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Mr. Richard Kane  
Chief Administrative Officer  
American Red Cross in Greater New York  
150 Amsterdam Avenue  
New York, NY 10023

Dear Mr. Kane:

Thank you very much for your informational presentation at the meeting of the Board's Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committee on September 14, 2005 of the preliminary design for your new headquarters at 514 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street. The design was enthusiastically received by all present, and the Red Cross and its architect are to be commended for the care taken to update the existing building while preserving the existing character of this classic Clinton industrial building.

The Committee expressed concern that the building's lighting, both interior and exterior, would adversely affect residents of the buildings directly across the street. You assured us that office lights will be turned off or shaded at night, and that exterior lighting will be directed away from the residential buildings. We would request that the perimeter of the building be well lit with white light from quartz or halogen fixtures pointing at the sidewalk, at a height to minimize spillage into any residential apartments.

You have further assured us that street trees will be planted as required by Section 96-51 of the Special Clinton District provisions in the Zoning Resolution.

You indicated that you will soon be filing an application with the Department of Transportation for dedicated parking spaces in front of the building, on the south side of 49<sup>th</sup> Street. That application will be handled by the Board's Transportation Committee, which stands ready to work with you at your convenience.

We appreciate the time you have taken to inform the Board of your plans and solicit our comments, especially in the midst of your Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. We look forward to welcoming you to our community.

Sincerely,

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