

BROOKLYN HOUSE OF DETENTION COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

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Re: The Brooklyn House of Detention (HOD)

The Community Stakeholders (53 Boerum Place Board; Atlantic Avenue Betterment Association; Atlantic Avenue LDC; Boerum Hill Association; Brooklyn Vision Foundation, Inc.; Cobble Hill Association, and State Street Houses Association (collectively, "The Stakeholders) are writing with our thanks and gratitude for standing with the community in opposition to any expansion of the inmate population of the HOD. Your signing onto the February 22, 2008, letter from the office of the Brooklyn Borough President to the Honorable Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg was a key communication at a crucial time.

On or about March 5, 2008, we received a copy of the letter that you received in response to your February 22, 2008 letter to Mayor Bloomberg. We were disappointed to note that the response came from the desk of Commissioner Horn rather than the Mayor himself or from someone in the Mayor's office. Notwithstanding, we found the letter unresponsive as the community has heard from Commissioner Horn in great detail over the past year, and we continue to reject the DOC's position that doubling the inmate population of the HOD serves justice and our densely populated community. Perhaps it would be beneficial to request a meeting with Mayor Bloomberg to further discuss this issue and to stress our

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community's concerns. We are happy to offer any support that we can provide in that regard.

As we just stated, the Stakeholders remain unanimous in their objection to any expansion of the inmate population of the Brooklyn HOD. We continue to build on our communications to the broader community. Part of this effort is the soon to be launched website www.brooklynjail.org. We have dedicated a full section of the website to elected officials' and the Stakeholders' ongoing interaction with City and State government agencies. We would be honored to include your respective biographies and a link to your respective websites on www.brooklynjail.org. Please send us any material you find appropriate.

Thank you again for your work in the best interest of our thriving Downtown Brooklyn neighborhoods and for any future consideration of alternative development plans that will move us toward a "Gateway to Brooklyn" that we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,

The Brooklyn House of Detention Community Stakeholders