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Department Of Buildings
Ira Gluckman, R.A., Borough Commissioner
210 Joralemon Street , 8th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Commissioner Gluckman,

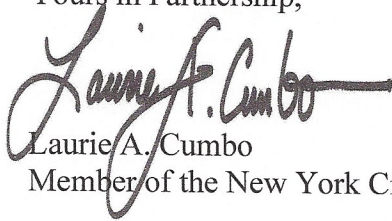
I am writing in regards to several grievances from your tenants that have been expressed during a recent meeting with my staff. Due to the anticipated construction on the premises, tenants have become increasingly concerned about the lack of transparency and their quality of life. Enclosed are several points that we would like addressed in a timely manner:

- Structural concerns from the new addition to the building
- Only four work permits have been issued for this residency for the past 82 years
- Lack of confidence that newest addition of building will be done with a permit
- Will work be completed as per DOB guidelines?
- Construction impact on tenants
- It is unclear whether the scope of the project will affect tenants directly or indirectly.
- Does the DOB require vacating the building at any point during construction?
- What safeguards have been put in place to avoid a catastrophe with the on-site crane?
- Disruptions in plumbing, electric, and heat will create potential health hazards.
- What is the impact of ongoing construction on adjacent buildings?
- What safety provisions will be implemented to avoid structural damage to the surrounding buildings of 95 Eastern Parkway, 77 Eastern Parkway, and the building behind 85 Eastern Parkway?
- What is the anticipated impact of construction on disabled tenants?
- Due to traffic blockages, a large number of disabled residents from Washington Avenue to Underhill Avenue may be at risk if emergency services are unable to reach residents in distress.
- Elevator disruptions will negatively affect the quality of life for the elderly and special needs residents. What provisions will be made to ensure accessibility?

In general, our concerns are for the safety and well-being of the tenants of 85 Eastern Parkway and the residents of the block between Washington & Underhill Avenues. The Tenants Association has also requested a copy of the safety plan in writing that addresses the above concerns.

I urge you to address these issues, in the interest of your tenants as well as our community. I will contact you in the upcoming week in order to gain an understanding of how you plan to address these issues and how my office can work in partnership with you to provide a safe, healthy and fair living environment that all residents expect and deserve. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Brian Cunningham, my Chief of Staff at (718) 260-9191.

Yours in Partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie A. Cumbo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Laurie A. Cumbo
Member of the New York City Council

CC: Victoria Sottile, 85 Eastern Parkway Tenant Association