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City Council
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New York, NY 10007

Re: ULURP Nos. **N 120381 (A) ZRM** and **C 120380 ZMM**
Hudson Square Rezoning
Community District 2
Borough of Manhattan

Honorable Members of the Council:

In accordance with Section 197-d(d) of the New York City Charter, the City Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed modification to the above-referenced application to facilitate the establishment of the Special Hudson Square District in Manhattan Community Board 2.

The Land Use Committee of the City Council recommended that the approval of the above-referenced application be expressly conditioned on the following:

N 120381 (A) ZRM

Matter in [Brackets] is old, to be deleted by the City Council;
Matter in **double-underline bold** is new, to be added by the City Council.

88-132

Special permit for large transient hotels

(a) Developments or enlargements

In the #Special Hudson Square District#, prior to the "residential development goal" set forth in paragraph [(D)] (e) of Section 88-13 (Commercial Use) having been achieved, the City Planning Commission may permit #developments# or #enlargements# of #transient hotels# with greater than 100 sleeping units on #zoning lots# where #residential use# is permitted as-of-right, in accordance with paragraph (a) of Section 88-11 (Residential Use), provided the Commission finds that:

- (1) sufficient development sites are available in the area to meet the "residential development goal"; or

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- (2) a harmonious mix of #residential# and non-#residential uses# has been established in the surrounding area, and such #transient hotel# resulting from a #development# or #enlargement# is consistent with the character of such surrounding area.

(b) Changes of use

In the #Special Hudson Square District#, the City Planning Commission may permit the change of #use# of #floor area# within qualifying #buildings# to a Use Group 5 #transient hotel# with greater than 100 sleeping units provided that, at minimum, the amount of #floor area# changed to such #transient hotel# is:

- (1) preserved for Use Group 6B office #use# within a qualifying #building# located within the #Special Hudson Square District#, or
- (2) created for Use Group 6B office #use# within a #building developed# after (date of referral), or within the #enlarged# portion of a #building#, where such #enlargement# was constructed within one year of the date an application pursuant to this Section is filed with the Department of City Planning (DCP). Such #developed# or #enlarged buildings# may be located anywhere within the #Special Hudson Square District#, and shall have either temporary or final certificates of occupancy for Use Group 6B office #use#.

In order to permit such change of #use#, the Commission shall find that the proposed #transient hotel# is so located as not to impair the essential character, or the future use or development, of the surrounding area.

A restrictive declaration acceptable to the DCP shall be executed and recorded, binding the owners, successors and assigns to preserve an amount of Use Group 6B office #use# within a qualifying #building#, or created within a #development# or #enlargement#, as applicable. Such restrictive declaration shall be recorded in the Office of the City Register. A copy of such declaration shall be provided to the Department of Buildings upon application for any building permit related to a change in #use# from Use Group 6B office #use# to any other #use#.

The Commission may prescribe additional conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.

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**88-33
Height and Setback**

In the #Special Hudson Square District#, the height and setback regulations of the underlying districts shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the provisions of this Section shall apply to all #buildings#.

(a) Roof top regulations

(1) Permitted obstructions

The provisions of Section 33-42 shall apply to all #buildings#, except that elevator or stair bulkheads, roof water tanks, cooling towers or other mechanical equipment (including enclosures), may penetrate a maximum height limit, provided that either the product, in square feet, of the #aggregate width of street walls# of such obstructions facing each #street# frontage, times their average height, in feet, shall not exceed a figure equal to eight times the width, in feet, of the #street wall# of the #building# facing such frontage; or that the #lot coverage# of all such obstructions does not exceed 20 percent of

the #lot coverage# of the #building#, and the height of all such obstructions does not exceed 40 feet.

In addition, dormers may penetrate a maximum base height provided that on any #street# frontage, the aggregate width of all dormers at the maximum base height does not exceed 60 percent of the length of the #street wall# of the highest #story# entirely below the maximum base height. For each foot of height above the maximum base height, the aggregate width of all such dormers shall be decreased by one percent of the #street wall# width of the highest #story# entirely below the maximum base height.

