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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

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The Hon. Marisa Lago, Chair
City Planning Commission
120 Broadway, 31st Floor
New York, NY 10271

Dear Ms. Lago:

RE: ULURP Applications C 170226ZMM, C 170228ZSM, & C 17027SM

Community Board 8M is in favor of the construction of state-of-the-art schools, the creation of affordable housing, and the reconstruction of playgrounds. We do, however, have major concerns about certain aspects of this particular proposal.

This Community Board has long worked for human-scale development that respects the residential character of our neighborhoods. We feel that a 68-story residential tower would be extremely destructive and that the plan should be reconfigured to bring all the building heights down to a reasonable level. In our district, our western avenues have a height limit of 210 feet and we are requesting that limit for the remaining avenues.

Community Board 8M also feels that a project of this size merits more affordable housing than is planned, that it should be permanently affordable, and that some of it should be reserved for senior citizens.

We ask that these concerns be addressed when the City Planning Commission evaluates this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


James G. Clynes
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CC: CB11, BP, UES elected officials