MINUTES COUNTY OF OSWEGO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY February 29, 2024 44 West Bridge St. Oswego, NY

PRESENT: Canale, Peter-Clark, Greco, Schick, Stahl, Toth & Trimble

Absent/Excused:

Also Present: Kevin LaMontagne CFO, Austin Wheelock CEO, and Kevin Caraccioli (COIDA legal counsel)

Acting Chair Canale convened the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency board meeting at 8:41AM at the IDA office in Oswego, NY.

MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Peter- Clark seconded by Mr. Stahl, the minutes of the January 25, 2024 meeting were approved.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting notices were posted at the Oswego County Legislative Office Building, the IDA Office Building and on the IDA website. A notice was published in <u>The Palladium Times</u> on February 13, 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. LaMontagne gave a review of the Financial Statements from the beginning of Fiscal Year through January 31, 2024. On a motion by Mr. Toth, seconded by Mr. Greco, the Financial Statements for the period ending January 31, 2024, were approved.

COIDA OFFICERS

Following discussion, Mr. Toth nominated Mr. Nick Canale as Chair, Mr. Marc Greco as Vice Chair, and to reaffirm Mr. Tim Stahl as Secretary/Treasurer. On a motion by Mr. Toth, seconded by Mr. Trimble, it was approved unanimously.

ACLS DIRECT, LLC/KIMBALL FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC

Mr. LaMontagne provided an overview of the company, ACLS Direct, LLC/Kimball Family Properties, LLC, and their proposed printing manufacturing and services business relocation and expansion project. The company is currently located in 10,000 SF of leased space in Onondaga County and is proposing to relocate and expand their operations to a new construction 18,000 sf manufacturing facility they will own on a 3-acre site at the L. Michael Treadwell Oswego County Industrial Park in the Town of Schroeppel. The company is seeking to relocate due to not being able to expand at their current location. They selected the industrial park because most of their employees are from Oswego County and this new facility would be closer for them. Following discussion, on a motion by Mr. Schick, seconded by Mr. Greco, a Resolution determining that the acquisition, construction and equipping of a certain facility at the request of the company constitutes a project, describing the financial assistance requested in connection therewith, and authorizing a Public Hearing was approved. A copy of the Initial Resolution is attached.

2024 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ALLOCATION

Mr. Wheelock reported that pursuant to the Private Activity Bond Allocation Act of 2022, \$4,929,019 in Private Activity Bonds were allocated to the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency for calendar year 2024.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATION MANAGER

Mr. Wheelock introduced Alexandra Fitzgerald as the new Marketing & Communications Manager for Operation Oswego County, Inc. Mr. Wheelock stated that Ms. Fitzpatrick will be working on IDA marketing and promotion initiatives as well as supporting the overall team's business attraction and business retention efforts. Ms. Fitzpatrick received a welcome from Chairman Canale and the rest of the IDA Board.

MANUFACTURING START-UP FACILITY- CITY OF FULTON

Mr. Wheelock provided an update on the Manufacturing Start-Up Facility in the City of Fulton and requested Authorization to announce and post a public Request For Proposal for the Development, Construction and Operation of the Manufacturing Startup Facility on March 14th. On a motion by Mr. Schick, seconded by Mr. Stahl, authorization was approved.

SOLAR PROJECT PILOT DEVIATION POLICY

Mr. Wheelock opened discussion on the proposed changes to the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency Solar Projects PILOT Deviation Policy. Mr. Toth requested further discussion be tabled and moved to Executive Session. Chairman Canale moved to table further discussion on the matter until Executive Session.

120 E. FIRST STREET OSWEGO, LLC (LECHASE/CONNEXTCARE PROJECT

Before discussion began, Ms. Peter-Clark recused herself due to a conflict of interest and left the meeting. Kevin LaMontagne reported on the project and public hearing held on February 26, 2024. Following discussion, the Board took the following actions on the project.

On a motion by Mr. Toth, seconded by Mr. Trimble, a Resolution classifying a certain project as an unlisted action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and determining that the project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment was approved. The SEQRA Resolution is attached.

On a motion by Mr. Trimble, seconded by Mr. Toth, a Resolution authorizing the undertaking of the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation, installation, equipping and completion of a certain project, appointing 120 E. First Street Oswego, LLC ("The Company") as Agent of the Agency for the purpose of the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation, installation, equipping and completion of the project; approving certain financial assistance; and authorizing the execution and delivery of an Agreement between the Agency and The Company was approved. The Inducement Resolution is attached.

On a motion by Mr. Schick, seconded by Mr. Stahl, a Resolution approving a Payment In Lieu of Tax schedule and authorizing the execution and delivery of certain documents by the Agency in connection with a certain project undertaken at the request of The Company was approved. The PILOT Resolution is attached.

On a motion by Mr. Greco, seconded by Mr. Toth, a Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of certain documents by the Agency in connection with a project undertaken at the request of the Company was approved. The Final Approving Resolution is attached.

After these actions took place, Ms. Peter-Clark rejoined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Greco, seconded by Ms. Peter-Clark, it was approved to go into Executive Session to discuss the financial history of a particular corporation or individual, pending litigation and contractual matters at 9:37 a.m.

On a motion by Ms. Peter- Clark, seconded by Mr. Greco, it was approved to exit the Executive Session at 11:21 a.m.

SOLAR PROJECTS PILOT DEVIATION POLICY

Following further discussion in Executive Session, on a motion by Mr. Schick, seconded by Mr. Toth, the proposed changes to the Solar Project PILOT Deviation Policy were approved with amendments. The approved Solar Project PILOT Deviation Policy is attached.

INDUSTRIAL PARK EXPANSION- SCHROEPPEL

Mr. Wheelock presented a purchase offer from Bennick Development, LLC for land at the Oswego County Industrial Park Expansion Site in the Town of Schroeppel in Executive Session. On a motion by Mr. Trimble, seconded by Mr. Greco, the IDA Board declined the purchase offer as presented.

DAVID MCLELLAN V. COIDA, ET AL

Mr. Caraccioli reported on the legal action of David McLellan v. COIDA in Executive Session.

PILOT EDF REPORT

Mr. Wheelock provided the PILOT EDF Report as of January 31, 2024, in Executive Session.

DELINQUENT LOAN REPORT

Following a review of the January 31, 2024, Delinquent Loan Report by Mr. LaMontagne in Executive Session, a motion was made by Mr. Stahl, seconded by Mr. Toth, to accept the Delinquent Loan Report.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

NEXT MEETING

The next County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Greco, seconded by Ms. Peter- Clark, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Stahl, Secretary

INITIAL RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency (the "*Agency*") was convened in public session on February 29, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., at 44 West Bridge Street, Oswego, New York.

The meeting was called to order by The Chair and, upon the roll being duly called, the following members were:

PRESENT: Nick Canale, Jr., Tricia Peter-Clark, Marc Greco, H. Leonard Schick, Tim Stahl, Gary T. Toth, and Barry Trimble

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin C. Caraccioli, Kevin LaMontagne, and Austin Wheelock

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded:

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A CERTAIN FACILITY AT THE REOUEST OF THE COMPANY **CONSTITUTES** Α PROJECT AND DESCRIBING THE **FINANCIAL** ASSISTANCE **REQUESTED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS, 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 234 of the Laws of 1973 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, including industrial pollution control facilities, railroad facilities and certain horse racing facilities, for the purpose of promoting, attracting, encouraging and developing recreation and 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 to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to grant "financial assistance" (as defined in the Act) in connection with the acquisition, reconstruction and equipping of one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act); and

WHEREAS, Kimball Family Properties, LLC, a New York limited liability company (the "Real Estate Holding Company") and ACLS Direct, LLC, a New York limited liability company (the "Operating Company", and together with the Real Estate Holding Company, the "Companies"), on behalf of themselves and/or entities formed or to be formed on behalf of the foregoing have submitted an application to the Agency on or about February 26, 2024 ("Application"), a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "*Project*") consisting of: (A)(i) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in all or a portion of the approximately 78.11 acre parcel of real property located on State Route 264, consisting of all or a portion of the current Tax ID No. #303.00-02-03.14, in the Town of Schroeppel, Oswego County, State of New York (the "Land") and the construction of an approximately 18,000 square foot building (the "Facility"); (ii) the acquisition and installation in and around the Facility and/or for use in connection with the Project of various fixtures, machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property (collectively the "Facility *Equipment*") (the Land, the Facility and the Facility Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Company Facility"), which Company Facility is to be leased and subleased by the Agency to the Real Estate Holding Company and further subleased by the Real Estate Holding Company to the Operating Company; and (iii) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment," and together with the Company Facility, the "Project Facility"), such Project Facility to be used as a printing, manufacturing, assembling, mailing and distribution center; (B) the granting of certain financial assistance in the form of exemptions from real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes, mortgage recording tax (except as limited by Section 874 of the Act) and State and local sales and use tax (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); (C) the appointment of the Companies and/or their designees as agents of the Agency in connection with the construction and equipping of the Project Facility; and (D) the lease (or sub-lease) of the Land and the Facility by the Companies to the Agency pursuant to a lease agreement, the acquisition by the Agency of an interest in the Facility Equipment and the Equipment pursuant to one or more bills of sale from the Companies; the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Companies; and

WHEREAS, the Companies have requested that the Agency enter into a payment in lieu of tax agreement (the "*Proposed PILOT Agreement*") with respect to the Project Facility; 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 with respect to the environmental impact of any "action" (as defined by SEQRA) to be taken by the Agency and the preliminary agreement of the Agency to undertake the Project constitutes such an action; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has not approved undertaking the Project or the granting of the Financial Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the grant of Financial Assistance to the Project is subject to the Agency finding, after a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, that the Project will serve the

public purposes of the Act by promoting economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State or increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Members of the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency as follows:

Section 1. Based upon the representations made by the Companies to the Agency, the Agency hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

- and
- (a) The Project Facility constitutes a "project" within the meaning of the Act;

(b) The Financial Assistance contemplated with respect to the Project consists of exemptions from New York State sales and use tax, mortgage recording tax (except as limited by Section 874 of the Act), real estate transfer tax and real property tax and.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Agency hereby directs that pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, a public hearing with respect to the Project and Financial Assistance shall be scheduled with notice thereof published, and such notice shall further be sent to affected tax jurisdictions within which the Project is located.

