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Ratification of **Letter of Support re: The Osborne Association** by a vote of 21, in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions; and 0 present not entitled to vote: :

May 1, 2023

Liz Ryan
Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Office of Justice Programs
U.S. Department of Justice
810 7th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20531

Dear Ms. Ryan,

Due to time constraints Manhattan Community Board No. 9's Executive Committee on behalf of the Full Board passed the following **Letter of Support re: The Osborne Association** by a vote of 21, in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions; and 0 present not entitled to vote: :

We are pleased to support the Osborne Association (Osborne) and their application in response to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Fiscal Year 2023 "Strategies To Support Children Exposed to Violence" Competitive Solicitation. Osborne will implement a program serving NYC youth (17 and younger) who have experienced the arrest or incarceration of a loved one and violence in their community, home, or school.

The purpose of Manhattan Community Board 9 (MCB9) is to ensure that City services are accessible and responsive to the needs of all residents, organizations, businesses, and institutions in West Harlem. The New York City Charter mandates that all community boards advise and inform their respective constituencies on matters relevant to their immediate neighborhood. Toward this end, MCB9 convenes 11 committee meetings and Ad-Hoc Committee(s) each month: Arts & Culture; Economic Development; Health & Environment; Landmarks Preservation/Parks; Housing Land Use & Zoning; Uniformed Services, & Transportation; Senior Issues; Strategic Planning (Ad-Hoc); LGBTQ Task Force; Task Force on Film & Television; and Youth, Education, & Libraries.

As a member of the West Harlem Advisory Board, which advises Osborne on the development, implementation, and coordination of Osborne's services in Upper Manhattan, MCB9 is willing to participate in this grant-funded project as a member of the Planning Team. Planning Team members will meet every other month to identify and address service gaps, coordinate a network of services for affected children and families, and build the capacity of families and our community to support children who have been exposed to violence. The Planning Team's goal is to ensure the successful implementation of these services and to promote safety and healing in our community. We estimate that through our participation in the project, MCB9 staff effort will amount to six hours annually.



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May 18, 2023

Marricka Scott-McFadden
Deputy Commissioner
Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs
Department of Homeless Services
4 World Trade Center
New York, NY 10007

Dear Ms. Scott-McFadden :

At its regularly scheduled General Board Meeting held remotely and in-person, on Thursday, May 18th, 2023. Manhattan Community Board No. 9 passed the following Letter of Support re: **1763 Amsterdam Ave.** by unanimous consent with 31 members present.

Manhattan Community Board 9 would like to offer its support for the development of the project located at 1763 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, New York Block: 2062, Lot: 2 to be developed as a homeless shelter for families.

The project has been presented, discussed and voted in favor by the Manhattan Community Board 9 Housing, Land Use and Zoning Committee and then subsequently by the full Community Board.

We understand the need to develop the property and appreciate the Developer's willingness to provide another one of their nearby sites to be committed as permanent affordable housing, as well as substantially contribute to a community benefits fund to be administered by the New York Community Trust.

We are familiar with the Developer's track record of several housing projects throughout the Harlem area, and specifically within this community board.

We are comfortable providing our support to the Department of Homeless Services to work in conjunction with the Vahdat family to construct and open a family shelter at 1763 Amsterdam Avenue, New York. However, we would like to establish a minimum percentage of the shelter units that would be used to provide shelter for families or



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May 19, 2023

Letter of Support RE: City College of New York's application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY 2022 HSI) Research Center of Excellence funding opportunity

Dear Grant Application Review Committee:

At its regularly scheduled General Board meeting held May 18, 2023, Manhattan Community Board 9 (MCB9) approved the following **Letter of Support RE: CCNY application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY 2022 HSI) Research Center of Excellence funding opportunity** by unanimous consent with 31 members present.

Manhattan Community Board 9, the official New York City government body representing the West Harlem neighborhoods of Morningside Heights, Manhattanville, Hamilton Heights, and Sugar Hill, is pleased to offer this letter of support to continue our collaborative relationship with The City College of New York and the J. Max Bond Center for Urban Futures in support of their application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY 2022 HSI Research Center of Excellence funding opportunity.

The collaboration between The City College of New York (CCNY), the J Max Bond Center for Urban Futures, affiliated academic departments, and Manhattan Community Board 9 is a dynamic partnership that brings together the expertise of academics, policymakers, and community members to address key community concerns related to the built environment, housing, land use, zoning, economic development, and climate change.

What is meaningful for MCB9 is that at the heart of this collaboration is a commitment to community engagement, collaborative research, and resource sharing. Faculty from CCNY and affiliated academic departments already work closely with the committees and members of Manhattan Community Board 9 to identify and address the most pressing issues facing the community, particularly around housing, economic development, climate change, and social conditions in West Harlem. While our Housing/Zoning and Land Use Committee works most closely with the Bond Center, the full Community Board continues to benefit from our partnership and wholeheartedly supports CCNY's application. This partnership is built on a foundation of mutual respect, trust, and a shared vision for positive change in the community, and has grown deeper under the past several years as we have worked more closely with CCNY's Bond Center.

MCB9 recognizes that one of the key goals of this collaboration is to produce critical and timely new knowledge that is disseminated directly to the communities, policymakers, and the public at large. This is done through funded collaborative research projects that leverage urban and demographic data to inform policy and practice. In this role the partnership seeks to democratize the understanding and use of relevant urban data by making it accessible to the community and engaging community members in the research

process. This approach ensures that the research findings are relevant, meaningful, and actionable for the community.

