1 **CLINTON/HELL'S KITCHEN LAND USE COMMITTEE** 2 Item #: 19

2 3 4	July 23, 2014
5	Carl Weisbrod
6	Director
7	Department of City Planning
8	22 Reade Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
9	New York, NY 10007
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11	Re: West 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street Auto Showroom Text
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13	Dear Director Weisbrod:
14	Deal Director Weisbrod.
15	At the recommendation of its Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committee, Manhattan
16	Community Board 4 recommends <u>denial of</u> the proposed text amendment to the Special Clinton
17	District (SCD), §96-21, that would allow automobile servicing and repair, and preparation of
18	automobiles for delivery pursuant to Use Group 16 as-of-right in the Perimeter Area, below the
19	level of any floor occupied by dwelling units within an enclosed building subject to additional
20	access restriction, <u>unless certain conditions are met</u> . The Board votedin favor,, against,
21	abstentions, andpresent-not-eligible.
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23	The Development Site is owned by the Moinian Group (Applicant) and is located at 605 West
24	42 <sup>nd</sup> Street within an area of approximately 70,292 square feet. The L-shaped Development Site
25	has frontage on three streets, including 200 feet, 10 inches along Eleventh Avenue (occupying
26	the full block frontage between West 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street and West 43 <sup>rd</sup> Street), 250 feet along West 42 <sup>nd</sup>
27	Street, and 450 feet along West 43 <sup>rd</sup> Street. The Development Site is part of a zoning lot that also
28	include Lot 7501 (location of the existing Atelier condo).
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30	The project is currently under construction on an as-of-right basis and is expected to be
31	completed in 2015. It will be, when completed, a new 60-story mixed-use building at
32	approximately 658 feet tall and will include one cellar level. The building will contain
33	approximately 1,174 dwelling units of the fourth through sixtieth floor, including approximately
34	235 affordable units, and accessory residential parking with 301 spaces on portions of the first,
35	mezzanine, and second floor.
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37	The Applicant proposed to dedicate approximately 62,000 square feet of floor space in the
38	building to use as an automobile dealership. The proposed text amendment is to facilitate the
39	development of that dealership. At present an automobile dealership with a showroom, including
40	vehicle storage accessory to the showroom, may be developed as-of-right, however, the
41	automobile servicing, repair and new vehicle preparation component of the dealership are not
42	permitted.
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44	We agree with the Applicant's contention that a full-service dealership would be consistent with
45	similar uses in the area and would complement the existing automotive-related uses along

46 Eleventh Avenue, what the Applicant refers to as "Automobile Row." However, we believe the

47 mechanism used for the TF Cornerstone Development Site on West 57<sup>th</sup> Street is a more

- 48 appropriate mechanism than the text amendment proposed here. Plus, we have four (4) quality-49 of-life conditions.
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1. Auto Showroom Text. The present proposal is to amend §96-21 of the SCD (Special 51 Regulations for 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Perimeter Area). However, earlier this year this Board recommended 52 approval and City Planning approved the amendment to §96-34(B)(1) to allow automobile 53 54 servicing, repair and new vehicle preparation in Area C1-1 within northern subarea C1. Rather 55 than have multiple sections in the SCD allow such uses we strongly believe \$96-34(B)(1) should 56 be amended to include the 42nd Street Perimeter Area. The applicant at the July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 57 Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committee openly voiced no objection to achieving the same 58 goal through the Board's preferred mechanism. 59 60 2. Provisos in the Lease. The Board has learned through experience that automobile dealerships 61 can cause a host of quality-of-life issues. Thus we have asked for and received (see attached) a 62 commitment in writing from the applicant on four items that need to be addressed. These are: 63 64 a). We understand that the entrance to the showroom will not be able to fit a delivery truck. This means the cars will be dropped off the delivery truck on the public street and driven 65 into the dealership. These deliveries have been known to occur in the late hours of the night or 66 very early morning and disrupt the residential community. There needs to be a commitment in 67 68 the lease that deliveries will occur during business hours. 69 70 b). In the past we have experienced the parking of vehicles on the sidewalk. There needs 71 to be a commitment in the lease that there will be no vehicles parked on the sidewalk. 72 73 c). Dealerships with below level uses need large HVAC systems to meet ventilation 74 requirement. These systems need a lot of power and can be very noisy. This could lead to noise 75 issues in the community and possibly even noise code violations (such issues have occurred in 76 the past with other dealerships). We need assurances that the system will be muffled. 77 78 d). Signage and lighting is always a concern with auto showrooms. There is a tendency to 79 leave them on all night and the lights enter into neighboring resident's homes and cause serious 80 quality-of-life concerns. We need a commitment that the lease will require that the tenant 81 minimize all lights and illuminated or flashing signage. 82 83 We look for to your consideration and future discussions. 84 Sincerely, 85 Christine Berthet, Chair, Manhattan Community Board 4 86 87 Jean-Daniel Noland, Chair, Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use and Zoning Committee 88 89 NYC Council Member Corey Johnson cc: 90 MBPO – Michael Sandler 91 Local elected 92 DCP staff