<u>Section 3</u>. If the terms of the Proposed PILOT Agreement deviate from the standard terms of a payment in lieu of tax agreement under the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy, the Agency hereby further authorizes the Chief Executive Officer, and/or the Chairman of the Board of the Agency to (A) establish a time, date and place for a meeting of the Agency to consider the approval by the members of the Agency of the Proposed PILOT Agreement; and (B) cause notice of said meeting to be given to the chief executive officer of the county and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is or is to be located, such notice or notices to comply with the requirements of Section 874 of the Act.

Section 4. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file in the office of the Agency where the same shall be available for public inspection during business hours.

<u>Section 5.</u> The Chief Executive Officer and/or the Chairman of the Board of the Agency is hereby authorized and directed to (A) (i) distribute copies of this Resolution to the Companies and (ii) deliver or cause to be delivered a copy of this Resolution by certified mail, return receipt requested or an electronic correspondence with a read-receipt, to the chief executive officer of each affected local taxing jurisdiction (including the district clerk and district superintendent of each affected school district), such delivery to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; and (B) to perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

<u>Section 6</u>. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

	Aye	Nay	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Recuse</u>
Nick Canale, Jr.	Х				
Tricia Peter-Clark	Х				
Marc Greco	Х				
Tim Stahl	Х				
H. Leonard Schick	Х				
Gary T. Toth	Х				
Barry Trimble	Х				

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)) ss.: COUNTY OF OSWEGO)

I, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that (i) I have compared the annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency (the "*Agency*") held on February 29, 2024, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same 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 Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "*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 Open Meetings Law, (iii) the meeting was in all respects duly held, and (iv) there was a quorum present throughout.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency on February 29, 2024.

Austin Wheelock Chief Executive Officer

(SEAL)

SEQRA RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency (the "*Agency*") was convened in public session on February 29, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. local time, at 44 West Bridge Street, Oswego, New York.

The meeting was called to order by The Chair and, upon the roll being duly called, the following members were:

PRESENT: Nick Canale, Jr., Tricia Peter-Clark, Marc Greco, H. Leonard Schick, Tim Stahl, Gary T. Toth, and Barry Trimble

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin C. Caraccioli, Kevin LaMontagne, and Austin WheelockX

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded:

RESOLUTION CLASSIFYING A CERTAIN PROJECT AS AN PURSUANT UNLISTED ACTION TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL OUALITY REVIEW ACT AND DETERMINING THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A **SIGNIFICANT** ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE **ENVIRONMENT**

WHEREAS, 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 234 of the Laws of 1973 of the State, 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, including industrial pollution control facilities, railroad facilities and certain horse racing facilities, for the purpose of promoting, attracting, encouraging and developing recreation and 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 to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to grant "financial assistance" (as defined in the Act) in connection with the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, installation and equipping of one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act); and

WHEREAS, 120 E. First Street Oswego, LLC, a New York limited liability company, or

an entity formed or to be formed by it or on its behalf (the "Company") on behalf of itself and/or entities formed or to be formed on behalf of the foregoing have submitted an application to the Agency on or about January 25, 2024 (the "Application"), as amended, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A)(i) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in approximately 1.52 acres of real property located at 104 and 120 East First Street, consisting of all or a portion of the current Tax ID Nos. #128.55-03-02.11 and 128.55-03-02.2, in the City of Oswego, Oswego County, State of New York (the "Land"), the existing approximately 35,960 square foot four-story building (the "Existing Building") located on the Land and the adjacent surface parking lot (the "Existing Parking Lot' and, together with the Existing Building, the "Facility"), (ii) the renovation and reconstruction of (a) the first and second floors of the Existing Building to create clinical space for medical, dental and mental health services (collectively, the "Health Services") and the third floor to create space for tenants that will provide ancillary services to support the Health Services being provided on the first and second floors, and (b) the Existing Parking Lot; (iii) the acquisition and installation in and around the Facility and/or for use in connection with the Project of various fixtures, machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), which Project Facility is to be subleased by the Agency to the Company and further subleased by the Company to Northern Oswego County Health Services, Inc., d/b/a ConnextCare, a not-for-profit corporation and/or other third-party tenants; (B) the granting of certain financial assistance in the form of exemptions from real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes, mortgage recording tax (except as limited by Section 874 of the Act) and State and local sales and use tax (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); (C) the appointment of the Company and/or its designee as an agent of the Agency in connection with the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and equipping of the Project Facility; and (D) the lease (or sub-lease) of the Land and the Facility by the Company to the Agency pursuant to a lease agreement, the acquisition of an interest in the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale; and the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company pursuant to a sublease agreement; 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 with respect to the environmental impact of any "action" (as defined by SEQRA) to be taken by the Agency and the approval of the Project and grant of Financial Assistance constitute such an action; and

WHEREAS, to aid the Agency in determining whether undertaking the Project may have a significant impact upon the environment, the Company has prepared and submitted to the Agency an Environmental Assessment Form (the "*EAF*") with respect to the Project, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Agency and is readily accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has examined and reviewed the EAF in order to classify the Project and make a determination as to the potential significance of the Project upon the environment pursuant to SEQRA;

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

<u>Section 1</u>. Based upon an examination of the EAF prepared by the Company, the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c), and based further upon the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project Facility, all the representations made by the Company in connection with the Project, and such further investigation of the Project and its environmental impacts as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project pursuant to SEQRA:

(A) the Project consists of the components described above in the third **WHEREAS** clause of this resolution;

(B) the Project constitutes an "Unlisted Action" (as said quoted term is defined in SEQRA);

(C) the Agency declares itself "Lead Agency" (as said quoted term is defined in SEQRA) with respect to an uncoordinated review of the Project pursuant to SEQRA; and

(D) the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and the Agency hereby issues a negative declaration for the Project pursuant to SEQRA, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A**", which shall be filed in the office of the Agency in a file that is readily accessible to the public.

Section 2. 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.

<u>Section 3.</u> The Agency hereby authorizes Agency staff or counsel to take all further actions deemed necessary and appropriate to fulfill the Agency's responsibilities under SEQRA.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

	Aye	Nay	<u>Abstain</u>	Absent	Recuse
Nick Canale, Jr.	Х				
Tricia Peter-Clark					Х
Marc Greco	Х				
Tim Stahl	Х				
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency on February 29, 2024.

Austin Wheelock Chief Executive Officer

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION

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ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin C. Caraccioli, Kevin LaMontagne, and Austin Wheelock

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF THE ACQUISITION, RECONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION INSTALLATION, EQUIPPING AND COMPLETION OF A CERTAIN PROJECT, APPOINTING 120 E. FIRST STREET OSWEGO, LLC (THE "COMPANY") AS AGENT OF THE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ACQUISITION, RECONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, INSTALLATION, EQUIPPING AND COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT; APPROVING CERTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND THE COMPANY.

