

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. The New York City Department of City Planning (DCP) proposes a text amendment to the Zoning Resolution that affects all or portions of 21tax blocks within the Special Sheepshead Bay District (SSBD) in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, Community District 15. To reduce flood risks and plan for adaptation over time, DCP seeks to update applicable zoning code in this neighborhood to facilitate resilient public realm improvements and signal flood risk. DCP developed these modifications to the Special Sheepshead Bay District (SSBD) to help support resilient development and better align with the goals of the SSBD to strengthen the maritime, recreational, and commercial character of Emmons Avenue. The SSBD is generally bounded by Shore Parkway to the north, Knapp Street to the east, Sheepshead Bay to the south, and Sheepshead Bay Road to the west. This area is currently zoned R5 with a C2-2 commercial overlay. The built context generally consists of one-to three-story commercial buildings, single-family detached homes mixed with some semi-detached and attached two-and three-story and four-to-seven-story multi-family residential buildings and community facility buildings. The change in land use and zoning would not constitute a significant adverse impact.

A separate, but related Application -the citywide text amendment, Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency (ZCFR) (CEQR No. 19DCP192Y), is undergoing the Uniform Land Use Procedure (ULURP) and CEQR processes simultaneously with this proposal. The ZCFR proposal, which complements this application, comprises four main objectives identified as follows: to encourage resiliency throughout the city's 1% and 0.2% annual chance floodplains; support long-term resilient design of all building types by offering flexibility in the zoning framework; allow for adaptation over time through partial resiliency strategies; and facilitate future storm recovery by reducing regulatory obstacles. The proposed ZCFR text amendment updates 2013 and 2015 flood text provisions that were adopted to aid in Superstorm Sandy recovery.

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 Laura Kenny at +1 212-720-3419.

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