



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

February 3, 2016/ Calendar No. 10

N 160131 PXX

IN THE MATTER OF a Notice of Intent to acquire office space submitted by the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, pursuant to Section 195 of the New York City Charter for use of property located at 2500 Halsey Street (Block 3852, Lot 1) (Human Resources Administration offices), Community District 10, Borough of the Bronx.

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2016, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) submitted a Notice of Intent to acquire office space pursuant to Section 195 of the New York City Charter for the use of space located at 2500 Halsey Street (Block 3852, Lot 1), Community District 10, Borough of The Bronx, which is intended for use by the Human Resources Administration (HRA) as a telephone service center and as a mail processing center; and

WHEREAS, this application (N 160131 PXX) was reviewed pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) regulations set forth in Volume 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, Section 617.00 et seq. and the New York City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Rules of Procedure of 1991 and Executive Order 91 of 1977. This application was determined to be a Type II action which requires no further environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Intent was referred by the Department of City Planning to Bronx Community Board 10 and to all Borough Presidents pursuant to Section 195 of the New York City Charter; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 10 has not submitted a recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough President of The Bronx has not submitted a recommendation; and

WHEREAS, no recommendations were received from other Borough Presidents; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2016, the City Planning Commission duly advertised January

20, 2016 for a public hearing on this application (N 160131 PXX).

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission held a public hearing on the application on January 20, 2016 (Calendar No. 8); and

WHEREAS, there were two speakers in favor of the application and none opposed; and

WHEREAS, representatives from HRA and DCAS spoke in favor of the application at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, there were no other speakers and the public hearing was closed;

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission, in reviewing the proposed location of office space has considered the following criteria of Article 7 of the Criteria for the Location of City Facilities as adopted by the City Planning Commission on December 3, 1990 pursuant to Section 203 (a) of the New York City Charter:

a) Suitability of the Site to Provide Cost Effective Operations.

The proposed office space at 2500 Halsey Street is of sufficient size to meet the needs of HRA's Office of Mail Renewal and Helpline. The building is fully furnished, and complies with ADA regulations. As it was formerly outfitted for a telephone call-in center, the furniture is well suited to HRA's intended use, a telephone helpline and mail renewal center.

b) Suitability of Site for Operational Efficiency

2500 Halsey Street has good access to public transportation. The Westchester Square- East Tremont Avenue station for the # 6 train, as well as the BX 4, BX 8, BX 21, BX 24 and BX 31, 40 and 42 buses are a quarter of a mile or a four minute walk away. Access to Interstates 95 and 87 and several major parkways is nearby. The site will be ADA accessible.

c) Consistency with the Locational and other Specific Criteria for the Facility Stated in the Citywide Statement of Needs.

This project was not listed in the 2015-2016 Statement of Needs. However, the siting criteria used here, such as access to public transportation, sufficient office space and handicapped accessibility, conform to the criteria used in the Citywide Statement of needs.

d) Whether the facility can be located so as to Support Development and Revitalization of the City's Regional Business Districts

The proposed site is not located within the Westchester Square Business Improvement District. It is however located in a building that well suits the agency's needs.

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the application warrants approval and, therefore, adopts the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the City Planning Commission that the Notice of Intent to acquire office space submitted by the Department of Citywide Administrative Services on January 6, 2016, for the use of property located at 2500 Halsey Street (Block 3852, Lot 1), Community District 10, Borough of the Bronx, which is intended for use as office space by Human Resources Administration offices, is hereby **APPROVED**.

The above resolution, duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on February 3, 2016 (Calendar No. 10), is filed with the Office of the Speaker, City Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 195 of the New York City Charter.

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