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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Roberto Anazagasti  
N.E.R.V.E  
18 East 16th Street  
New York, NY 10029

Dear Mr. Anazagasti:

Thank you for your letter regarding the East River Plaza Expansion Project and your organization's concerns about its impact on your neighborhood. Input from community members and other stakeholders is a valuable component of the public review process and helps to shape plans that better respond to local priorities and concerns.

The Department of City Planning is aware of the proposal you addressed in your letter, but an application has not been filed at this time. When such an application is submitted, it will be subject to a full public review process designed to help craft land use policies that are reflective of a broad range of stakeholders. As a part of this process, the application will be reviewed by your Community Board and put forth for consideration at public hearings with opportunities for testimony.

We appreciate your comments and will take them into consideration when the project comes to the City Planning Commission for review. I encourage you to remain active within your community and engaged with your Community Board about this proposal, as well as any other land use concerns that affect your neighborhood. Thank you again for writing.

Kind Regards,

  
Carl Weisbrod

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(File #27518)

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Re: East River Plaza Expansion Project ID # P2014MO466

Hello Chairperson Weisbrod-

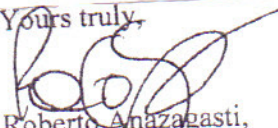
My name is Roberto Anazagasti and I've lived on East 118<sup>th</sup> Street and Pleasant Avenue for 45 years, raising my family and serving as a housing preservationist for my community- El Barrio.

Blumenfeld Development Group (BDG) is now proposing an additional 1.1 million square feet of residential towers in a neighborhood typified by 3-5 story attached brownstones. Needless to say, everyone opposes this mega planned urban development because it is offensive and out of scale, requiring numerous variances that will truly make this an "out of context" project.

I wish to invite you to the neighborhood as a friendly gesture to give you an easy stroll street level tour of what we now enjoy before City Planning Commission (CPC) addresses the BDG application for numerous variances and begins the discussions that will become heated and contemptuous. We are interested in appealing to your human sensibility Mr. Weisbrod.

Come and tour the existing beautiful row houses and lets share a pizza lunch at Patsy's before it is all lost, as surely a project of this magnitude will affect the future of East Harlem with detrimental effects to the current low income households who will soon be displaced by the exclusionary displacement this BDG project will create.

Yours truly,

  
Roberto Anazagasti,  
General Manager