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RESOLUTION

ADOPTING A POSITIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE
UNDER THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT WITH
RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Town of Thompson, New York
September 13, 2017

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2017 the Town of Thompson received from the Thompson Education Center, LLC ("Applicant") updated materials for the Thompson Education Center (formerly China City of America), including an updated Long Form EAF, Site Plans, and Project Narrative. The Project is proposed as a school of higher education supporting housing for 2,508 students and 276 faculty located on an approximately 573 acre parcel primarily in the Town of Thompson but with acreage in the Town of Fallsburg, Sullivan County, New York. The Project is envisioned to include faculty and student housing, academic, administration, recreation and service buildings housed in 156 structures to be constructed in six phases. This is the same site that was formerly proposed as China City of America, and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2014, the Town of Thompson Planning Board ("Planning Board") adopted a resolution to act as Lead Agency after conducting coordinated review for the SEQRA process for the China City of America project. While a Positive Declaration was also adopted at the same meeting in 2014 and a draft Scoping Document was submitted by the Applicant, review of the project did not continue, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Thompson Education Center has been identified by the Planning Board as a Type 1 Action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.4 involving more than one agency. Due to the receipt of an updated Long Form EAF, Site Plans and Project Narrative, the list of involved and interested agencies has been updated to reflect the currently proposed project. Therefore, on April 12, 2017, the Planning Board adopted a resolution of intent to reestablish Lead Agency under 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b)(6)(c), and

WHEREAS, on or about June 23, 2017 the Planning Board gave notice to all involved and interested agencies of its intent to reestablish itself as SEQRA Lead Agency for the Project pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(a), and

WHEREAS, more than 30 days passed since such notice was given and the Planning Board has received no objection to its serving as SEQRA Lead Agency for the Project and no involved or interested agency has offered to serve as SEQRA Lead Agency or otherwise suggested that the Planning Board should not serve as SEQRA Lead Agency for the Project, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has identified relevant areas of environmental concern and determined that the Project includes the potential for adverse environmental impacts, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Board hereby declares and issues a Positive Declaration with respect to the Project and will require the Applicant to prepare a Generic Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Project in accordance with a written scope to be established after a public scoping session that will be held on due public notice in the future, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the notice of these determinations be filed, circulated and published as required by SEQRA.

Motion made by: Michael Croissant

Motion Seconded by: Arthur Knapp

Adopted by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 abstentions.

Dated: Monticello, New York
September 13, 2017