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To: The Honorable Margaret Chin, New York City Council
The Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
William Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, Parks & Recreation
David Gruber, Chair, Community Board 2, Manhattan
John Sexton, President, New York University

From: Alicia D. Hurley, Vice-President, Government Affairs & Community Engagement

Date: January 10, 2013

Re: Open Space Oversight Organization Update

This letter is to inform you of the status of the Open Space Oversight Organization (OSOO) being created in conjunction with the approval of the NYU Core Plan.

NYU has submitted a Certificate of Incorporation to New York State to establish the OSEO as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The creation of the organization is currently underway.

Furthermore, the OSEO’s five nominating parties each have finalized their appointment to the body:

- Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer has nominated Lin Zeng, Deputy Director of Land Use, Planning & Development, to serve as his office’s representative.
- Council Member Margaret Chin has nominated Matthew Viggiano, Director of Land Use & Planning, to serve as her office’s representative.
- Community Board 2 and Chair David Gruber have nominated Terri Cude, CB2 Arts & Institutions Committee Chair, to serve as the Board’s representative.
- New York City’s Department of Parks and Recreation has nominated William Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, to serve as the department’s representative.
- NYU has nominated Arthur Tannenbaum, faculty and senate member, to serve as the University’s representative.
Within 90 days, the University will provide a briefing session to these members of the OSOO to outline member responsibilities with regard to the 501(c)(3) and to review responsibilities outlined in the restrictive declaration that accompanied the ULURP passage.

CC: William Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, Parks & Recreation
    Terri Cude, Arts and Institutions Committee Chair, Community Board 2
    Arthur Tannenbaum, Ph.D., Associate Curator, Collections & Research Services/Humanities-Social Sciences, Division of Libraries, New York University
    Matthew Viggiano, Director of Land Use and Planning, City Council District 2
    Lin Zeng, Deputy Director of Land Use, Planning, and Development, Manhattan Borough President’s Office