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**MANHATTAN BOROUGH PRESIDENT BRAD HOYLMAN-SIGAL
ISSUES APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION FOR 130 NEW
AFFORDABLE APARTMENTS AND RECONSTRUCTION OF ST.
AUGUSTINE’S CHAPEL IN THE LOWER EAST SIDE**

Mixed-Use Development Project Would Bring 130 100% Affordable Apartments to the Lower East Side

NEW YORK, NY – Today, Manhattan Borough President Brad Hoylman-Sigal recommended approval of a ULURP application to facilitate the reconstruction of St. Augustine’s Chapel and the development of a 100% affordable, 21-story mixed-use development in the Lower East Side.

The proposed project would restore St. Augustine’s Chapel and replace the 2-story annex on its grounds with a new 21-story affordable housing development containing 130 income-restricted apartments. All residential units will be income-restricted for families at 50 percent, 80 percent, and 110 percent of area median income (AMI). Given the neighborhood’s aging population, the applicant intends to market residential units to older adults. Fifteen percent of the units would be set aside for formerly homeless individuals. The project also contains 3,600 SF of ground-floor retail space, and 2,300 SF of community facility space for use by St. Augustine’s Church.

Manhattan Borough President Brad Hoylman-Sigal said: “Developing creative ways to introduce new housing across Manhattan is imperative in the current housing crisis, and this application highlights the potential of historic sites to contribute to this effort. With 130 new affordable apartments, new community and retail spaces, and the

preservation of the historic St. Augustine's Chapel, this project will deliver benefits to the Lower East Side and the borough of Manhattan for generations to come."

Restoration of St. Augustine's Chapel will include restoration of stained-glass windows, reconstruction of a stone archway, recreation of a historic rooftop balustrade, and accessibility upgrades, including the construction of a new ADA-compliant ramp from Henry Street at the Chapel's entrance.

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