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Thomas Foley  
Commissioner, NYC Department of Design and Construction  
30-30 Thomas Avenue  
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**Subject: Reconvening the Manhattan Borough-Based Jail Neighborhood Advisory Committee**

Dear Commissioner Foley,

I write to you to request that the Manhattan Borough-Based Jail Neighborhood Advisory Committee (“the NAC”) be reconvened as early as possible and that it continue to convene regularly through demolition and construction.

The NACs were originally convened by the Mayor’s office to assist in the envisioning process for each Borough-Based Jail. During the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure application process for the Borough-Based Jail System (ULURP No. C190333PSY), the NACs were reconvened as design guidelines and RFP structures were developed. It was also stated explicitly by the City Planning Commission in their report dated September 3, 2019, that the NACs “will also receive regular updates during the design and construction of the facilities.”

The last Manhattan NAC meeting confirmed by Manhattan Community Board 1 was in June of 2021, over a year ago. As demolition of the existing structures has only just begun, and the construction process is slated to last until 2027, it is imperative that the NAC continue to meet to receive updates and provide a forum for discussion on demolition and construction as the project proceeds.

I request a meeting between our offices to discuss reconvening the NAC before the end of July, and to discuss including additional members for NAC meetings moving forward. Please reach out to Conor Allerton at [callerton@council.nyc.gov](mailto:callerton@council.nyc.gov) to schedule this meeting.

Commissioner Foley

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Marte". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "C" and "M".

Christopher Marte  
New York City Council Member