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Mr. Robert Dobruskin
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Dear Mr. Dobruskin,

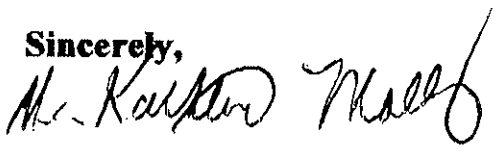
As the Director of Community and Parents Day Care, I have been given the task of registering the children for my center. Many of the families that are eligible for subsidized child care are no longer able to live in the area due to rent increases by their landlords. Several of the parents are "doubling up" with other members of their family. It is virtually impossible to pay the market rate for many apartments in the area. How can anyone expect someone making on the average $20,000 - $25,000 a year pay the ridiculous amount of rent some landlords in the area are asking, $1,500- $2,000 per month. What are they to live on, how will they take care of their families, provide for all of their needs, save for their childrens future? One solution to the problemis to request that developers in the area,guarantee that a third of the apartments be rented to low to moderate income families and seniors.

I understand that the Domino project will provide some relief in this area. Preference for these apartments should be given to the current residents of the "Southside". Some of our families have been living in the area for over thirty years and wish to continue to do so provided rental assistance is available to them.
However, a major concern of mine is the availability of child care for the future tenants of this project. As of now, there are only two city sponsored day care centers in the area, mine and Nuestros Ninos C.D.C. Both centers maintain long waiting lists. Who will provide child care for the future families of the Domino project? Perhaps the city will be able to bulid an additional center in the area to accomodate the new arrivals to our community.

I have always said that a society is measured by the way they "take care" of their children. All children deserve a decent place to lay their head at night. The city must build more affordable housing to meet the needs of my families.

Thank you for "listening " to me. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the above number.

Sincerely,



Ms. Kathleen Molloy