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Ms. Lorraine Grillo
President & CEO
NY Department of Education
School Construction Authority
30-30 Thomson Avenue
Long Island City, NY 11101

RE: Written Comments on the proposed site selection of Lot 10 on Block 125, Queens for the construction of a new, approximately 600-seat intermediate school facility in Community School District No. 30.

Dear President Grillo:

In accordance with Section 1731.3 of the New York City School Construction Authority Act, enclosed please find the written comments of Community Board 2, on the proposed action to acquire Lot 10, Block 125 for an approximately 600-seat intermediate school facility in Community School District 30.

At the Community Board 2 regular monthly meeting held on November 3, 2016, a motion was made and seconded, and the vote was 34 members were in favor of the motion, 2 opposed and 1 abstention to support the School Construction Authority's plan to acquire this site with the following stipulations:

1. Community Board 2 will be included in an advisory capacity to SCA on the programming and design of the new school.
2. The school will be a "zoned" school for District 30; a preference to be provided to students living closest to the school.
3. In the SCA solicitation of bids for architectural services, the SCA will require demonstrated experience in historic preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings for schools.

4. The SCA will incorporate the historic, Clarence Stein building in the design of the new school and the new school will be historically and architecturally consistent with the architecture of the surrounding Sunnyside Gardens community.
5. The Request for Proposal (RFP) should include at least 50% of the bids are coming from firms that specialize in architectural preservation and that all bids include in the plan an alternative for preservation not just for the façade but for the entire building.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Board office.

Sincerely,



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cc: Honorable Joseph Crowley, US Congress
Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney, US Congress
Honorable Nydia M. Velazquez, US Congress
Honorable Grace Meng, US Congress
Honorable Michael Gianaris, NY State Senate
Honorable Toby A. Stavisky, NY State Senate
Honorable Michael DenDekker, NYS Assembly
Honorable Margaret Markey, NYS Assembly
Honorable Catherine T. Nolan, NYS Assembly
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