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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW DIVISION

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Department of City Planning

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Hilary Semel
Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination
253 Broadway, 14th Floor
New York, NY 10007

NOTICE OF LEAD AGENCY DETERMINATION AND REVIEW

Re: **Kew Gardens Hills Rezoning**
CEQR No. 19DCP089Q

Dear Ms. Semel,

The above-referenced application involves discretionary actions subject to City Planning Commission approval. These actions are subject to review under the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR), Executive Order No. 91, and the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), 6 NYCRR 617. Pursuant to Sections 5.03 and 5.05 of the Rules of Procedure for CEQR, the Department of City Planning, acting on behalf of the City Planning Commission, is assuming lead agency status for this application and is initiating the CEQR review.

Project Address: All 258 lots in Queens Blocks 6580, 6601, 6602, 6584, 6585, 6624, 6588, 6589, 6610, 6611 and 119 lots within Blocks 6579, 6623, 6604, 6605, 6587, 6609.
Community District: Queens, CD 8
SEQRA Classification: Type I
Project Description: The Applicant, Queens Community Board 8, seeks a zoning map amendment to rezone a 16 block, 377 lot area in the Kew Gardens Hills neighborhood from an R2 zoning district to R2X, as well as a zoning text amendment to allow an R2X district in this location. The proposed actions would facilitate the continuation of the existing residential, single-family character of the neighborhood while allowing enlarged footprints and providing height restrictions to the homes.

An Environmental Assessment Statement is attached. Please contact Rachel Antelmi of the Department of City Planning at (212) 720-3621 if you have questions regarding the application.

Sincerely,

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cc: Project File

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