

July 8, 2010

Hon. Scott Stringer, Borough President  
Hon. Jerrold Nadler, Congressman  
Hon. Christine Quinn, City Council Speaker  
Hon. Tom Duane, State Senator  
Hon. Margaret Chin, City Councilmember  
Hon. Deborah Glick, Assemblymember  
Hon. Jo Hamilton, Community Board #2 Chair  
via fax and e-mail

Dear Borough President Stringer, Congressman Nadler, Speaker Quinn, State Senator Duane, Councilmember Chin, Assemblymember Deborah Glick, and Chair Hamilton:

We write to express our extreme disappointment with the decision to suspend the Community Task Force on NYU Development against our wishes and counsel. As community groups which have worked hard as members of this Task Force for several years, we were shocked and dismayed that the Task Force has been suspended in spite of our wishes to see its work continue.

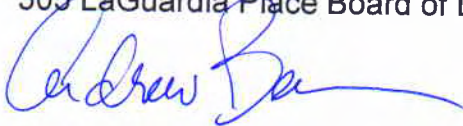
We believe that, if anything, the work of the Task Force is needed now more than ever. Years of the Task Force's work culminated in the issuing of a report and series of recommendations to NYU regarding its 2031 expansion plan. Those recommendations have been largely ignored by the university. We believe we should all be standing firm in pushing the university to consider and adopt these recommendations, rather than suspending the Task Force when there is so much work left for it to do. While we know that NYU has agreed to and supports the decision to suspend the Task Force at this time, we truly believe that its work should and must now continue.

We strongly urge you to reconsider this decision.

Sincerely,



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