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July 6, 2017

Jennifer Maldonado, Executive Director
NYC Educational Construction Fund
30-30 Thomson Avenue, 1st Floor
Long Island City, NY 11101

Re: 80 Flatbush, Brooklyn
Block 174, Lots 1, 9, 13, 18, 23, and 24
SEQR/CEQR No.: 17ECF001K

Dear Ms. Maldonado:

On the evening of Wednesday June 28, 2017, the New York City Educational Construction Fund (ECF) held a scoping meeting on the proposed replacement for the Khalil Gibran International Academy, a project known as "80 Flatbush Avenue." We each dispatched a staff member to attend the meeting, take notes, and report to us what happened. Those who were able to attend had the opportunity to speak before the ECF and express their concerns and opinions on how this proposed project will affect their community. Those who were unable to attend have the opportunity to submit a written statement by Monday, July 10 in writing.

Since that meeting, our office have received numerous calls and complaints from residents of the Boerum Hill Community about the short window of time that the ECF gave for feedback. Many of them believe that seven working days (the July 4 holiday was in the middle of this period) does not allow enough time for people who were not in attendance on June 28 to thoroughly review the proposal and craft a written response.

We respectfully request that you extend the response period to July 28, 2017, a full calendar month after the scoping meeting to allow concerned community members an appropriate amount of time to participate in the scoping process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sen. Velmanette Montgomery
25th Senate District

Assembly Member Jo Anne Simon
52nd Assembly District

Council Member Stephen Levin
33rd District

CC: Chancellor Carmen Fariña, NYC Department of Education