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Dear Ms. Mendelson:

Community Board 11 supports Exodus Transitional Community, Inc.'s proposal to expand the mental health program offered in its Wellness Center located at 2271 Third Avenue, Second Floor, New York, NY 10035. This is solely an expansion of services for the existing client base of Exodus and will allow clients to receive dual diagnoses, as needed, at this location.

Since 1999, Exodus Transitional Community, Inc.'s mission has been to help participants re-entering society, learn how to rebuild, build, and thrive. Exodus offers a myriad of services, geared towards adults and youth, who have been affected by the justice system. As a service provider, its goal is to ensure that each client becomes a productive member of society. Approving the expansion of the Wellness Center, would license the facility to operate an Article 31 Mental Health Clinic adjacent and in collaboration with its existing OASAS 822 Outpatient Substance Abuse Clinic.

We request that the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene approve the proposed program expansion of Exodus Transitional Community, Inc., Wellness Center located in East Harlem. We request that the Wellness Center return to provide updates to our Human Services Committee regarding the facilities expansion.

Sincerely,

Nilsa Orama  
Chair

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