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Michelle Hawkins
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Dear Dr. Hawkins and Colleagues,

I am writing on behalf of The City of New York/ Bronx Community Board #1 who is happy to learn of WE STAY/ Nos Quedamos application along with their partners from the New York Botanical Garden and STEMteachersNYC to the NASA A.67 Earth Action: Supporting Climate Resilient Communities program.

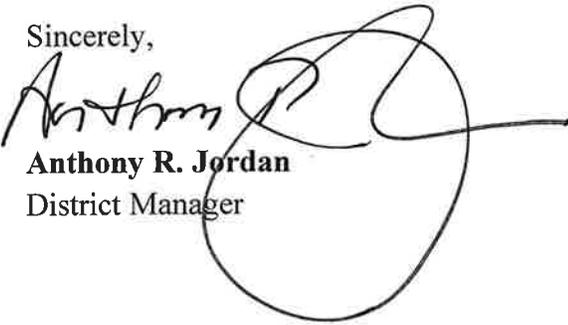
Nos Quedamos already plays a vital role within the South Bronx community as a leader in climate resilience engagement and action. Their work will have them serve as an ideal partner to share NASA Earth observations through the Visionmaker NYC platform and use them to involve community members as equal partners in the development of climate-informed actions that enhance community-level resilience. It's our understanding Nos Quedamos is currently focused on increasing climate resilience and emergency preparedness in Melrose Commons by establishing Climate Resiliency Hubs at public sites within the neighborhood, including local community gardens, that will include solar canopies, rainwater harvesting systems, and broadband access. Alongside the development of the Hubs, they are undertaking substantial community outreach, education, leadership development, and organizing efforts to ensure the Hubs will be activated as centers of community power building for long-term climate justice.

Bronx Community Board 1, which serves the Mott Haven, Melrose and Port Morris communities, has a long relationship with Nos Quedamos. Youth leaders from the organization have presented

to the Board on topics related to environmental justice and the work they are contributing to improve environmental literacy in Melrose Commons, including educational workshops and community events. As a result of our commitment to environmental justice for the communities we serve, we have established a Board Committee on Environmental Justice and Sanitation on which one of the Nos Quedamos youth organizers currently serves as committee vice chair and one of the Nos Quedamos full time staff members serves as committee secretary. We look forward to the community engagement workshops around climate resilience and emergency preparedness that NASA funding would support in our communities and the opportunity to advance community-driven climate solutions.

We are excited that you are considering funding the NASA Earth Action: Supporting Climate Resilient Communities proposal from Nos Quedamos and its partners. We wish them nothing but the best in the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony R. Jordan". The signature is stylized with a large, circular flourish at the end that loops back to the left. The signature is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.

Anthony R. Jordan
District Manager