1 CLINTON/HELL'S KITCHEN LAND USE COMMITTEE

Item #: 20

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3	July 23, 2014
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5	Carl Weisbrod
6	Director
7	Department of City Planning
8	22 Reade Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
9	New York, NY 10007
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11	Re: Special Clinton District – Mid-Block Rezoning Proposal
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13	Dear Director Weisbrod:
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15	At the recommendation of its Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use and Zoning Committee,
16	Manhattan Community Board 4 recommends approval of the proposed text amendment to the
17	Special Clinton District (SCD), which would prohibit certain uses in the mid-block portion of the
18	Preservation District, and submits it to the Department of City Planning for review and
19	consideration.
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21	The amendment is necessary to preserve the residential character of the SCD, as mandated in the
22	zoning that was approved to create the district in 1974, from being radically altered by the
23	expansion and proliferation of incompatible establishments into primarily residential streets.
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25	The proposed text amendment language is underlined below:
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27	§96-106
28	Special regulations for existing storefronts
29	Any vacant ground floor store in an underlying #Residence District# may change to a
30	conforming #use# or to a #use# listed in Use Group 6, excluding banks; cigar stores; and eating
31	or drinking establishments: including 1) those which provide outdoor table service or have music
32	for which there is no cover charge and no specified showtime, 2) those with musical
33	entertainment but not dancing, with a capacity of 200 persons or less, and those with
34	entertainment but not dancing, with a capacity of 200 persons or less, regardless of the two-year
35	discontinuance provisions of Section 52-61.
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37	Dramatic Increase In Nightlife Venues
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39	In recent years nightlife has increased dramatically in the SCD. (Over 50% of the storefront uses
40	on Ninth and Tenth Avenues in the SCD Preservation Area are liquor license establishments.)
41	The SCD was zoned to be a residential community, with a commercial overlay on the avenues
42	and allowing some small sections within the midblocks to remain commercial since they offered
43	services to the residential area – cleaners, laundromats, delis, etc.
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45	Currently, the real estate market has reached a saturation point on the avenues with bars and
46	clubs and as a result nightlife applicants are seeking to now open them, when feasible, on the

- 47 midblocks of primarily residential streets. As a result, the Board held hearings and heard
- 48 concerns from community groups and in response developed an amendment to §96-106, as
- 49 referenced above. During these hearings we also heard from the community about too many
- 50 banks and the quality of life issues related to cigar stores.
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- 52 We believe that such an amendment is appropriate given the reason the SCD was created and
- that the language in the SCD zoning, excerpted below (emphasis added), allows and encourages
- 54 such planning.
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## 56 **96-00**

# 57 **GENERAL PURPOSES**

- 5859 The "Special Clinton District" (hereinafter also referred to as the "Special District"), established
- 60 in this Resolution, is designed to promote and protect public health, safety, general welfare and
- 61 amenity. Because of the unique geographical location of the Clinton community, situated
- between the waterfront on the west and a growing central business district on the east, it is
- 63 necessary to provide specific programs and regulations which will assure realization of
- 64 community and city-wide goals.
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- 66 These goals include, among others, the following:
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- 68 (a) to preserve and strengthen the <u>residential</u> character of the community;
- 69 (b) to permit rehabilitation and new construction within the area in character with the existing
- scale of the community and at rental levels which will not substantially alter the mixture of
- 71 income groups presently residing in the area;
- 72 (c) to preserve the <u>small-scale character</u> and variety of existing stores and activities <u>and to</u>

## 73 <u>control new commercial uses in conformity with the existing character</u> of the area;

(d) to recognize the unique character of the eastern edge of the District as an integral part of the

75 Theater Subdistrict within the Special Midtown District as well as the Special Clinton District;

- 76 (e) to provide an appropriate transition from the mixed-use character along Eighth Avenue to
- 77 the lower-scale <u>residential character</u> of the Clinton community on the narrow streets;
- 78 (f) to relate the unique character of the 42nd Street Perimeter Area to the adjacent #Special
- 79 Hudson Yards District#;
- 80 (g) to provide amenities, such as street trees, to improve the physical environment;
- 81 (h) to restrict demolition of buildings that are suitable for rehabilitation and continued residential82 use; and
- (i) to promote the most desirable use of land in the area and thus to conserve the value of land
- 84 and buildings, and thereby protect the City's tax revenues, consistent with the foregoing
- 85 purposes.
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- 87 We look forward to your consideration of this proposed text change.
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- 89 Sincerely,
- 9091 Christine Berthet, Chair, Manhattan Community Board 4
- 92 Jean-Daniel Noland, Chair, Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use and Zoning Committee
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- NYC Council Member Corey Johnson MBPO Michael Sandler Local elected 94 cc:
- 95 96
- 97 DCP staff

# 1 **CLINTON/HELL'S KITCHEN LAND USE COMMITTEE**

Item #: 21

2 3 4	July 23, 2014
5	Chris Collins
6	Vice-Chair
7	Board of Standard and Appeals
8	250 Broadway, 29 <sup>th</sup> Floor
9	New York, New York 10007
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11	Re: BSA Cal. No. 362-03-BZ
12	Reiss Realty Corp.
13	432 West 45 <sup>th</sup> Street, Borough of Manhattan
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15 16	Dear Vice-Chair Collins:
17	At the recommendation of its Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use and Zoning Committee, Manhattan
18	Community Board 4 recommends approval of an application by Reiss Realty Corporation, filed pursuant
19	to \$11-411 of the NYC Zoning Resolution (ZR) to extend the term of a variance for ten (10) years
20	allowing the use of the premises for accessory parking and storage. The premises is located at 432 West
20	45 <sup>th</sup> Street in an R8 District, which does not permit accessory commercial uses pursuant to ZR §22-10.
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23	The variance permitting accessory parking and storage was initially granted in the 1940s and the site has
24	been continuously used for parking and storage by employees and customers of the tenants of the
25	building. The Board last approved the extension of the term for ten (10) years in February 2004.
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27	The Board's files contain no record of complaints concerning this property.
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31	Christine Berthet, Chair, Manhattan Community Board 4
32	Jean-Daniel Noland, Chair, Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use and Zoning Committee
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34	cc: NYC Council Member Corey Johnson
35	MBPO – Michael Sandler
36	Sheldon Lobel, applicant representative
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### 1 Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee

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Item #: 22

July 23, 2014 Mr. William T. Castro Manhattan Borough Commissioner City of New York Parks & Recreation Arsenal West 24 West 61<sup>st</sup> Street New York, NY 10023 **Clement Clarke Moore Park** Re: Dear Commissioner Castro, As you are aware, Clement Clarke Moore Park has recently been experiencing a problem with mosquitoes. Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) would like to thank the Department of Parks for taking swift action and we appreciate the plans for a more permanent solution to be implemented in the fall. MCB4 would also like to take this opportunity to highlight some additional concerns we have regarding this 0.49 acre neighborhood park on the corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Tenth Avenue. One of the primary features of Clement Clarke Moore is the sprinkler area. The two seal spraying sculptures on the corners of the recessed play space has created special memories for countless Chelsea children throughout the years. Park Manager Elliott Sykes reported to the MCB4 Waterfront, Parks and Environment Committee there are three drains in the entire park and the drain coverage area is too small. Additional holes have been drilled as a temporary fix for the problem of poor drainage which caused the increase of mosquitos. This issue speaks to the overall design of the park. Clement Clarke Moore has not been renovated since the 1980s and outside of the drainage problems, there are no protected areas for plantings, no tables and seating does not facilitate groups that may want to sit facing each other. Clement Clarke Moore is a very active neighborhood park with usage across all age groups. The park also has a core of dedicated volunteers. These neighborhood activists raise funds to provide plantings and maintain the sprinklers. Members of the 400 Block Association and Friends of the Park would like to see an expansion of the horticulture, but the current park layout will not ensure their planting will endure. The volunteers, children, parents and grandparents of the park deserve an updated space that can accommodate their various interests. MCB4 recognizes that the process of redesigning a park may take some time so we request the opportunity to coordinate a discussion between the Department of Parks and Recreation and the neighborhood

stakeholders around the current pressing issues and the next steps towards updating 44

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- Clement Clarke Moore Park. 45
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- Elliott Sykes, City of New York Parks & Recreation 55 cc: Brad Hoylman, NY State Senator 97 56
- Richard Gottfried, NY State Assemblymember 98 57
- 58 Jerrold Nadler, Congressmember 99
- Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President 100 59
- Corey Johnson, NYC Councilmember 60

# 1 Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee (WPE)

Item #:23

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- 3 July XX, 2014
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- 5 Public Design Commission of the City of New York
- 6 City Hall, Third Floor
- 7 New York, NY 10007
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- 9 Adam Ganser
- 10 Director of Planning and Design
- 11 Friends of the High Line
- 12 The Diller von Furstenberg Building
- 13 820 Washington Street
- 14 New York, NY 10014
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# 16 Re: Conceptual Design of Phase 2, Section 3 of the High Line

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18 Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) was presented with a conceptual design of Phase 2 of 19 Section 3 of the High Line. Section 3 of the High Line includes the widest point of the High 20 Line at Tenth Avenue and 30<sup>th</sup> Street referred to as The Tenth Avenue Spur continuing west on 21 30<sup>th</sup> Street through the Coach Building (Tower C) which is currently under construction. The 22 concept presented to MCB4 is a complete reimagining of the Tenth Avenue Spur and the Tower 23 C passage. This design addresses previous concerns and previously supported elements by this 24 Board. Overall MCB4 is very impressed and supports the conceptual design of Phase 2 of

- Board. Overall MCB4 is very impressed and supports the conceptual design of Phase 2 of
   Section 3 of the High Line.
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The High Line design for Phase 2 of Section 3 looks to raise the High Line on 30<sup>th</sup> Street from 27 28 west to east at a 5% grade making the walking surface at its highest point, 7 feet above the 29 normal High Line surface. The non-pedestrian area will have a much steeper slope raising the 30 High Line at the highest point 12 feet to allow for views of the Hudson River, depth for larger 31 trees and an area for rest rooms and storage space which can also house mechanicals well above 32 flood levels. Within the larger area of the Spur, the design calls for spaces which sink down and 33 are nestled within heavy vegetation. These spaces are liken to burrows where visitors can get a 34 sense of being in a "forest" among the behemoth buildings of Hudson Yards including Tower C. 35 the Coach building. The center space on the Spur will have seating and an open space which is

- 36 large enough to accommodate programming. In the design the High Line planners seek to create
- a "spotlight" of the larger trees by illuminating the Spur at night.
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- 39 The passage through the Coach Building features a majestic space created by the height of the
- 40 passage. The plan includes a small concession area, planters where the most sunlight is available
- 41 and protruding spaces, or balconies where people can sit under the building and look straight up 42 at the improved process  $C_{\rm e}$  programming is also possible in this second area
- 42 at the impressive height of Tower C. Programming is also possible in this covered area.
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- 44 Fixtures and furniture in Section 3 will follow the same theme as found throughout the park.
- 45 MCB4 welcomes the additional vegetation including large trees which is made possible by the
- 46 increased sloping height that allow soil depth of at last 5 feet. These trees will offer an ideal way

47	for the High Line to capture	more rainwater helping to reduce	the amount of water entering New
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- 48 York City's combined sewer system.