WHEREAS, 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 234 of the Laws of 1973 of the State, 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, including industrial pollution control facilities, railroad facilities and certain horse racing facilities, for the purpose of promoting, attracting, encouraging and developing recreation and 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 to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to grant "financial assistance" (as defined in the Act) in connection with the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, installation and equipping of one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act); and

WHEREAS, 120 E. First Street Oswego, LLC, a New York limited liability company, or an entity formed or to be formed by it or on its behalf (the "Company") on behalf of itself and/or entities formed or to be formed on behalf of the foregoing have submitted an application to the Agency on or about January 25, 2024 (the "Application"), a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A)(i) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in approximately 1.52 acres of real property located at 104 and 120 East First Street, consisting of all or a portion of the current Tax ID Nos. #128.55-03-02.11 and 128.55-03-02.2, in the City of Oswego, Oswego County, State of New York (the "Land"), the existing approximately 35,960 square foot four-story building (the "Existing Building") located on the Land and the adjacent surface parking lot (the "Existing Parking Lot' and, together with the Existing Building, the "Facility"), (ii) the renovation and reconstruction of (a) the first and second floors of the Existing Building to create clinical space for medical, dental and mental health services (collectively, the "Health Services") and the third floor to create space for tenants that will provide ancillary services to support the Health Services being provided on the first and second floors, and (b) the Existing Parking Lot; (iii) the acquisition and installation in and around the Facility and/or for use in connection with the Project of various fixtures, machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), which Project Facility is to be subleased by the Agency to the Company and further subleased by the Company to Northern Oswego County Health Services, Inc., d/b/a ConnextCare, a not-for-profit corporation and/or other third-party tenants; (B) the granting of certain financial assistance in the form of exemptions from real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes, mortgage recording tax (except as limited by Section 874 of the Act) and State and local sales and use tax (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); (C) the appointment of the Company and/or its designee as an agent of the Agency in connection with the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and equipping of the Project Facility; and (D) the lease (or sub-lease) of the Land and the Facility by the Company to the Agency pursuant to a lease agreement; the acquisition of an interest in the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale; and the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company pursuant to a sublease agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agency adopted a resolution on January 25, 2024 describing the Project, the Financial Assistance and authorizing a public hearing (the "*Initial Resolution*"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act, a copy of the Initial Resolution was distributed on January 30, 2024 by the Agency, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the chief executive officer of each affected local taxing jurisdiction, including the school board and district superintendent of the Oswego City School District; and

WHEREAS, the Agency conducted a public hearing with respect to the Project and the proposed Financial Assistance on February 26, 2024 pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, notice of which was published on February 1, 2024 in The Post-Standard, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Oswego and County of Oswego, New York and given to the chief executive officers of the affected tax jurisdictions by letter dated January 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Company also requested that the Agency consider a payment in lieu of tax ("*PILOT*") schedule, and such schedule constitutes a deviation from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy ("*UTEP*") established pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, by letters dated January 30, 2024 the Agency gave to the chief executive officers of the affected tax jurisdictions notice pursuant to Section 874 of the Act of this meeting at which the Agency would consider the Company's request for a PILOT schedule which deviates from the UTEP; and

WHEREAS, prior to the date hereof, the Agency responded to all communications and correspondence received from the affected tax jurisdiction regarding the proposed deviation from the UTEP; and

WHEREAS, no representatives from the affected tax jurisdictions were present at this meeting to address the Agency regarding such proposed deviation from the UTEP; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State, as amended, and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State 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 of the Project constitutes such an action; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2024, the Agency adopted a resolution determining, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review, the Project constitutes an Unlisted Action requiring no further review under SEQRA and issued a negative declaration (the "SEQRA Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the Agency has considered the policy, purposes and requirements of the Act in making its determinations with respect to taking official action regarding the Project; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of exemption from State sales and use taxation as part of the Financial Assistance requested by the Company, "sales and use taxation" shall mean sales and compensating use taxes and fees imposed by article twenty-eight or twenty-eight-A of the State tax law but excluding such taxes imposed in a city by section eleven hundred seven or eleven hundred eight of such article twenty-eight; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application and to the representations by the Company that the provision of Financial Assistance: (i) will induce the Company to develop the Project Facility in the City of Oswego, County of Oswego; (ii) 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 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; and (iii) will induce the Company to undertake the Project which will serve the purposes of the Act by preserving permanent, private sector jobs and advancing job opportunities, the health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State and the County of Oswego and improve their standard of living;

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

<u>Section 1</u>. It is the policy of the State to promote the health, 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. It is among the purposes of the Agency to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing 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 2. Based upon the representations and projections made by the Company to the Agency and after considering those representations, the Agency hereby makes the following determinations:

- A. Ratifies the findings in its Initial Resolution and SEQRA Resolution.
- B. The Project constitutes a "project" within the meaning of the Act.
- C. The granting of the Financial Assistance will be an inducement to the Company to develop the Project in the City of Oswego, County of Oswego. The Financial Assistance consists solely of exemptions from real estate transfer taxes, real property taxes, mortgage recording tax (except as limited by Section 874 of the Act) and State and local sales and use tax.
- D. The commitment of the Agency to provide the Financial Assistance to the Company will enable the Company to acquire, reconstruct, renovate and/or improve, install, equip and complete the Project Facility.
- E. The acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, installation, equipping and completion of the Project and will promote employment opportunities, help prevent economic deterioration in the City of Oswego and the County of Oswego and advance the health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State.
- F. The acquisition of an interest in the Project Facility by the Agency and the designation of the Company as the Agency's agent for the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, installation, equipping and

completion of the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance will be an inducement to the Company to acquire, reconstruct, renovate and/or improve, install, equip and complete the Project Facility in the City of Oswego, County of Oswego, and will serve the purposes of the Act by, among other things, preserving and/or creating permanent private sector jobs, promoting job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of the County of Oswego; and the granting of the Financial Assistance will assist in financing the costs of the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, installation, equipping and completion of the Project.

- G. The completion of 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 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.
- H. The Project is located in a "highly distressed area", as such term is defined in the Act. The Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving permanent, private sector jobs or increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State. The Agency is authorized to provide Financial Assistance in respect of the Project pursuant to Section 862(2)(b)(ii) of the Act; provided however, that no Financial Assistance shall be provided to the Project by the Agency until the applicable provisions of Section 862(2)(c) of the Act have been complied with.

Section 3. Subject to the terms of this Resolution, the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 of the Agreement (as defined herein), the Agency's approval of the PILOT schedule and the execution and delivery of the Project Agreement (as defined herein), the Agency will: (i) acquire an interest in the Land and Facility pursuant to a lease agreement (the "Company Lease") to be entered into between the Company and the Agency and accept an interest in the Equipment, if any, pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company (the "Bill of Sale"); (ii) sublease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to a sublease agreement (the "Agency Lease Agreement", and together with the Company Lease, the Bill of Sale, the Project Agreement and any other certificates and documents deemed necessary by the Agency to undertake the Project, collectively, the "Lease Documents") to be entered into between the Agency and the Company; (iii) 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 lender(s), in such form and substance as shall be consistent with this Resolution and approved by the Chief Executive Officer and/or the (Vice) Chairperson of the Agency upon the advice of counsel to the Agency and pledging and assigning to such lender(s), if any, certain rights and remedies of the Agency under any lease agreement by the execution and delivery of a pledge and assignment which shall be consistent with this Resolution and approved by the Chief Executive Officer and/or the (Vice) Chairperson of the Agency upon the advice of counsel to the Agency (collectively, the "Lender Documents"); and (iv) grant the approved Financial Assistance; provided that no default shall have occurred and be continuing under the Agreement, the Lease Documents or the Lender Documents, and provided the Company has executed and delivered

all documents and certificates required by the Agency in conjunction with the Agency's undertaking of the Project, and has executed and delivered all other certificates and documents necessary or appropriate for the grant of the approved Financial Assistance requested by the Company, in form and substance acceptable to the Agency, or its commercial lender(s), in connection with financing for the Project, including but not limited to, one or more mortgages in favor of the Company's commercial lender(s).

<u>Section 4.</u> The terms and conditions of subdivision 3 of Section 875 of the Act are herein incorporated by reference and the Company shall agree to such terms as a condition precedent to receiving or benefiting from an exemption from State sales and use tax exemptions benefits. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the amount of State and local sales and use tax exemption benefit comprising the Financial Assistance approved herein shall not exceed **\$280,000** and shall last no longer than two years from the execution and delivery of the Lease Documents. The Agency may consider any request by the Company for increases to the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized by the Agency upon being provided with appropriate documentation detailing the additional purchases of property or services.

<u>Section 5.</u> Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the amount of mortgage recording tax exemption benefit comprising the Financial Assistance approved herein shall not exceed **\$18,000**.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the amount of real Section 6. property tax abatement benefit comprising the Financial Assistance approved herein shall be approximately **\$900,778**, which such amount reflects the total estimated real property tax exemptions for the Project Facility (which constitute those taxes that would have been paid if the Project Facility were on the tax rolls and not subject to that certain payment in lieu of tax agreement between the Company and the Agency (the "PILOT Agreement") of approximately \$1,201,038, less the estimated payments in lieu of taxes of approximately \$300,259 to be made by the Company to the affected tax jurisdictions with respect to the Project Facility during the term of the PILOT Agreement. The approximate amount of estimated real property tax exemptions and the approximate amount of estimated payments in lieu of taxes are estimated based on an assumed assessed value of the Project Facility and assumed future tax rates of the affected tax jurisdictions, therefore the real property tax abatement benefit is estimated because it is calculated using the estimated real property tax exemptions. The actual amount of real property tax abatement benefit is subject to change over the term of the PILOT Agreement depending on any changes to assessed value and/or tax rates of the affected tax jurisdictions. Exhibit "B" attached hereto reflects the calculation used to determine the annual amount of the payments in lieu of taxes to be made to the affected tax jurisdictions in each year during the term of the PILOT Agreement.

