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December 18, 2023

Molly Wasow Park  
Commissioner  
Department of Social Services  
150 Greenwich Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioner Park,

I write regarding the planned opening of a shelter at 160 W. 74th Street in my district. I was informed by your office that it will house 146 single adult women with an anticipated opening of fall 2024.

According to published reports, the building at 160 W. 74th Street (a former schoolhouse) was sold to the private equity firm Bayrock Capital this year for \$14 million to develop high-end residences. I am curious how the building wound up as a shelter instead, and with what terms? To that end, please send my office a copy of the lease as well as background information on the site selection.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Gale A. Brewer

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