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50	MCB4 is pleased this design allows the High Line to add rest rooms which are sorely needed in
51	the Park. In the same space the High Line can have a storage room and a place for mechanicals
52	eliminating the need for a vault to house mechanicals at street level. Damage from Super Storm
53	Sandy provided a valuable lesson for the district of the flood risks and consequences.
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55	Even with the support of the new design MCB4 would like to highlight a few points for
56	consideration.
57 58	• Further development on 30 <sup>th</sup> Street to both the west and east of Tenth Avenue is a
58 59	possibility. The intention to add larger trees and increase the density of vegetation may be successful given the current make-up of the surrounding neighborhood. If more of
60	this block is built out potential reduction of sunlight may limit the High Line in
61	producing the "forest" affect the design seeks.
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63	<ul> <li>The planned areas of burrows need to provide a comfortable and obvious means of egress for park users.</li> </ul>
64	<ul> <li>Any illumination of the Spur must not create a disturbance for area residents.</li> </ul>
65	<ul> <li>Tree selection should include trees that can offer elements that can be enjoyed in all</li> </ul>
66	seasons.
67	• The placement of the large trees should not be such that there is a risk to pedestrians at
68	street level of falling branches.
69	• The current concessions available are at a price point which may not be ideal for all area
70	residents. MCB4 urges the High Line to consider a more diverse array of concessions.
71	The use of multiple small food carts instead of one large concession stand may be a way
72	to achieve this.
73	This new section of the park gives the High Line the opportunity to be a leader in
74	sustainability. The additional space on the Spur would be an appropriate spot for
75	additional recycling and possibly compost bins. Solar or some other renewable energy
76	could provide the illumination of the Spur. The use of renewable energy, recycling and
77	composting throughout the park can set an example for other parks throughout the city.
78	<ul> <li>Section 3 offers some of the largest pockets of space in the park. This allows for</li> </ul>
79	additional art installations. MCB4 suggests the High Line prominently feature local
80	artists from the district or works in conjunction with the surrounding galleries of the area.
81	MCB4 has the most concentration of art galleries in the city and these are all in the
82	vicinity of the High Line. Many of these galleries were hard hit by Super Storm Sandy
83	and additional exposure may be helpful to rebuild the sector.
84	<ul> <li>Programming space will be increased by the addition of Section 3. As stated in a</li> </ul>
85	previous letter regarding the earlier design plans, MCB4 would like to see educational
86	programming featuring topics around conservation and sustainability.
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88	The High Line envisioned a bold plan with their former design of the "Bowl" for the Tenth
89	Avenue Spur. This redesign, just as bold offers an achievable goal of delivering a response to
90	the incredible amount of development in the district. This design of Phase 2 of Section 3 of the

- 91 High Line is creative and thoughtful and has the potential to create special moments for park
- 92 visitors. MCB4 looks forward to the project moving forward and appreciates the High Line's
- 93 careful consideration of MCB4's needs, requests and suggestions.
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- 95 Sincerely,
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# CHELSEA LAND USE COMMITTEE

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2 3 June 23, 2014 4 5 6 Hon. Christopher Collins (?) 7 Vice-Chair (?) 8 Landmarks Preservation Commission Municipal Building, 9<sup>th</sup> floor 9 10 One Centre Street New York, NY 10007 11 12 13 **Re: 210 Eleventh Avenue – signage proposal** 14 15 Dear Vice-Chair Collins: 16 On the recommendation of its Chelsea Land Use Committee, Manhattan Community Board 4 17 18 (CB4) voted at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 23, 2014, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor, 19 \_\_\_\_opposed, and \_\_\_\_abstaining and \_\_\_present but not eligible, to recommend denial of an 20 application for a new painted exterior sign at 210 Eleventh Avenue in the West Chelsea Historic 21 District, and that the applicant be required to restore a historic sign in the same location that has 22 been defaced. 23 24 The proposed new sign would be painted on existing brickwork, covering a historic painted 25 "ghost sign" dating to at least the mid-1930s, as documented in historic photographs. Recent photographs provided by the applicant show this historic sign to be still legible, with the 26 company name "ROYAL" in large, period font lettering, above "PAPER CORPORATION" in 27 28 smaller lettering. More recent photographs taken by CB4 show "Royal" completely obliterated 29 and "PAPER CORPORATION" partly removed. 30 The West Chelsea Historic District Designation Report cites the Royal Paper Corporation as a 31 onetime owner of the building. This company sign is a character-defining feature of the district, 32 embodying its unique industrial history and providing the kind of historic resonance that 33 designation is meant to protect. It appears from inspection with binoculars that the historic sign 34 was intentionally defaced through such thorough paint-stripping that the affected area appears as 35 bare brick and stands out from surrounding brickwork. 36 37 The Board believes strongly that approval of the new sign would reward the management 38 company for defacing the historic sign and encourage others to pursue this destructive strategy. 39 The Board also feels that the proposed new advertising sign is in itself inappropriately large and 40 modern. The Board would welcome a discrete bronze plaque near the building entrance, in 41 keeping with current upscale management company signs. 42 43 The Board recommends that the Commission explore its enforcement options regarding the 44 owner's actions in defacing the historic sign and that it require the restoration of the historic sign, 45 including: 46 • A laboratory paint analysis and replication of pigment and other characteristics affecting 47 weathering;

