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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

April 21, 2015

Vicki Been, Commissioner  
Housing Preservation and Development  
210 Joralemon St # 804  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

**RE: Section 421-a Application – 301 East 61<sup>st</sup> Street (a.k.a. 1161 Second Avenue) Block 1436 Lot 1- New York, New York 10065/Lots: to-be-formed condominium tax lots 1401 – 1431 [30 Residential Condominium tax lots & 1 Commercial Condominium tax lot] (currently known as Lot 1) 421-a Preliminary & Final Applications Online Application Project Sequence No. 53658**

Dear Ms. Been:

At the April 15, 2015 Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board 8, the following recommendation was adopted by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions and 1 not voting for cause:

**WHEREAS**, the applicant/owner of 61<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> NYC LLC and its representatives failed to appear for the Housing Committee meetings and,

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Committee and public were unable to ask and have answered any questions pertaining to the project and,

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Committee and public were interested in learning more about the number of affordable apartments that were built in conjunction with the project, the length and extent of the tax abatement for the residents of the building and other related issues and,

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Committee and public were deprived of an opportunity to have these and other questions answered in a public forum,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the application is hereby disapproved.

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of James G. Clynes, with the initials "GC" written above it.

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Chairman

Handwritten signature of Edward Hartzog, with the initials "EH" written above it.

Edward Hartzog  
Chair, Housing Committee

Cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York  
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District  
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member, 76<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District  
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