<u>Section 7</u>. The Company may utilize, and subject to the terms of this Resolution, the Agreement and the Project Agreement, is hereby authorized to appoint, a Project operator, contractors, agents, subagents, subcontractors, contractors and subcontractors of such agents and subagents (collectively, "*Additional Agents*") to proceed with the reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, installation, equipping and completion of the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity as if the Agency were acting in its own behalf, provided the Company executes, delivers and complies with the Lease Documents. The Company shall provide, or cause its Additional Agents to provide, and the Agency shall maintain, records of the amount of State and

local sales and use tax exemption benefits provided to the Project; and the Company shall, and cause each Additional Agent, to make such records available to the State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance (the "*Commissioner*") and the Agency upon request. The Agency shall, within thirty (30) days of providing any State sales and use tax exemption benefits, report to the Commissioner the amount of such benefits for the Project, identifying the Project, along with any such other information and specificity as the Commissioner may prescribe. As a condition precedent to the Company or Project's receipt of, or benefit from, any State or local sales and use tax exemptions, the Company must acknowledge and agree to make, or cause its Additional Agents to make, all records and information regarding State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits realized by the Project available to the Agency or its designee upon request. For purposes of exemption from State sales and use taxation as part of the Financial Assistance requested, "sales and use taxation" shall mean sales and compensating use taxes and fees imposed by article twenty-eight or twenty-eight-A of the State tax law but excluding such taxes imposed in a city by section eleven hundred seven or eleven hundred eight of such article twenty-eight.

<u>Section 8.</u> As a condition precedent to the granting of the Financial Assistance, the Company agrees to execute an agreement with the Agency setting forth the preliminary undertakings of the Agency and the Company with respect to the Project. The form and substance of the proposed agreement (as set forth as on **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and presented at this meeting) (the "*Agreement*") are hereby approved. The Chief Executive Officer and/or the (Vice) Chairperson of the Agency are each hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agreement, in substantially the same form as presented at this meeting and attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**, with changes in terms and form as shall be consistent with this Resolution and as the Chief Executive Officer or the (Vice) Chairperson shall approve. The execution thereof by the Chief Executive Officer and/or the (Vice) Chairperson shall constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

As an additional condition precedent to the extension of Financial Section 9. Assistance, the Company shall acknowledge and agree, that the Agency shall, and in some cases may, recapture from the Company or any Additional Agents the State and local sales and use tax exemption (the "Recapture Amount") taken or purported to be taken by any such person to which the person or Project 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 Company or Additional Agents failed to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner required by the Company or Additional Agents agreement with, or for the benefit of, the Agency. The Company or Additional Agents shall cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain such State sales and use tax exemptions benefits 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 to assess and determine State sales and use taxes due from the Company and/or Additional Agents under article twenty-eight of the tax law, together with any relevant penalties and interest due on such amounts. In addition, the Agency may recapture all other Financial Assistance in the event any of the foregoing occur or there is a Deficit (as defined in the Agency's Recapture Policy).

<u>Section 10.</u> As another condition precedent to the extension of Financial Assistance, the Company and the Agency shall execute and deliver a project agreement (the "*Project Agreement*") setting forth certain terms and conditions relative to the approved Financial Assistance.

<u>Section 11</u>. Subject to the due execution and delivery by the Company of the Agreement and the Project Agreement, the satisfaction of the conditions of this Resolution, the Agreement, the Project Agreement and the payment by the Company of any attendant fees due to or incurred by the Agency, the Company is hereby appointed the true and lawful agent of the Agency to proceed with the reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, equipping and completion of the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity as if the Agency were acting in its own behalf. The appointment made by this Section shall not be effective until the Agreement and the Project Agreement and an Environmental Compliance and Indemnification Agreement (as defined herein) by the Company in favor of the Agency have been duly executed and delivered by the Company.

<u>Section 12</u>. The Chief Executive Officer and/or the (Vice) Chairperson 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 herein 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 herein 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 and the Agreement.

<u>Section 13</u>. The obligation of the Agency to consummate any transaction contemplated herein or hereby is subject to and conditioned upon the execution and delivery of, among other things, an environmental compliance and indemnification agreement (the "*Environmental Compliance and Indemnification Agreement*") in favor of the Agency in form and substance acceptable to the Agency and its counsel by the Company and some or all of its principals, in the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer and/or (Vice) Chairperson of the Agency.

<u>Section 14</u>. 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 herein 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.

<u>Section 15</u>. Should the Agency's participation in the Project, or the appointments made in accordance herewith, be challenged by any party, in the courts or otherwise, the Company shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Agency and its members, officers and employees from any and all losses arising from any such challenge including, but not limited to, the fees and disbursement of the Agency's counsel. Should any court of competent jurisdiction determine that the Agency is not authorized under the Act to participate in the Project, this Resolution shall automatically become null, void and of no further force and effect, and the Agency shall have no liability to the Company hereunder or otherwise.

Section 16. 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.

<u>Section 17.</u> The Chief Executive Officer and/or the (Vice) Chairperson of the Agency are each hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Company and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

<u>Section 18.</u> Counsel to the Agency and special Agency counsel are hereby authorized to work with the Company, and others to prepare, for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the grant of Financial Assistance and consummate the Lease Documents and the Lender Documents.

Section 19. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

	Aye	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	Absent	<u>Recuse</u>
Nick Canale, Jr.	Х				
Tricia Peter-Clark					Х
Marc Greco	Х				
Tim Stahl	Х				
H. Leonard Schick	Х				
Gary T. Toth	Х				
Barry Trimble	Х				

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)) ss: COUNTY OF OSWEGO)

I, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that (i) I have compared the annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency (the "*Agency*") held on February 29, 2024, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same 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 Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "*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 Open Meetings Law, (iii) the meeting was in all respects duly held, and (iv) there was a quorum present throughout.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency on February 29, 2024.

Austin Wheelock Chief Executive Officer

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT "A"

AGENCY/COMPANY AGREEMENT

This Agreement is by and between the COUNTY OF OSWEGO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the "*Agency*") and 120 E. FIRST STREET OSWEGO, LLC, a New York limited liability company (the "*Company*").

<u>Article 1.</u> <u>Preliminary Statement</u>. Among the matters of mutual inducement which have resulted in the execution of this Agreement are the following:

1.01. The Agency is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "*State*"), as amended, together with Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1973 of the State, as amended from time to time (collectively, the "*Act*") to grant "financial assistance" (as defined in the Act) in connection with "Projects" (as defined in the Act) and to lease or sell the same upon such terms and conditions as the Agency may deem advisable and designate an agent for constructing, reconstructing, renovating and/or improving and equipping "projects" (as defined in the Act).

1.02. The purposes of the Act are to promote, attract, encourage and develop recreation and economically sound commerce and industry in order 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 to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration. The Act vests the Agency with all powers necessary to enable it to accomplish such purposes, including the power to grant financial assistance, acquire and dispose of interests in real property and to appoint agents for the purpose of completion of projects undertaken by the Agency.

1.03. (a) The Company submitted an application to the Agency on or about January 25, 2024 ("Application"), a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A)(i) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in approximately 1.52 acres of real property located at 104 and 120 East First Street, consisting of all or a portion of the current Tax ID Nos. #128.55-03-02.11 and 128.55-03-02.2, in the City of Oswego, Oswego County, State of New York (the "Land"), the existing approximately 35,960 square foot four-story building (the "Existing Building") located on the Land and the adjacent surface parking lot (the "Existing Parking Lot" and, together with the Existing Building, the "Facility"), (ii) the renovation and reconstruction of (a) the first and second floors of the Existing Building to create clinical space for medical, dental and mental health services (collectively, the "Health Services") and the third floor to create space for tenants that will provide ancillary services to support the Health Services being provided on the first and second floors, and (b) the Existing Parking Lot; (iii) the acquisition and installation in and around the Facility and/or for use in connection with the Project of various fixtures, machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), which Project Facility is to be subleased by the Agency to the Company and further subleased by the Company to Northern Oswego County Health Services, Inc., d/b/a ConnextCare, a not-for-profit corporation and/or other third-party tenants; (B) the granting of certain financial assistance in the form of exemptions from

real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes, mortgage recording tax (except as limited by Section 874 of the Act) and State and local sales and use tax (collectively, the "*Financial Assistance*"); (C) the appointment of the Company and/or its designee as an agent of the Agency in connection with the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and equipping of the Project Facility; and (D) the lease (or sub-lease) of the Land and the Facility by the Company to the Agency pursuant to a lease agreement, the acquisition of an interest in the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale; and the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company pursuant to a sublease agreement.

(b) All documents necessary to effectuate the Agency's undertaking of the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance between the Agency and the Company, including but not limited to, a company lease, a bill of sale, an agency lease, a project agreement, an environmental compliance and indemnification agreement and a payment in lieu of tax agreement, shall be collectively referred to herein as the "*Lease Documents*".

1.04. The Company hereby represents to the Agency that undertaking the Project, the designation of the Company as the Agency's agent for the acquisition, renovation, reconstruction and/or improving, installation equipping and completion of the Project Facility, and the appointment by the Company of a Project operator, contractors, agents, subagents, subcontractors, contractors and subcontractors of such agents and subagents (collectively, "*Additional Agents*"): (i) will be an inducement to it to acquire, reconstruct, renovate and/or improve, equip and complete the Project Facility in the City of Oswego, County of Oswego (the "*County*"); (ii) will not result in the removal of a commercial, industrial or manufacturing plant or facility of the Company or of any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State to another or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or of any other proposed occupant of the State, except as may be permitted by the Act; and (iii) undertaking the Project will promote, create and/or preserve private sector jobs in the State.

1.05. The Agency has determined that the acquisition of an interest in, and the reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, installation and equipping of the Project Facility and the subleasing of the same to the Company will promote and further the purposes of the Act.

