

Resolution of the New York City Industrial Development Agency amending and restating the inducement resolution adopted on March 12, 2013 relating to the financing of a commercial facility for 149 Street Food Corp. (d/b/a Fine Fare Supermarket), as a Straight-Lease Transaction and authorizing and approving the execution and delivery of agreements in connection therewith

WHEREAS, the New York City Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized under the laws of the State of New York, and in particular the New York State Industrial Development Agency Act, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended, and Chapter 1082 of the 1974 Laws of New York, as amended (collectively, the "Act"), to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial and research facilities and thereby advance the job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York and to improve their prosperity and standard of living; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2013, the Agency adopted a resolution (the "Prior Resolution") inducing a straight-lease transaction for 149 Street Food Corp. (the "Applicant") for the renovation, equipping and furnishing of a commercial facility (the "Facility"), consisting of an approximately 14,600 square foot retail supermarket facility located on an approximately 36,605 square foot parcel of land (the "Project Building") located at 459 East 149th Street, Bronx, New York, all for use by the Applicant in its operations as a full service retail supermarket, for sublease by the Agency to the Applicant, and having an approximate total project cost of \$1,477,000 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has requested that the Agency amend the Prior Resolution to incorporate additional information relating to the Project and restate the Prior Resolution as an inducement and authorizing resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to accommodate such request of the Applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has submitted a Project Application (the "Application") to the Agency to initiate the accomplishment of the above; and

WHEREAS, the Application sets forth certain information with respect to the Applicant and the Project, including the following: that the Applicant is currently located in New York, New York (the "City"); that the Applicant and the Project meet all requirements of the City's Food Retail Expansion to Support Health Program ("FRESH"); that without the discretionary FRESH financial incentives, the Applicant cannot open and operate a supermarket in the project location to meet the growing grocery retail demand in this underserved neighborhood; that the developer of the Project Building (the "Developer") intends to create a retail unit to comprise the Facility (the "Retail Unit"); that the Applicant expects to employ approximately 42 full time equivalent employees within the three years following the completion of the Project; that the Applicant must obtain Agency financial assistance in the form of a straight-lease transaction to enable the Applicant to proceed with the Project and thereby remain in the City; and that, based upon the financial assistance provided through the Agency, the Applicant desires to proceed with the Project and remain in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Act allows the Agency to provide financial assistance for a project at which facilities or property primarily used in making retail sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit such facilities to obtain such goods or services constitute more than one-third of the total project cost if, among other alternative requirements:

(1) the project is located in a “highly distressed area,” defined in Section 854(18) of the Act, to include an area in which a census tract, or tracts or block numbering area or areas or such census tract or block numbering areas contiguous thereto, which, according to the most recent census data available has (i) a poverty rate of at least 20% for the year to which the data relates or at least 20% of households receiving public assistance and (ii) an unemployment rate of at least 1.25 times the statewide unemployment rate for the year to which the data relates; and

(2) the Agency determines after a public hearing that undertaking the project will serve the public purposes of Article 18-A of the Act by increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has determined: that the Project is located within Census Tract 71 in the Bronx; that the poverty rate calculated from the most recent census data (2000) for Census Tract 71 indicates that for the year to which the census data relates approximately 25.4% of the population was living below the poverty level; that the unemployment rate in Census Tract 71 for the year to which the census date relates was approximately 13.7%, while the statewide unemployment rate for such year was 8.7%; that 13.7% is greater than 1.25 times the statewide rate of 8.7%; and that, therefore, the proposed Project meets the statutory requirements of being located in a “highly distressed area”; and

WHEREAS, the Agency held a public hearing with respect to the Project on March 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, based upon the Application, the Agency hereby determines that Agency financial assistance and related benefits in the form of a straight-lease transaction between the Agency and the Applicant are necessary to induce the Applicant to remain in the City; and

WHEREAS, in order to finance a portion of the costs of the Project, (i) the Low Income Investment Fund (or such other entity as shall be designated by certificate of an officer of the Agency, the “Lender”), has agreed to enter into a loan arrangement with the Applicant pursuant to which the Lender will lend approximately \$840,000 to the Applicant on a secured basis; (ii) the Applicant will receive grant funds in the approximate amount of \$400,000; and (iii) the Applicant will contribute approximately \$237,000 to the total Project cost; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide financial assistance to the Applicant for the Project, the Agency intends to grant the Applicant financial assistance through a straight-lease transaction in the form of real property tax abatements and sales tax exemptions, all pursuant to the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, NEW YORK CITY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Agency hereby determines that the Project and the provision by the Agency of financial assistance to the Applicant pursuant to the Act in the form of a straight-lease transaction will promote and is authorized by and will be in furtherance of the policy of the State of New York as set forth in the Act and hereby authorizes the Applicant to proceed with the Project. The Agency further determines that

(a) the Project is located in a "highly distressed area" (as defined in Section 854(18) of the Act);

