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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW DIVISION

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Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination
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New York, NY 10007

## NOTICE OF LEAD AGENCY DETERMINATION AND REVIEW

Re: **245 East 53rd Street Rezoning**
**CEQR No. 19DCP071M**

Dear Ms. Semel,

The above-referenced application involves a discretionary action subject to City Planning Commission approval. This action is 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:** 245 East 53rd Street, Manhattan Block 1327 Lot 19
**Community District:** Manhattan CD 6
**SEQRA Classification:** Unlisted
**Project Description:** The applicant, 245 East 53rd Street LLC, seeks a zoning map amendment to establish a C2-5 Commercial Overlay on Manhattan Block 1327 Lots 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 20; Block 1326 Lots 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 140, and 41, p/o lots 1, 7, and 10, to facilitate proposed ground floor commercial use on the Development Site (Block 1327 Lot 19) and to bring existing commercial uses in the affected area into conformance with zoning.

An Environmental Assessment Statement is attached. Please contact Katherine Glass of the Department of City Planning at (212) 720-3425 if you have questions regarding the application.

Sincerely,

Olga Abinader,
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cc: Project file

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