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Gale A. Brewer, Borough President

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Re: City Charter Section 204(g) Notification Response for the siting of NYPD Parking Facility at 495 Eleventh Avenue, Manhattan

Dear Commanding Officer Notaro:

Thank you for your February 3, 2021 letter regarding the NYPD parking facility at 495 Eleventh Avenue (Block 685, Lot 38, Borough of Manhattan) between West 39th and West 40th Streets in the Clinton/Hell's Kitchen neighborhood in Manhattan. I understand the letter is the required Notification of the project to our office pursuant to Sections 203 and 204(g) of the City Charter.

The project proposes to make a significant contribution to Manhattan's affordable housing stock and will include a parking facility that will serve various commands that fall under Patrol Borough Manhattan South, including the Strategic Response Group (SRG) and Manhattan South Special Operations Unit, which includes Grand Larceny, the Burglary & Larceny Apprehension Team, Manhattan South Investigations, Evidence Collection, and the Peddler Task Force. The units utilizing the parking lot comprise specialty response and investigative units that respond to and serve Manhattan and the City. I understand that the NYPD currently parks Department-owned and leased vehicles on the site and has been using this lot since receiving approval from the now-defunct City Land Committee (CLC) in January 1993. The facility's location is essential to maintaining the levels of service NYPD needs for the SRG and the Manhattan South Special Operations Units, whose main facility is located at 524 West 42nd Street. The location provides convenient access to vehicles allowing for quick responses to emergencies.

I understand that the NYPD and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) now seek to formalize the current location and the future parking garage in the new mixed-used development. As recommended in your Notification letter and as studied through CEQR review and detailed in the land use application, I agree that the 495 Eleventh Avenue meets the criteria for a parking facility for the NYPD's SRG unit and the Manhattan South Special Operations Unit pursuant to Sections 203 and 204(g) of the City Charter.

I look forward to the public review process commencing at the time of certification in April 2021.

Sincerely,



Gale A. Brewer
Manhattan Borough President

cc: Marisa Lago, Chair, City Planning Commission
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