

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SUBMISSION OF A DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE (DRI) 2018 GRANT APPLICATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE HARTSDALE FOUR CORNERS STUDY AREA

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenburgh Comprehensive Plan identifies the intersection of East and West Hartsdale Avenue, and Central Park Avenue as a Special Planning Area known as the Hartsdale Four Corners Study Area; and

WHEREAS, a presentation was made by Inspired Places, LLC, on behalf of multiple owners in the Four Corners study area, on April 10, 2018 to the Town Board at a regularly scheduled Town Board work session; and

WHEREAS, the presentation contained a detailed vision for redevelopment at Four Corners, based on a Live, Work, Play concept; and

WHEREAS, evidence of significant public support for a related process for redevelopment at Four Corners was documented in a petition signed by over 500 residents; which was presented to the Town Board on April 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the potential for attractive mixed-use redevelopment, several important public improvements were identified in connection with a Four Corners redevelopment process, including: (1) stormwater upgrades for an area almost entirely existing with impervious surfaces; (2) redesign that enhances pedestrian safety and safety for users of the bus system; (3) roadway improvements (lane widening, additional turning lanes, enhanced signalization, etc.) to Central Park Avenue and East/West Hartsdale Avenue, easing existing traffic congestion; (4) incorporation of pocket parks and greenspace where none presently exists; (4) incorporation of structured parking into the area for residents, business and visitors, retrofitting a present condition of general inaccessibility; and (5) substantially increasing rateables when comparing future redevelopment vs. existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) program offers one community within each of New York State’s ten Regional Economic Development Council areas, major financial support (\$10,000,000), as well as New State (Department of State) planning expertise support for the purposes of “boosting local economies by transforming communities into vibrant neighborhoods where the next generation of New Yorkers will want to live, work and raise a family;” and

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenburgh, located in Westchester County, falls within the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenburgh’s Comprehensive Plan contains numerous specific policies which are aligned with the Mid-Hudson REDC Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2018, the Town Board received a formal study, entitled “Town of Greenburgh Comprehensive Plan 2016 Supplement Proposal – Hartsdale 4 Corners Revitalization,” which is intended to act as the basis for a supplemental study to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, redevelopment of the Four Corners, in a manner consistent with the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, presents a tremendous opportunity to improve a prominent intersection in the Town of Greenburgh and gateway of the Hartsdale downtown area, which would be greatly enhanced by the resources made available as part of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Greenburgh hereby supports the submission of a Downtown Revitalization Initiative 2018 grant application by the Town of Greenburgh’s Commissioner of the Department of Community Development, associated with the “Hartsdale Four Corners Study Area” identified in the Town of Greenburgh’s Comprehensive Plan 2016.