(2) Screening requirements for mechanical equipment

For all #developments#, #enlargements# and #conversions# of non-#residential floor area# to #residences#, all mechanical equipment located on any roof of a #building# or other structure# shall be fully screened on all sides. However, no such screening requirements shall apply to water tanks.

(b) Height and setback

(1) #Street wall# location

On #wide streets#, and on #narrow streets# within 50 feet of their intersection with a #wide street#, the #street wall# shall be located on the #street line# and extend along the entire #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# up to the minimum base height or the height of the #building#, whichever is less. On #narrow streets# beyond 50 feet of their intersection with a #wide street#, the #street wall# shall be located on the #street line#. For the purposes of this paragraph, (b), portions of #street walls# located up to 18 inches from a #street line# shall be considered to be located on the #street line# where a vertical element of such #street wall# is located on the #street line# and rises without setback from ground level to the top of the second #story# at intervals of at least once every 15 feet in plan and, above the level of the second #story#, where a vertical element rises without setback to the applicable minimum base height at an interval of at least once every 30 feet in plan.

On the ground floor, recesses shall be permitted where required to provide access to the #building#, provided such recesses do not exceed three feet in depth as measured from the #street line#.

Above the level of the ground floor, recesses shall be permitted beyond 20 feet of an adjacent #building# and beyond 30 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#, as follows:

(i) Along #wide streets#

Recesses shall be provided at the level of each #story# entirely above a height of 60 feet, up to the maximum base height of the #building#. Such recesses shall have a minimum depth of five feet and a width between 10 and 40 percent of the #aggregate width of street wall# of the #building# at the level of any #story#.

(ii) Along #narrow streets#

Above the level of the second #story#, recesses in #street walls# deeper than 18 inches shall be permitted. Such recesses may not exceed 30 percent of the #aggregate width of street wall# of the #building# at the level of any #story#.

(2) Base height

On #wide streets#, and on #narrow streets# within 50 feet of their intersection with a #wide street#, the #street wall# of a #building# shall rise without setback to a minimum base height of 125 feet and a maximum base height of 150 feet.

On #narrow streets#, beyond 50 feet of their intersection with a #wide street#, the #street wall# of a #building# shall rise without setback to a minimum base height of 60 feet, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, up to a maximum base height of 125 feet.

As an alternative, the minimum and maximum base heights applicable to a #wide street# may apply along a #narrow street# to a distance of 100 feet from its intersection with a #wide street#.

(3) Required setbacks and maximum #building# heights

(i) Along #wide streets#

The provisions of this paragraph, (b)(3)(i), shall apply to #buildings#, or portions thereof, located on #wide streets#, and on #narrow streets# within 100 feet from their intersection with a #wide street#. The portion of such #building# above a height of 150 feet shall be set back from the #street wall# of the #building# at least 10 feet along a #wide street# and at least 15 feet along a #narrow street#, except such dimensions may include the depth of any permitted recesses in the #street wall#. The maximum height of such #buildings# shall be 290 feet. In addition, the gross area of each of either the highest two or three #stories# of such #building# located entirely above a height of 230 feet, shall not exceed 80 percent of the gross area of the #story# directly below such highest two or three #stories#.

(ii) Along #narrow streets#

The provisions of this paragraph, (b)(3)(ii), shall apply to #buildings#, or portions thereof, located on #narrow streets# beyond 100 feet from their intersection with a #wide street#.

The portion of such #building# above a height of 125 feet shall be set back from the #street wall# of the #building# at least 15 feet, except such dimensions may include the depth of any permitted recesses in the #street wall#.

