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December 7, 2007

John Warren, First Deputy Commissioner
NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development
100 Gold Street
New York, New York 10038

Re: Reimbursement of LeNoble Lumber's Temporary Relocation Expenses

Dear Mr. Warren:

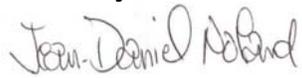
In September 2007 Manhattan Community Board No. 4 wrote to you requesting that you find a way to reimburse LeNoble Lumber Co., Inc. for its expenses in temporarily relocating from development sites in the Clinton Urban Renewal Area (CURA). We are delighted to know that a solution has been found, and we write to encourage its expeditious implementation.

We have today written to Commissioner Shaun Donovan expressing our preliminary, conceptual support for the proposal by Clinton Housing Development Company to redevelop the City-owned building at 500 W. 52nd Street for supportive housing, and requesting that CHDC be given site control of the building by HPD's Division of Special Needs Housing.

We understand that, since LeNoble Lumber is a tenant at 500 W. 52nd Street, the Division of Special Needs Housing is proposing to make a Seed Fund loan to CHDC, which CHDC would use to reimburse the relocation expenses that LeNoble has incurred.

We support this solution, are grateful for the effort involved in making it happen, and request that it be implemented so that LeNoble can be reimbursed by the end of the year.

Sincerely,



Jean-Daniel Noland
Chair
Committee



Anna Hayes Levin, Chair
Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use

Cc: Timothy O'Hanlon, Assistant Commissioner, HPD Division of Special
Needs Housing
Joe Restuccia, Clinton Housing Development Company¹
Matt Dienstag, LeNoble Lumber Co., Inc.
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¹ Joe Restuccia, Executive Director of CHDC, is also a member of this Board and of its Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use Committee. His interest has been disclosed, and he is not entitled to vote on any matter concerning the development projects mentioned in this letter that may come before the Board or the Committee, including approval of this letter.