

Resolution inducing the financing of a facility for A & J Supermarket Corp. and its affiliates, 1635 Lex Realty Corp. and 385 Broadway Realty Corp., as a Straight-Lease Transaction

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, A & J Supermarket Corp. (the “Applicant”) has entered into negotiations with officials of the Agency for the acquisition, renovation, furnishing and equipping of a an approximately 12,590 square foot commercial facility constituting a separate commercial condominium unit (the “Facility”) to be developed within a 136,900 square foot mixed-use facility (the “Project Building”), on an approximately 17,661 square foot vacant parcel of land located at 2211-2217 Third Avenue, New York, New York, all for use by the Applicant in its operations as a full service retail supermarket, for lease to the Agency by 1635 Lex Realty Corp. and/or 385 Broadway Realty Corp., each a real estate holding company, or another affiliate of the Applicant to be formed (collectively or severally, the “Company”), and sublease by the Agency to the Company for subsequent sub-sublease in whole to the Applicant, and having a total project cost of approximately \$11,500,000 (the “Project”); 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’s principals currently own and operate a SuperFi Emporium supermarket in New York, New York (the “City”); that the mission of the Applicant, a women and minority-owned business, is to be faithful to the needs and preferences of the community, and to engage community members above and beyond typical supermarket standards; that the supermarket to be constructed at the Project Building will host cooking demonstrations and community fundraisers and offer discounts to seniors, military personnel, police officers, firefighters and teachers; that the Applicant will participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (“SNAP”) and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC); 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 grocery retail demand in this underserved neighborhood; that the Applicant expects to employ approximately 46.5 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 that, based upon the financial assistance provided through the Agency, the Applicant desires to proceed with the Project;

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 contiguous to Census Tract 192 in Manhattan; that the poverty rate calculated from the most recent census data (American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimate) for Census Tract 192 indicates that for the year to which the census data relates approximately 56% of the population was living below the poverty level; that the unemployment rate in Census Tract 192 for the year to which the census date relates was approximately 18.8%, while the statewide unemployment rate for such year was 8.2%; that 18.8% is greater than 1.25 times the statewide rate of 8.2%; and that, therefore, the proposed Project meets the statutory requirements of being located in a “highly distressed area”; 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 and the Company are necessary to induce the Applicant to remain and expand its operations in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Project should not be delayed by the requirement of determining the details of a straight-lease transaction, which cannot be immediately accomplished, and the Applicant intends to apply its own equity for a portion of the costs of the Project and to enter into loan commitments with a bank or banks which will provide funds to the Applicant and the Company in the form of loans to finance a portion of the costs of the Project; and

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

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

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

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

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);

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

The proposed action of the Agency described herein must be confirmed by the Mayor of the City.

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

The Agency hereby authorizes the Applicant and the Company to proceed with the Project as herein authorized. The Applicant and the Company are 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 and the Company 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 and the Company are hereby constituted the agents 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 or the Company for such purpose.

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 and the Company to assist in the Project.

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.

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.

This Resolution is subject to approval based on an investigative report with respect to the Applicant and the Company. 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 6 hereof).

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, 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 action 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, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes...' which would not result in adverse environmental impacts requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

In connection with the Project, the Agency intends to grant the Applicant and the Company real property tax abatements, sales tax exemptions and mortgage recording tax deferrals. In connection with the Project, each of the Applicant and the Company covenants and agrees to comply, and to cause each of their respective contractors, subcontractors, agents, persons or entities to comply, with the requirements of General Municipal Law Sections 875(1) and (3), as such provisions may be amended from time to time.

The Applicant and the Company each acknowledge and agree that pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 875(3) the Agency shall have the right to recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain from the Applicant and/or the Company New York State sales or use tax savings taken or purported to be taken by the Applicant or the Company, and any agent or any other person or entity acting on behalf of the Applicant or the Company, to which the Applicant or the Company is not entitled or which are in excess of the maximum sales or use tax exemption amount authorized in Section 10 of this Resolution or which are for property or services not authorized or taken in cases where the Applicant or the Company, or any agent or any other person or entity acting on behalf of the Applicant or the Company, failed to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner required by this Resolution or any agreements entered into among the Agency, the Applicant, the Company and/or any agent or any other person or entity acting on behalf of the Applicant or the Company.

The Applicant and the Company shall, and shall require each agent and any other person or entity acting on behalf of the Applicant and/or the Company, to cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain such New York State sales or use tax savings and shall promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency that it requests. The failure to pay over such amounts to the Agency shall be grounds for the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (the "Commissioner") to assess and determine New York State sales or use taxes due from the Applicant and/or the Company under Article Twenty-Eight of the New York State Tax Law, together with any relevant penalties and interest due on such amounts.

The Applicant and the Company are hereby notified (provided that such notification is not a covenant or obligation and does not create a duty on the part of the Agency to the Applicant or the Company or any other party) that the Agency is subject to certain requirements under the General Municipal Law, including the following:

(i) In accordance with General Municipal Law Section 875(3)(c), if the Agency recovers, recaptures, receives, or otherwise obtains, any amount of New York State sales or use tax savings from the Applicant, the Company, any agent or other person or entity, the Agency 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. The Agency shall join the Commissioner as a party in any action or proceeding that the Agency commences to recover, recapture, obtain, or otherwise seek the return of, New York State sales or use tax savings from Applicant or the Company or any other agent, person or entity.

(ii) In accordance with General Municipal Law Section 875(3)(d), the Agency shall prepare an annual compliance report detailing its terms and conditions described in General Municipal Law Section 875(3)(a) and its activities and efforts to recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain State sales or user tax savings described in General Municipal Law Section 875(3)(b), together with such other information as the Commissioner and the New York State Commissioner of Economic Development may require. Such report shall be filed with the Commissioner, the Director of the Division of the Budget of The State of New York, the New York State Commissioner of Economic Development, the New York State Comptroller, the Council of the City of New York, and may be included with the annual financial statement required by General Municipal Law Section 859(1)(b). Such report shall be filed regardless of whether the Agency is required to file such financial statement described by General Municipal Law Section 859(1)(b). The failure to file or substantially complete such report shall be deemed to be the failure to file or substantially complete the statement required by such General Municipal Law Section 859(1)(b), and the consequences shall be the same as provided in General Municipal Law Section 859(1)(e).

The foregoing requirements of this Section 9 shall apply to any amounts of New York State sales or use tax savings that the Agency recovers, recaptures, receives, or otherwise obtains, regardless of whether the Agency, the Applicant, the Company or any agent or other person or entity acting on behalf of the Applicant or the Company characterizes such benefits

recovered, recaptured, received, or otherwise obtained, as a penalty or liquidated or contract damages or otherwise. The foregoing requirements shall also apply to any interest or penalty that the Agency 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 the Agency recovers, recaptures, receives, or otherwise obtains, together with any interest or penalties thereon, shall be deemed to be New York State sales or use taxes and the Agency shall receive any such amounts or payments, whether as a result of court action or otherwise, as trustee for and on account of New York State.

In connection with the Project, the Agency intends to grant the Applicant and the Company real property tax abatements, sales and use tax exemptions in an amount not to exceed \$106,056 and mortgage recording tax deferrals.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED: March 14, 2017

Accepted: _____, 2017

A & J SUPERMARKET CORP.

By: _____

Name:

Title:

1635 LEX REALTY CORP.

By: _____

Name:

Title:

385 BROADWAY REALTY CORP.

By: _____

Name:

Title: