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March 26th, 2024

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Dear Ms. Masella & Ms. Bailey-McClain,

At its regularly scheduled General Board Meeting held remote and in-person, on Thursday, March, 21st, 2024, Manhattan Community Board No. 9 passed the following Letter of Support re: **Harlem Sculpture Gardens** by unanimous consent with 25 members present.

MCB9 Landmarks, Preservation and Parks committee is pleased to issue a letter of support for the upcoming **Harlem Sculpture Garden Exhibition**.

The Harlem Sculpture Garden Exhibition shall occur in Harlem's Morningside Park, St. Nicholas Park, and Jackie Robinson in the months of May through October 2024.

The **Harlem Sculpture Garden Exhibition** is a collaboration of two organizations West Harlem Art Fund/ Savona Bailey and New York Artists Equity Association Inc/ Elizabeth Masella. MCB9's LPP committee thanks them for leading this charge to deliver the largest outdoor exhibition ever in Harlem Parks.

The **Harlem Sculpture Garden Exhibition** integral ingredient is its gifted artists and their works. MCB9 LPP stands in awe of the works presented, and excited for their upcoming appearance in Harlem parks

Landmarks, Preservation, and Parks sends tons of gratitude to the following participating artists:

**Jaleeca Yancy
Peter Miller
Reuben Sinha
Zura Bushurisvili
Margaret Roleke**

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March 27th, 2024

Adolfo Carrión Jr.
Commissioner
NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development
100 Gold Street
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner Carrión Jr.,

At its regularly scheduled General Board Meeting held remotely and in-person, on Thursday, March 21st, 2024, Manhattan Community Board No. 9 passed the following Letter of Support re: **501 W 143rd HDFC Article XI by unanimous consent with 25 members present.**

On behalf of the board of directors and residents of the 501 West 143rd Street HDFC, we write to ask for your agency's consideration of an urgent request. The 501 West 143rd Street HDFC is in great need of an Article XI tax exemption, as they are struggling to find financing for sorely needed repairs.

City Council passed LU 0196-2018 in support of an Article XI exemption retroactive to 2011, and a regulatory agreement was sent by HPD to building management (attached). However, this Article XI and the regulatory agreement were never executed. We are asking that HPD reinstate this Article XI and the regulatory agreement as originally proposed in 2018. In addition, we are requesting a letter of satisfaction for the outstanding FLIP tax payments, which would allow the HDFC to secure private loans to make necessary repairs. We are also seeking to have the HDFC removed from the Alternative Enforcement Program, as they have made good-faith efforts to pay down City debts and are in need of financing and support to make repairs to the building - not more punitive violations.

The timely execution of the Article XI tax-exemption and the attached regulatory agreement would be a great financial help to the shareholders of the HDFC, who have worked tirelessly to pay off debts incurred by a fraudulent board that has since been removed from their authority. Since new leadership has taken over the board of directors, the HDFC has paid an estimated \$2,000,000 in payments and fees owed to the City. They seek in earnest to preserve the affordability of the building and remediate the current structural issues that threaten shareholders' livelihoods.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We greatly appreciate your consideration and look forward to your prompt response, as this is a time-sensitive matter.



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Dear Ms. Carollo & Mr. Palma ,

At its regularly scheduled General Board Meeting held remotely and in-person, on Thursday, March 21st, 2024, Manhattan Community Board No. 9 passed the following Letter of Support re: **Farmer's Market in Montefiore Park Plaza by unanimous consent with 25 members present.**

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board 9 is committed to enhancing the quality of life for all residents, and community members by creating access to healthy and farm fresh foods; and

WHEREAS, A NYC Green Market previously occupied this location at Broadway and 137th Street prior to the development of the Montefiore Park Plaza and was a meaningful benefit to the community providing access to fresh food; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 9, District is a vibrant and diverse part of West Harlem, whose residents face challenges accessing fresh, healthy, and affordable food options; and

WHEREAS, Montefiore Farmers Market shall address food insecurity, promote local agriculture, increase access to composting facilities, and encourage community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Farmers Market in Montefiore Park Plaza shall enable resident's an opportunity to access fresh foods, locally grown produce, and promote healthier dietary choices; and