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# Via Hand Delivery

Hon. Meenakshi Srinivasan, Chair New York City Board of Standards and Appeals 250 Broadway, 29th Floor New York, NY 10007

Re:

New York Methodist Hospital Center for Community Health 505-525 6th Street (Block 1084, Lots 25, 26, 28,

39-44, 46, 48, 50-59, 164, 1001, and 1002)

BSA Cal. No. 289-13-BZ

### Dear Chair Srinivasan:

We are writing on behalf of New York Methodist Hospital (the "Hospital") to inform the Board of certain design modifications that are being made to the referenced application for a variance for the proposed Center for Community Health (the "Center"). The Hospital has considered seriously both the comments made by the Board at its February 11, 2014, public hearing and the conditions set forth in the resolution of Brooklyn Community Board 6 with respect to the height and setback of the building in the R6B and R7B contextual zoning districts. The Hospital has determined that certain modifications, while challenging from a programmatic standpoint, can be achieved, and recognizes that these changes will allow the Center's design to be more in keeping with the essential character of the neighborhood. The Hospital proposes the following design modifications in response to these comments:

• The building's setback from 5<sup>th</sup> Street at the 6<sup>th</sup> floor in the R7B zoning district will be increased by 21 feet so as to achieve full compliance with applicable height and setback regulations in the R7B district;

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- The building's setback from 5<sup>th</sup> Street at the 4<sup>th</sup> floor in the R6B zoning district will be increased by an additional 15 feet, to a total depth of 20 feet from the property line; and
- The building's setback from 5<sup>th</sup> Street at the 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> floors in the R6B zoning district will be increased by additional 10 feet, to a total depth of 41 feet from the property line.

We will describe these design modifications in greater detail at the Board's public hearing on April 8, 2014, and will submit revised plans reflecting the modifications shortly thereafter.

Thank you for your continued consideration of the application.

Very truly yours,

Lise Wagner

# **Enclosures**

cc: Brooklyn Community Board 6
Hon. Eric Adams – Brooklyn Borough President
Hon. Brad Lander – City Council Member 39<sup>th</sup> District
Ira Gluckman, R.A. – Department of Buildings, Brooklyn
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