

Re: LMDC Board Meeting



Todd Fine <[redacted]>
Thu 11/11, 9:05 PM
Public Comment

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What does this mean?

"The remaining material will be posted in advance of the meeting."

On Thu, Nov 11, 2021, 7:41 PM Public Comment <publiccomment@renewnyc.com> wrote:

An LMDC Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 3:30 PM.

Due to public health concerns and as authorized by Executive Order of the Governor, this meeting will be conducted via teleconference.

The public may listen to the meeting via webcast (audio) by clicking the link below on (or after) November 17, 2021 at 3:30pm.

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Members of the public may submit comments on the Agenda items in writing by Noon on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 to: publiccomment@renewnyc.com

The Agenda and the WTC Site 5 related material (Agenda Item V) are currently posted on the LMDC website www.renewnyc.com.

The remaining material will be posted in advance of the meeting.

The Agenda will include requests for the LMDC Board to authorize staff to submit the following for public comment:

- Action Plan Amendments to provide additional funding for affordable housing renovations.
- Proposed Environmental Review and Related Materials ("Site 5")
- Proposed Amendments to the General Project Plan related to "Site 5"

5 WTC



Patricia Aakre <[redacted]>

Fri 11/12, 12:02 PM

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It would be helpful if you had provided pictures of the plans under discussion. I had to find them by googling.

Why do we keep overbuilding office space when the way we work has changed from in office to at home?
Please make this building half its current size and height.

Why do we need sheer glass when the law says we need to be bird friendly and avoid having birds crash into their reflections?
Please use cladding that does not lure birds to crash into it.

We need more air and light, less housing for the luxury set.
Please leave lots of room for kids to run around and play.

25% sounds like a lot of affordable housing, but that leaves nearly 1000 units for the rich.

I don't recognize New York City any more. It has become a heartless place to live where the homeless are all around us but we pretend we don't see them.

Question re upcoming Board Meeting Agenda item



Jill Goodkind <[redacted]>

Fri 11/12, 5:32 PM

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Would you kindly explain - in detail - what the following board agenda item means and what exactly is being proposed including the dollar amount, where it is coming from in the LMDC funds, and what purpose it will be used for.

Funding Authorization Request > ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Request to Amend Partial Action Plan 10, the Final Action Plan and the City of New York Housing Preservation and Development Agreement

Thank you. Jill Goodkind, [redacted], [redacted]

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Mariama James - Public Comment For & Regarding Your 11/17/21 Board Meeting Agenda



Mariama James <[redacted]>
Sun 11/14, 2:12 PM
Public Comment

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Re: Mariama James - Public Comment For & Regarding Your 11/17/21 Board Meeting Agenda



Jill Goodkind <[redacted]>

Sun 11/14, 3:58 PM

Mariama James <[redacted]>; Public Comment

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On Nov 14, 2021, at 2:11 PM, Mariama James <[redacted]> wrote:

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submission for 11.17.21 meeting



Pat Gray <[redacted]>

Yesterday, 4:49 PM

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Kindly make my concerns expressed below known at this coming Wednesday's meeting. Thank you.

Pat Gray



Let's think for a moment about climate change – how blind eyes, discrimination, refusal to adapt responsibly and plan for the future have brought our precious world to where it is today. We sorely need thought-evolution on climate change and so other many fronts; today, specifically, we need constructive criticism, out-of-the-box ideas and innovative community housing that can bring all of us successfully into the future, away from staid platforms with baked-in discrimination.

It's our community's job and the responsibility of every entity involved in approving public fund use in a national landmark area, to fully understand the consequences of the proposed WTC5 construction.

Battery Park City is a great neighborhood but it could be so much better. Originally it was intended to be a miniature NYC, with differing structures and varying architectural styles, housing and housing costs, and a truly diverse population. Yes, we have different kinds of buildings, but we've lost hundreds of affordable rent-stabilized apartments, and in the process we've lost people who helped bring the area back to life. Our children don't have benefit of attending diversely populated schools, the people who work here daily can't afford to live here, seniors are priced out, and still today there are plans on the table that essentially maintain the current status quo.

