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Letter from Jim Francesconi to Ernie

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Dear Ernie:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of February 8 to Mayor Katz. Her office referred it to me since the Parks Bureau will be taking the lead in the design of the new block.

I recognize that the issue you raise - that of the West and its potential development goes beyond the portfolio of the Parks Bureau. On that note, I am very willing to work with you and others to develop a planning process that creates the opportunities for this block and our City to achieve their full potential.

Unfortunately, I and the Mayor's office are right in the middle of the City's Budget process, which require our full attention. I would like to call you later in the spring to set up a mutually agreeable time to talk over some of your ideas. I like the concept of developing a simple document which would help frame the discussion. I welcome your advice and suggestions as to how we should proceed.

Again, I thank you for taking the time to write and share your thoughts with me and look forward to our future discussions.

Sincerely,

Jim Francesconi
Commissioner

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Mayor Vera Katz

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