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Gary Barnett
President
Extell Development
805 Third Avenue, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Barnett,

I am writing regarding the new developments that Extell has planned for East 14th Street between Avenues A and B and their impact on the heavily utilized L Train station at 14th Street and 1st Avenue. The L Train is a vital transit resource for this neighborhood, one which will become even more important in light of the continued development of the East Village.

As you are probably well aware, the L Train has experienced heavy growth in ridership as communities along the line have increased in population. In turn, utilization of the subway station at 14th Street and 1st Avenue has increased 30% from 2007-2012, with well over 7 million annual riders passing through. With only one station entrance/exit at the western end of the platform, there is massive congestion at the stairs during rush hours. The lone exit also raises serious concerns about egress in the case of an emergency. It is clear that an eastern entrance at 14th Street and Avenue A will eventually be needed in order to ensure the safety and efficiency of this station.

Given this necessity, I would ask that, as Extell develops the block of 14th Street between Avenues A and B, it considers contributing to the construction of a new entrance near the intersection of 14th Street and Avenue A. Such improved station access would be a benefit to your new developments' residents as well as the neighborhood as a whole. At the least, I hope that as Extell's developments move forward, the company will work with New York City Transit to ensure that this work does not preclude the future addition of a much needed station entrance.



I appreciate your time and consideration. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 212-633-8052.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Hoylman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brad Hoylman
New York State Senate
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Cc: Lois Tandler, New York City Transit