I want my community to truly represent the differences and vibrancy of NYC. How else can that happen if not by making the area welcome and affordable? 100% affordable housing at WTC5 is the way to go to make our neighborhood thrive!

Board Agenda Item V - 5 World Trade Center - District Leader Comment



vittoria@vittoria.nyc

Yesterday, 5:26 PM

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Dear Board Members:

I write to oppose the adoption of the resolution "Authorization for New York City (New York County) – 5 World Trade Center; [etc.]". Through the attached guidelines, the current modified General Project Plans (MGPP) ties the LMDC and Port Authority to a luxury-style building, which building costs could make a truly affordable building prohibitively expensive. This is being proposed despite calls from elected officials and the community for an alternative. It is inappropriate to allow the designated developer, who has not even signed a contract, to participate in the writing of the mixed-use guidelines, which seem to intentionally constrain the development of affordable housing or any other building design at all. I respectfully request that the board decline to approve the resolution.

Kind regards,
Vittoria

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"It always seems impossible until it is done."

- Nelson Mandela

World Trade Center site 5



Carol Lamberg <clamberg@shfinc.org>

Yesterday, 6:21 PM

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To the Directors and staff:

Site 5 is an opportunity to tell the world that affordable housing can be an exquisite message that justice impossible. The government should use site 5 for inclusive, diverse housing with apartments for very low income, low income, moderate income and middle income families and individuals. Preferences for 9/11 survivors and first responders adds to he value. In 1986 Mayor Koch and Governor Cuomo identified new sources of housing fund, including redundant funds at the Port Authority and excess reserves at other agencies. We should all work together to identify new sources of funds that do not drain funds available for other sites.

Thank you,
Carol Lamberg

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Public Comment by Todd Fine



Todd Fine <[redacted]>

Yesterday, 7:00 PM

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Todd Fine, Coalition for 100% Affordable World Trade Center Tower 5

The minimal affordable housing actions announced today -- \$110,000 for weatherization and \$1.1 million apparently given to the City -- only emphasize the paltry affordable housing activity done by LMDC out of the billions it received in grants and in relation to the tens of billions spent on the World Trade Center in general. It is shameful that after offering so much public subsidy for the other Trade Center buildings, the only building that is considered for affordable housing would currently have no direct public subsidy at all.

Indeed, today you authorize more additional expenditure for lawyers to advance the current, ill-fated luxury plan for 5 World Trade Center than you do for affordable housing.

All remaining LMDC funds should support affordable housing at 5WTC. Finally, this was the worst possible moment for HUD to suspend its congressionally-required audits. LMDC should ask for them to be continued in order to build public confidence that the entity can be wound down appropriately, with all funds accounted for.

re: Affordable WTC 5



Erica Baum <[redacted]>

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Yesterday, 10:00 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am a born and bred New Yorker and a longtime resident of Lower Manhattan. On September 11 2001 I saw the towers fall from West Broadway just above Canal Street near my home.

I believe that WTC5 is an opportunity to give back to the downtown community. We can have fully affordable housing which our downtown community badly needs. In the decades since 9/11 we have lost affordable housing units and this is a special opportunity. Our public funds can be used to subsidize 100% fully affordable housing here. Please don't let this be another luxury tower that no one needs or wants.

We need and deserve a fully affordable Tower 5.

Thank you,

Erica Baum



re: The WTC 5 hearing today... World Network International Services Inc and WTC Families Claim to 5 wtc based on bid rigging of awards for WTC 5 and wtc 99 year lease.



Mr. W. Iwachiw <[redacted]>

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Today, 8:26 AM

speakersprogram@panynj.gov; White House <info@mail.whitehouse.gov>; +9 more

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World Network International Services Inc. lays claim to the 5 wtc based on bid rigging at the Port Authority and the 1999-2001 bid rigging award to Silverstein properties for conversion of the WTC 200 floors into directly connected to wall street trading computers with oil fired power backup centers on all floors, which contravened NYC Building dept bar to any oil fired power generation above the ground floor citywide. The Port Authority willing entered into a scheme to fix the bid rigging of the 99 year lease of the WTC and acted to devalue the property to WNIS by selling the installed fiber and telco switches to Verizon a competitor to WNIS. The Port Authority further began installing replacement fiber optic cables ahead of the award to Silverstein in consummation of the bid rigging scheme. The Port Authority failed to give World Network International Services Inc. offer on 5 WTC because of the prior events related to the WTC 99 year lease bid rigging scheme and the 5 wtc events.

