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John Sexton
President
New York University
70 Washington Square South
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Dear President Sexton,

In July of this year, the New York City Council approved the New York University Core 2031 plan, enabling the construction of new buildings providing needed academic space and ancillary uses on the two superblocks between W. Houston Street and W. 3rd Street, LaGuardia Place and Mercer Street. The plan also provides for several acres of new publicly accessible open space on land owned by NYU and New York City, some of which will be mapped as a New York City park. The new open space will be designed and opened to the public over a number of years, as the new buildings on the superblocks are constructed. As part of the approval, NYU has committed to creating a legally distinct, non-profit Open Space Oversight Organization (OSOO). The New York City Planning Commission (CPC), acting upon the suggestion of members of the public during the hearing process, conceived of this organization to foster further community input into the management of the new publicly accessible open space. NYU's commitment to incorporate the OSOO with an independent board of directors and thereafter to work with the organization is memorialized in a Restrictive Declaration that governs development on the superblocks.

The OSOO is charged with reviewing and commenting on landscape designs for the public open spaces on the superblocks, as well as any modifications made to the CPC's certified landscape plans for the open spaces on NYU-owned land. The OSOO will be comprised of five people with one person appointed by each of the following: the Manhattan Borough President; the Manhattan Borough Commissioner of the New York City Parks Department; the New York City Council Member representing the district that includes the superblocks; the Chair of Community Board 2, Manhattan; and NYU. NYU is currently in the process of establishing this 501(c)(3) organization and will have the entity operational and in place by year end, as required by the Restrictive Declaration.

It was CPC's vision that the OSOO would not only review and comment on landscape improvements and designs but would also review and comment on prepared reports that will

be performed by a third party who will assess whether NYU is maintaining the open spaces in compliance with the Restrictive Declaration. It should be noted that appointees will not be compensated for their service and the organization's members are mandated to meet at least two (2) times per year. Additional meetings will be scheduled based on planning and construction timelines; as well as by a majority vote of the organization's five members. The Organization will exist, at least, until 2031, so appointees may fluctuate over time as needed.

As a person designated to make an appointment to the OSOO, we hereby request that you advise us of your nominee to the organization by completing the enclosed form and returning it to the contact information listed therein by December 21, 2012.

Thank you so much for your commitment to the neighborhood and the OSOO. I would be happy to answer any questions you have regarding the organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alicia D. Hurley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "A".

Alicia D. Hurley

