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Finding of No Significant Impact

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

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The City of New York - Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) intends to undertake the following new construction projects funded through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME Program). The projects are described at the bottom of this notice.

HPD has determined that the environmental review records for the projects identified below comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 58 of HUD Environmental Review regulations. Written notice providing environmental clearance will be required prior to the removal of the limitation on commitment of federal funding in accordance with the regulations found at 24 CFR 58.22.

The HOME Program in New York City is administered by HPD. An environmental review record was established for each new construction project and is maintained on file at HPD's Office of Development, located at 100 Gold Street, New York, New York 10038. A project's environmental assessment (EA) may be obtained from HPD. Requests for project-specific EAs may be sent to <u>nepa_env@hpd.nyc.gov</u>.

It has been determined that the projects described below would not constitute actions significantly affecting the quality of the environment and, accordingly HPD has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The reasons for the decision not to prepare EISs are as follows:

- 1. There are no significant adverse physical impacts, either direct or indirect, associated with the projects.
- 2. There are no significant adverse social impacts, either direct or indirect, associated with the projects.
- 3. There are no significant adverse economic impacts, either direct or indirect, associated with the projects.

The City of New York has certified to HUD in its Request for Release of Funds that the City and HPD's Commissioner, in his official capacity as certifying officer for HOME Program funds, consents to accept jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HPD has certified that site-specific environmental reviews for the projects described below have been completed. The environmental reviews were conducted prior to any obligation of funds.

Comments or objections to the obligation of HOME Program funds to the projects identified below must be submitted to HPD no later than 18 days from the date of this notice. Comments should be submitted electronically to <u>nepa_env@hpd.nyc.gov</u>. No comments or objections received after this date will be considered by HPD.

St. Nicholas Park Apartments (Manhattan)

The proposed project involves the development of a new, 30-unit, seven-story residential building in the Central Harlem section of Manhattan. The project site is located at 306 West 128th Street. All 30 units would be affordable to families earning up to 60% of Area Median Income. In addition to housing, the project would contain approximately 1,140 square feet of community facility space. The project would be developed through HPD's **Low-Income Rental Program**.

Metro East 99th Street (Manhattan)

The proposed project involves the development of a new, 10-story mixed-use building at the northeast corner of East 99th Street and Second Avenue in East Harlem. The proposed project would contain 176 units of supportive housing. The units would be affordable to households earning up to 60% of Area Median Income. Of the total 176 units, 82 would be studio apartments, 93 would be one-bedroom apartments and one two-bedroom unit would be provided for a building superintendent. In addition to supportive housing, approximately 3,239 square feet of ground floor community facility space and an approximately 4,000 square-foot landscaped rear yard would be provided. Project-based Section 8 vouchers may also be utilized for the project. The proposed project would be developed through HPD's **Supportive Housing Loan Program**.

