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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.

1351 Boston Road (Bronx)

The proposal involves the development of a seven-story residential building in the Morrisania neighborhood of the Bronx which would contain approximately 43 units of affordable and supportive housing. The units would be reserved for households earning up to 60% of Area Median Income (AMI). Of the total 43 units, it is anticipated that 30 units would be reserved for homeless single adults with a disability. In addition to the residential units, the proposed project would also include approximately 4,431 square-feet of landscaped recreation space in the rear yard of the building. Other potential sources of federal assistance may be provided through HUD's Project Based Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program. The project would be developed through HPD's **Supportive Housing Loan Program**.

Atlantic Commons II - 1969 Bergen Street, 402 Howard Avenue, 412 Howard Avenue, and 1459 St. Marks Avenue (Brooklyn)

The proposal involves the new construction of one 5-story building and three 4-story buildings in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn. The proposed project would contain a total of approximately 44 units of affordable housing. Of the total 44 units, 17 units would be affordable to households earning up to 50% of Area Median Income (AMI), 26 units would be affordable to households earning up to 60% of AMI, and one unit would be set aside for a superintendent serving all four buildings. In addition to the residential units, a total of approximately six accessory parking spaces and approximately 5,239 square feet of outdoor recreation space are proposed throughout the four properties for use by residents. The project would be developed through HPD's **Low Income Rental Program**.

