**NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**Statement of No Significant Effect**

Pursuant to Executive Order 91 of 1977, as amended, and the Rules of Procedure for City Environmental Quality Review, found at Title 62, Chapter 5 of the Rules of the City of New York and 6 NYCRR, Part 617, State Environmental Quality Review, the Department of City Planning acting on behalf of the City Planning Commission assumed the role of lead agency for the environmental review of the proposed actions. Based on a review of information about the project contained in this environmental assessment statement (EAS) and any attachments hereto, which are incorporated by reference herein, the lead agency has determined that the proposed actions would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

**Reasons Supporting this Determination**

The above determination is based on information contained in this EAS, which finds the proposed actions sought before the City Planning Commission would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Reasons supporting this determination are noted below.

**Land Use, Zoning, and Public Policy**

A detailed analysis of land use, zoning, and public policy is included in the EAS and that analysis determined that no significant adverse impacts would occur. The proposed actions are a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone the project area from an R5 zoning district on Block 685, Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, and p/o Lot 10 to an R6A zoning district and from an R5/C1-2 zoning district on Block 701, Lots 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 108, and p/o Lot 9 to an R6A/C1-2 zoning district and a Zoning Text Amendment to establish a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing area with MIH options 1 and 2 coterminous with the rezoning area in the Astoria neighborhood of Queens Community District 1. The Proposed Actions would facilitate a proposal by the Applicant to construct a new eight-story and cellar mixed commercial and residential building that would replace the five existing buildings on the Proposed Development Site/Projected Development Site 1 (Block 701, Lots 5, 6, 8, 108 and 9). The development would have a total floor area of 67,356 gross square feet (gsf) including 45,731 gsf of residential space and a projected 54 dwelling units. The proposed actions are not expected to alter the existing land use development patterns in the surrounding project study area in the future as development includes one-, two- and multi-family residences, mixed-use buildings, commercial uses, and community facilities. The provision of affordable housing in the Project Area would be in compliance with City policies to encourage the development of new housing, especially affordable housing, in underutilized areas of the City. The proposed rezoning would also bring the existing non-complying buildings on the 7 other parcels closer to compliance with the bulk provisions of the Zoning Resolution.

**Hazardous Materials, Air Quality, and Noise**

An (E) designation (E-578) related to hazardous materials and noise would be established as part of the approval of the proposed actions. Refer to "Determination of Significance Appendix: (E) designation" for the applicable (E) designation requirements. The hazardous materials and noise analyses conclude that with the (E) designation in place, the proposed actions would not result in significant adverse impacts related to hazardous materials and noise.

No other significant effects upon the environment that would require the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement are foreseeable. This Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (SEQRA). Should you have any questions pertaining to this Negative Declaration, you may contact Rupsha Ghosh at 212-720-3250.

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Determination of Significance Appendix

The Proposed Action(s) were determined to have the potential to result in changes to development on the following site(s):

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(E) Designation Requirements

To ensure that the proposed actions would not result in significant adverse impacts related to hazardous materials and noise an (E) designation (E-578) would be established as part of approval of the proposed actions on Projected Development Site 1 as described below:

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Hazardous Materials

The (E) designation requirements applicable to Projected Development Site 1 for hazardous materials would apply as follows:

Task 1-Sampling Protocol

The applicant submits to OER, for review and approval, a Phase I of the site along with a soil, groundwater and soil vapor testing protocol, including a description of methods and a site map with all sampling locations clearly and precisely represented. If site sampling is necessary, no sampling should begin until written approval of a protocol is received from OER. The number and location of samples should be selected to adequately characterize the site, specific sources of suspected contamination (i.e., petroleum based contamination and non-petroleum based contamination), and the remainder of the site's condition. The characterization should be complete enough to determine what remediation strategy (if any) is necessary after review of sampling data. Guidelines and criteria for selecting sampling locations and collecting samples are provided by OER upon request.

Task 2-Remediation Determination and Protocol

A written report with findings and a summary of the data must be submitted to OER after completion of the testing phase and laboratory analysis for review and approval. After receiving such results, a determination is made by OER if the results indicate that remediation is necessary. If OER determines that no remediation is necessary, written notice shall be given by OER.

If remediation is indicated from test results, a proposed remediation plan must be submitted to OER for review and approval. The applicant must complete such remediation as determined necessary by OER. The applicant should then provide proper documentation that the work has been satisfactorily completed.

A construction-related health and safety plan should be submitted to OER and would be implemented during excavation and construction activities to protect workers and the community from potentially significant adverse impacts associated with contaminated soil, groundwater and/or soil vapor. This plan would be submitted to OER prior to implementation.
**Project Name:** 42-01 28th Avenue Rezoning  
**CEQR #** 20DCP043Q  
**SEQRA Classification:** Unlisted

**Noise**

The (E) designation requirements for noise would apply as follows:

**Projected Development Site 1:** To ensure an acceptable interior noise environment, future residential/commercial uses must provide a closed-window condition with a minimum of 28 dBA window/wall attenuation on all facades in order to maintain an interior noise level not greater than 45 dBA for residential uses or not greater than 50 dBA for commercial uses. To maintain a closed-window condition, an alternate means of ventilation must also be provided. Alternate means of ventilation includes, but is not limited to, air conditioning.