48 49	• Replacement paint applied in a manner that does not result in a visible distinction between remaining historic paint and reconstructed paint;
<del>5</del> 0	<ul> <li>Oversight by a qualified preservation professional under a plan reviewed and approved by the</li> </ul>
51	Commission; and
52	<ul> <li>Approval of in-place work samples before complete execution of the restoration.</li> </ul>
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1	<b>Transportation Planning Committee</b>	Item #: 29
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3 4	July 23, 2014	
5	Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione	
6	Department of Transportation	
7	59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor	
8	New York, NY 10038	
9	,	
10	Re: Hotel loading zone request	
11	Chelsea Star Hotel 300 West 30 <sup>th</sup> Str	eet
12		
13	Dear Commissioner Forgione:	
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15		the request of the Chelsea Star Hotel for a 28 foot
16	"Hotel Loading Zone" in front of their hotel en	trance.
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18		as of right" hotel loading zones and their requests
19 20		ent. The Chelsea Star Hotel has 44 rooms. The
20 21	Community Board denies the request for two n	lajor reasons:
21	• Dedestrian Space. There is limited as	destrian sidewalk space on West 30 <sup>th</sup> to the east of
22		less than 8'), in large part because of an existing
23		part of the hotel. Having hotel guests load and
25		nt to the sidewalk enclosure also limits pedestrian
26		otel entrance with luggage, creating an unsafe
27		oted that West 30 <sup>th</sup> Street is a primarily residential
28	street.	
29	• Scofflaw behavior by Hotel owner:	The hotel has been completing renovations on the
30	sidewalk extensions despite a stop w	ork order from the building department, initially
31		ly 15. We also note that the hotel has received
32	violations from the Building Departme	nt for disobeying the stop order. We also note that
33		Corder (still posted at the site as of July 21), the
34	siding of the Sidewalk enclosure area l	has been changed from wood to glass.
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36		made efforts to work with small hotel owners to
37		n enabling sufficient sidewalk capacity and an
38		onsistent with surrounding uses. However, in this
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40 41		e that the remainder of the block going west to 9 <sup>th</sup> equest that the Department of Transportation deny
41	the applicant's request for hotel loading.	quest that the Department of Transportation delly
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#### **Transportation Planning Committee**

Item #: 31

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3	July 23, 2014
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5	Margaret Forgione
6	Manhattan Borough Commissioner
7	NYC Department of Transportation
8	59 Maiden Lane, 37 <sup>th</sup> Floor
9	New York, NY 10038
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11	Re: Parking Regulation Change
12	West 19 <sup>th</sup> Street between 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenues
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14 15	Dear Commissioner Forgione:
15 16	Manhattan Community Board #4 (CB4) requests that both DOT change the parking regulations
10	from approximately mid-block on West 19 <sup>th</sup> Street between $6^{th}$ and $7^{th}$ Avenue (at the loading
18	dock for the Metropolitan Pavilion, 124 West 19 <sup>th</sup> Street) west to the Fire Department parking
19	zone (which begins in front of 142 West 19 <sup>th</sup> Street) on the south Side of the street from "No
20	Standing, Except Trucks Loading and Unloading, 8am to 6pm, M-F" to Residential Alternate
21	Side parking regulations (with hours done in conjunction with NYC Department of Sanitation).
22	We also request that the "No Parking, 10pm to 5am" be removed from both the North and South
23	side of the block from 6 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue.
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25	Manhattan CB4 makes these requests for several reasons:
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27	• Metropolitan Pavilion frequent use and misuse of Loading Zone: Residents of West
28	19 <sup>th</sup> Street and the newly formed block association for Southeast Chelsea spoke at the
29	Transportation Planning Committee's July meeting about the frequent us by Metropolitan
30	Pavilion of the available loading spaces, often in appropriate ways, including loading and
31	unloading trucks between midnight and 6am; coning off spaces for use specifically by
32	their trucks; leaving trash on the sidewalk after unloading trucks, and using spaces on
33	both the north and south side of the street with much activity utilizing "special event"
34	signs in their windshield;
35	<ul> <li>No major nightclubs on this block or immediately adjacent: Restriction of overnight</li> </ul>
36	parking is typically done to mitigate noise from late-night night clubs in residential areas.
37	According to residents, this restriction instead seems to be enabling noise from loading
38	and unloading late-night trucks;
39	• Increased Residential Use on West 19 <sup>th</sup> Street: There have been an increase in
40	residential buildings on West 19 <sup>th</sup> Street (with another one to be opened shortly on the
41	South Side of the street), changing the character of the block.
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43	We note that the parking regulations were changed at the request of CB4 several years ago to
44	including "No Standing, Except Trucks Loading and Unloading," after consultation with local

retail businesses, residents, and commercial (mostly office) building owners based on the request 

- 46 of Metropolitan Pavilion. However, their reported behavior indicates that they have not been able
- 47 to ensure their use is compatible with their neighbors and has used the Truck Loading zone and
- 48 it's relevant times as a base to expand from rather than as its allowed loading area and hours.
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- 50 Sincerely,
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1 **Executive Committee** 

### Item #: 36

2 3 July 23, 2014 4

5 Vicki Been

6 Commissioner

- 7 NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development
- 8 100 Gold Street
- 9 New York, NY 10007
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# Re: 525 West 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Inclusionary Housing—Lower Income Housing Plan Application

14 Dear Commissioner Been:15

16 The Lower Income Housing Plan Application (the "Application") for Taconic Investment

- 17 Partners' and Ritterman Capital's (the "Applicant") project at 525 West 52<sup>nd</sup> Street (the
- 18 "Project") was discussed at the June 19, 2014 meeting of Manhattan Community Board 4's
- 19 (CB4) Housing Health and Human Services ("HH&HS") Committee. CB4 voted to recommend
- 20 **approval** of the Application **with conditions**, some of which have already been agreed to by the
- Applicant (see attached letter dated July 17, 2014).<sup>1</sup>

# 23 The Project: An Overview

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The Project is located through block between West 52<sup>nd</sup> and West 53<sup>rd</sup> Streets between Tenth and 25 Eleventh Avenues on the former Clinton Urban Renewal Area ("CURA"). On June 26, 2014 the 26 27 Project received Uniform Land Use Review Procedure ("ULURP") approval for a rezoning for 28 M1-5 to R9 and the creation of a Large Scale General Development ("LSGD"). That rezoning 29 also overlaid the Project site as an Inclusionary Housing Designated Area. Based on these 30 factors, the site is eligible to bonus from a base FAR of 6.0 to an FAR of 8.0 via the provision of 20% of the residential units in the building as permanently affordable housing. The Applicant 31 32 has elected to pursue this Inclusionary Housing bonus.

