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Dear Ms. Lee:

Community Board 11 supports the Volunteers of America (VOA) – Greater New York, regarding its renewal contract with the NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) to operate the Schwartz Assessment Shelter (SAS), which is a 335 bed single men's shelter, located at 65 Charles Gay Loop Wards Island New York, NY 10035.

Founded as an organization who worked tirelessly to help the city's poor, Volunteers of America has developed a continuum of care for those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Each client receives the support they need to obtain transitional, permanent, and supportive housing. The organizations programs help individuals obtain the support and skills they need to make the transition from living on the streets to living independently.

We request that the NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) renew their contract with the Volunteers of America's (VOA) to operate the Schwartz Assessment Shelter (SAS). We request that this organization return to provide updates to our Human Services Committee regarding the renewal contract and the overall functionality of the SAS.

Sincerely,

Nilsa Orama

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cc: Hon. Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President (via email)  
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