

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UTICA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY DETERMINING THAT ACTION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RELATING TO A PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ARTSPACE UTICA LOFTS, L.P. WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, Artspace Utica Lofts, L.P., on behalf of itself and/or the principals of Artspace Utica Lofts, L.P. and/or an entity formed or to be formed on behalf of any of the foregoing (collectively, the "Company") and a housing development funding company to be formed pursuant to Article XI of the Private Housing Financing Law of the State of New York and Section 402 or the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law (the "HDFC") have applied to the City of Utica Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") to enter into a sale-leaseback or lease-leaseback transaction in which the Agency will assist in (i) acquisition of those certain parcels of vacant land located at 1012 Park Avenue, 1018 Park Avenue and 1022 Park Avenue, in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York (collectively, the "Land"); (ii) construction on the Land of a four-story building measuring approximately 42,640± square feet in the aggregate containing 43 live/work units, an outdoor plaza, approximately 43 parking spaces, utilities, landscaping, and a path and playground that will connect with the City of Utica planned multipurpose event space on the adjacent parcel (collectively, the "Improvements"); and (iii) acquisition and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment in the Improvements (the "Equipment"), all to be used for the purpose of providing affordable housing and work spaces to artists and their families and to connect artists to the Utica community (the Land, the Improvements and the Equipment are referred to collectively as the "Facility" and the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Facility is referred to collectively as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (the "Regulations"), the Agency desires to determine whether the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Facility may have a "significant effect on the environment" (as said quoted term is defined in the SEQR Act and the Regulations) and therefore require the preparation of an environmental impact statement; and

WHEREAS, to aid the Agency in determining whether the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Facility may have a significant effect upon the environment, the Company has prepared and submitted to the Agency a Part 1 environmental assessment form (the "EAF"), a copy of which was presented to and reviewed by the Agency at this meeting and copies of which are on file at the office of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, to aid the Agency in determining whether the Project may have a significant effect upon the environment, the Agency has reviewed the EAF and the minutes of the August 18, 2022 meeting and the draft minutes of the October 20, 2022 meeting of the City of Utica Planning Board, its findings and negative declaration in connection with its site plan review (collectively, the "Planning Board Review"), a copy of which was presented to and reviewed by the Agency at this meeting and copies of which are on file at the office of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Regulations, the Agency has examined the EAF and the Planning Board Review in order to make a determination as to the potential environmental significance of the Facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF UTICA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Based on an examination of the Application, the EAF, the Planning Board Review and based further upon the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Facility and such further investigation of the Facility and its environmental effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Facility:

(A) The Facility is as described in the Application, the EAF and the Planning Board Review;

(B) The Facility constitutes a "Type I Action" (as defined in the Regulations);

(C) No potentially significant impacts on the environment are noted in the EAF or the Planning Board Review, and none are known to the Agency;

(D) The Facility will not result in (i) substantial adverse change in existing air quality; ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels; a substantial increase in solid waste production; or a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems; (ii) the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna; substantial interference with the movement of a resident or migratory fish or wildlife species; impacts on a significant habitat area; substantial adverse impacts on threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat of such species; or (iii) other significant adverse impacts to natural resources;

(E) The Facility will not affect a critical environmental area as designated pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.14(g);

(F) The Facility will not conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted;

(G) The Facility will not result in the impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources or of existing community or neighborhood character;

(H) The Facility will not result in a major change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy;

(I) The Facility will not result in the creation of a hazard to human health;

(J) The Facility will not result in a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including architectural, open space or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support existing uses;

(K) The Facility will not result in encouraging or attracting of a large number of people to a place or places for more than a few days, compared to the number of people who would come to such place absent the action;

(L) The Facility will not result in the creation of a material demand for other actions that would result in one or more of the above consequences;

(M) The Facility will not result in changes in two or more elements of the environment, no one of which has a significant impact on the environment, but when considered together result in a substantial adverse impact on the environment; and

(N) The Facility will not result in two or more related actions undertaken, funded or approved by an agency, none of which has or would have a significant impact on the environment, but when considered cumulatively would meet one or more of the criteria in 6 NYCRR Section 617.7(c).

Section 2. The Agency hereby concurs with the findings of the Planning Board and determines that the Facility will not have a significant impact on the environment and the Agency will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement with respect to the Facility. As a result, the Agency has prepared a negative declaration with respect to the Facility.

Section 3. The Executive Director of the Agency is hereby directed to file in the Agency's records a negative declaration with respect to the Facility (said negative declaration to be substantially in the form and substantially to the effect of the negative declaration attached hereto).

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
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COUNTY OF ONEIDA)

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of the City of Utica Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:

I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution of the City of Utica Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") with the original thereof on file in the office of the Agency, and the same is a true and correct copy of such resolution and of the proceedings of the Agency in connection with such matter.

Such resolution was passed at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Agency duly convened on November 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. local time, at One Kennedy Plaza, Utica, New York at which the following members were:

Members Present: Vincent Gilroy, Mark Curley, John Buffa, John Zegarelli

Member Excused: Emmett Martin

Others Present: Jack Spaeth, Executive Director; Linda E. Romano, Esq. and Laura Ruberto, Paralegal (Bond, Schoeneck & King)

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Vincent Gilroy voting aye;
Mark Curley voting aye;
John Buffa voting aye;
John Zegarelli voting aye.

and, therefore, the resolution was declared duly adopted.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (i) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting, (ii) the meeting was open for the public to attend, (iii) the meeting in all respects was duly held, and (iv) there was a quorum present throughout.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on November 2, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. A.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Assistant Secretary