

Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Intent to Request Release of Funds for 1546 East New York Avenue

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This is to give notice that New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) intends to submit an application to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the disposition of public housing property as authorized under Section 18 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 as amended and implementing regulations found in 24 CFR 970, in connection with the below-referenced project. The City of New York – Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) is serving as the Responsible Entity (RE) for NYCHA for the environmental review of these actions pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58. This document constitutes the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact on the Environment and the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds from HUD.

Project Description - 1546 East New York Avenue

NYCHA intends to dispose of an approximately 6,200 square-foot (sf) portion of a NYCHA-owned property (Brooklyn Block 3489, Lot 1) comprising the Howard Houses development, to the project sponsor, 1546 ENY Owner LLC, and transfer development rights of up to approximately 45,000 sf from the NYCHA-owned site to the development site, at 1546 East New York Avenue (Block 3489, Lot 121) in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn, Community District 16. Such disposition and transfer of development rights would allow the construction of one new 83,605 gross-square-foot (gsf) residential building containing 94 units of supportive housing, plus one superintendent's unit (Proposed Project). In addition to these actions, the project sponsor is seeking discretionary approval of city subsidy through HPD's Supportive Housing Loan Program (SHLP). All the supportive housing units would be rented to households earning 57% of Area Median Income (AMI) or less. Of the total 95 units, 8 households would utilize Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Tenant-Based Vouchers (TBVs).

Finding of No Significant Impact:

An environmental review record was established for the above referenced proposed project in accordance with 24 CFR 58.76 and is on file at HPD. Based on this review it has been determined that this project will not constitute actions significantly affecting the quality of the environment and, accordingly the City of New York has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The reasons for the decision not to prepare an EIS are as follows:

1. There are no significant adverse physical impacts, either direct or indirect, associated with this project;
2. There are no significant adverse social impacts, either direct or indirect, associated with this project; and
3. There are no significant adverse economic impacts, either direct or indirect, associated with this project.

Intent to Request Release of Funds:

The proposed activities require an Environmental Assessment (EA), as identified in HUD environmental regulations found under 24 CFR Part 58.36. The City of New York will certify to HUD in its request for release of funds that the City and HPD's Commissioner, in his official capacity as certifying officer, consents to accept jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in

relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.

The environmental review record established for the project are on file at HPD, Office of Development, Environmental Planning Unit, 100 Gold Street, 7th Floor, New York, New York 10038. Comments and/or objections to the obligation of funds for the aforementioned project must be submitted to HPD electronically via email to nepa_env@hpd.nyc.gov, via mail addressed to Anthony Howard, Director of Environmental Planning at the above-referenced address, or by telephone at (212)863-7248 from Monday through Friday 9am-5pm on or before the 15th day following the publication date of this notice. No comments or objections received after this date will be considered by HPD.

Objection to Request Release of Funds:

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the RE's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if objections are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of HPD; (b) the RE has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to Luigi D'Ancona at NY_PH_Director@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.