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Gentlemen:

This letter is to follow up on my letter of January 22, 2021 regarding the alternate homeless shelter sites for CB11. We have yet to hear back from anyone in any substantive manner regarding this matter.

I read this quote today from Mr. de Blasio:

We've got so much development in our city and some types of development have disproportionate impacts on communities. When a hotel comes in, you're talking about a lot more activity, vehicular traffic, folks staying in the hotel. It has an impact that's different than a residential building for example (<https://nypost.com/2021/01/26/one-third-of-nyc-hotel-rooms-were-wiped-out-by-covid-19>).

This same sentiment should apply to the transient use of homeless shelters. The new zoning text makes an exemption for shelters, and it does not have to get City Planning approval.

We have been very focused on the **1976 Birchall Avenue** site. The owner is open to engaging the City in developing a single adult shelter on this site.

We have also updated our list of other sites, removing some:

Available Site	Block	Lot	Square Feet	Lot	Buildable	Zoning	Owner	Community Board	Comment
1901 Amethyst Street	4011	153/152	15,791	31,582	M1	John Marricco	11	Mostly vacant lot; owner has been engaged and Board scheduling meeting with him	
1915 White Plains Road	4254	32	14,071	28,142	C8-1	Raymond Restaino	11	As of right build; Board ready to engage owner	

We look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

Albert D'Angelo

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