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Bea De La Torre Assistant Commissioner of Planning 100 Gold Street, 9E NY, NY 10038

Re: Site Control of 2135 7th Avenue to Harlem Dowling

Dear Assistant Commissioner Torre:

On Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at Manhattan Community Board 10's monthly General Board Meeting, the Board approved by a vote of:

 $\underline{31}$ Yes $\underline{0}$ No $\underline{0}$ Abstain

to provide this letter of support for Harlem Dowling to obtain Site Control of 2135 7th Avenue. It is our understanding that granting Site Control to Harlem Dowling would help facilitate the construction of a 9-story building that would house Harlem Dowling's new headquarters, in addition to approximately 64 affordable rental units of which 20 percent will be dedicated to individuals aging out of foster care.

Manhattan Community Board 10 believes that the development of affordable housing is a highly appropriate use of City-owned property. Further, Community Board 10 supports the disposition to Harlem Dowling, an organization with a proven track record of assisting and serving children and their families that has been serving our community for nearly 175 years.

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Community Board 10.

Sincerely,

W. Franc Perry HI

Chair, Manhattan Community Board 10