(b) the Project shall not result in the removal of any facility or plant of the Applicant or any other occupant or user of the Facility from outside of the City (but within the State of New York) to within the City or in the abandonment of one or more facilities or plants of the Applicant or any other occupant or user of the Facility located within the State of New York (but outside of the City);

(c) no funds of the Agency shall be used in connection with the Project for the purpose of preventing the establishment of an industrial or manufacturing plant or for the purpose of advertising or promotional materials which depict elected or appointed government officials in either print or electronic media, nor shall any funds of the Agency be given in connection with the Project to any group or organization which is attempting to prevent the establishment of an industrial or manufacturing plant within the State of New York; and

(d) not more than one-third of the total Project cost is in respect of facilities or property primarily used in making retail sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit such facilities within the meaning of Section 862 of the New York General Municipal Law.

Section 2. To accomplish the purposes of the Act and to provide financial assistance to the Applicant for the Project, a straight-lease transaction is hereby authorized subject to the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 3. The Agency hereby authorizes the Applicant to proceed with the Project as herein authorized. The Applicant is authorized to proceed with the Project on behalf of the Agency as set forth in this Resolution; provided, however, that it is acknowledged and agreed by the Applicant that (i) nominal leasehold title to or other interest of the Agency in the Facility shall be in the Agency for purposes of granting financial assistance, and (ii) the Applicant is hereby constituted the agent for the Agency solely for the purpose of effecting the Project, and the Agency shall have no personal liability for any such action taken by the Applicant for such purpose.

Section 4. The execution and delivery of an Overlease Agreement from the Developer to the Agency of the Retail Unit, a Developer Sublease Agreement from the Agency to the Developer of the Retail Unit (the Developer to thereupon sublease the Retail Unit to the Applicant), a Company Lease Agreement from the Applicant subleasing the Retail Unit to the

Agency, an Agency Lease Agreement from the Agency to the Applicant subleasing the Retail Unit and Facility personalty to the Applicant (the "Lease Agreement"), a Sales Tax Letter from the Agency to the Applicant, and the acceptance of a Guaranty Agreement from the Applicant and the Applicant's owners and/or principals in favor of the Agency (the "Guaranty Agreement") (each document referenced in this Section 4 being, collectively, the "Agency Documents"), each being substantively the same as approved by the Agency for prior transactions, is hereby authorized. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, General Counsel and Vice President for Legal Affairs of the Agency are each hereby authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver each such Agency Document. The execution and delivery of each such agreement by one of said officers shall be conclusive evidence of due authorization and approval.

Section 5. The officers of the Agency and other appropriate officials of the Agency and its agents and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take whatever steps may be necessary to cooperate with the Applicant to assist in the Project.

Section 6. All covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements of the Agency contained in this Resolution and contained in the Agency Documents shall be deemed to be the covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements of the Agency to the full extent authorized or permitted by law, and such covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements shall be binding upon the Agency and its successors from time to time and upon any board or body to which any powers or duties affecting such covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements shall be transferred by or in accordance with law. Except as otherwise provided in this Resolution, all rights, powers and privileges conferred and duties and liabilities imposed upon the Agency or the members thereof by the provisions of this Resolution or the Agency Documents shall be exercised or performed by the Agency or by such members, officers, board or body as may be required by law to exercise such powers and to perform such duties.

No covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement herein contained or contained in the Agency Documents shall be deemed to be a covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement of any member, director, officer, agent or employee of the Agency in his or her individual capacity and neither the members nor the directors of the Agency nor any officer executing any Agency Document shall be liable personally for any amounts payable thereunder or arising from claims thereon or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the execution and delivery or acceptance thereof.

Section 7. The officers of the Agency are hereby designated the authorized representatives of the Agency, and each of them is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all papers, instruments, opinions, certificates, affidavits and other documents and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out this Resolution. The Agency recognizes that due to the unusual complexities of the transaction it may become necessary that certain of the terms approved hereby may require modifications which will not affect the intent and substance of the authorizations and approvals by the Agency herein. The Agency hereby authorizes the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, General Counsel or Vice President for Legal Affairs to approve modifications to the terms approved hereby which do not affect the intent and

substance of this Resolution. The approval of such modifications shall be evidenced by a certificate of determination of an Agency officer.

Section 8. Any expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project shall be paid by the Applicant. By acceptance hereof, the Applicant agrees to pay such expenses and further agrees to indemnify the Agency, its members, directors, employees and agents and hold the Agency and such persons harmless against claims for losses, damage or injury or any expenses or damages incurred as a result of action taken by or on behalf of the Agency in good faith with respect to the Project.

Section 9. This Resolution is subject to approval based on an investigative report with respect to the Applicant. The provisions of this Resolution shall continue to be effective for one year from the date hereof, whereupon the Agency may, at its option, terminate the effectiveness of this Resolution (except with respect to the matters contained in Section 8 hereof).

Section 10. The Agency, as lead agency, is issuing this determination pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") (Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law) and implementing regulations contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617. This determination is based upon the Agency's review of information provided by the Applicant and such other information as the Agency has deemed necessary and appropriate to make this determination.