The maximum height of such #buildings# shall be 185 feet. However, for #buildings# that include #floor area compensation# pursuant to Sections 88-32 and 23-90 (Inclusionary Housing) for the provision of an amount of #low income floor area# not less than 20 percent of the #residential floor area# on the #compensated zoning lot#, the maximum height of such #building# shall be 210 feet where such #building# is on a #block# with a depth between #narrow streets# of more than 180 feet, and the maximum height of such #building# shall be 230 feet where such #building# is on a #block# where the depth between #narrow streets# is less than 180 feet.

For #buildings# containing #residences#, all [no] portions of such #building# exceeding a height of 125 feet above the level of the #residential rear yard# shall be set back no less than ten feet from [nearer to] a #rear yard line# [than ten feet]. No setback shall be required for #buildings# that include #floor area compensation# pursuant to Sections 88-32 and 23-90 (Inclusionary Housing) for the provision of an amount of #low income floor area# not less

than 20 percent of the #residential floor area# on the #compensated zoning lot#.

(4) Maximum length of #street wall#

The maximum length of any #street wall# located entirely above a height of 150 feet shall not exceed 150 feet. Such length shall be measured in plan view by inscribing within a rectangle the outermost walls at the level of each #story# entirely above a level of 150 feet. As an alternative, for #street walls# facing #wide streets# that provide vertical articulation, such maximum length may be increased to 175 feet, provided that between 30 and 40 percent of the width of the #street wall# is recessed at least five feet from all adjacent #street walls# above a height of 150 feet.

(5) Vertical #enlargements#

- (ii) Existing #buildings# may be vertically #enlarged# by up to one #story# or 15 feet without regard to the #street wall# location requirements of paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this Section.
- (ii) Existing #buildings# with #street walls# that rise without setback to a height of at least 80 feet may be vertically #enlarged# in excess of one #story# or 15 feet without regard to the #street wall# location requirements of paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this Section, provided such #enlarged# portion is located at least 10 feet from a #wide street# and at least 15 feet from a #narrow street#.

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| 88-332

Special permit to modify height and setback regulations on shallow block sites |

[The City Planning Commission may, by special permit, modify height and setback regulations for portions of #zoning lots# located beyond 100 feet of a #wide street#, where the maximum depth between #narrow streets# bordering the #block# is 180 feet or less. The provisions of Section 88-33, paragraph (b)(3)(ii), may be modified to permit a maximum #building# height of up to 210 feet, and a waiver of rear setback requirements at a height of 125 feet, provided that the #street wall# of the #building# shall be located on the #street line# and extend along the entire #narrow street# frontage of the #zoning lot# up to a minimum base height of 60 feet.]

[In granting such special permit, the Commission shall find that such modification is not inconsistent with the scale of the surrounding area.]

[The City Planning Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to ensure compatibility with the character of the surrounding area.]

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Courts

Those portions of #buildings# that contain #residences# shall be subject to the court provisions applicable in R10 Districts as set forth in Section 23-80 (Court Regulations, Minimum Distance between Windows and Walls or Lot Lines and Open Area Requirements), inclusive.

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88-40
YARD REGULATIONS

In the #Special Hudson Square District#, except as provided in Section 88-41 (Rear yard regulations for shallow through lots), the #yard# provisions applicable in R10 Districts shall apply to the #residential# portion of a #building#, and the #yard# provisions applicable in C6 Districts shall apply to non-residential buildings#, or the non-residential# portion of a #building#.

88-41
Rear yard regulations for shallow through lots

For #through lot# portions of #zoning lots# located beyond 100 feet of a #wide street#, where the maximum depth of such #through lot# between #narrow streets# is 180 feet or less, any required #rear yard equivalent# shall be provided as an open area with a minimum depth of 60 feet, midway (or within ten feet of being midway) between the two #narrow street lines# upon which such #through lot# fronts.

These modifications raise no land use issues requiring further review. As set forth in the attached CEQR Technical Memorandum, dated March 18, 2013, the modifications would not have the potential to result in new or different significant adverse impacts from those identified in the FEIS.

This report and recommendation was adopted by a unanimous decision.

Very sincerely,



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