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THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING REZONING APPLICATION

The City Planning Commission today unanimously approved the application by Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) to significantly expand and modernize its research facilities. The proposal includes the construction of a new, 510,400 square foot laboratory building on the midblock between East 68th and 69th streets, between First and York Avenues.

In response to the City Planning Commission's concerns about the project's scale and potential impacts on the surrounding neighborhood, the proposal was revised to eliminate East 66th and East 67th Streets from the rezoning as well as reducing the height of the proposed tower between East 68th and East 69th Streets by approximately 20 feet. The City Planning Commission withheld permission to transfer surplus air rights from the 68th- 69th Street block to the 67th - 68th Street block until a complete plan for their use is presented to the Commission.

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center is one of the world's premier cancer care and research institutions, employing over 4,100 staff members and operating with a budget of over one billion dollars a year.

The City Council has 50 days to act on this application.