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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

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Plaintiff,

Mot. Seq. No. 001

-against-

BIG APPLE MANAGEMENT, LLC, 321-3 WEST 47TH STREET ASSOCIATES, L.P., THE LAND AND BUILDING KNOWN AS 321 WEST 47TH STREET, BLOCK 1038, LOT 21, County, City and State of New York,

THE LAND AND BUILDING KNOWN AS 323 WEST 47TH STREET, BLOCK 1038, LOT 20, County, City and State of New York,

328-30 WEST 47TH STREET ASSOCIATES, L.P., THE LAND AND BUILDING KNOWN AS 328 WEST 47TH STREET, BLOCK 1037, LOT 49, County, City and State of New York,

332-4 WEST 47TH STREET ASSOCIATES, L.P.,

THE LAND AND BUILDING KNOWN AS 332 WEST 47TH STREET, BLOCK 1037, LOT 51, County, City and State of New York,

THE LAND AND BUILDING KNOWN AS 334 WEST 47TH STREET, BLOCK 1037, LOT 52, County, City and State of New York,

348-58 WEST 47^{TH} STREET ASSOCIATES, L.P.,

THE LAND AND BUILDING KNOWN AS 348 WEST 47TH STREET, BLOCK 1037, LOT 59, County, City and State of New York,

THE LAND AND BUILDING KNOWN AS 350 WEST 47TH STREET, BLOCK 1037, LOT 59, County, City and State of New York,

FLAVIO RAUSEI, and

"JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE," numbers 1 through 10, fictitiously named parties, true names unknown, the parties intended being the managers or operators of the business being carried on by defendant BIG APPLE MANAGEMENT, LLC, and any person claiming any right, title or interest in the real property which is the subject of this action,

Defendants.



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MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF THE CITY OF NEW YORK'S MOTION FOR A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION



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