That scheme which started with the theft of World Network International Services inc Telco Facilities and Internet Service Providers ISP software and facilities in 1996 for NYC and NYS use thru BOCES connection to RICO enterprise.

Thus the actions of Port Authority and Silverstein Properties incited the 2 attacks on the WTC by terrorists who were funded by those who felt threatened to their trading scheme from offshore lands. The time machine of my 1996 network allowed for seconds faster of trade executions based on the ATT fraudulent 1996 consent decree and the special nature of the network which avoided the ATT fraudulent consent decree purpose forcing all to go thru a baby bell first. My network connected directly into ATT network as a Pier to Verizon. .

The LMDC, NYC EDC, MTA, NYC TA and NYS EDC with RICO enterprise engaged in the theft of the HUD 496 million WTC URIR grant to World Network International Services Inc. in 2006 by Judge Sheila Abdus Salaam and the subsequent murder of Judge Sheila Abdus Salaam in 2017 to prevent the restoral of the HUD 496 Million WTC URIR grant with damages, to World Network International Services Inc. as offered in the 5 wtc RFP along with the Fraudulent award of the MTA CF0805 to Transit Wireless LLC and OMNY which never submitted a timely bid but rather had MTA staff change the World Network International Services Inc. offer to appear to come from transit wireless who then stole the patent and intellectual property and attempted to murder Walter Iwachiw on an MTA bus in 2011 with fake accident investigation to cover up the bid rigging RICO enterprise existing since 1993 at least.

I have requested that the OMNY and Transit Wireless LLC and Kiosks be turned over to World Network International Inc. and the Path and NJ transit be free to all residents as well as the NYC Transit system and MTA commuter rail as was included in my defrauded offer by the RICO enterprise.

It's been a mystery , why the press doesn't cover another press person under attack, (myself yes press), but then consider that Gary Simpson/ Transit Wireless llc/ OMNY/ Nab Construction (an MTA Electrical contractor) married into the NY Times Family and the NY Times printed a fraudulent article withholding the name of a "ANOTHER BIDDER" as part of the fraud to fix the bid to a none bidder.

Please accept this as a request for all document's related to the above matters as a foil request and to stop the progression on the award of 5 WTC .

I hereby request that the Whitehouse freeze the assets of the BBB bill just signed targeted for NYS , CT and NJ and assign the Justice Department to investigate and the RICO enterprise is squashed and the damage undone with free bus and trains for all and a retaking of all the WTC Center to World Network International Services Inc and to the People of NYC.

I have been the target of Snowden like retaliation by the RICO enterprise with Fraud, bid rigging, physical attacks, cars exploding while driving, murder of my WTC Family members, Khashoggi type attacks on me by Federal /City /State entity and Brittany Spears like guardianship and surrogate fraud to kill the family by MTA , Steve Wynn, connected RICO individuals.

Currently; City seeking to knock down my buildings in NYC with RICO by fraud and trespass in retaliation by a survey done on 9-14-2021 just 11 days after the Hurricane IDA damage to the buildings. They can't even get the measurements of the buildings correct ...

@Nys AG please cc: NYS Gov. Hochul, nyc edc , nys edc , NJ AG, Gov. Murphy and CT Gov.Lamonte.

Walter Iwachiw RN SPNP SFNP
[redacted]

FOR: 100% AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT 5WTC



Today, 9:48 AM

speakersprogram@panynj.gov; Public Comment; [REDACTED]

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TO: Port Authority & LMDC

I am a survivor of 9/11. The first plane flew over my head on its way to WTC. I watched from my roof as the second one hit. I had co-workers at 2WTC. My home was filled with dust and I commuted to work, walking through dust to Union Square, the closest operating subway station. I volunteered, helping people with their paperwork respecting claims. I developed various illnesses: chronic breathing issues & thyroid cancer.

My life is indelibly linked with the World Trade Center. Which is why this issue is so important to me.

