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To the Board of Directors and Members of
The Ensemble Studio Theater
549 West 52nd Street
New York, NY 10019

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 expresses its sincere condolences to the entire EST community for the untimely death of Founding Artistic Director Curt Dempster.

Under Curt's leadership, EST grew to become a nationally-recognized home for developmental theater. We celebrate the many contributions that EST has made over the years to the cultural vitality of the neighborhood and the City as a whole, as well as the support it has given to American theater in general. Most particularly, we are proud that since its founding in 1971 EST has made its home in the Clinton Urban Renewal Area.

We wish you all the best as you make the transition to new leadership, and stand ready to provide whatever assistance we can in the process. We very much hope that EST will continue to have a home in the Clinton Urban Renewal Area that will allow it to thrive for generations to come.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Compton
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