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The Project will be one building with a 22-story wing and a 14-story wing. The Project includes ground floor retail to accommodate an existing site tenant as well as 392 residential units, 79 of which will be reserved for low-income individuals and families. Those 46 units include 19 studios, 39 one-bedrooms, and 21 two-bedrooms.

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# 39 Housing Program

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41 The Project is an 80/20 rental building financed with tax-exempt bonds from the New York State

42 Housing Finance Agency. The 80/20 Program requires that 20% of the apartments, 79 units, be

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43 44	affordable to low income individuals and families. Those same 20% low income units are made permanently affordable through a deed restriction under the New York City Inclusionary		
45	Housing Program. The Application, submitted to the New York City Department of Housing		
46	Preservation and Development ("HPD") by the Applicant will govern the 79 apartments which		
47	will be created under the Inclusionary Housing program and made available to those at or below		
48	60% of Area Median Income ("AMI"). CB4 is pleased that all of the inclusionary units for the		
49	Project will be developed on-site. CB4 celebrates its diversity and the Project, if fully integrated,		
50	will celebrate that diversity.		
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53	NOW, therefore, be it resolved that Manhattan Community Board 4 recommends		
54	approval of the Application for 525 West 52 <sup>nd</sup> Street, <i>provided the following conditions, which</i>		
55	have been agreed to by the Applicant, are included in the Lower Income Housing Plan		
56	executed by HPD:		
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58	Amenities		
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60	• The Project features amenities that have not yet been finalized by the Applicant.		
61	However, all amenity space will be available to the low-income residents of the		
62	building either free of charge or at a substantially reduced rent in line with the		
63	tenants' incomes.		
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65	Finishes		
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67	• All of the units in the building will have the same finishes in the kitchens, bathrooms,		
68	bedrooms, and living areas.		
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70	Permanent Affordability		
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72	• A Restrictive Declaration be filed that requires development of 79 units of housing in		
73	the Project, affordable <i>in perpetuity</i> , to those earning less than 60% of AMI.		
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75	Marketing		
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77	• The Inclusionary units will be subject to a 50% community preference.		
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79	Jobs		
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81	• Applicant will apprise CB4 of job opportunities the can be filled by community		
82	residents so that CB4 may post those opportunities on its website.		
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84	Apartment Distribution		
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86	Among Floors		
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88 Applicant has agreed to distribute the affordable units throughout at least 83% of the • 89 floors. CB4 acknowledges that HPD only requires apartment distribution throughout 65% of the floors and appreciates that the Applicant has met that minimum and 90 exceeded it by providing units on 83% of the floors. However, CB4 reiterates its 91 92 longstanding position that apartment distribution should be among 100% of the 93 floors. 94 95 Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and submit recommendations on this 96 97 important Application. 98 99 Sincerely, 100 101 102 Barbara Davis, Co-Chair 103 Housing, Health & 104 Human Services Committee 105 106 107 108 Cc: All Local Electeds 109 Gabriella Amabile – HPD Thehbia Walters - HPD 110 111 Sara Levenson - HPD 112 **Taconic Investment Partners** 113 **Ritterman** Capital Al Fredericks - Kramer Levin 114 Councilmember Johnson 115

1 Executive Committee

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3 July 23, 2014 4 5 Vicki Bean 6 Commissioner 7 NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development 8 100 Gold Street 9 New York, NY 10007 10 540 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street – CURA Site 7 11 Re: 12 **Inclusionary Housing—Lower Income Housing Plan Application** 13 14 Dear Commissioner Bean: 15 16 The Lower Income Housing Plan Application (the "Application") for Clinton Housing Development Company's (the "Applicant") project at 540 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street (the "Project") was 17 discussed at the June 19, 2014 meeting of Manhattan Community Board 4's ("CB4") Housing 18 Health and Human Services ("HH&HS") Committee. CB4 voted to recommend approval of the 19 20 Application subject to the following conditions which have already been agreed to by the 21 Applicant (see attached letter dated July 17, 2014).<sup>2</sup> 22 23 The Project: An Overview 24 The Project is located on the south side of West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues 25 on Site 7 of the former Clinton Urban Renewal Area ("CURA"). On June 26, 2014 the Project 26 27 received Uniform Land Use Review Procedure ("ULURP") approval for a rezoning for M1-5 to 28 R9 and the creation of a Large Scale General Development ("LSGD"). That rezoning also 29 overlaid the Project site as an Inclusionary Housing Designated Area with bonuses allowed for 30 the creation of low-, middle- and moderate-income housing, not just low-income. With Inclusionary Housing, the site is eligible to bonus from a base FAR of 6.0 to an FAR of 8.0 via 31 32 the provision of 20% of the residential units in the building as permanently affordable housing. 33 The Applicant has elected to pursue this Inclusionary Housing bonus. 34 35 The Project will be a 12-story building with retail on the cellar and ground floors in order to accommodate vested CURA tenants, Cybert Tire and LeNoble Lumber. The Project includes 103 36 residential units all of which will be permanently affordable to low-, moderate- and middle-37 38 income families and individuals. These 103 units include 11 studios, 39 one-bedrooms, 49 two-39 bedrooms, and 4 three-bedrooms. 40

