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Via Fax 212-925-5199

Shelly S. Friedman  
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Re: Shearith Israel Project at 8-12 West 70<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, New York

Dear Mr. Friedman and Ms. Cuisinier:

I write to you in your capacity as special land use counsel for Congregation Shearith Israel concerning the Congregation's intention to construct a mixed-use community facility/condominium building at 8-12 West 70<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, New York. We understand that your client has filed certain documents with the Department of Buildings.

I am representing certain residents in the affected neighborhood in connection with this matter. We are attempting to obtain records concerning this project from the Department of Buildings pursuant to a Freedom of Information Law request.

It appears to be the position of DOB in regard to this site that:

Due to the 9/11 tragedy, the records for the block and lot or address listed in [the] request are considered "sensitive". In order to obtain agency clearance to release these records, please forward a letter from the owner / managing agent (on record) authorizing you to have access.

We are hereby requesting that you immediately provide to the Department of Buildings and to the undersigned a letter authorizing the release of DOB records pertaining to this project. The letter should be addressed to Angela Orridge, Records Access Officer at DOB.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Alan D. Sugarman