1.06 On February 29, 2024, the Agency adopted a resolution (the "Inducement **Resolution**") agreeing, subject to the satisfaction of all conditions precedent set forth in such Resolution, to designate the Company as the Agency's agent for the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, installation, equipping and completion of the Project Facility and determining that the leasing of the same to the Company will promote further purposes of the Act. For purposes of that designation, the Agency authorized as part of the approved Financial Assistance, State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits in an amount not to exceed **\$18,000**, and the amount of real property tax abatement benefits in an approximate amount of **\$900,778**.

1.07 In the Resolution, subject to the execution of, and compliance with, this Agreement by the Company, and other conditions set forth in the Resolution and herein, the Agency appointed the Company as its agent for the purposes of acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, installation, equipping and completion of the Project Facility, entering into contracts and doing all things requisite and proper for the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, installation, equipping and completion of the Project Facility. <u>Article 2.</u> <u>Undertakings on the Part of the Agency</u>. Based upon the statements, representations and undertakings of the Company and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Agency agrees as follows:

2.01. The Agency confirms that it has authorized and designated the Company as the Agency's agent for acquiring, reconstructing, renovating and/or improving, installing, equipping and completing the Project Facility.

2.02. The Agency has adopted such proceedings and authorized the execution of such Agency documents as may be necessary or advisable for: (i) acquisition of a controlling interest in the Project Facility; (ii) appointment by the Company of Additional Agents, all for the acquisition, reconstruction, renovating and/or improving, installation, equipping and completion of the Project Facility subject to the terms of the Resolution and hereof; and (iii) the leasing or subleasing of the Project Facility to the Company, all as shall be authorized by law and be mutually satisfactory to the Agency and the Company.

2.03 Nothing contained in this Agreement shall require the Agency to apply its funds to Project costs.

2.04. After satisfying the conditions precedent set forth in the Sections 2.02, 3.06 and 4.02 hereof and in the Inducement Resolution, the Company may proceed with the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, installation, equipping and completion of the Project Facility and the utilization of and, as necessary, the appointment of Additional Agents.

2.05 Subject to Section 4.02 hereof, the Company is appointed the true and lawful agent of the Agency for the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, installation, equipping and completion of the Project Facility, and to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, as the stated agent for the Agency, and in general to do all things which may be requisite or proper for the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation, and/or improving, installation, equipping and completion of the Project Facility, all with the same powers and the same validity as if the Agency were acting in its own behalf.

2.06. The Agency will take or cause to be taken such other acts and adopt such further proceedings as may be required to implement the aforesaid undertakings or as it may deem appropriate in pursuance thereof. The Agency may in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State, as amended, and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State promulgated thereunder (collectively referred to hereinafter as "SEQRA"), undertake supplemental review of the Project. Such review to be limited to specific significant adverse environmental impacts not addressed or inadequately addressed in the Agency's review under SEQRA that arise from changes in the proposed Project, newly discovered information or a change in the circumstances related to the Project.

<u>Article 3.</u> <u>Undertakings on the Part of the Company</u>. Based upon the statements, representations and undertakings of the Agency and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Company agrees as follows:

3.01. (a) The Company shall indemnify and hold the Agency harmless from all losses, expenses, claims, damages and liabilities arising out of or based on labor, services, materials and supplies, including equipment, ordered or used in connection with the acquisition of a controlling interest in, reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, installation, equipping and completion of the Project Facility (including any expenses incurred by the Agency in defending any claims, suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing) whether such claims or liabilities arise as a result of the Company or Additional Agents acting as agent for the Agency pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise.

(b) The Company shall not permit to stand, and will, at its own expense, take all steps reasonably necessary to remove, any mechanics' or other liens against the Project Facility for labor or material furnished in connection with the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, equipping and completion of the Project Facility.

(c) The Company shall indemnify and hold the Agency, its members, officers, employees and agents and anyone for whose acts or omissions the Agency or any one of them may be liable, harmless from all claims and liabilities for loss or damage to property or any injury to or death of any person that may be occasioned subsequent to the date hereof by any cause whatsoever in relation to the Project, including any expenses incurred by the Agency in defending any claims, suits or actions which may arise as a result of the foregoing.

(d) The Company shall defend, indemnify and hold the Agency harmless from all losses, expenses, claims, damages and liabilities arising out of or based on the non-disclosure of information, if any, requested by the Company in accordance with Section 4.05 hereof.

(e) The defense and indemnities provided for in this Article 3 shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement and shall apply whether or not the claim, liability, cause of action or expense is caused or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the activities, acts, fault or negligence of the Agency, its members, officers, employees and agents, anyone under the direction and control of any of them, or anyone for whose acts or omissions the Agency or any of them may be liable, and whether or not based upon the breach of a statutory duty or obligation or any theory or rule of comparative or apportioned liability, subject only to any specific prohibition relating to the scope of indemnities imposed by statutory law.

(f) The Company shall provide and carry: (i) worker's compensation and disability insurance as required by law; and (ii) comprehensive liability and property insurance with such coverages (including without limitation, owner's protective coverage for the benefit of the Agency, naming the Agency as an additional insured on all policies of coverage regarding the Project; providing the coverage with respect to the Agency be primary and non-contributory; and contractual coverage covering the indemnities herein provided for), with such limits and which such companies as may be approved by the Agency. The Company shall provide certificates, endorsements and/or policies of insurance in form satisfactory to the Agency evidencing such insurance.

(g) The Company shall include the Agency as a named insured under all public liability insurance policies obtained by the Company with respect to the Project Facility.

(h) The Company shall apply and diligently pursue all approvals, permits and consents from the State, City of Oswego, County of Oswego and any other governmental authority which approvals, permits and consents are required under applicable law for the development and reconstruction, renovation of the Project and any related site improvements. The Company acknowledges and agrees that the findings and determinations under SEQRA do not and shall not in and of themselves (except as specifically set forth in SEQRA) satisfy or be deemed to satisfy applicable laws, regulations, rules and procedural requirements applicable to such approvals, permits and consents.

3.02. The Company agrees that, as agent for the Agency or otherwise, it will comply at the Company's sole cost and expense with all the requirements of all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations of whatever kind and howsoever denominated applicable to the Agency and/or Company with respect to the Project Facility, the acquisition of a controlling interest therein, reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, installation, equipping and completion thereof, the operation and maintenance of the Project Facility, supplemental review of adverse environmental impacts in accordance with SEQRA and the financing of the Project. Every provision required by law to be inserted herein shall be deemed to be set forth herein as if set forth in full, including, but not limited to, Section 875 of the Act; and upon the request of any party, this Agreement shall be amended to specifically set forth any such provision or provisions.

3.03(a). The Company agrees that, as agent for the Agency, to the extent that such provisions of law are in fact applicable (without creating an obligation by contract beyond that which is created by statute), it will comply with all the requirements Section 220 of the Labor Law of the State, as amended.

3.03 (b). The Company agrees that, whenever practicable, the Company shall hire employees and Additional Agents from the Agency's Labor Market Area which is defined to include the following counties: Oswego, Jefferson, Onondaga, Madison, Oneida and Cayuga.

3.04. The Company will take such further action and adopt such further proceedings as may be required to implement the aforesaid undertakings or as it may deem appropriate in pursuance thereof.

3.05. If it should be determined that any State or local sales or compensatory use taxes are payable with respect to the acquisition, purchase or rental of machinery or equipment, materials or supplies in connection with the Project Facility, or are in any manner otherwise payable directly or indirectly in connection with the Project Facility, the Company shall pay the same and defend and indemnify the Agency from and against any liability, expenses and penalties arising out of, directly or indirectly, the imposition of any such taxes.

3.06. The Company shall proceed with the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, installation, equipping and completion of the Project Facility and advance such funds as may be necessary to accomplish such purposes. The Company may utilize, and is authorized to appoint, Additional Agents as agents of the Agency, in furtherance thereof. Any appointment of

an Additional Agent is conditioned upon the Company first obtaining and providing the Agency the following:

A written, executed agreement, in form and substance acceptable to the (1)Agency, from each appointed Additional Agent which provides for: (i) the assumption by the Additional Agent, for itself, certain of the obligations under this Agreement relative to the appointment, work and purchases done and made by each appointed Additional Agent; (ii) an acknowledgement by the Additional Agent to hire from the Labor Market Area during the construction period of the Project Facility whenever practicable; (iii) an acknowledgement that the Additional Agent is obligated, to timely provide the Company with the necessary information to permit the Company, pursuant to General Municipal Law §874(8), to timely file an Annual Statement with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance on "Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions" (Form ST-340) regarding the value of sales and use tax exemptions the Additional Agent claimed pursuant to the agency conferred on it by the Company with respect to this Project; (iv) an acknowledgment by the Additional Agent that in order to be entitled to the exemption, the Additional Agent shall present to the supplier or other vendor of materials or equipment for the Project Facility a completed "IDA Agent or Project Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate" (Form ST-123); (v) an acknowledgment by the Additional Agent that that the failure to comply with the foregoing will result in the loss and recapture of the exemption; and (vi) such other terms and conditions as the Agency deems necessary; and

(2) A completed "IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent for Sales Tax Purposes" (Form ST-60) for each Additional Agent appointed within fifteen (15) days of the appointment of each Additional Agent such that the Agency can execute and deliver said form to the State Department of Taxation and Finance within thirty (30) days of appointment of each such Additional Agent.

