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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 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 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 nepa_env@hpd.nyc.gov.

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 nepa_env@hpd.nyc.gov. No comments or objections received after this date will be considered by HPD.

<u>Livonia Commons Sites 1-4: 491 & 494 Sheffield Avenue, 494 Georgia Avenue, and</u> 481 Williams Avenue (Brooklyn)

The proposal involves the development of four new, 6- to 8-story residential buildings that would contain a total of 278 units of affordable housing across four sites in the East New York neighborhood of Brooklyn. Of the total 278 units, 43 would be rented to formerly homeless adults, 8 units would be rented to adults with development disabilities, 55 units would be rented to households earning up to 40% of Area Median Income (AMI), 55 units would be rented to households earning up to 50% of AMI, 113 units would be rented to households earning up to 60% of AMI and one unit in each building would be set aside for a building superintendent. In addition to the residential units, there would be a total of approximately 26,400 gross square feet of ground floor and/or second floor commercial and community facility space, approximately 12,600 square feet of open space and approximately 6 off-street parking spaces accessed from Georgia Avenue (associated with the 494 Georgia Avenue site). The project would be developed through HPD's Low Income Rental Program.

My Micro NY - 335 East 27th Street (Manhattan)

The project involves the development of a new 9-story residential building containing a total of 55 units of mixed income housing in the Kips Bay neighborhood of Manhattan. The proposed project would utilize the "micro-units" concept, constructed of prefabricated modules that would measure between approximately 250 and 370 square feet in size. Of the total 55 units, one unit would be reserved for the building superintendent, 32 would be market rate, 11 would be affordable to households earning up to 80% of Area Median Income (AMI), 3 would be affordable to households earning up to 130% of AMI, and 8 units would be reserved for tenants with Section 8 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers. In addition to the residential units, there would be a total of approximately 920 square feet of outdoor accessory recreation space in the form of a landscaped side yard and rooftop terrace, and approximately 727 square feet of ground floor retail space. The project would be developed through HPD's *Multifamily Rental-Mixed Program*.