Appendix C: OPRHP Response Letter

New York State
Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

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Commissioner

December 14, 2023

Aileen Gorsuch
New York City Economic Development Corporation
One Liberty Plaza
New York, NY 10006

Re: NYCEDC
Science Park and Research Campus (SPARC) Kips Bay
425 E. 25th St, New York, NY 10010
23PR08797

Dear Aileen Gorsuch:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the submitted materials in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the Division for Historic Preservation and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project.

We note that our office has re-evaluated the CUNY Hunter College Brookdale Campus, and has determined it eligible for listing in the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Please see the Determination of Eligibility, attached. We have reviewed the project description and supporting documentation that as provided to our office on November 17th, 2023. Based upon our review, we understand that demolition and redevelopment of the site is proposed. Under the State Historic Preservation Act, demolition of a historic resource is an Adverse Impact that triggers the requirement for an Alternatives Analysis to identify alternatives that would avoid or minimize the Adverse Impact. In order to continue our review, please provide an Alternatives Analysis that studies the rehabilitation/adaptive reuse option and the partial demolition/adaptive reuse option, as compared with the preferred/proposed full demolition option. Please also provide the appropriate CUNY contact person.

If you have any questions, I am best reached via e-mail.

Sincerely,



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November 1, 2024

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Dear Aileen Gorsuch:

Thank you for continuing to consult with the Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). We have reviewed the materials submitted in accordance with the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (section 14.09 of the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law). These comments are those of the Division for Historic Preservation and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources.

We have reviewed the Alternatives Analysis and supporting documentation that was provided to our office on October 4th, 2024. Based upon our review, the OPRHP concurs with the determination that there are no prudent and feasible alternatives to the project as proposed, which will result in the demolition of the State and National Register eligible CUNY Hunter College Brookdale Campus. In order to address this Adverse Impact, we request preparation of a Letter of Resolution that would identify appropriate mitigation measures. Please see our LOR document template enclosed, for your reference.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (518)948-2067.

Sincerely,

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