Failure of the Company to comply with the foregoing shall nullify the appointment of any Additional Agent and may result in the loss and recapture of the Company's exemption with respect to the Project at the sole discretion of the Agency.

The Company acknowledges that the assumption by the Additional Agent in accordance with Section 3.06(1) above, does not relieve the Company of its obligations under those provisions or any other provisions of this Agreement with respect to the Project.

3.07. The Company hereby ratifies and confirms its obligations to pay an administrative fee to the Agency in the amount of .75% of the Project costs. Such amount is due and payable in full at closing.

3.08. The Company hereby ratifies and confirms its obligations to pay an annual administrative reporting fee of \$500.00 to cover administrative and reporting requirements to comply with State reporting regulations on Agency assisted projects.

Article 4. General Provisions.

4.01. This Agreement shall take effect on the date of the execution hereof by the Agency and the Company and, subject to Section 4.04 hereof, shall remain in effect until the Lease

Documents become effective. It is the intent of the Agency and the Company that, except as to those provisions that survive, this Agreement be superseded in its entirety by the Lease Documents.

4.02. (a) It is understood and agreed by the Agency and the Company that the grant of Financial Assistance and the execution of the Lease Documents and related documents are subject to: (i) payment by the Company of the Agency's fee and Agency's counsel and special counsel fees; (ii) obtaining all necessary governmental approvals, permits and consents of any kind required in connection with the Project Facility; (iii) approval by the members of the Agency; (iv) approval by the Company; and (v) the condition that there are no changes in State Law, including regulations, which prohibit or limit the Agency from fulfilling its obligations hereunder; (b) the Company, by executing this Agreement, acknowledges and agrees to make, or cause its Additional Agents, whether appointed as an agent of the Agency in accordance with Section 3.06 hereof or not, to make, all records and information regarding State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits given to the Project as part of the Financial Assistance available to the Agency upon request, including but not limited to the Form ST-340 for itself and each Additional Agent; (c) the Company, by executing this Agreement, acknowledges and agrees to the terms and conditions of Section 875(3) of the Act as if such section were fully set forth herein and further agrees to cause all of its Additional Agents to acknowledge, agree and consent to same. Without limiting the scope of the foregoing the Company acknowledges that pursuant to Section 875(3) of the Act and in accordance with the Agency's recapture policy, the Agency shall, and in some instances may, recover, recapture, receive or otherwise obtain from the Company the portion of the Financial Assistance (the "Recapture Amount") consisting of: (1) (a) that portion of the State sales tax exemption to which the Company was not entitled, which is in excess of the amount of the State sales tax exemption authorized by the Agency or which is for property or services not authorized by the Agency; or (b) the full amount of such State sales tax exemption, if the Company fails to comply with a material term or condition regarding the use of the property or services as represented to the Agency in its Application or otherwise; and (2) any interest or penalties thereon imposed by the Agency or by operation of law or by judicial order or otherwise; and (d) the failure of the Company to promptly pay such Recapture Amount to the Agency will be grounds for the Commissioner to collect sales and use taxes from the Company under Article 28 of the State Tax Law, together with interest and penalties. In accordance with the Agency's Recapture Policy, the Agency may recapture all other Financial Assistance in the event of any of the foregoing occur or there is a Job Deficit, an Investment Deficit or a Reporting Failure (each as defined in the Agency's Recapture Policy). In addition to the foregoing, the Company acknowledges and agrees that for purposes of exemption from State sales and use taxation as part of the Financial Assistance requested, "sales and use taxation" shall mean sales and compensating use taxes and fees imposed by article twenty-eight or twenty-eight-A of the State tax law but excluding such taxes imposed in a city by section eleven hundred seven or eleven hundred eight of such article twenty-eight.

4.03. The Company agrees that it will, within thirty (30) days of a written request for same, regardless of whether or not this matter closes or the Project Facility is completed: (i) reimburse the Agency for all reasonable and necessary expenses, including without limitation the fees and expenses of counsel to the Agency arising from, out of or in connection with the Project, and/or any documents executed in connection therewith, including, but not limited to any claims or actions taken by the Agency against the Company, Additional Agents or third parties; and (ii)

indemnify the Agency from all losses, claims, damages and liabilities, in each case which the Agency may incur as a consequence of executing this Agreement or performing its obligations hereunder, including but not limited to, any obligations related to Additional Agents.

4.04. If for any reason the Lease Documents are not executed and delivered by the Company and the Agency on or before eighteen (18) months from the execution hereof, the provisions of this Agreement (other than the provisions of Articles 1.04, 2.02, 2.04, 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.05, 3.06, 4.02, 4.03, 4.04, 4.05 and 4.06, which shall survive) shall unless extended by agreement of the Agency and the Company, terminate and be of no further force or effect, and following such termination neither party shall have any rights against the other party except:

(a) The Company shall pay the Agency for all expenses incurred by the Agency in connection with the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, installation, equipping and completion of the Project Facility;

(b) The Company shall assume and be responsible for any contracts for reconstruction, renovation or purchase of equipment entered into by the Agency at the request of or as agent for the Company in connection with the Project Facility; and

(c) The Company will pay the out-of-pocket expenses of members of the Agency, counsel for the Agency and special Agency counsel incurred in connection with the Project and will pay the fees of counsel for the Agency and special Agency counsel for legal services relating to the Project Facility, Additional Agents or the proposed financing thereof.

4.05. The Company acknowledges that Section 875(7) of the State General Municipal Law ("GML") requires the Agency to post on its website all resolutions and agreements relating to the Company's appointment as an agent of the Agency or otherwise related to the Project, including this Agreement; and Article 6 of the State Public Officers Law declares that all records in the possession of the Agency (with certain limited exceptions) are open to public inspection and copying. If the Company feels that there are elements of the Project or information about the Company in the Agency's possession which are in the nature of trade secrets or information, the nature of which is such that if disclosed to the public or otherwise widely disseminated would cause substantial injury to the Company's competitive position, the Company must identify such elements in writing, supply same to the Agency: (i) with respect to this Agreement, prior to or contemporaneously with the execution hereof; and (ii) with respect to all other agreements executed in connection with the Project, on or before the Closing Date, and request that such elements be kept confidential in accordance with Article 6 of the Public Officers Law. Failure to do so will result in the posting by the Agency of all information in accordance with Section 875 of the GML.

4.06 That every controversy, dispute or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State, without regard to its conflict-of-laws provisions that if applied might require the application of the laws of another jurisdiction; and that the Company irrevocably and expressly submits to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the State and the United States District Court for the Northern District of the State, to the exclusion

of all other courts, for the purposes of litigating every controversy, dispute or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered in this Agreement as of , 2024.

COUNTY OF OSWEGO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: ______Austin Wheelock Chief Executive Officer

120 E. FIRST STREET OSWEGO, LLC

By:

Name: Title:

EXHIBIT "B"

PILOT SCHEDULE

Term: 10 Years

Annual payments: Annual PILOT payment to be calculated each year using the most recently published tax rates and total assessment to derive normal tax, and the previous year's weighted average utilization of the building by by Northern Oswego County Health Services, Inc. dba ConnextCare or other not-for-profit entities versus for-profit entities.

The PILOT payment will be equal to 100% of normal tax for the space allocated to for-profit entities and 0% of normal tax for the space allocated to not-for-profit entities.

Estimated average of proposed PILOT payments is \$30,026, assuming 75% utilization by not-for-profit entities.

Distribution of annual PILOT Payments will be based on the pro-rata share of each of the taxing authorities for each respective year.

PILOT RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency (the "*Agency*") was convened in public session on February 29, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. local time, at 44 West Bridge Street, Oswego, New York.

The meeting was called to order by The Chair and, upon the roll being duly called, the following members were:

PRESENT: Nick Canale, Jr., Tricia Peter-Clark, Marc Greco, H. Leonard Schick, Tim Stahl, Gary T. Toth, and Barry Trimble

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin C. Caraccioli, Kevin LaMontagne, and Austin Wheelock

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded:

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX SCHEDULE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY THE AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH A CERTAIN PROJECT UNDERTAKEN AT THE REQUEST OF 120 E. FIRST STREET OSWEGO, LLC

WHEREAS, 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 234 of the Laws of 1973 of the State, 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, including industrial pollution control facilities, railroad facilities and certain horse racing facilities, for the purpose of promoting, attracting, encouraging and developing recreation and 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 to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to grant "financial assistance" (as defined in the Act) in connection with the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, installation and equipping of one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act); and

WHEREAS, 120 E. First Street Oswego, LLC, a New York limited liability company, or an entity formed or to be formed by it or on its behalf (the *"Company"*) on behalf of itself and/or entities formed or to be formed on behalf of the foregoing have submitted an application to the