### 41 Housing Program

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43	The Project is being financed by a combination of equity from the sale of excess development
44	rights and inclusionary development rights to the adjacent development project at 525 West 52 <sup>nd</sup>
45	Street, the New York City Employee Retirement System ("NYCERS") Taxable Mortgage
46	Initiative and subsidy from the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and
47	Development ("HPD"). All of the residential units in the building are made permanently
48	affordable through a deed restriction under the New York City Inclusionary Housing Program.
49	The Application, submitted to the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and
50	Development ("HPD") by the Applicant, will govern the 103 apartments which will be created
51	under the Inclusionary Housing program and made available to those at or below 80%, 100%,
52	125%, and 165% of Area Median Income ("AMI"). CB4 is pleased that all of the Inclusionary
53 54	units for the Project will be developed on-site and are available to individuals and families at a
54 55	range of incomes. CB4 believes this Project truly celebrates and reinforces the socioeconomic diversity of the neighborhood
55 56	diversity of the neighborhood.
50 57	NOW, therefore, be it resolved that Manhattan Community Board 4 recommends
58	approval of the Application for 540 West 53 <sup>rd</sup> Street, <i>provided the following conditions, which</i>
50 59	have been agreed to by the Applicant, are included in the Lower Income Housing Plan
60	executed by HPD:
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62	Amenities
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64	• The Project features amenities including a small gym, landscaped gardens, and a
65	children's play room. All amenity space will be available to all tenants of the building
66	at no charge.
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68	Finishes
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70	• All of the units in the building will have the same finishes in the kitchens, bathrooms,
71	bedrooms, and living areas.
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73	Permanent Affordability
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105		Sara Levenson - HPD
106		Clinton Housing Development Company
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### Item #• 46

<ul> <li>July 23, 2014</li> <li>Vicki Been</li> <li>Commissioner</li> <li>NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation &amp; Development</li> <li>100 Gold Street</li> <li>New York, NY 10038</li> <li>Re: Harborview Terrace</li> <li>Hudson Yards Points of Agreement</li> <li>Proposed Permanent Affordable Housing RFP</li> <li>Dear Commissioner Been:</li> <li>At the June 19, 2014 meeting of Manhattan Community Board 4's (CB4) Housing,</li> <li>Health and Human Services (HH&amp;HS) Committee, a presentation was made detailing the</li> <li>community's progress made on reaching consensus on a planned Request for Proposals</li> <li>(RFP) for a permanently affordable housing development on the Harborview Terrace site</li> <li>at West 56<sup>th</sup> Street, just east of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This RFP is part of the affordable housing</li> <li>commitments made by the Mayor to City Council and finalized in the Hudson Yards</li> <li>Points of Agreement (HY POA) in 2005 (attached). CB4 has been a strong advocate for</li> <li>this project over the years and is pleased that the NYC Department of Housing</li> <li>Preservation and Development (HPD) and the NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA) are</li> <li>engaging with both CB4 and the Harborview Tenant Association to draft an RFP that is</li> <li>responsive to the range of concerns of all sectors of the community.</li> </ul>	108	HH&HS and C/HKLU Committees	Item #: 46
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- POA also noted that all of the units would be permanently affordable and NYCHA and 151
- HPD would lead the development of the site. 152
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An RFP was issued according to these parameters in 2007 and Atlantic Development
Group was selected as the developer. The Uniform Land Use Review Procedure
(ULURP) application for the project was certified in May 2008 and was approved by
Council in November 2008. CB4 did not support the original project for several reasons

158 (see attached letter dated July 11, 2008) including:

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- The inclusion of market-rate units that were never agreed to in the HY POA.
- The creation of a floor area bonus through the Inclusionary Housing Program.
- The project only generated 72 moderate and middle income units, less than the 92 moderate and middle units committed to in the HY POA.
  - The majority of the proposed units were studios and one bedroom apartments that did not meet the community's need for family-size units.
  - The project included a concentration of senior housing. CB4 believes that senior housing should be integrated throughout the community.
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169 The original developer encountered legal issues and the project did not proceed.

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In August of 2013 as part of the negotiations over the Culture Shed, the Council and the
Administration agreed to release a new RFP for the project on or before December 31,
2013(see attached letter dated). CB4 agreed to push that date back into 2014 in order to
allow for more community input into the parameters of the RFP. The developer that is
awarded the project will need to submit a new ULURP application for, at minimum, a

176 Special Permit to build over a rail cut and modifications to the existing LSRD.

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# 178 Community Planning Process

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At the December 19, 2013 of CB4's HH&HS Committee, HPD and NYCHA gave a 180 181 presentation on the status of the Harborview RFP. That meeting was well attended by 182 residents of the community and members of the Harborview Tenant Association as well 183 as representatives from the office of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, 184 Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal, and Council Member Helen Rosenthal. The 185 Committee and members of the public each expressed a broad variety of concerns. At the 186 same time, CB4 was very pleased that as part of this second round RFP, HPD and 187 NYCHA are meeting with CB4 and the Harborview Tenant Association to develop its parameters prior to the RFPs issuance.

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190 Since that December meeting, there have been a series of follow-up meetings with a

191 working group comprised of the Harborview Tenants Association, CB4, Housing

192 Conservation Coordinators, Clinton Housing Development Company, Assembly Member

193 Linda Rosenthal, Council Member Helen Rosenthal, Manhattan Borough President Gale

Brewer and New York State Senator Brad Hoylman (the "Harborview Working Group").

As a result of meetings on February 18<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 16<sup>th</sup>, and June 9<sup>th</sup> key objectives

196 have been identified, developed and defined for the Harborview site.

