



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 61

DECEMBER 22 1993

HARLEM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ZONE

WHEREAS, Subchapter C of Title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, Public Law 103-66 (the "Act") authorizes the establishment of an Empowerment Zone Program under which a community of not more than 200,000 people in New York City may be designated to receive special investment and training credits and major funding for social services which would enhance the economic self-sufficiency of zone residents; and

WHEREAS, the Act allows an area to be nominated for Empowerment Zone status by the local government and State in which it is located or by an economic development corporation chartered by the State; and

WHEREAS, the community of Harlem, defined as the areas of Community Boards 9, 10, and 11, meets the eligibility criteria for designation as an Empowerment Zone under the Act; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Charles B. Rangel of the Fifteenth Congressional District has invited the City of New York to work with him in securing Empowerment Zone status for the Harlem Community; and

WHEREAS, the Harlem Urban Development Corporation ("HUDC"), a state chartered economic development corporation, has expressed a strong interest in nominating Harlem for Empowerment Zone status; and

WHEREAS, the Act mandates that the affected community be a full partner in the strategic planning process leading to submission of an application for designation of Empowerment Zone status;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Strategic Planning and Application Process.

a. The City and HUDC shall cooperate in the preparation of an application for designation of the Harlem community as an Empowerment Zone to be submitted by the City and the State to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

b. HUDC shall coordinate the strategic planning process mandated by the Act, in order to ensure that such process is open to participation by the entire Harlem community and reflects the views of Harlem residents, representatives of the Harlem business community, and organizations concerned with the economic development and social service needs of the area. The strategic planning process coordinated by HUDC shall include the conduct of public hearings, the solicitation of written proposals, and other outreach effects.

Section 2. Harlem Community Empowerment Zone Advisory Committee.

An advisory committee appointed by the Mayor in consultation with HUDC shall be established to assist the HUDC and the City in developing implementation strategies under the strategic plan. The Advisory Committee shall include representatives of the State Department of Economic Development, the business community, foundations, the steering committee of the Harlem Economic Development Initiative, and other appropriate social service and economic development entities.

Section 3. Empowerment Zone Inter-Agency Working Group.

a. The Empowerment Zone Inter-Agency Working Group ("Working Group") is hereby continued in order to act as a liaison with the HUDC and to coordinate the participants of City agencies in the strategic planning process.

b. The Working Group shall be coordinated by the Executive Director of the Economic Policy and Marketing Group.

c. The membership of the Working Group shall continue in effect and shall consist of representatives of the following City agencies and divisions of the Office of the Mayor:

- I. Department of Business Services
- II. Office of Management and Budget
- III. Mayor's Office of Children and Families
- IV. Department of City Planning
- V. Department of Employment

- VI. Mayor's Federal Affairs Office
- VII. Economic Policy and Marketing Group
- VIII. Department of Housing, Preservation and Development
- IX. Human Resources Administration
- X. Police Department

The Economic Development Corporation shall be invited to continue its participation in the Working Group.

d. The membership of the Working Group may be added to, or modified as necessary, by the deputy mayors responsible for supervision of its activities.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately.



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MAYOR