October 17, 2019

Hon. Cecily Harris

Chair

Manhattan Community Board 10

215 W 125 Street, 4th fl.

NY, NY 10027

Hon. Lisa Downing

Chair, Land Use

Dear Chairs:

I proudly write this letter in support of the tenants of Lenox Terrace and their opposition to the Olnick Organization's commercial rezoning proposal for Lenox Terrace.

This precedent setting rezoning proposal must be halted. As a community leader, I urge you to not be complicit in this dangerous rezoning change that will escalate rents, erode both culture and sense of community.

The proposed towers and "destination" retail would threaten to put an unsustainable burden on community resources, including Harlem Hospital and the already dangerously overcrowded subway stop at 135th Street. Construction issues would include impeded hospital access because of additional trucks, traffic, noise, worsening air quality in a neighborhood with a large senior population and elevated rates of asthma, among a myriad of additional concerns.

I have proudly lived at Lenox Terrace since 1972, and my brother and mother live there as well and hope that future generations will have the opportunity to enjoy this special sense of community.

I urge the Land Use Committee and the entire Board to vote No.

Sincerely

Governor David A. Paterson

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