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Joseph Chan
Chair
Lower Manhattan Development Corporation
One Liberty Plaza, 27th Floor
New York, NY 10006

Dear Chair Chan:

I write regarding the New York City Department of Housing, Preservation, and Development's (HPD) application to the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation. HPD has said that it seeks this funding to construct housing at 21 Spring Street, known to the community as Elizabeth Street Garden.

Elizabeth Street Garden is within the boundaries of Community Board 2 (CB2). At an August 24th meeting, the Executive Committee of CB2 passed a unanimous resolution "opposing a request from Housing, Preservation and Development to Lower Manhattan Development Corporation funding for an affordable housing project at 21 Spring Street, aka Elizabeth Street Garden."

Open space and affordable housing are both urgent needs for communities throughout Lower Manhattan. The city should work with CB2 and ensure these affordable senior units are built in an appropriate location within CB2.

I believe it is important to take into account the concerns of the local community board. Therefore, I believe LMDC must seriously consider this resolution and not approve funding applications to develop at Elizabeth Street Garden at this time.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, you may contact me at (212) 298-5565.

Sincerely,



Daniel Squadron
State Senator
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