Agency on or about January 25, 2024 ("Application"), a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A)(i) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in approximately 1.52 acres of real property located at 104 and 120 East First Street, consisting of all or a portion of the current Tax ID Nos. #128.55-03-02.11 and 128.55-03-02.2, in the City of Oswego, Oswego County, State of New York (the "Land"), the existing approximately 35,960 square foot four-story building (the "Existing Building") located on the Land and the adjacent surface parking lot (the "Existing Parking Lot" and, together with the Existing Building, the "Facility"), (ii) the renovation and reconstruction of (a) the first and second floors of the Existing Building to create clinical space for medical, dental and mental health services (collectively, the "Health Services") and the third floor to create space for tenants that will provide ancillary services to support the Health Services being provided on the first and second floors, and (b) the Existing Parking Lot; (iii) the acquisition and installation in and around the Facility and/or for use in connection with the Project of various fixtures, machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), which Project Facility is to be subleased by the Agency to the Company and further subleased by the Company to Northern Oswego County Health Services, Inc., d/b/a ConnextCare, a not-for-profit corporation and/or other third-party tenants; (B) the granting of certain financial assistance in the form of exemptions from real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes, mortgage recording tax (except as limited by Section 874 of the Act) and State and local sales and use tax (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); (C) the appointment of the Company and/or its designee as an agent of the Agency in connection with the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and equipping of the Project Facility; and (D) the lease (or sub-lease) of the Land and the Facility by the Company to the Agency pursuant to a lease agreement, the acquisition of an interest in the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale; and the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company pursuant to a sublease agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agency adopted a resolution on January 25, 2024 describing the Project, the Financial Assistance and authorizing a public hearing (the "*Initial Resolution*"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act, a copy of the Initial Resolution was distributed on January 30, 2024 by the Agency, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the chief executive officer of each affected local taxing jurisdiction, including the school board and district superintendent of the Oswego City School District; and

WHEREAS, the Agency conducted a public hearing with respect to the Project and the proposed Financial Assistance on February 26, 2024 pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, notice of which was published on February 1, 2024 in The Post-Standard, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Oswego and County of Oswego, New York and given to the chief executive officers of the affected tax jurisdictions by letter dated January 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State, as amended, and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State 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 of the Project constitutes such an action; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2024, the Agency adopted a resolution determining that pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review that the Project constitutes an Unlisted Action requiring no further review under SEQRA and issued a negative declaration (the "SEQRA Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2024 the Agency adopted a Resolution (the "*Inducement Resolution*") agreeing to undertake the Project and appointing the Company as its agent for purposes of completing the Project Facility; and

WHEREAS, in the Application, the Company also requested that the Agency consider a payment in lieu of taxes agreement (the "*PILOT Agreement*") with respect to the Project Facility, pursuant to a payment in lieu of tax schedule (the "*PILOT Schedule*"), more fully described on **Exhibit** "A" attached hereto; and such schedule constitutes a deviation from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy ("*UTEP*") established pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act, but comports with other payment in lieu of taxes schedules relative to other similar projects; and

WHEREAS, by letters dated January 30, 2024, the Agency gave to the chief executive officers of the affected taxing jurisdictions notice pursuant to Section 874 of the Act of this meeting at which the Agency would consider the Company's request for a PILOT schedule which deviates from the UTEP; and

WHEREAS, prior to the date hereof, the Agency responded to all communications and correspondence received from the affected taxing jurisdictions regarding the proposed deviation from the UTEP; and

WHEREAS, no representatives from the affected tax jurisdictions were present at this meeting to address the Agency regarding such proposed deviation from the UTEP; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application and to the representations by the Company that the provision of Financial Assistance: (i) will induce the Company to develop the Project Facility in the City of Oswego, County of Oswego; (ii) 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 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; and (iii) the Project will serve the purposes of the Act by advancing job opportunities, the health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State and the County of Oswego and improve their standard of living;

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

<u>Section 1</u>. It is the policy of the State to promote the health, 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. It is among the purposes of the Agency to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing 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 2. The Agency ratifies all prior resolutions adopted in connection with this proposed Project (collectively, the "*Resolutions*").

Section 3. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency, and the reasons presented by the Company in support of its request for the PILOT Schedule, as set forth on **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto, the PILOT Schedule is hereby approved subject to the terms and conditions of the Resolutions. The Chief Executive Officer and the (Vice) Chairperson of the Agency are each hereby authorized to execute and deliver a PILOT Agreement and any related documents reflecting the PILOT Schedule in a form substantially similar to PILOT agreements used in similar transactions with the Agency which is acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer and/or the (Vice) Chairperson of the Agency upon advice of counsel.

<u>Section 4</u>. 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 herein 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 5. A copy of this Resolution, shall be placed on file in the office of the Agency where the same shall be available for public inspection during business hours.

<u>Section 6</u>. The Chief Executive Officer and the (Vice) Chairperson of the Agency are each hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Company and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution as well as all previously approved Resolutions.

<u>Section 7.</u> Counsel to the Agency and special Agency counsel are hereby authorized to work with the Company, and others to prepare, for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the grant of Financial Assistance, including, but not limited to, a PILOT Agreement.

Section 8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)) SS: COUNTY OF OSWEGO)

I, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that (i) I have compared the annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency (the "*Agency*") held on February 29, 2024, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same 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 Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "*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 Open Meetings Law, (iii) the meeting was in all respects duly held, and (iv) there was a quorum present throughout.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency on February 29, 2024.

Austin Wheelock Chief Executive Officer

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT "A"

PILOT SCHEDULE

Term: 10 Years

Annual payments: Annual PILOT payment to be calculated each year using the most recently published tax rates and total assessment to derive normal tax, and the previous year's weighted average utilization of the building by Northern Oswego County Health Services, Inc. dba ConnextCare or other not-for-profit entities versus for-profit entities.

The PILOT payment will be equal to 100% of normal tax for the space allocated to for-profit entities and 0% of normal tax for the space allocated to not-for-profit entities.

Estimated average of proposed PILOT payments is \$30,026, assuming 75% utilization by not-for-profit entities.

Distribution of annual PILOT Payments will be based on the pro-rata share of each of the taxing authorities for each respective year.

FINAL APPROVING RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency (the "*Agency*") was convened in public session on February 29, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. local time, at 44 West Bridge Street, Oswego, New York.

The meeting was called to order by The Chair and, upon the roll being duly called, the following members were:

PRESENT: Nick Canale, Jr., Tricia Peter-Clark, Marc Greco, H. Leonard Schick, Tim Stahl, Gary T. Toth, and Barry Trimble

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin C. Caraccioli, Kevin LaMontagne, and Austin Wheelock

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded:

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

WHEREAS, 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 234 of the Laws of 1973 of the State, 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, including industrial pollution control facilities, railroad facilities and certain horse racing facilities, for the purpose of promoting, attracting, encouraging and developing recreation and 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 to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to grant "financial assistance" (as defined in the Act) in connection with the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, installation and equipping of one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act); and

WHEREAS, 120 E. First Street Oswego, LLC, a New York limited liability company, or an entity formed or to be formed by it or on its behalf (the "Company") on behalf of itself and/or entities formed or to be formed on behalf of the foregoing have submitted an application to the Agency on or about January 25, 2024 (the "Application"), a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A)(i) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in approximately 1.52 acres of real property located at 104 and 120 East First Street, consisting of all or a portion of the current Tax ID Nos. #128.55-03-02.11 and 128.55-03-02.2, in the City of Oswego, Oswego County, State of New York (the "Land"), the existing approximately 35,960 square foot four-story building (the "Existing Building") located on the Land and the adjacent surface parking lot (the "Existing Parking Lot" and, together with the Existing Building, the "Facility"), (ii) the renovation and reconstruction of (a) the first and second floors of the Existing Building to create clinical space for medical, dental and mental health services (collectively, the "Health Services") and the third floor to create space for tenants that will provide ancillary services to support the Health Services being provided on the first and second floors, and (b) the Existing Parking Lot; (iii) the acquisition and installation in and around the Facility and/or for use in connection with the Project of various fixtures, machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), which Project Facility is to be subleased by the Agency to the Company and further subleased by the Company to Northern Oswego County Health Services, Inc., d/b/a ConnextCare, a not-for-profit corporation and/or other third-party tenants; (B) the granting of certain financial assistance in the form of exemptions from real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes, mortgage recording tax (except as limited by Section 874 of the Act) and State and local sales and use tax (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); (C) the appointment of the Company and/or its designee as an agent of the Agency in connection with the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and equipping of the Project Facility; and (D) the lease (or sub-lease) of the Land and the Facility by the Company to the Agency pursuant to a lease agreement, the acquisition of an interest in the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale; and the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company pursuant to a sublease agreement; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act, a copy of the Initial Resolution (as defined herein) was distributed on January 30, 2024 by the Agency, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the chief executive officer of each affected local taxing jurisdiction, including the school board and district superintendent of the Oswego City School District; and

WHEREAS, the Agency conducted a public hearing with respect to the Project and the proposed Financial Assistance on February 26, 2024 pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, notice of which was published on February 1, 2024 in The Post-Standard, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Oswego and County of Oswego, New York and given to the chief executive officers of the affected tax jurisdictions by letter dated January 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Company also requested that the Agency consider a payment in lieu of tax ("*PILOT*") schedule, and such schedule constitutes a deviation from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy ("*UTEP*") established pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, by letters dated January 30, 2024 the Agency gave to the chief executive officers of the affected tax jurisdictions notice pursuant to Section 874 of the Act of this meeting, at which the Agency would consider the Company's request for a PILOT schedule which deviates from the UTEP; and