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200	• HPD and NYCHA must continue to engage with the Harborview Working Group
201	and the broader community at each step along the way, as parameters are
202	developed, through ULURP and construction.
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204	Site Planning
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206	Design guidelines
207	• Contextual design – Design must be developed contextually to allow for
208	integration of the new building into the existing Harborview campus and
209	surrounding buildings.
210	• Distance between buildings – The site plan must provide for adequate
211	light and air for the existing Harborview buildings. The new building
212	should be L-shaped, mirroring the existing family building.
213	• Height and bulk – The height of the new building should be limited to
214	provide light and air to existing buildings and spaces and to work within
215	the context of the site. However, the Harborview Working Group favors a
216	bulkier, set back and stepped down building with height capped at 25
217	stories and the massing pushed to the west. This increase in bulk allows
218	for an increase in the number of affordable units in the new building from
219	155 to 230 units.
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221	Integrating existing NYCHA facilities
222	• NYCHA tenant parking – NYCHA must confirm the number of NYCHA
223	tenant parking permits being impacted. The RFP must provide for
224	consolidation of all tenant and NYCHA staff parking for the entire
225	Harborview campus into an enclosed garage as part of the new building.
226	<ul> <li>NYCHA dumpsters and bulk recycling – Any relocation of existing</li> </ul>
227	NYCHA dumpsters must be integrated into the site plan. The Harborview
228	Working Group recommends integration of the dumpsters and bulk
229	recycling into the proposed enclosed garage in the new building. The
230	garbage should be accessed from one street and the parking from a
231	different street, but both access points should be as far west as is feasible.
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233	Building Design and Program
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235	• Market rate units – The RFP must not allow for any market rate units to be built
236	on the site.
237	• Maximizing units – The RFP should allow for the maximum amount of
238	permanently affordable units. Units must be distributed as follows according to
239	the HY POA:
240	o 63 low-income units (up to 60% of AMI);
241	<ul> <li>46 moderate income units (up to 135% AMI); and</li> </ul>
242	• 46 middle income units (up to 165% of AMI).
243	• The additional 75 affordable units created by the stepped building design
244	should be distributed at 50%, 60%, 80%, 125% and 165% of AMI.

245	•	Unit sizes – The RFP will require at least 50% two-bedroom units and should
246		encourage some three-bedroom units.
247	•	Lottery preferences:
248		• The Community Preference for units during the lottery will be 50%.
249		• The NYCHA preference should be increased from 20 to 25% of the units.
250		• The Community District 4 NYCHA preference should be expanded to
251		include tenants of the Amsterdam Houses.
252	•	Green building – The RFP should mandate, at minimum, compliance with the
253		Enterprise Green Communities program.
255	•	Pets – The RFP should make clear that the project must allow pets.
255	•	Smoke-free preference – The RFP should stipulate that project be smoke-free.
255	•	Shoke-nee preference – The KIT should supulate that project be shoke-nee.
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258	•	Master plan for open space - The Harborview Working Group is now working
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260		with the Harborview Tenant Association to developer a master plan to developer all of the Harborriew open spaces and expects that planning process to be
261		all of the Harborview open spaces and expects that planning process to be
		complete by late September 2014. The master plan includes improved open space
263		design for specific age demographics including:
264		• Adults and Elderly (seating, easy access);
265		• Teenagers (e.g. basketball, skateboarding and rollerblading surfaces);
266		• School-age children (e.g. playground with slides, water sprinkler, and
267		other equipment) and
268		• Toddlers (adjacent to school age playground, path for tricycle riding).
269	•	Open space improvements – The RFP should provide parameters for
270		improvements to the existing open spaces on the Harborview campus all of which
271		are to be done by the developer that is awarded the RFP.
272	•	Existing trees - Approximately 11 existing trees may be impacted by the new
273		development. The RFP should provide for one-for-one replacement of trees on the
274		Harborview campus.
275	•	Playground – The Harborview Tenants Association has agreed to relocate and/or
276		reconfigure the playground if the new space is equivalent or larger in size.
277	•	Additional funding - Manhattan Borough President Brewer and Councilmember
278		Rosenthal have been asked to provide additional funding for open space
279		redevelopment and both have indicated they would consider such a request.
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281	Comm	nunity Facility Space
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283	•	Existing Harborview Terrace community room – The existing community room
284		space at Harborview has been made inaccessible to residents. The RFP should
285		require plans for a renovated and accessible to the Harborview Tenant
286		Association for programming and to the broader community.
287	•	Community room in new building - The RFP should also require construction of a
288		new community space for Harborview residents and the larger community in the
289		new building.
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291	NYCI	HA Revenue		
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293	•	NYCHA and HPD noted that this project is being contemplated as a ground lease		
294		and not an outright sale to a developer. NYCHA represented, and CB4 supports,		
295		structuring this deal as a ground lease with income from that ground lease going		
296		towards repairs and capital improvements at the Harborview Terrace campus.		
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298	CB4	looks forward to engaging with all of the stakeholders to create an RFP that meets		
299	the re	quirements of the HY POA and benefits both the existing Harborview tenants and		
300	the br	oader community. CB4 requests to meet with HPD's Department of Planning to		
301	discus	ss the next steps in this community planning process for the Harborview RFP.		
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310	Cc:	Gabriella Amabile – HPD		
311		Thehbia Walters – HPD		
312		NYCHA		
313		Maria Guzmond – President of Harborview TA		
314		All local elected officials		
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317	Attac	hments:		
318	•	Hudson Yards Points of Agreement		
319	-	Manhattan Community Board 4 2008 Letter re Atlantic Development Group,		
320		Harborview Terrace proposal		
321	-	2013 Letter re RFP for NYCHA Harborview Site		
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