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Honorable Julie Won, NYC Council Member, Land Use Committee
Honorable Donovan Richards, Queens Borough President
Department of City Planning, Queens Office

Re: **Support for MoMA PS1 Courtyard and Plaza Access Renovation Project**

Dear Borough President Richards, Department of City Planning, and Council Member Won:

On behalf of Queens Community Board 2, we are writing to express strong support for the MoMA PS1 Courtyard and Plaza Access Renovation Project and to urge that this vital capital investment be prioritized.

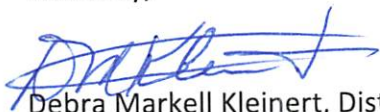
MoMA PS1 has long served as a cultural anchor in Long Island City, drawing local residents and national/international visitors alike. The proposed Courtyard and Plaza Access Renovation Project will transform the institution's outdoor space into a more accessible, flexible, and inclusive public area. The envisioned improvements – expanding public access, enhancing ADA-compliant entryways, and creating an inviting gathering place for both cultural programming and everyday community use – align directly with our community priorities: expanding open space, increasing arts and cultural investment, and supporting equitable neighborhood development.

The project's scope already includes an initial commitment from the City, and we believe that additional public funding is appropriate given MoMA PS1's designation as a Cultural Institution Group partner on City-owned land. With this renovation, the courtyard will not only strengthen PS1's public mission but also help address a longstanding need in western Queens for high-quality, community-serving open space. We also want to emphasize that our support for this project is consistent with our broader commitment to equitable investment in arts and culture across western Queens. We view the PS1 Courtyard and Plaza Access Renovation as one important step within this larger vision, alongside continued efforts toward fair, sector-wide support.

We thank you for your leadership on this important initiative and encourage the City to recognize and fund this project.

"Serving the Communities of Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside, and Maspeth"

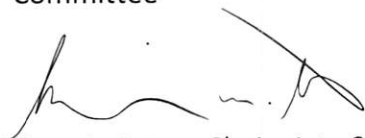
Sincerely,



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