



THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Maria Torres-Springer
President and CEO
New York City Economic Development Corporation
110 William Street
New York, NY 10038

June 16, 2016

Dear Maria Torres-Springer,

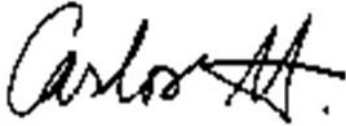
We are writing to follow up on the recent agreement between the EDC and the Downtown Manhattan Heliport (DMH) operators of tourist helicopter rides. Even with a recent 20 percent reduction effective on June 1 and a Sunday ban on flights, our constituents continue to live with tourist helicopter noise and pollution – as has been the case for decades. These concerns were highlighted in the November 2015 City Council Committee on Environmental Protection hearing. We expect that the Agreement will continue to provide some relief to our residents. With those expectations in mind, please supply our offices with the following information in regards to this Agreement:

- Confirm the Sunday ban has been fully implemented and the process by which that is being monitored.
- Provide the agreed upon plan for air quality monitoring and the date for its implementation. We expect monthly reports to the City Council, as per the agreement, once this monitoring plan is in place. We also expect information about whether idling times for helicopters waiting to take off at DMH has been reduced, as promised.
- Confirm the phase-in of overall reductions in flights and the specifics behind implementation and monitoring.
- Confirm the 300 flight cap on Saturdays is now in place and the process for monitoring the number of flights.

We look forward to seeing regular reports after July 1, 2016 on the process, implementation, and monitoring of terms, as stipulated in the agreement, from the DMH.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Carlos Menchaca
Council District 38



Helen Rosenthal
Council District 6



Margaret S. Chin
Council District 1