

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5

APRIL 7, 1994

NEW YORK CITY EMPOWERMENT ZONE

WHEREAS, Subchapter C of Title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, Public Law 103-66 (the "Act"), authorizes the establishment of an Empowerment Zone Program under which communities of not more than 200,000 people may be designated to receive special investment and training credits and special funding for social services to enhance the economic self-sufficiency of residents of the zone; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes local and state governments, or economic development corporations chartered by the states, to nominate areas for designation as Empowerment Zones; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Harlem and the South Bronx, comprising the areas to be specified further in the application for Empowerment Zone designation, contain numerous residents in need of special investment and training credits and special funding for social services to enhance their economic self-sufficiency, and otherwise meet the eligibility criteria for designation as an Empowerment Zone under the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York and the State of New York have determined to nominate the Harlem and South Bronx communities for designation as an Empowerment Zone under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act; and

WHEREAS, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act mandates that the designated community must be a full partner in the strategic planning process leading to submission of an application for designation of Empowerment Zone status; and

WHEREAS, the participation of various City agencies in the strategic planning process is necessary to the preparation of an application for designation of the Harlem and South Bronx communities as an Empowerment Zone;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Strategic Planning and Application Process.

a. The nominated communities of Harlem and the South Bronx shall be made full partners in the strategic planning process for the application for Empowerment Zone status, and New York City's officials, coordinated by the Executive Director of the Economic Policy and Marketing Group under the direction of the Deputy Mayor for Finance and Economic Development, will act appropriately to insure that this condition is met.

b. New York City shall act to ensure that the strategic planning process reflects the views of residents of the Zone, representatives of the business community, and organizations concerned with the economic development and social services needs of the area. The strategic planning process shall include public hearings, solicitation of written proposals, and effective outreach efforts.

Section 2. Empowerment Zone Advisory Committee.

An advisory committee appointed by the Mayor in consultation with locally elected officials shall be established to assist the City in developing the application and the implementation strategies under the strategic plan. The Advisory Committee shall include representatives of the Harlem Urban Development Corporation, the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, the State Department of Economic Development, the New York State Urban Development Corporation, the business community, and other representatives of appropriate social services and economic development organizations.

Section 3. Empowerment Zone Inter-Agency Working Group.

a. The Empowerment Zone Inter-Agency Working Group ("Working Group") is hereby continued in order to act as a liaison to coordinate the participation of City agencies in the strategic planning process.

b. The Working Group shall be coordinated by the Executive Director of the Economic Policy and Marketing Group under the direction of the Deputy Mayor for Finance and Economic Development.

c. The membership of the Working Group shall continue in effect and shall consist of representatives of the following City agencies and divisions of the Office of the Mayor:

- I. Department of Business Services;
- II. Department of City Planning;
- III. Economic Policy and Marketing Group;
- IV. Department of Employment;
- V. Mayor's Federal Affairs Office;

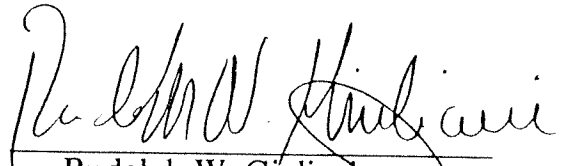
- VI. Department of Housing, Preservation and Development;
- VII. Human Resources Administration;
- VIII. Office of Management and Budget;
- IX. Police Department;

The Economic Development Corporation shall be invited to participate in the Working Group.

Section 4. Cooperation of City Agencies. All City Agencies should provide the Working Group with such information and other assistance as it may require for purposes of the strategic planning process and preparation of the application for designation of Empowerment Zone status.

Section 5. Prior Order Repealed. Executive Order No. 61, dated December 23, 1993, is hereby repealed.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately.



Rudolph W. Giuliani
Mayor

