

FINAL APPROVING RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency was convened in public session on August 20, 2019 at 8:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 233 East Washington Street, Syracuse, New York.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT: Michael Frame, Kathleen Murphy, Steven Thompson, Rickey T. Brown, Kenneth Kinsey

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: Staff Present: Judith DeLaney, Susan Katzoff, Esq., John Vavonese, Debra Ramsey-Burns; Others Present: James Trasher, Rich Pascarella, Aggie Lane, Mitch Lattimer, Eric Ennis, Joseph Marua, Peter King, Mark Olsen, Paul Reichel, Esq., Tom Laws, Linda Malik, Gail Montplaisir, NK Smith, Jen Tiff, Scott Gerharz

The following resolution was offered by Kathleen Murphy and seconded by Steven Thompson:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY THE AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH A COMMERCIAL PROJECT UNDERTAKEN AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMPANY

WHEREAS, the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency (the "**Agency**") is authorized and empowered by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "**State**"), as amended, together with Chapter 641 of the Laws of 1979 of the State of New York, as amended from time to time (collectively, the "**Act**"), to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research and recreation facilities, for the purpose of promoting economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State, to improve their recreation opportunities, prosperity and standard of living; and

WHEREAS, Syracuse Soma Project LLC, or an entity to be formed (the "**Company**"), by application dated April 30, 2019 (the "**Application**"), requested that the Agency undertake a project (the "**Project**") consisting of: (A)(i) the acquisition or continuation of an interest in approximately 25,378 sq. ft. of real property improved by two existing buildings totaling approximately 57,300 sq.ft. (the "**Existing Buildings**"), all located at 214 West Water Street, in the City of Syracuse, New York (the "**Land**"); (ii) the construction of a 9-story, approximately 113,000 sq.ft. addition to the Existing Buildings consisting of: approximately 1,200 sq.ft of commercial/retail space on the first floor facing Fayette Street; an approximately 21,400 sq. ft parking structure including an automated parking lift system to provide 72+/- parking spaces;

approximately 90,400 sq.ft. containing 78+/- one-bedroom units and 26+/- two-bedroom units on floors 2-9; all located on the Land (the "**Facility**"); (iii) the acquisition and installation in and at the Land and Facility of furniture, fixtures and equipment (the "**Equipment**" and together with the Land and the Facility, the "**Project Facility**"); (B) the granting of certain financial assistance in the form of exemptions from real estate taxes, State and local sales and use tax and mortgage recording tax (in accordance with Section 874 of the General Municipal Law) (collectively the "**Financial Assistance**"); (C) the appointment of the Company or its designee as an agent of the Agency in connection with the acquisition, construction, equipping and completion of the Project Facility; and (D) the lease of the Land and Facility by the Agency pursuant to a lease agreement and the acquisition of an interest in the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company to the Agency; and the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company pursuant to a sublease agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agency conducted a public hearing with respect to the Project and the proposed Financial Assistance on July 16, 2019 pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act (the "**First Public Hearing**"), notice of which was originally published on June 27, 2019, in the Post-Standard, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Syracuse, New York and given to the chief executive officers of the affected tax jurisdictions by letters dated June 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York promulgated thereunder (collectively referred to hereinafter as "**SEQRA**"), the Agency is required to make a determination whether the "action" (as said quoted term is defined in SEQRA) to be taken by the Agency may have a "significant impact on the environment" (as said quoted term is utilized in SEQRA), and the preliminary agreement of the Agency to undertake the Project constitutes such an action; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated November 5, 2018, the City of Syracuse Planning Commission ("**Planning Commission**") provided the Agency with a copy of the Full Environmental Assessment Form ("**EAF**") prepared by the Company and notice of its determination that the Project described therein constituted a "Type I" action and that it appointed itself as "lead agency" for purposes of a "coordinated review" (as said quoted terms are defined in SEQRA) (the "**Notice**"); and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2019, the Planning Commission determined that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment and adopted a negative declaration; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated August 5, 2019, the Company further committed to the Agency that the Project shall include a ten (10%) percent set aside of the residential units for residents making between thirty-five (35%) and forty (40%) percent of the City's area median income (the "**Set Aside**"); and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2019, pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency reopened the public hearing with respect to the Project and in particular the cost benefit analysis as it relates to the proposed PILOT, which had not been completed at the time of the First Public

Hearing (the "*Second Public Hearing*"), notice of which was published on August 8, 2019, in the Post-Standard, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Syracuse, New York and given to the chief executive officers of the affected tax jurisdictions by letters dated August 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Agency adopted a resolution on August 20, 2019 (the "*Inducement Resolution*") entitled:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING AND COMPLETION OF A PROJECT; APPOINTING THE COMPANY AS AGENT OF THE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING AND COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND THE COMPANY

which resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended or modified; and

WHEREAS, the Agency adopted a resolution on August 20, 2019 (the "*PILOT Resolution*") entitled:

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX SCHEDULE AND AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY THE AGENCY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

which resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended or modified.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the members of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency, as follows:

Section 1. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency and after consideration of the comments received at the public hearing, if any, the Agency hereby ratifies all of its prior resolutions adopted in conjunction with the Project, including but not limited to the Inducement Resolution, the PILOT Resolution and all other action with respect to the Project and Financial Assistance taken by the Agency, and makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) The acquisition of a controlling interest in the Project Facility by the Agency, the granting of the Financial Assistance and the designation of the Company as the Agency's agent for completion of the Project will be an inducement to, and permit, the Company to develop and operate the Project Facility in the City of Syracuse, thus serving the public purposes of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of New York State by promoting and

preserving the job opportunities, general prosperity, health and economic welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Syracuse (the “**City**”) in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

(b) The Project will not result in the removal of a commercial, industrial or manufacturing plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility located in the State, except as may be permitted by the Act.

