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BSA APPLICATION NO.: 2019-81-BZ
 COMMUNITY BOARD NO.: 6
 BOROUGH: Manhattan

Community Board Recommendation Report

I. Identification (Information from the application)

Applicant(s) Information:
 Akerman, LLP representing
 English-Speaking Union of the United
 States

Property Information:
 Address: 144 East 39th Street
 Block: 894 Lot(s): 56

II. Project Description

The application seeks an extension of a term of a previously-approved variance that permitted Use Group 6 office use on the third floor of an existing three-story building.

III. Recommendation of Community Board

Date of Recommendation: 06/12/2019

Recommendation submitted by: Manhattan Community Board 6

Recommendation	Vote
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve	43 In Favor
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve with Modifications/Conditions	0 Against
<input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove	1 Abstaining
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation Waived	44 Number of Community Board Members

IV. Conditions/Comments

Summarize the reasons for the Community Board Recommendation or attach a copy of the full report, if necessary

See attached resolution.

Is there a minority report? NO YES (If yes, summarize on attached copy)

Name of CB officer completing this form	Title	Date
Jesus Perez	District Manager	06/21/2019

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June 19, 2019

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Chair
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Resolution of No Objection to the granting of a variance to permit office use on the third floor of 144 East 39th Street - BSA Calendar Number: 2019-81-BZ

At the June 12, 2019 Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board Six, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The English Speaking Union of the United States (ESU), 144 East 39th Street (Block 894, Lot 56) in Manhattan Community District 6 is seeking Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) approval to reinstate and extend a variance to permit the use of the third floor of the three story building as an office, **(BSA No. 2019-81)**;

WHEREAS, the ESU is also seeking a new Certificate of Occupancy (CoO);

WHEREAS, the ESU is a 99 year old non-profit educational charity which employs the English language to foster global understanding and good will through educational opportunities and cultural exchange programs;

WHEREAS, the variance for the use of the third floor as an office was originally granted in 1954 and amended in 1960, expired in 1980 and was reinstated in 1997 for a term of ten (10) years, but that variance expired April 8, 2007, however the premises have been in continuous use by the applicant;

WHEREAS, the current administration of the ESU was unaware of the variance's expiration until it was brought to the attention of the organization in the course of an application for a new CoO (Application No. 102877816);

WHEREAS, the BSA has waived the rules and extended the terms of variances in instances involving minor and substantial lapses of time after the expiration of a variance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board Six (CB6), offers no objection to the Board of Standards and Appeals reinstating and extending the previously granted variance for ten (10) years for The English Speaking Union of the

United States, 144 East 39th Street (Block 894, Lot 56) in Manhattan Community District 6, seeking approval to permit the use of the third floor of the three story building as an office, **(BSA No. 2019-81)**;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB6 offers no objection **to the application for** time to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy being extended by one (1) year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB6 again urges, consistent with its long standing position that these permits be awarded for five (5), rather than ten (10) years, to allow timely review and recommendations based on any changed circumstances and conditions which may occur.

VOTE: 43 in Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jesus', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jesús Pérez
District Manager

Cc: Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Keith Powers, Council Member
Sandro Sherrod, Chair, CB6 Land Use & Waterfront Committee
Applicant