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MINER: CITY WORKING WITH DEVELOPER, TOPS TO BRING FRESH GROCERIES BACK TO NORTH SIDE

*Syracuse Industrial Development Agency to Vote on Authorizing
Public Hearings on Tuesday*

*Miner: Committed to Working with Developer, Tops to Ensure a
Full Service Store on the North Side*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner announced today her administration is working in partnership with Morgan Management (d/b/a Morgan Pond Street, LLC) and Tops Friendly Markets to return a grocery store to the North Side of Syracuse. Gaining approval for financial assistance from the Syracuse Industrial Development Agency (SIDA) represents the first major step in the process.

“After the departure of the previous tenant of the Pond Street site, my administration worked hard to quickly bring a developer to that location,” said Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner. “We are committed to working with Morgan and Tops to ensure a full service grocery store returns to that neighborhood.”

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 21 at 8:30 AM, SIDA will vote on authorizing public hearings for applications from both Morgan and Tops. Both companies are seeking exemptions from sales tax on construction materials. Morgan is also seeking exemptions from mortgage

recording tax and property tax in the form of a payment-in-lieu-of-tax (PILOT) agreement. A final vote on both applications could come from SIDA as soon as September 18, 2012.

“This is the kind of economic activity which promotes growth in the North Side community and serves the social justice needs of the neighborhood,” said First District Common Councilor Jake Barrett. “I look forward to working with all parties to reach agreements that can give North Side consumers the access to the fresh produce and healthy meal options they need and seeing this project brought through to completion.”

Kevin J. Morgan, Vice-President of Morgan Management LLC, also welcomed the announcement. “We are working diligently with Tops Markets in hopes that, with the support of SIDA, we will be another step closer to giving this area of Syracuse a quality grocery store it needs.”

“Tops has a strong commitment to the City of Syracuse and the Central New York community and we are very interested in operating a Tops Markets at the Pond Street location,” said Frank Curci, Tops Markets President and CEO. “While there is currently no final agreement in place, we have identified this location as a good fit within our current network of stores; one that would serve the North Side and give residents’ access to fresh, affordable food options. We are working closely with all parties involved to ensure the successful completion of this project.”

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