(c) The commitment of the Agency to provide Financial Assistance to the Company will enable and induce the Company to construct, equip and complete the Project Facility.

(d) The acquisition, construction, equipping and completion of the Project Facility and the attendant promotion of the local economy will advance the job opportunities, health, prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the City and the granting of the Financial Assistance is a necessary component to the financing of the Project.

(e) The Project Facility constitutes a “project” within the meaning of the Act.

(f) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to grant Financial Assistance in connection with the Project.

Section 2. It is the policy of the State to promote the economic welfare, recreation opportunities and prosperity of its inhabitants and to actively promote, attract, encourage and develop recreation and economically sound commerce and industry for the purpose of preventing unemployment and economic deterioration. The Project will serve the public purposes of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York by advancing job opportunities and promoting economic development.

Section 3. It is among the purposes of the Agency to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining, equipping, furnishing and completing of certain facilities, including commercial facilities, and thereby advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State and to improve their recreation opportunities, prosperity and standard of living.

Section 4. Subject to the conditions set forth in this and prior resolutions adopted by the Agency, the Project Agreement and the Agreement (each as defined in the Inducement Resolution), the Agency will: (A) acquire a controlling interest in the Project Facility; (B) lease the Land and Facility from the Company pursuant to a lease agreement between the Agency and the Company (the “**Company Lease**”); acquire an interest in the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company (the “**Bill of Sale**”); and sublease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to a sublease agreement (the “**Agency Lease**”); (C) secure the Company’s borrowings with respect to the Project Facility by joining in one or more construction or permanent mortgages on the Project Facility in favor of the Company’s lenders; (D) provide the approved Financial Assistance in accordance with prior resolutions; and (E)

execute and deliver any other documents necessary to effectuate the actions contemplated by and consistent with this Resolution upon the advice of counsel to the Agency.

Section 5. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Executive Director of the Agency, acting individually, are each hereby authorized and directed, for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the documents and agreements identified in Section 4 of this Resolution as well as the Lease Documents (as defined in the Inducement Resolution) and any such additional certificates, instruments, documents or affidavits, to pay any such other fees, charges and expenses, to make such other changes, omissions, insertions, revisions, or amendments to the documents referred to in Section 4 of this Resolution, as approved by the Chairman or Vice Chairman, and to do and cause to be done any such other acts and things, as they determine, on advice of counsel to the Agency, may be necessary or desirable to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

Section 6. No covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement contained in this resolution or any document referred to herein shall be deemed to be the covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement of any member, officer, agent or employee of the Agency in his or her individual capacity. Neither the members nor officers of the Agency, nor any person executing any documents referred to above on behalf of the Agency, shall be liable thereon or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the execution or delivery thereof.

Section 7. Bousquet Holstein, PLLC, as counsel to the Agency, is hereby authorized to work with the Company and others to prepare, for submission to the (Vice) Chairman and/or Executive Director for execution and delivery, all documents necessary to effect the undertaking of the Project and the grant of Financial Assistance in connection with the Project.

Section 8. The approvals provided for herein are contingent upon the Company's payment of all of the Agency's fees and costs, including but not limited to attorneys' fees.

Section 9. The Secretary and/or Executive Director of the Agency is hereby authorized to distribute copies of this Resolution and do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 10. This Resolution shall take effect immediately. A copy of this Resolution, together with the attachments hereto, shall be placed on file in the office of the Agency where the same shall be available for public inspection during business hours.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Michael Frame	X	
Kathleen Murphy	X	
Steven Thompson	X	
Rickey T. Brown		X
Kenneth Kinsey		X

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

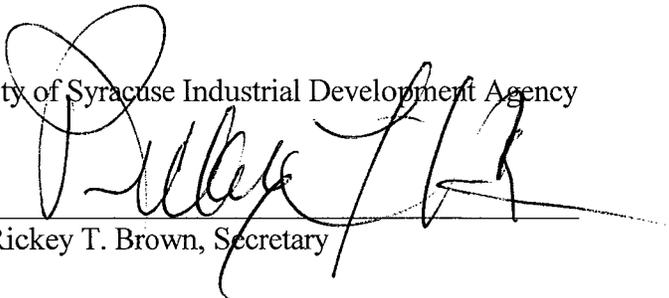
STATE OF NEW YORK)
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I, the undersigned Secretary of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared the annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency (the “*Agency*”) held on August 20, 2019, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same (including all exhibits) is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of the whole of such original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters referred to therein.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (i) all members of the Agency had due notice of such meeting, (ii) pursuant to Section 104 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), such meeting was open to the general public and public notice of the time and place of such meeting was duly given in accordance with such Section 104, (iii) the meeting was in all respects duly held, and (iv) there was a quorum present throughout.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 10 day of September, 2019.

City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency


Rickey T. Brown, Secretary

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