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Fried Frank Provided Pro Bono Counsel for Neighborhoods Now Program

(New York, NY – August 31, 2020) – Fried Frank is providing pro bono counsel in connection with *Neighborhoods Now*, a collaborative program between the Urban Design Forum and Van Alen Institute to channel pro bono resources from leading New York-based firms to areas hit the hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the summer, various community organizations collaborated with coalitions of architects, engineers, lawyers, and planners to come up with a set oF r design recommendations and prototypes addressing immediate needs for COVID-19 awareness campaigns, open air dining, and outdoor education and wellness activities. The Firm also helped with permitting issues, an understanding of the various programs available for communities, and a legal template for businesses looking to open popup locations at vacant properties.

The Fried Frank team is led by real estate partner Carol Rosenthal and includes real estate associates Ellen Lehman, Nicholas Williams, Aaron Karan, Danielle Frank and Neil Hood. Various summer associates also assisted with this project.

Click <u>here</u> to learn more about the *Neighborhoods Now* program.