The Agency hereby determines that the Project, an unlisted action, pursuant to SEQRA and the implementing regulations, will not have a significant effect on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared for the Project. The reasons supporting this determination with respect to the Project are as follows:

The Agency has determined that the proposed project is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2) 'replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind' and Part 617.5(c)(25) 'purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies' which would not result in adverse environmental impacts requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

Section 11. In connection with the Project, the Agency intends to grant the Applicant real property tax abatements and sales tax exemptions.

Section 12. The Applicant covenants and agrees to comply, and to cause each of its contractors, subcontractors, agents, persons or entities to comply, with the obligations, terms and conditions of Section 875(1) and (3) of the General Municipal Law, attached hereto as Exhibit A, as such provisions may be amended from time to time.

Section 13. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED: June 10, 2014

ACCEPTED: _____, 2014

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By: _____

Frank Pimentel
President

Exhibit A
SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO STATE SALES TAX SAVINGS
General Municipal Law, Section 875(1) and (3)

“Section 875. Special provisions applicable to State sales and compensating use taxes and certain types of facilities.

1. For purposes of this Section: “State sales and use taxes” means sales and compensating use taxes and fees imposed by Article twenty-eight or twenty-eight-A of the tax law but excluding such taxes imposed in a City by Section eleven hundred seven or eleven hundred eight of such Article twenty-eight. “IDA” means an industrial development agency established by this Article or an industrial development authority created by the public authorities law. “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of taxation and finance. ...

3. (A) An IDA shall include within its resolutions and project documents establishing any project or appointing an agent or project operator for any project the terms and conditions in this subdivision, and every agent, project operator or other person or entity that shall enjoy State sales and use tax exemption benefits provided by an IDA shall agree to such terms as a condition precedent to receiving or benefiting from such State sales and use exemptions benefits.

(B) The IDA shall recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain from an agent, project operator or other person or entity State sales and use exemptions benefits taken or purported to be taken by any such person to which the person is not entitled or which are in excess of the amounts authorized or which are for property or services not authorized or taken in cases where such agent or project operator, or other person or entity failed to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner required by the person’s agreement with the IDA. Such agent or project operator, or other person or entity shall cooperate with the IDA in its efforts to recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain such State sales and use exemptions benefits and shall promptly pay over any such amounts to the IDA that it requests. The failure to pay over such amounts to the IDA shall be grounds for the Commissioner to assess and determine State sales and use taxes due from the person under article twenty-eight of the tax law, together with any relevant penalties and interest due on such amounts.

(C) If an IDA recovers, recaptures, receives, or otherwise obtains, any amount of State sales and use tax exemption benefits from an agent, project operator or other person or entity, the IDA shall, within thirty days of coming into possession of such amount, remit it to the Commissioner, together with such information and report that the Commissioner deems necessary to administer payment over of such amount. An IDA shall join the Commissioner as a party in any action or proceeding that the IDA commences to recover, recapture, obtain, or otherwise seek the return of, State sales and use tax exemption benefits from an agent, project operator or other person or entity.

(D) An IDA shall prepare an annual compliance report detailing its terms and conditions described in paragraph (A) of this subdivision and its activities and efforts to recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain State sales and use exemptions benefits described in paragraph (B) of this subdivision, together with such other information as the Commissioner and the Commissioner of economic development may require. The report required by this subdivision shall be filed with the Commissioner, the Director of the division of the budget, the Commissioner of economic development, the State Comptroller, the governing body of the municipality for whose benefit the agency was created, and may be included with the Annual financial statement required by paragraph (B) of subdivision one of Section eight hundred fifty-nine of this Title. Such report required by this subdivision shall be filed regardless of whether the IDA is required to file such financial statement described by such paragraph (B) of subdivision one of Section eight hundred fifty-nine. The failure to file or substantially complete the report required by this subdivision shall be deemed to be the failure to file or substantially complete the statement required by such paragraph (B) of subdivision one of such section eight hundred fifty-nine, and the consequences shall be the same as provided in paragraph (E) of subdivision one of such Section eight hundred fifty-nine.

(E) This subdivision shall apply to any amounts of State sales and use tax exemption benefits that an IDA recovers, recaptures, receives, or otherwise obtains, regardless of whether the IDA or the agent, project operator or other person or entity characterizes such benefits recovered, recaptured, received, or otherwise obtained, as a penalty or liquidated or contract damages or otherwise. The provisions of this subdivision shall also apply to any interest or penalty that the IDA imposes on any such amounts or that are imposed on such amounts by operation of law or by judicial order or otherwise. Any such amounts or payments that an IDA recovers, recaptures, receives, or otherwise obtains, together with any interest or penalties thereon, shall be deemed to be State sales and use taxes and the IDA shall receive any such amounts or payments, whether as a result of court action or otherwise, as trustee for and on account of the State.”