

NEGATIVE DECLARATION (Use of this form is optional)**Statement of No Significant Effect**

Pursuant to Executive Order 91 of 1977, as amended, and the Rules of Procedure for City Environmental Quality Review, found at Title 62, Chapter 5 of the Rules of the City of New York and 6 NYCRR, Part 617, State Environmental Quality Review, New York City Department of Correction (DOC) assumed the role of lead agency for the environmental review of the proposed project. Based on a review of information about the project contained in this environmental assessment statement and any attachments hereto, which are incorporated by reference herein, the lead agency has determined that the proposed project would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

Reasons Supporting this Determination

The above determination is based on information contained in this EAS, which that finds the proposed project:

The New York City Department of Correction ("DOC"), the New York City Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice ("MOCJ"), and Corey Johnson, Speaker of the New York City Council, are seeking a change to the City Map involving the establishment of a Public Place encompassing all of Rikers Island, which lies within the borough of The Bronx though it is under the jurisdiction of Queens Community District 1. With this Public Place designation, Rikers Island could no longer be used for incarceration of individuals after December 31, 2026, when the City's system of four new borough-based jails is expected to be completed and in operation, pursuant to a series of land use actions approved by the City Council. As such, this application is being made to reflect the City's continued commitment to create a modern, humane, and safe justice system and guarantee the closure of the jails on Rikers Island and construction of a new smaller borough-based jail system. See Attachment A, "Project Description and Screening Analyses."

The project would not result in the potential for significant adverse impacts in any of the impact categories.

No other significant effects upon the environment that would require the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement are foreseeable. This Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (SEQRA).

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