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Hon. Cecily Harris
Chair
Manhattan Community Board 10
215 West 125th Street, 4th Floor
New York, New York 10027

Re: The Olnick Organization – Lenox Terrace ULURP Application

I write this letter to express my support for the leadership of the Lenox Terrace tenant association and its loyal followers, current tenants and community neighbors; as it has led a constant opposition to the Olnick Organization's massive expansion of the Lenox Terrace complex.

To cite from a January, 2018 LT-ACT Newsletter: "In the past year Olnick has been on a charm offensive to try to persuade tenants to forget their past egregious behavior and to ignore the calamitous changes they are looking to bring to our complex and our community. Olnick can do responsible in-fill construction under the current residential zoning. As Brian Benjamin said at the Community Board 10 meeting in 2015 when Olnick brought their re-zoning proposal, "This plan is disappointing...What are you giving back to the community in exchange [for the zoning change]?"

Years have passed since Brian – as CB 10's chair then – first expressed such a solid opposition, and as the current NYS Senator, he has strengthened his support for the Lenox Terrace TA. And I join him and the tenants.

Furthermore, I look forward to working with the Lenox Terrace Association and my colleague in government, as the broad leadership fights for a widely acceptable and rightful development plan.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Perkins".
Bill Perkins | Councilman, 9th District