NOTICE

On Wednesday, May 15, 2024, a public hearing is being held by the City Planning Commission (CPC), accessible in-person and remotely, in conjunction with the above ULURP hearing to receive comments related to a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) concerning an application by 500 Kent LLC and the United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg, Inc. The area subject to the Proposed Actions encompasses Block 2023, Lot 10 in the South Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn Community District 2. The Project Site at located at 500 Kent Avenue, an irregularly shaped corner lot generally bounded by Division Avenue to the north, Kent Avenue to the east, Clymer Street and Washington Avenue to the south, and the Wallabout Channel, an artificial inlet of the East River, to the west.

The Proposed Actions include a zoning map amendment to rezone the Project Site from M3-1 to M1-5; a waterfront bulk modification special permit pursuant to Zoning Resolution (ZR) Section 62-837 to modify various bulk requirements in sub-sections of ZR 62-341, including: (i) ZR 62-341(a)(2) - initial setback distance; (ii) ZR 62-341(c)(1) - maximum base height; (iii) ZR 62-341(c)(2) - maximum building height, (iv) ZR 62-341(c)(5) - maximum width of walls facing shoreline; and a public parking garage special permit pursuant to ZR 74-52 to allow a 234-space public parking garage. The project also requires the approval of one ministerial action by the City Planning Commission: a waterfront zoning certification pursuant to ZR 62-81 to demonstrate compliance with applicable waterfront zoning regulations. The Proposed Actions would facilitate the development of the Proposed Project, an approximately 684,242 gross square feet (gsf) development containing 598,442 gsf of office space and 21,233 gsf of retail space, built at 5.0 floor area ratio (FAR) with 576,220 zoning square feet (zsf) of floor area. It would also contain approximately 49,453 sf (1.14 acres) of publicly accessible waterfront public open space, including a shore public walkway and supplemental public access area. There would also be 14,301 sf (0.33 acres) of accessory open areas for building occupants. Additionally, there would be 234 public parking spaces (64,567 gsf) and two loading berths. The anticipated Build Year is 2026.

Written comments on the DEIS are requested and will be received and considered by the Lead Agency through 5pm on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

For instructions on how to submit comments and participate, both in-person and remotely, please refer to the instructions at the beginning of this agenda.

This hearing is being held pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR), CEQR No. 21DCP139K.