June 18, 2019

Hon. Bill De Blasio
Mayor
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Hon. Corey Johnson
Speaker
New York City Council
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Re: Funding for NYCHA Senior Centers in East Harlem

Dear Mr. Mayor and Mr. Speaker,

Whereas New York City is the greatest city in the world to live and thrive in, and people do so more as they naturally age on.

Whereas, of the 583,358 residents served by the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), 38.7% of them 62 or older are heads of households and another 20.4% are 62 or older,

Whereas, NYHCA residents need more resources and access to community centers, senior centers, health care centers, and day care and Head Start educational centers,

Whereas the Mayor’s executive budget indicates the closing and consolidations of more than a dozen senior centers throughout New York City,

Whereas proposed closures include the Lincoln Houses, Taft Houses, and Wagner Houses centers in East Harlem,

Therefore, be it resolved that Manhattan Community Board 11 supports the preservation of senior centers at the Lincoln Houses, Taft Houses, and Wagner Houses public housing developments and all others across New York City by ensuring full funding in the current and upcoming executive budgets.

Sincerely,

Nilsa Orama
Chair
cc: Hon. Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Diana Ayala, New York City Council
Hon. Bill Perkins, New York City Council
Hon. Ben Kallos, New York City Council
Hon. Keith Powers, New York City Council
Hon. Robert J. Rodriguez, New York State Assembly
Hon. Inez Dickens, New York State Assembly
Hon. Jose Serrano, New York State Senate
Hon. Brian Benjamin, New York State Senate
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, United States Congress
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