After September 11, 2001, we New Yorkers made it clear that rebuilding after 9/11 must include desperately needed affordable housing. It is unconscionable that, despite tens of billions spent and promises made by the LMDC, not one new affordable housing complex has been built. 5 World Trade Center is your last chance to make good on your word.

I was outraged when I found out the LMDC and the Port Authority wish to authorize an 80-story luxury residential tower on publicly owned land at the site of the former 40-story Deutsche Bank building. The last thing the City and Lower Manhattan needs is another empty tower for the rich, a money laundering mecca for overseas investors.

9/11 had many repercussions -- including loss of life, illnesses, and psychological effects -- that placed many New Yorkers and local residents in dire need of affordable housing. The 25% ratio pledged for this building is not sufficient in light of the need. It is not in the public interest to make the Lower Manhattan Community even less diverse and wealthier, and 75% luxury will do that.

So why has more than a decade of advocacy for this last remaining WTC lot to be fully affordable and to include housing opportunities for September 11 survivors and their families, first responders, and seniors fallen on deaf ears? YOUR deaf ears.

Long-time moderate and middle income residents are being forced from their homes. Their children, who survived and grew up in the aftermath of the terrorist attack and helped rebuild Lower Manhattan, cannot afford to live in the area. Much of the new luxury housing is not even succeeding. Many towers are unfilled or unfinished, such as 125 Greenwich Street just across the street from 5 World Trade Center, which has entered foreclosure.

The proposed development with Silverstein Properties and Brookfield Properties, who have already received massive subsidies, does not reflect the best interests of the city or the input of the community. The LMDC was created in November 2001 specifically to dispense federal funding to rebuild Lower Manhattan.

I urge you to put our money where it belongs, to build a 100% affordable residential building at 5 World Trade Center.

Sincerely,

Lora Tenenbaum

FW: REVISED submission for 11.17.21 meeting



Pat Gray <[redacted]>

Today, 9:49 AM

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This message was sent with high importance.

Kindly substitute the following for my first submission, below,yesterday. What follows is a better statement.

Thank you.

Pat Gray

Let's think for a moment about climate change – how blind eyes, discrimination, refusals to adapt responsibly and plan for the future have brought our precious world to where it is today.

We sorely need thought-evolution on so many fronts; today, specifically, we need constructive criticism and out-of-the-box ideas that can move us all successfully into the future, away from staid platforms with baked-in discrimination.

It's our community's job (and the responsibility of every entity involved in approving public fund-use in a national landmark area) to fully understand the consequences of the proposed WTC5 construction.

Battery Park City was originally intended to be a mini- NYC, mimicking its different building styles, housing and housing costs, open to a truly diverse population. Yes, it has different kinds of buildings, but we've lost hundreds of affordable rent-stabilized apartments, and in the process we've lost people who helped bring the area back to life. Our children don't have benefit of attending diversely populated schools, the people who work here daily can't afford to live here, seniors are priced out... and still today there are construction plans on the table that would deny our community a viable chance to become the thriving, diverse community it was intended to be. We need ALL the housing planned for WTC5 to be affordable housing! It's past time for this enclave to become what its original blueprint intended.

From: Pat Gray
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 4:50 PM
To: publiccomment@renewnyc.com
Subject: submission for 11.17.21 meeting

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Thank you.

Pat Gray



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Comment from collection of Arab-American community leaders and scholars



Todd Fine <[REDACTED]>

Today, 10:17 AM

Public Comment; Todd Fine <[REDACTED]>

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In the context of the proposed mixed-use guidelines, we would like to respond to Silverstein Properties and Kohn Pedersen Fox's proposal that the architecture of 5 World Trade Center—a residential building on government land—would “reference” the heritage of the “Little Syria neighborhood” in inspiration from the design of St. George’s Syrian Catholic Church (or what they called “St. George Restaurant”). This area was for much of New York’s history a working-class neighborhood of tenements, warehouses, sweatshops, and places of worship, and it housed people who faced great challenges including poverty, inferior living conditions, and infectious disease. Historically, the quarter along lower Washington and Greenwich streets was one the country’s most diverse destinations for immigrants, including both Christians and Muslims, and people of Lebanese, Syrian, Palestinian, Greek, Armenian, Irish, German, Scandinavian, Czech, Slovak, and Polish descent. It was literally “right off the boat” after Ellis Island.

