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To Whom It May Concern:

WHEREAS, HCCI Inc. is dedicated to the holistic revitalization of Harlem and has been providing economic development and empowerment opportunities to its residents to rebuild and sustain their community. The Bradhurst BOA Nomination Plan that was completed in early 2020 was rooted in community and stakeholder engagement and clearly spelled out community priorities. Some of these include employment and job training, youth recreational and educational opportunities, and preserving and creating new affordable housing. Additionally, the study also identified strategic sites for development and physical connections to improve walkability and accessibility to recreation and transportation networks.

WHEREAS, The Bradhurst BOA study area is located entirely within Community Board 10 (CB10) and the Combined Funding Application (CFA) requires a resolution of support from the community board or boards for the district or districts in which the proposed BOA is located.

WHEREAS, since the Bradhurst BOA Nomination Plan was completed, HCCI Inc. has engaged public agencies and elected officials to present this community revitalization plan and gather support for implementation. They have also advanced initial concepts with preliminary zoning, visuals, and back of the envelope financials to show how some strategic sites can be programmed with the uses determined by the community. These were introduced at the CB10 Land Use Committee meeting on May 20, 2021, and subsequently presented in detail at the CB10 Housing Committee meeting on May 24, 2021.

WHEREAS, to further implementation plans for the projects identified in the Bradhurst BOA Nomination Plan, HCCI Inc. is seeking additional funding to advance pre-development activities on projects identified in the Nomination Plan. These include 155th Street [Davis Warshaw Site], 155th Street Viaduct Open Space Improvements, 83-93 Macombs Place [Post Office Site], Harlem Vista Hotel and 2521 Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard. We request you to extend your support and funding so this important community work can be advanced. At a time when there are significant real estate market pressures in the Bradhurst neighborhood, we support every effort to consider the needs of the existing community. The BOA Pre-Development grants will further the community-centric revitalization work that is underway.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Manhattan Community Board 10, provides this resolution of support to HCCI Inc. to conduct pre-development activities within the Bradhurst BOA and also support their CFA application for additional funding.

Respectfully,

Cicely Harris,
Chairperson
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