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Honorable Eric L. Adams
Office of the Brooklyn Borough President
209 Joralemon Street
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: Marcus Garvey Village Site Selection and Acquisition
Block 3559, portion of Lot 1

Dear Hon. Borough President Adams:

Pursuant to City Charter Section 204 (g), we are writing to advise you that the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), along with the Department of Citywide Administrative Services as co-applicant, will be pursuing the site selection and acquisition of an approximately 6,128 square foot area for community garden use. The area consists of an approximately 5,236 square foot parcel that will be acquired by the City, located at Block 3559, portion of Lot 1 (tentative Lot 1A pending a tax lot subdivision) (the "Acquisition Site"), and an approximately 892 square foot area directly to the south of the Acquisition Site over which the City will acquire an easement to allow for the use as a community garden (the "Easement Area") (collectively, the Acquisition Site and Easement Area are referred to as the "Project Site"). The Project Site is located in the Brownsville neighborhood within Brooklyn Community District 16. This action is proposed in connection with a series of land use actions to facilitate a Large Scale General Development of seven new eight- and nine-story mixed-use buildings with approximately 724 affordable housing units in Marcus Garvey Village (the "Marcus Garvey Village Rezoning"). The facility was not previously listed in the Agency's Statement of Needs.

The Project Site is located on the east side of Bristol Street, approximately 67 feet from the intersection of Dumont Avenue. Upon ULURP approval and acquisition, the subject property would be assigned to DPR for use as a community garden and would be licensed through the GreenThumb Program to community gardeners. DPR plans to work in partnership with existing community residents, already active at a nearby community garden that would be replaced by the Marcus Garvey Village Rezoning, to maintain the proposed garden. The proposed new community garden would be more than twice the size of this existing approximately 3,000 square foot garden. A map showing the Project Area is attached.

The new community garden would provide community managed passive open space for area residents and provide additional open space for environmental education. The enlarged community garden would expand and enhance the garden's ability to enable neighborhood residents to relax, engage in eco-friendly education and programming, and grow fresh produce, which will provide public health benefits and community wellness.

In the coming days, a Land Use Application will be submitted to the Department of City Planning that includes the Site Selection of the project site. In the interest of expeditious certification of this project by the Department of City Planning, we would greatly appreciate your concurrence with the choice of this site. We would appreciate waiver of the thirty-day

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comment period so the ULURP can be certified on June 25, 2018. If you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed about this proposal prior to that submission, please feel free to contact me or Colleen Alderson, Chief of Parklands and Real Estate at 212-360-3441.

Sincerely,

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cc: Randal Fong, NYC DCAS

Marcus Garvey Village, Brooklyn