WHEREAS, prior to the date hereof, the Agency responded to all communications and correspondence received from the affected taxing jurisdictions regarding the proposed deviation from the UTEP; and

WHEREAS, no representatives from the affected taxing jurisdictions were present at this meeting to address the Agency regarding such proposed deviation from the UTEP; and

WHEREAS, the Agency adopted a resolution on January 25, 2024 (the "*Initial Resolution*") entitled:

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE ACQUISITION, RECONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION AND EQUIPPING OF A CERTAIN FACILITY AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMPANY CONSTITUTES A PROJECT AND DESCRIBING THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING

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

WHEREAS, the Agency adopted a resolution on February 29, 2024 (the "SEQRA Resolution") entitled:

RESOLUTION CLASSIFYING A CERTAIN PROJECT AS AN UNLISTED ACTION PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT AND DETERMINING THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Agency adopted a resolution on February 29, 2024 (the "*Inducement Resolution*") entitled:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF THE ACQUISITION, RECONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION INSTALLATION, EQUIPPING AND COMPLETION OF A CERTAIN PROJECT, APPOINTING 120 E. FIRST STREET OSWEGO, LLC (THE "COMPANY") AS AGENT OF THE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ACQUISITION, RECONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, INSTALLATION, EQUIPPING AND COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT; APPROVING CERTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; 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, for purposes of exemption from State sales and use taxation as part of the Financial Assistance requested, "sales and use taxation" shall mean sales and compensating use taxes and fees imposed by article twenty-eight or twenty-eight-A of the State tax law but excluding such taxes imposed in a city by section eleven hundred seven or eleven hundred eight of such article twenty-eight; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application and to representations by the Company that the provision of Financial Assistance: (i) will induce the Company to develop the Project Facility in the City of Oswego, County of Oswego; (ii) 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 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; (iii) the Project will serve the purposes of the Act by advancing job opportunities, the health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State and the County; and (iv) the Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving permanent, private sector jobs or increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Agency adopted a resolution on February 29, 2024 (the "PILOT Resolution") entitled:

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX SCHEDULE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY THE AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH A CERTAIN PROJECT UNDERTAKEN AT THE REQUEST OF 120 E. FIRST STREET OSWEGO, LLC

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 County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency, as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> It is the policy of the State to promote the health, 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. It is among the purposes of the Agency to promote,

develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing 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 2. Based upon the representations and projections made by the Company to the Agency and after considering those representations, the Agency hereby makes the following determinations:

- A. Ratifies the findings in its Initial, SEQRA, Inducement and PILOT Resolutions.
- B. The granting of the Financial Assistance will be an inducement to the Company to further develop the Project in the City of Oswego, County of Oswego; and will assist the Company in the reconstruction, renovation, installation and equipping of the Project Facility.
- C. The commitment of the Agency to provide the Financial Assistance to the Company will enable the Company to acquire, renovate, reconstruct and/or improve, install, equip and complete the Project Facility.
- D. The acquisition, renovation, reconstruction and/or improving, installation, equipping and completion of the Project and will promote employment opportunities, help prevent economic deterioration in the City of Oswego and the County of Oswego and advance the health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State.
- E. The acquisition or continuation of an interest in the Project Facility by the Agency and the designation of the Company as the Agency's agent for the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation, equipping and completion of the Project will be an inducement to the Company to acquire, reconstruct, renovate and/or improve, install, equip and complete the Project Facility in the City of Oswego, County of Oswego, and will serve the purposes of the Act by, among other things, preserving and/or creating permanent private sector jobs, promoting job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of the County of Oswego; and the granting of the Financial Assistance will assist in financing the costs of the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and/or improving, installation, equipping and completion of the Project Facility.
- F. The Project will not result in the removal of any commercial, industrial or manufacturing plant or facility of the Company or of any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State to another area of the State or 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.
- G. The Project is located in a "highly distressed area", as such term is defined in the Act. The Project will serve the public purposes of the Act by preserving permanent,

private sector jobs or increasing the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State. The Agency is authorized to provide Financial Assistance in respect of the Project pursuant to Section 862(2)(b)(ii) of the Act; provided however, that no Financial Assistance shall be provided to the Project by the Agency until the applicable provisions of Section 862(2)(c) of the Act have been complied with.

Subject to the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 of the Agreement, the Section 3. Project Agreement (as those terms are defined in the Inducement Resolution), this Resolution, the Inducement Resolution, the SEQRA Resolution and the PILOT Resolution (collectively, the "Resolutions") and satisfaction of the requirements set forth in Section 862(2)(c) of the Act, 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") and acquire an interest in the Equipment pursuant to one or more bills of sale from the Company (collectively, the "Bill of Sale"); (C) sublease the Project Facility to the Company, pursuant to a sublease agreement which shall be consistent with this Resolution and approved by the Chief Executive Officer or (Vice) Chairperson of the Agency upon the advice of counsel to the Agency (the "Agency Lease" and together with the Company Lease, the Bill of Sale, the Agency Lease and the Project Agreement, the "Lease Documents") and which shall be consistent with this Resolution and approved by the Chief Executive Officer or (Vice) Chairperson of the Agency upon the advice of counsel to the Agency; (D) 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 lender(s), in such form and substance as shall be consistent with this Resolution and approved by the Chief Executive Officer or (Vice) Chairperson of the Agency upon the advice of counsel to the Agency and pledging and assigning to such lender(s), if any, certain rights and remedies of the Agency under any lease agreement by the execution and delivery of a pledge and assignment which shall be consistent with this Resolution and approved by the Chief Executive Officer or (Vice) Chairperson of the Agency upon the advice of counsel to the Agency (collectively, the "Lender Documents"); and (E) execute and deliver any other documents necessary to effectuate the intent of the Resolutions and the granting of the Financial Assistance as contemplated by and consistent with this Resolution upon the advice of counsel to the Agency.

<u>Section 4</u>. The Chief Executive Officer and/or (Vice) Chairperson are each hereby authorized and directed, for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Lease Documents, the Lender Documents and any other document and agreement identified herein 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 herein 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 the Resolutions The execution thereof by the Chief Executive Officer or (Vice) Chairperson shall constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

<u>Section 5.</u> No covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement contained in this Resolution or any document referred to above 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.

<u>Section 6</u>. 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.

<u>Section 7</u>. The Chief Executive Officer and/or the (Vice) Chairperson of the Agency is hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Company and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

<u>Section 8.</u> Counsel to the Agency and special Agency counsel are hereby authorized to work with the Company, and others to prepare, for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the grant of Financial Assistance and to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately

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

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Nick Canale, Jr.	Х				
Tricia Peter-Clark					Х
Marc Greco	Х				
Tim Stahl	Х				
H. Leonard Schick	Х				
Gary T. Toth	Х				
Barry Trimble	Х				

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)) ss: COUNTY OF OSWEGO)

I, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that (i) I have compared the annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency (the "*Agency*") held on February 29, 2024, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same 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 Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "*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 Open Meetings Law, (iii) the meeting was in all respects duly held, and (iv) there was a quorum present throughout.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency on February 29, 2024.

Austin Wheelock Chief Executive Officer

(SEAL)

COUNTY OF OSWEGO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

SOLAR PROJECTS PILOT DEVIATION POLICY

(Under the County of Oswego's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy)

Originally Adopted April 28, 2020 Amended February 29, 2024 For newly approved projects after February 29, 2024

PURPOSE:

With multiple solar project developers seeking PILOT Agreements and other benefits through the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), and the need for consistency in the approach to each of these projects to maximize the economic benefits to each affected tax jurisdiction in which these projects are located, the Agency has prepared this standard policy when considering a PILOT Agreement for a solar project.

CRITERA:

The Agency has determined that it is in the best interest of the taxpayers of Oswego County that the following criteria be utilized when considering the terms of a requested PILOT Agreement issued pursuant to NYS Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) §412-a:

- 1. The annual PILOT payment shall be \$7,000 per AC Megawatt in year 1.
- 2. Each subsequent year of the payment schedule will include a two percent (2%) escalator on the prior year's payment. The escalator calculation will compound annually.
- 3. The term of the PILOT Agreement shall be no more than twenty (20) years in length.
- 4. The PILOT Agreement shall only apply to the acreage developed into a solar farm; the balance of the land not used for the solar farm will be classified as taxable (the Agency will accept proof of subdivision or an administrative split of the property by the local assessor).
- 5. The developer must provide the Agency with proof that it has entered into a decommissioning fund or bond with the local municipality sufficient to remove the solar arrays at the end of the project without cost to the local municipality.
- 6. The developer must provide the Agency with proof that it has discussed Host Community Benefits with the local municipality.
- 7. The Agency's non-refundable application fee for solar projects is \$10,000. The fee is due in full upon submittal of the application. \$9,500 will be credited at closing as a reduction in the Agency's fees as described in the application, or the balance thereof in the event additional fees are incurred for changes or extensions requested by the developer.
- 8. Any approval granted by the Agency will expire two (2) years from the date of approval. A written extension request will be considered by the Agency at its sole discretion.

DEVIATION:

Since this policy constitutes a deviation from the Uniform Tax Exempt Policy, it is understood that the final terms of a PILOT payment shall be subject to the provisions contained in NYS General Municipal Law §GML §874[4][b].

END OF POLICY