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Honorable Amanda Burden
New York City Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007-1216

Re: Certification of Manhattanville in West Harlem Rezoning and Academic Mixed-Use Development Proposal

Dear Director Burden;

The West Harlem Local Development Corporation (hereinafter the LDC) strongly objects to the certification of the Manhattanville in West Harlem Rezoning and Academic Mixed-Use Development Proposal before September of 2007. The General Board of Community Board 9 does not meet during the summer months of July and August and many community groups operate under reduced or vacation schedules. Furthermore as of today, Community Board 9 is relocating its offices and will be closed until June 18th

It is the opinion of the LDC that a summer certification date for this proposal, which has been under review at the Department of City Planning for years, will offend the essence of the ULURP process which is designed to seek community comment and involvement. The LDC sincerely hopes that you will take this objection into consideration when scheduling the date of this certification.

Yours truly,

Patricia Jones

cc: President Lee Bollinger, Columbia University
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