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Dear Ms. Maldonado,

I am an immediate neighbor to the 80 Flatbush site and I'm writing to tell you that, yes, I agree with the folks at Khalil Gibran High School that they and we all need an improved physical plant for the students at their school, but not at the expense of the surrounding community.

The plan put forward by Alloy, as I understand it, can be "expanded" by them to include additional seats for schoolchildren in the same building site, probably involving an add-on elementary school to the premises. But would that be of benefit, considering that Alloy's plan is to increase population density in our neighborhood by increasing the height of its building project and thereby taking up some if not most of the classroom seats to be added?

Other considerations: looking at the burgeoning no. of such building projects going on within a mile radius and evaluating whether we actually need such a behemoth on the very next block from where I live, and sufficient infrastructure (i.e. mass transit capacity, parking facilities, sanitation pick-ups, rat abatement, etc.) also need to be addressed.

And furthermore, I think that the old "Board of Ed" buildings which currently occupy a significant amount of the ground space at 80 Flatbush are far more elegant and appealing to the eye, than what Alloy has proposed.

So I have grave misgivings that this kind of complex can be successfully and sanely built on the proposed site, so maybe this idea will not go through and will not be built. Let's let the community have a say in the implementation of such a harmful and needless plan.

Sincerely,

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