



March 5, 2014

Kenneth Adams  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Empire State Development Corporation  
633 Third Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

Re: Request for Proposals: Broker for  
Disposition of Excess Farley Building  
Development Rights

Dear Mr. Adams:

We write regarding the Moynihan Station and the Request for Proposals (RFP) that was released on February 6th. We understand the intent behind the RFP is to hire a broker or “listing agent” to determine the value of and sell the remaining 1.5 million square feet of Farley air rights. The money from the sale is intended to help fund “Phase 2” of the Moynihan project.

This RFP came as an unwelcome surprise to us. We had not been given notice of the timetable for or any indication of a plan or policy to guide the sale of the Farley air rights. This is a significant and unfortunate departure from previous practice relating to Moynihan. For the past several years, the Moynihan Station Community Advisory Committee (MSCAC) has been an active and welcome participant in the conversations around the development of the station. It is important that ESDC consults with the community’s elected officials, Manhattan Community Boards 4 and 5, and the MSCAC before going forward.

The RFP marks the beginning of the process to transfer development rights from the Farley Building. As the representatives of this area, we share our community’s concerns about significantly increasing density in the immediate area surrounding the station. Given the volume of air rights available, we strongly believe that community members and urban planners must be included in the earliest stages of identifying appropriate receiver sites. Further, any development that receives air rights should go through the New York City Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) for approvals if not allowed under current zoning, with extensive public review and discussion prior to certification. We also request that the plan include a provision to spread the transfer of these development rights outside the immediate area, mitigating the potential for increasing overdevelopment of this area.

We have been strong supporters of the Moynihan project. However, it must not depart from appropriate processes for public decision-making.

We look forward to continue working with you as this project moves forward.

Very truly yours,



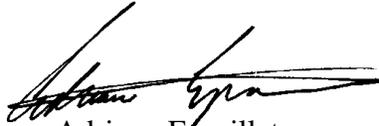
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