Queens Community Board 13 Resolution
Concerning “City of Yes for Housing Opportunity”
Adopted Unanimously (41-0) June 24, 2024

Whereas: Community Board 13 held public meetings and discussions concerning the proposed City of Yes for Housing Opportunity citywide zoning text amendment, including before its Land Use Committee on June 10, 2024;

Whereas: Each of the provisions of City of Yes for Housing Opportunity would REMOVE traditional New York City Charter-mandated community (board), borough president and city council reviews of uses not permitted under existing zoning and land use provisions;

Whereas: New York City Charter-mandated “Community Review” protects neighborhoods from adverse and unplanned and unanticipated impacts before new development can occur;

Whereas: The best ways to address possible future needs require New York City to provide tools and resources to each of its community boards to identify parcels in any given community that might be appropriate, and make sense, for beneficial local development and, thereby, foster collaborations with government, community and the private and non-profit sectors to realize such beneficial results; and

Whereas: the “As-of-Right” features of each of the provisions of City of Yes for Housing Opportunity would weaken, if not render totally useless, the existing City Charter-mandated “Community Review” provisions.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1) Community Board 13 finds that any land use, zoning and or planning provisions including those found in City of Yes for Housing Opportunity that weaken rather than strengthen existing community review provisions found in the New York City Charter merit strong disapproval.

2) Community Board 13 follows its Land Use Committee recommendation that recommends rejection of the provisions of City of Yes for Housing in its entirety.

3) That this resolution be shared with each of the other 58 community boards, the City Council, Borough Presidents and the Mayor.

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