Perhaps more than any other section of New York City, the physical heritage of the area has been destroyed and its people displaced by three major acts of government: the eminent domain actions by Robert Moses for the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel in the 1940s; by the Port Authority for the World Trade Center in the 1960s; and then by the government-sponsored real estate boom after 2001. In spite of the suggestion that the 5WTC design would offer a transition to older low-rise buildings, this heritage is barely protected and continues to be lost due to the rapid development of hotels and luxury apartments, even though the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation had originally listed historic preservation as one of its core objectives.

Making 5 World Trade Center a permanently and fully affordable building would be a powerful gesture toward the area's ethnic history and heritage. This decision would finally address and balance the official actions that demolished almost all of “Little Syria” and displaced its residents. It would ensure that people of all social and economic backgrounds will have opportunities to live in Lower Manhattan. 5 World Trade Center can become a symbol of justice and unity, not only for the relevant ethnic communities, but for the entire nation.

Sincerely,
Diana Abouali
Director, Arab American National Museum

Rawaa Nancy Albilal, President & CEO
Arab-American Family Support Center, Brooklyn, NY

Maya Berry
Executive Director, Arab American Institute

Somia Elrowmeim
Union of Arab American Women

Sheryl Ameen Fiegel
Founder, Kahlil Gibran Centennial Foundation (Kahlil Gibran Memorial)

Todd Fine

Past President, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

Al Johary, MD

President, National Association of Syrian Lebanese Americans

Helen Hatab Samhan

Arab American Institute Foundation

Elizabeth Claire Saylor

Assistant Professor of Arabic, North Carolina State University

Ruth Ann Skaff

Arab-American political activist

Joseph Svehlak

The Friends of the Lower West Side

John Zogby

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Todd Fine

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WTC5 100% affordable



Margo S. Margolis <[REDACTED]>

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I am writing today to urge all involved parties to consider the overwhelming support for making the site, WTC5 a 100% affordable residential building to honor the revival of lower Manhattan after 9/11 and all those that contributed to that effort. It is so important to honor the first responders and their families and the support all the residents that came back to help make the community strong again. Many of those are being pushed out of the neighborhood by rising prices that have come with gentrification. If New York needs affordable housing, there is no better symbol than this site! This would bring such honor to the city for doing the right thing!!

Please support this.

Sincerely,

Margo Margolis

my public comment for LMDC meeting



Jill Goodkind <[redacted]>

Today, 11:31 AM

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To the LMDC Board

5 World Trade Center is publicly-owned land, purchased with federal tax-payer money. Despite receiving over \$2.7 billion in HUD funds, LMDC hasn't created any significant affordable housing in 20 years. We are all in agreement that the site must be developed for residential use rather than commercial. What is abhorrent is that the LMDC wants turn over the site to developers, who themselves have received massive 9/11 benefits, to build a luxury supertall with grossly inadequate affordability. The LMDC says affordable housing is too expensive to build – but the lack of financial transparency by the LMDC prevents a true analysis of cost - while LMDC votes to turn over \$13 million in their unspent "affordable housing" 9/11 funds to the City. The cost that is truly too high pay is the one that 9/11 survivors and first responders, and so many others are paying by being priced out of their homes. This opportunity to build a 100% affordable building that would serve low, middle and moderate income New Yorkers is priceless.

Jill Goodkind

[redacted]
[redacted]

Please allow for 5WTC to be 100% affordable housing



Connie Murray <[REDACTED]>

Today, 11:43 AM

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My name is Connie Murray, I am a native New Yorker who lived in Battery Park City before 9/11 and I am writing to express my support for a 100% affordable housing development at 5 World Trade Center.

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation fosters a shroud of secrecy by refusing to disclose how many bids it received for the residential option for 5 World Trade Center which makes everyone suspect it was minimal. In fact, the entire RFP process under Governor Cuomo was suspicious and should have been revised after the pandemic and especially after the former governor's resignation. The developer behind the winning bid has received billions of dollars in financial assistance and subsidies for existing developments at the World Trade Center, and seemingly had an unfair advantage over other developers, typical of the cronyism and secrecy which has been shown to the public.

