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Miriam Colon, Assistant Commissioner Housing Incentives Department of Housing Preservation & Development 100 Gold Street New York, New York 10038

Re: Hudson Yards & West Chelsea Affordable Housing Commitments Production Tracking

Dear Ms. Colon,

The Board requests you and staff of the Inclusionary Housing Program attend the October 19th Affordable Housing Task Force of Manhattan Community Board #4. At the September Task Force meeting several issues regarding Inclusionary Housing were raised, many centering on adequate advance notification and tracking of the production of Inclusionary Housing in above rezoned areas and within the Clinton Special District.

Members also raised the issue how the production of 421-a Tax Exemption units are tracked, specifically whether projects that produce those affordable apartments result in units located in our Board area or elsewhere in the City. We would like to discuss with you how both HPD and the Board can improve this tracking and reporting function. Our intent is to develop mechanisms which can ensure transparency for the public as the affordable housing governed by these commitments is now produced.

Our District Manager, Bob Benfatto will contact you in preparation for this meeting.

Sincerely,

Lee Compton

Chair

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Affordable Housing Task Force

cc: R. Cestero, HPD A. Sokolow, HPD