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Raul Russi
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Russi:

Community Board 11 is pleased to support Acacia Network's Greenhope Preservation Project proposal. The project will rehabilitate the thirty four unit Single Room Occupancy (SRO) located at 418 East 119th Street, New York, NY 10035 founded by Greenhope Women, Inc.

The Greenhope's mission is rooted in tenants, housing, healthcare, social services, and economic development projects for formerly homeless and incarcerated women. Unfortunately, a history of underfunding and deferred repairs has left the residence in need of rehabilitation.

When completed, the rehabilitated property will provide thirty four, permanently affordable, supportive housing, single-room occupancy units. Twenty-one of those units will be set-aside for women with prior engagement with the justice system referred to the building by either the New York City Human Resources Administration, Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) or another City agency. The remaining thirteen units will be filled through HPD's lottery process with seven units subject to a community preference for residents of Community District 11. Acacia will hold workshops in CB11 to guide potential applicants through the lottery process, so that they have the strongest application possible. Local advertising will be through newspapers and outreach to local community groups.

The project will be funded through HPD's Supportive Housing Loan Program (SHLP) which makes low-interest loans to support the development of permanent supportive housing with on-site social services; and Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). Rents will be subsidized using the NYC 15/15 Supportive Housing Initiative or the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) program which provides service and operating funding for congregate supportive housing.

The construction project will incorporate green design, energy efficiency, and healthy living.

We are pleased to support this project and look forward to working with the developers to ensure community preference and local hiring goals are achieved. We request that the development team return to provide updates to our Housing Committee throughout the project timeline.

Sincerely,



Nilsa Orama
Chair

cc: Hon. Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President (via email)
Hon. Diana Ayala, New York City Council (via email)
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