The residents of New York, most particularly the 70% who are working class earners, deserve better from you and better from this entire process.

I appreciate this opportunity to implore you to do the right thing for this city and its inhabitants,

Connie Murray



5 World Trade Center



karen K <[redacted]>

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Today, 11:53 AM

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The minimum of only 10,000 square feet of community space in a building of over one million square feet is a direct insult to Community Board 1.

All the best,
Karen Kapnick



November 16, 2021

Howard A. Zemsky
Chairman, Board of Directors
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Holly Leicht
Chair, Lower Manhattan Development Corporation
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Kevin O'Toole
Chair, Board of Commissioners
Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
4 World Trade Center, 150 Greenwich Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Zemsky, Ms. Leicht, and Mr. O'Toole:

We write regarding the upcoming board meetings of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, Empire State Development, and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey and the agenda items that are intended to move forward with certain aspects of the process that is expected ultimately to permit development of the Five World Trade Center site.

Based on our conversations with representatives of your agencies in recent days, we understand that the purpose of taking these actions at this week's meetings is to enable the agencies to commence a formal public review of the proposal to develop the site. We also understand from our conversations that the agencies remain open to considering ways that the amount of affordable housing at the site might be increased above the current proposal of 25% of all residential units, which, as we have discussed, we believe is a very important goal. In light of this understanding, we want to clarify certain aspects of the process and make several requests that we believe will help facilitate thorough public discussion.

First, some concern has arisen among some of our constituents that the board meetings this week will precipitate an immediate commencement of a public comment period that will then conclude over the holidays. We ask that you confirm when you plan to begin any required formal public comment on the proposal and what the duration of the comment period(s) will be. In any case, we request that no required public comment period close before February 15, 2022.

Second, we request that the respective boards refrain from adopting any restrictive building guidelines at this week's meetings that would limit residential affordability. Specifically, there is some concern that the "mixed-use design guidelines" included in the proposed General Project Plan modifications, and written with input from the designated developer, which are on the agenda at this week's board meetings might prefigure the proposed building's design in a way that restricts options to provide more affordable housing. We ask that the boards take no steps this week that have this effect, and at minimum if guidelines must be adopted, they should allow for a broader range of building designs in this specific proposal.

Finally, while we are aware that the majority of LMDC's funding has already been allocated for specific purposes, we note that there appears to be an item on the agenda this week that would amend the Final Action Plan and redirect an additional sum to affordable housing. While we understand that this particular allocation may be part of an agreement with the City of New York to provide funds for improvements at New York City Housing Authority developments, we urge you to preserve any other remaining LMDC funding that has not been allocated and to begin to consider any such funding as a potential resource to increase affordability at Five World Trade Center. In connection with this request, we ask that you provide an accounting of what funds remain available to the LMDC and how they are currently expected to be expended. As you know, we also have other outstanding requests for information regarding the financial aspects of the Five World Trade Center proposal that we hope you will address in the very near future.

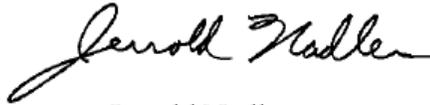
Five World Trade Center represents a significant opportunity to build affordable housing in a community that has lost so much of it in the last two decades. We share your desire to make progress in completing the entire complex and we appreciate your agencies' partnership in working towards this goal. We also appreciate your willingness to explore the possibility of increasing affordability at the site, and to participate in the November 30th public forum we will hold on this issue. We expect that this will be a productive session where the public can learn more about your plans, and some of our local community activists will have the opportunity to share their ideas for expanding affordability.

Again, we appreciate your openness to working with us on this, and we look forward to your prompt response. If you would like to discuss these issues, please feel free to contact any of us directly or via Emily Leng in Senator Kavanagh's office at 212-298-5565.

Sincerely,



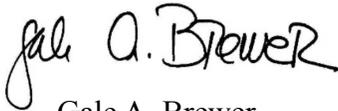
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