The collaborative research efforts focus on addressing key community concerns related to the built environment such as housing, land use, zoning, economic development, and climate change. For example, research projects continue to explore innovative approaches to affordable housing, sustainable and equitable land use planning, or economic development strategies that prioritize community needs and promote equitable outcomes. The research is conducted with rigor and academic excellence, while also being guided by the practical needs of the community and its residents.

The partnership ultimately seeks to leverage the proposed research findings for actionable urban innovations. This involves working closely with policymakers and other stakeholders to translate research into policy recommendations, urban design strategies, and other practical solutions that can address the community's concerns. The collaborative nature of the partnership allows for a rich exchange of ideas, perspectives, and expertise, resulting in innovative and effective solutions that more broadly and equitably serve the community and its residents. As a local community stakeholder, MCB9 and the residents we represent have benefited significantly from our collaboration.

Since 2018, the collaboration between CCNY, the J Max Bond Center for Urban Futures, affiliated academic departments, and Manhattan Community Board 9 has been a robust and supportive partnership that fosters community engagement, collaborative research, and actionable urban innovations. We remain committed to this collaboration and its goals through the production, dissemination, and translation of critical new knowledge into practical solutions that address key community concerns and contribute to positive change in the built environment, housing, land use, zoning, economic development, and climate change.

If you have any questions and/or further information is needed, please do not hesitate contacting me or District Manager, Eutha Prince, at the board office (212) 864-6200.

Sincerely,



Barry Weinberg
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Hon. Sarah Carroll
Commissioner
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
David N. Dinkins Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor North
New York, NY 10007

RE: Letter of Support with Request for Modifications from Manhattan Community Board 9

611 WEST 112TH STREET
Community District: MN-9

Borough/Block/Lot: MANHATTAN/1895/ 8
Landmark: Morningside Heights Historic District

Work Type: A Renaissance Revival style apartment building designed by Israels & Harder and built in 1903-04. Application is to install a cornice, windows and a barrier-free access ramp.

Docket: LPC-23-08973 Permit Type: Certificate of Appropriateness

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During our Manhattan Community Board 9 May 3, 2023 Landmarks Preservation and Parks Committee meeting, Emma Leonard AIA, BEYER BLINDER BELLE presented architectural design drawings for **611 West 112th Street also known as the Maranamay**, which contributes to the Morningside Heights Historic District. The property was purchased by Columbia University (Columbia) in February 2022. This SRO Restricted apartment building typically would provide rent stabilized housing, but has been vacant and in a dilapidated condition for 10-15 years. The Maranamay was originally constructed with large suites of six or seven rooms with each apartment comprising two and three bedrooms. Historically, every room including bathrooms had direct light and air. Columbia is seeking to convert this apartment

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building to initially house undergraduate students while existing dormitories are being renovated. It is Columbia's goal to establish this building as its first all-electric facility with net zero carbon emissions.

The applicant is proposing to install a cornice, windows, barrier-free access ramp, two separate front entrance doors and remove the existing roll down gate at the primary entrance door. The apartment building has a historic symmetrical tripartite facade which should be maintained. We applaud the re-creation of the decorative building cornice which is a significant architectural feature that was removed in a prior alteration. Additionally, the attempt to replicate the historic diamond muntin pattern in many of the windows is supported in locations where this pattern was an original window detail.

We support long term water infiltration maintenance, masonry repairs to the brick, limestone, and terra cotta. Furthermore, the installation of sound barrier walls around the roof condensing units to mitigate noise is encouraged as well as the sustainability features including a green roof, and ADA accessibility that are being addressed. However, the barrier-free ramp as currently designed disrupts the historic nature and character of the primary entrance facade by replacing a window that contributes to the symmetry of the facade with a second entrance door that includes an inappropriate paneled transom.

This secondary entrance door in close proximity to the primary entrance to the apartment building distracts from the surrounding windows and primary entrance, and is not historically aligned or aesthetically balanced. It is recommended that an ADA vertical platform lift be explored with Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) staff for access through the primary facade areaway cellar door which may be less obtrusive. Furthermore, a straight barrier-free access path from the sidewalk through an existing areaway railing opening or another location may be appropriate since the proposed second door with barrier-free ramp does not meet the ADA 60-inch minimum diameter wheelchair turning space. Moreover, the barrier-free ramp does not provide passage through the same primary building entrance door and the infill of the areaway will reduce natural light into the cellar where direct light is an important historical feature of this apartment building. However, we support the removal of the roll down gate and re-creation of the historic center primary entrance door with transom and sidelights.

Although community members welcome the building improvements to this property that has been an eyesore for an extended period of time, several concerns have been expressed: The elimination of affordable permanent housing, exposure to hazardous waste and noise during construction, and noise after completion of the project in the rear yard by undergraduate students. Finally, the community has requested that Columbia substitute the layout position of the faculty/staff apartment with the common space in the cellar, and ongoing dialogue with Columbia regarding project updates be continued.

The prominent placement of the barrier-free access ramp with the addition of a second entrance door for which there is a limited turning radius must be modified, preferably with LPC staff assistance. Furthermore, community concerns regarding the elimination of affordable permanent housing warrant consideration. Finally, we request notification of any changes to the LPC Docket Number, permit type and further modifications to any submitted work.

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