, 2023 (the "Authorizing Resolution"), the Agency, following a review of the Report, determined to proceed with the Project, to grant the Financial Assistance and to enter into the "straight lease transaction" (as such quoted term is defined in the Act) contemplated by the Lease Agreement (as hereinafter defined) and the other Transaction Documents (as defined in the Lease Agreement); and

WHEREAS, the Agency appointed the Applicant as agent of the Agency to undertake the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of the Project Facility and subleased the Project Facility to the Applicant, and the Applicant as agent of the Agency has undertaken the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of the Project Facility and has subleased the Project Facility from the Agency, all pursuant to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth in that certain Sublease Agreement (Uniform Project Agreement) dated as of June 1, 2023 between the Agency and the Applicant (the "Lease Agreement") and in the other Transaction Documents (as defined in the Lease Agreement); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a consent request from the Applicant's counsel dated July 13, 2023 (the "Consent Request"), the Applicant requested that the Agency (A) consent to the amendment of the Lease Agreement to include bank mortgage-related provisions that are reasonable and customary for the Agency's transactions, and (B) execute and deliver an intercreditor agreement with respect to the Collateral (as defined in the Lease Agreement) in a form reasonable and customary for the Agency's transactions (the "Proposed Transaction"), all to facilitate the financing of the construction, installation and equipping of the Project Facility; and

WHEREAS, no additional Financial Assistance is being requested by the Applicant with respect to such request and, therefore, no public hearing of the Agency is required pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is willing to consent to such request, subject to the terms of this Resolution;

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

Section 1. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Lease Agreement.

Section 2. The Agency hereby ratifies, confirms and approves actions heretofore taken by the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director and the staff of the Agency with respect to the matters contemplated by this Resolution, including, without limitation, those actions required to ensure full compliance with the requirements of the Act, SEQRA and all other Applicable Laws that relate thereto.

Section 3. The Agency determines that the request made by the Applicant with respect to a previously approved and unchanged Project is a Type II Action pursuant to SEQRA involving "continuing agency administration" which does not involve "new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment" (6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(20)) and therefore no Findings or determination of significance are required under SEQRA.

Section 4. No additional Financial Assistance is being requested by the Applicant with respect to the Proposed Transaction, and, therefore, no public hearing of the Agency is required pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act.

Section 5. The Agency has considered the request made by the Applicant and hereby finds and determines that the requested consents 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 thereby serve the public purposes of the Act.

Section 6. The Agency hereby determines that the Agency has fully complied with the requirements of the Act, SEQRA and all other Applicable Laws that relate to the Proposed Transaction.

Section 7. The Agency hereby determines to proceed with the Proposed Transaction as set forth in the Consent Request, subject to the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 8. The execution and delivery of the documents, instruments and agreements required to effectuate the Proposed Transaction (collectively, the "Amendment Documents"), being substantially in the forms used for prior similar transactions, are hereby authorized and approved. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director and Administrative Director of the Agency are each hereby authorized, acting individually or jointly, to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Amendment Documents. The execution and delivery of the Amendment Documents by any one of said officers shall be conclusive evidence of due authorization and approval.

Section 9. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director and Administrative Director of the Agency are each hereby designated an Authorized Representative of the Agency and each of them is hereby authorized and directed, acting individually or jointly, to execute and deliver any and all consents, agreements, amendments, papers, instruments, opinions, certificates, affidavits and other documents required in connection with the Amendment Documents (collectively, the "Consent Documents"), and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out this Resolution, including, without limitation, taking any necessary action to obtain consent of any other person or party necessary with respect to execution, delivery and approval of the Consent Documents. The execution and delivery of the Consent Documents by any one of said officers shall be conclusive evidence of due authorization and approval.

Section 10. The authorizations set forth in this Resolution are further subject to the condition that the Applicant shall reimburse the Agency for all costs and expenses incurred by the Agency in connection with the transactions contemplated herein, including, without limitation, the Agency's consent and amendment fee in the amount of \$750 and all reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements incurred by the Agency, including without limitation, the fees and expenses of Special Counsel, Phillips Lytle LLP.

Section 11. All covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements of the Agency contained in this Resolution, the Amendment Documents and the Consent Documents shall be deemed to be the covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements of the Agency to the full extent authorized or permitted by law, and such covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements shall be binding upon the Agency and its successors from time to time; provided, however, that no covenants, stipulations, obligations or agreements of the Agency contained in this Resolution, any Amendment Document or any Consent Document shall give rise to any pecuniary liability of the Agency or a charge against its general credit or shall obligate the Agency in any way except to the extent that the same can be paid or recovered from the Project Facility or the sale or liquidation of the Project Facility or revenues therefrom.

No covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement herein contained or contained in any Amendment Document or any Consent Document shall be deemed to be a covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement of any member, officer, agent or employee of the Agency in his or her individual capacity and neither the members of the Agency nor any officer executing any Amendment Document or any Consent Document shall be liable personally on the Amendment

Documents or the Consent Documents or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof.

Section 12. The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director of the Agency are each hereby authorized to approve modifications to the terms approved herein which are not inconsistent with the intent and substance of this Resolution, such approval to be evidenced by the execution by any one of such officers of the Amendment Documents and/or the Consent Documents containing such modifications.

Section 13. Notwithstanding any provision in the Lease Agreement or any other Transaction Document be construed to mean that there are no defaults or events of default under the Lease Agreement or any other Transaction Document or that any such defaults or events of default have been or shall be waived by the Agency.

Section 14. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director and Administrative Director of the Agency, acting individually or jointly, are hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Applicant and such other parties as any such officer may determine.

Section 15. 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:

William H. Rockensies	VOTING	Aye
John Coumatos	ABSENT	
Raymond Pinto	VOTING	Aye
Reginald A. Spinello	VOTING	Aye
Victor LaGreca	ABSENT	
Marco Troiano	VOTING	Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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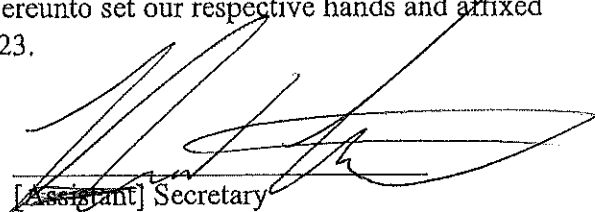
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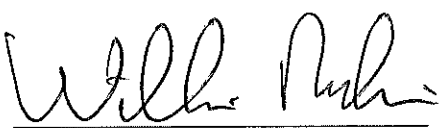
We, the undersigned [~~Vice~~] Chair and [~~Assistant~~] Secretary of the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), do hereby certify that we have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on July 27, 2023 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; (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting; and (E) the meeting was recorded and the recording has been or will be posted on the public website of the Agency pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

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 27th day of July, 2023.


[~~Assistant~~] Secretary


[~~Vice~~] Chair

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