

May 7, 2002

Senator Tom Duane
494 Eighth Avenue
Suite 503
New York, NY 10001

Re: Fleming House Transfer

Dear Senator Duane:

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 is writing in support of the transfer of the title of Fleming House, a residence for mentally ill seniors located at 443 West 22nd Street in Chelsea, to its operator, the West Side Federation for Senior Supportive Housing. It is our understanding that transfer of the title of such facilities to the organizations operating them has become a part of state policy and that the operator, generally known as WSFSSH, is agreeable to such transfer.

Frederic Fleming House has been one of the success stories of the neighborhood. Some years ago the community, which has become concerned about uses proposed for the building – long the location of various social services – was much relieved by the proposal of Trinity Church to remodel the structure for permanent housing for mentally-ill seniors and to use WSFSSH as the operator. The facility that has resulted has maintained excellent relations with the community, even become the last home of some well-loved community members, and successfully provided outstanding services to its residents.

This Board and the community can imagine nothing better than assurance of the continuation of this facility by transferring title to its operator. We ask you to support this action.

Sincerely,

Simone Sindin
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Edward S. Kirkland
Chair
Chelsea Preservation & Planning Committee

This letter was passed at Manhattan Community Board No. 4's May 1, 2002 full board meeting.

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Jerrold Nadler, United States Representative
Hon. Christine Quinn, City Councilmember
West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing
Chelsea West 400 Block Association